Back Button Widget: Shortcodes Guide

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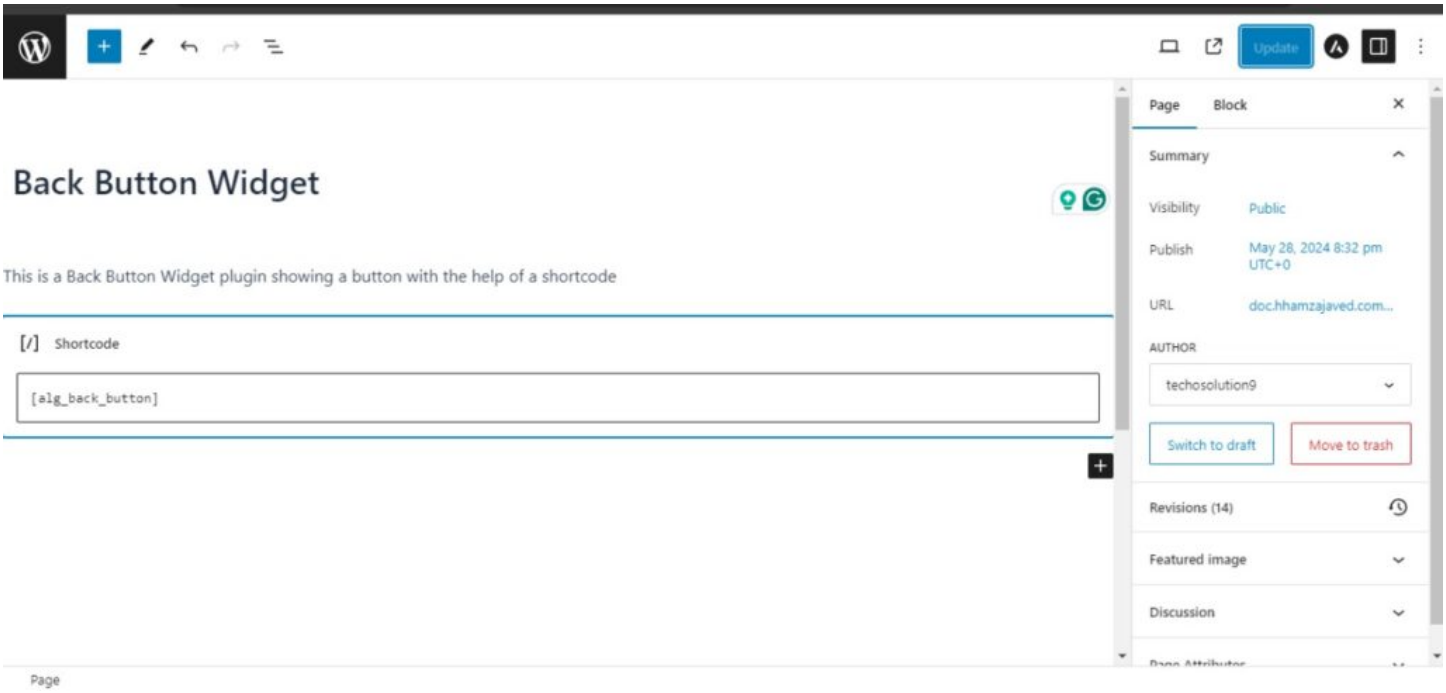
Back Button Anywhere Widget for WordPress registers two shortcodes you can use anywhere on your WordPress site: `[alg_back_button]` to output the button, and `[alg_back_button_translate]` to show language-specific text. Both are available in the free version.



> **Menu and floating buttons are not shortcodes.** There is no `[alg_back_button_menu]` or `[alg_back_button_floating]` tag. Menu placement and the floating button are Pro settings under **WPFactory > Back Button**, in the Menu Options and Floating Button Options sections.

[alg_back_button]

Outputs a "Back" control that returns the visitor to the previous page. Use it in posts, pages, widgets, or template files.

```
[alg_back_button label="Go back"]
```

Attributes:

Attribute	Default	Effect
`label`	Back	Button text.
`type`	input	`input` = a form button, `simple` = a text link, `href` = returns the bare `javascript:history.back()` URL for use in a link.
`class`	Empty	Extra CSS class(es) on the button.
`style`	Empty	Inline CSS, for example `background-color:#007BFF;color:#fff;`
`js_func`	back	`back` runs `history.back()`, `go` runs `history.go(-1)`. Both go back one page.
`fa`	Empty	Font Awesome class, for example `fas fa-angle-double-left`. Setting this renders the button as a simple text link with the icon.
`fa_template`	`%icon%`	Where the icon sits. Use `%icon% Back` to show icon plus text.
`before`	Empty	Text or HTML added before the button.
`after`	Empty	Text or HTML added after the button.
`lang`	Empty	Language code(s). Used with `not_lang_text` to swap the label off that language.
`not_lang_text`	Empty	Label shown when the active language is not in `lang`.

Example with an icon and inline style:

```
[alg_back_button label="Go Back" fa="fas fa-arrow-left" fa_template="%icon% %label%"
style="padding:10px 20px;"]
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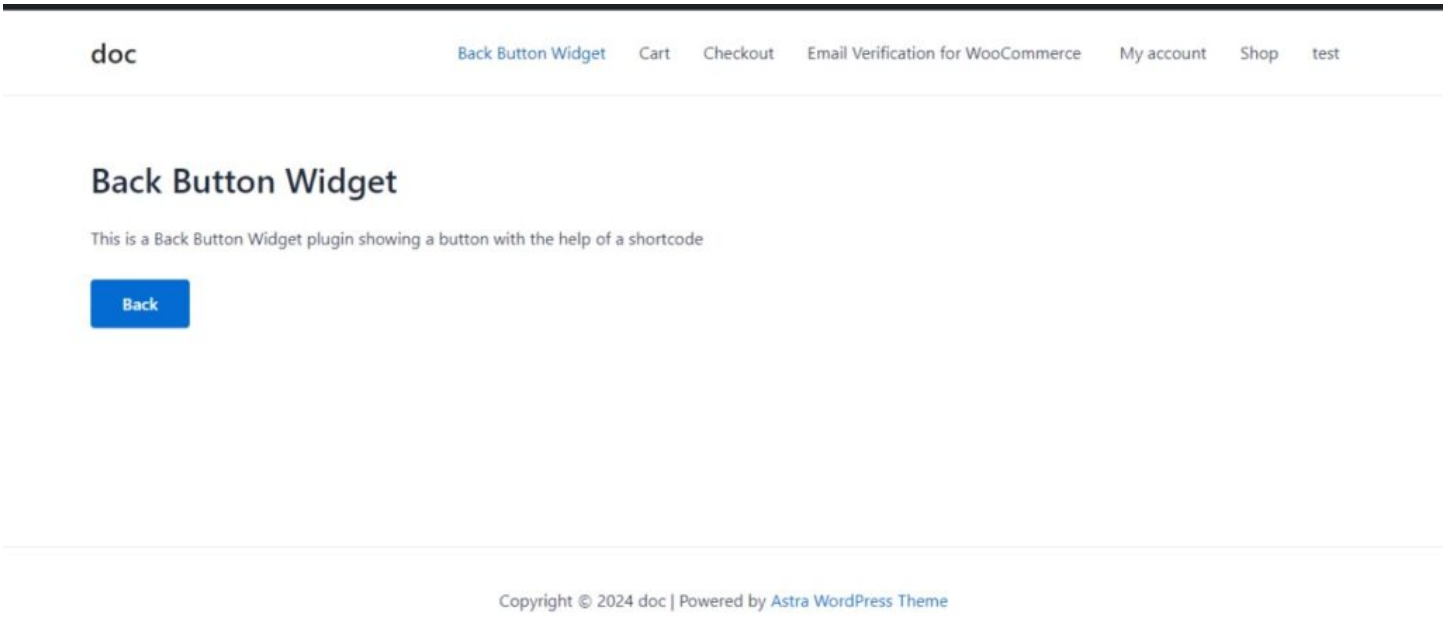

[alg_back_button_translate]

Shows different text depending on the active site language (WPML or Polylang, read from `ICL_LANGUAGE_CODE`). It has two forms.

Self-closing form needs all three of `lang`, `lang_text`, and `not_lang_text`:

```
[alg_back_button_translate lang="FR" lang_text="Retour" not_lang_text="Back"]
```

Enclosing form wraps the text and shows it only for the matching language, or for everything except an excluded list:

```
[alg_back_button_translate lang="FR"]Retour[/alg_back_button_translate]
[alg_back_button_translate lang="DE"]Zurück[/alg_back_button_translate]
[alg_back_button_translate not_lang="FR,DE"]Back[/alg_back_button_translate]
```

Because `[alg_back_button]` runs shortcodes inside its `label`, you can combine the two: put a translate shortcode in the label to localize the button text. See How to translate the back button for full examples.



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The shortcodes are free. Back Button Anywhere Widget for WordPress Pro adds the button to your menus, a floating button, and hide/show rules, all from the settings screen.

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