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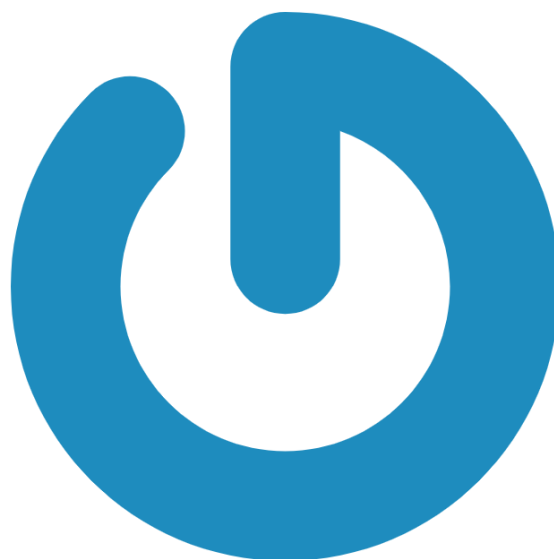
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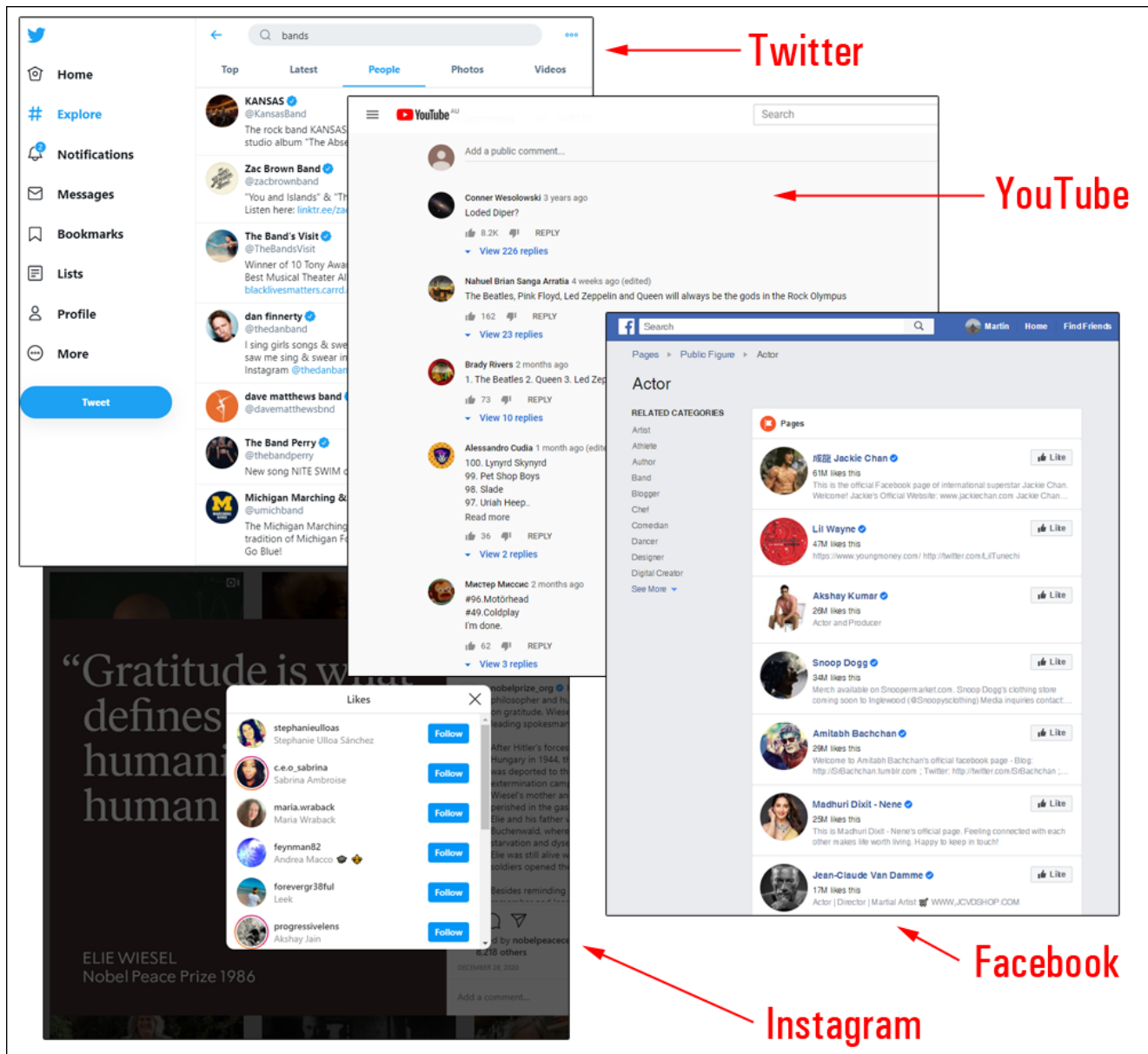


No doubt, you are probably already familiar with *avatars*.

An avatar is an icon, or representation of a user in a shared virtual reality such as a forum, chat, website, or any other form of online community where the user(s) wish to distinguish themselves from other users.

(Source: [WordPress Codex](#))

Using avatars (profile images) is now standard across sites that encourage user interactivity, such as social media networks like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc., and many online forums and directories.



Avatars are commonly used across sites all over the web.

If you visit other WordPress sites and blogs, you will see that these sites often display user avatars in their post comments and online discussions.



Lani 3d ago

Food can help us remember things much more vividly because we're adding another element – the sense of taste (and smell!) Your writing reminds me of that movie [Chocolat](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0241303/) <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0241303/> The obsession and the love of flavors and food!

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Bama 2d ago

I know someone who once felt the way you feel about your chilaquiles. He tried to replicate this one Indonesian dish he really loves, but he couldn't quite get it. Until he cooked for someone who knows by heart how the original recipe tastes like. The nth attempt was almost right, he just needed to add a little bit more salt. And after that, his version was almost identical with the one he tried years earlier that had inspired him to recreate the dish. Good luck with your future attempts! But most importantly, enjoy every moment, and let those who try it for the first time be intrigued by it. Happy new year!

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Bespoke Traveler > Bama 2d ago

Haha, what a fantastic story! You've inspired me to keep trying and perhaps — when times change again — to have some of my friends from Mexico taste my attempts so I can get closer to that first time. In the meantime, as you suggest, I will enjoy my efforts! Thank you. Wishing you and yours a very healthy and joyous new year!

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Greenglobaltrek 2d ago

Ahhhh chilaquiles! We have been living in Mexico since March but I only recently tasted and fell in love with this incredible dish. The surprising crunch paired with a sweet? Spicy? salsa cannot be beat. I'm also loving some versions of huevos rancheros which include pre frying the tortilla.

Many WordPress sites display user avatars in their online comments and discussions.

You may have noticed that some comments in blog posts display user profile images (i.e. avatars) and some don't.

Typically, comments without user images display a greyed-out silhouette or some other generic icon.



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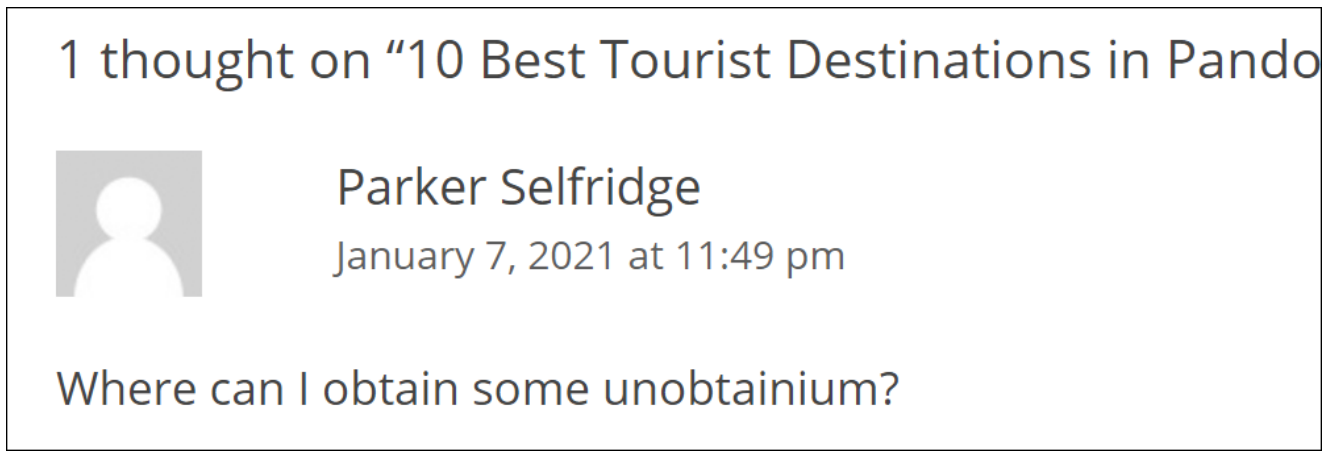
This user's comment displays a generic icon instead of their user profile image.

In this tutorial, you will learn:

- What *Gravatars* are and how they work,
- How to set up avatars in WordPress,
- How to display avatars for users commenting on your posts instead of generic icons.

What Is A Gravatar?

If WordPress detects comments from users on your posts and cannot find a profile image associated with that user, it automatically assigns a generic icon image to the comment or entry.



WordPress automatically assigns a generic icon to users without a profile image.

The same thing will happen to you if you post a comment on someone else's WordPress site unless you set up a special kind of WordPress avatar, called a *Gravatar*.



A Gravatar is a special kind of avatar used across all WordPress sites.

Gravatar is short for **G**lobally **R**ecognized **A**vatar.

Avatars are usually an image that users upload to every site they register with.

A *Gravatar* allows you to use one avatar on every WordPress site you post comments on.

Unlike standard avatars then, Gravatars follow you around the web and automatically appear whenever you post a comment on a WordPress site.

Gravatar.com was acquired in 2007 by **Automattic**, the company behind WordPress.

As a result, Gravatars are now integrated into WordPress and millions of gravatar images are served billions of times per day across the web.

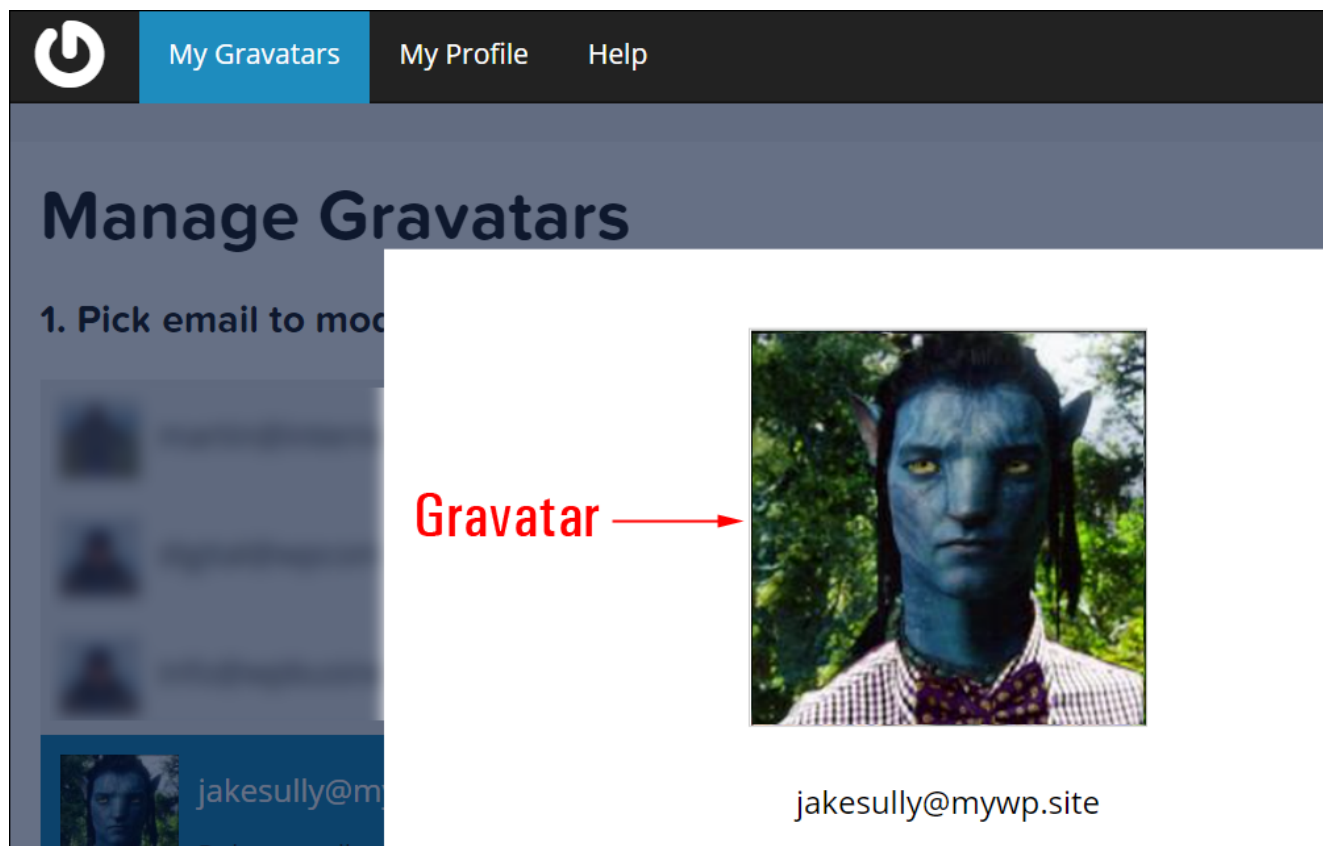
Gravatars are also supported by many technology platforms.

How Does A Gravatar Work?

You need to set up a Gravatar before you can use it on WordPress sites.

Once you have set up your Gravatar account (see instructions below), the service will match your WordPress user profile information to the email address in your account.

It will then use this to display your custom Gravatar image with your user profile, comments, post entries, discussions, and (optionally) everywhere else across the WordPress universe.



You need to set up a Gravatar before you can use it in WordPress.

If a visitor has not set up a Gravatar account, the default avatar set by the WordPress site administrator will display next to their comments and entries (this is explained further below).



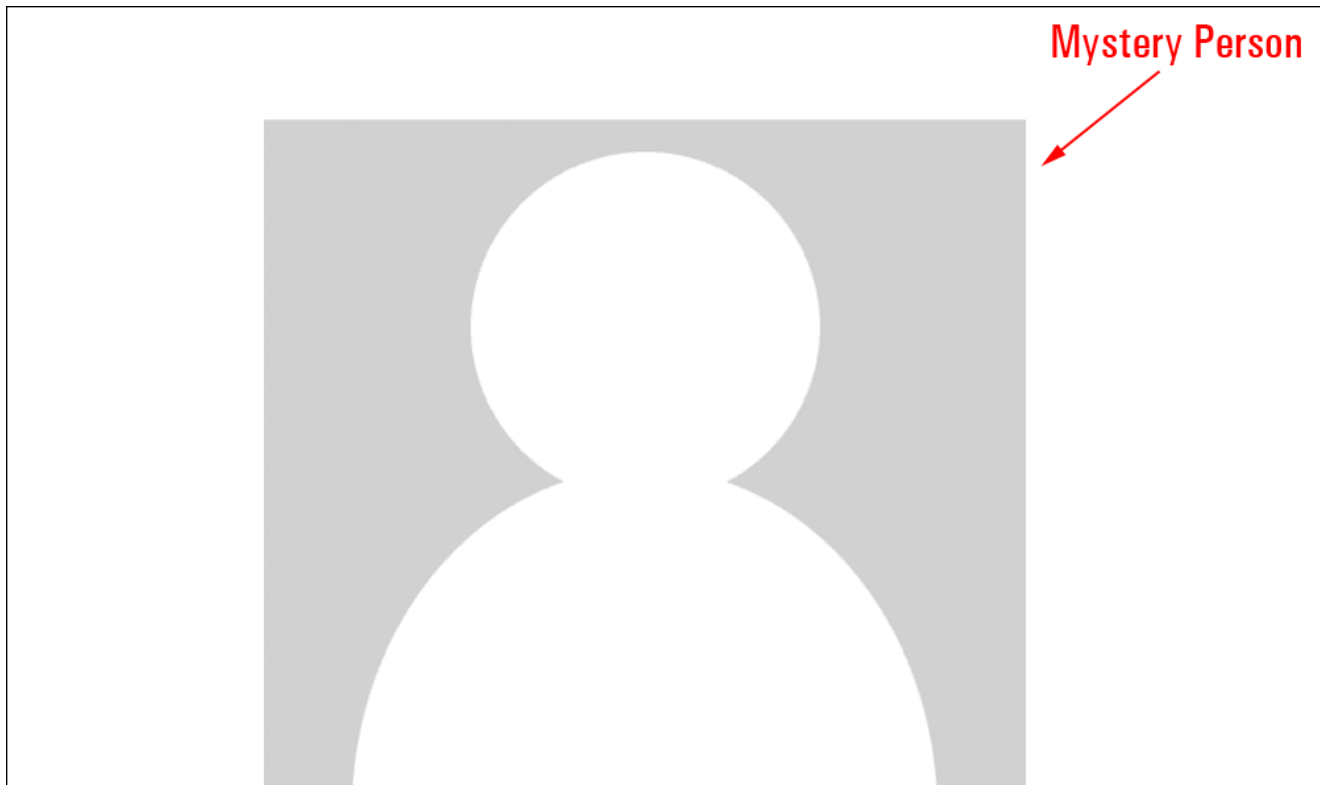
Parker Selfridge *says:*

January 7, 2021 at 11:49 pm

Where can I obtain some unobtainium?

A default avatar set by a WordPress site administrator.

Typically, the most used default avatar image is called the “Mystery Person”.



The Mystery Person avatar.

If you post comments on other WordPress sites and don't want your entries to display a default or generic icon, the easiest thing to do is set up a gravatar of your own.

Benefits Of Using Gravatars

A Gravatar is basically an avatar that is hosted on a single server and is called up by encrypting the user's email address using a special algorithm.

Instead of displaying one avatar on a forum that you frequently visit and displaying another avatar on a blog that you are a registered member of (in other words, creating different avatars for every site you have an account with), a Gravatar allows you to display the same avatar on every site you visit.

Enabling Gravatars on your WordPress site also simplifies the process for everyone involved:

Benefits for Site Administrators

- Gravatars require little effort to manage.
- There is no need to maintain additional plugins.
- Gravatars are visually portable across the web. You don't need to manage user accounts or edit user images to allow post commenters to use Gravatars on your site.

Benefits For WordPress Users

- Having a Gravatar account saves users from having to register and upload a new avatar on every site they join.
- Users can update their Gravatar across multiple sites by simply uploading a single image inside their account.

How To Add A Gravatar

To start using Gravatars, you will first need to create an account (it's FREE) here: <http://www.gravatar.com>

The screenshot shows the Gravatar website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'What is Gravatar?', 'How to Use Gravatar', and 'Help'. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are links for 'WordPress.com' and 'Sign In'. The main header features the Gravatar logo and the tagline 'A Globally Recognized Avatar'. Below the header, there is a section with text explaining that a Gravatar is an image and public profile that follows you across sites. To the right of this text is a profile card for 'Matt', with a small Gravatar image and a 'View Complete Profile' button. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled 'Introducing Gravatar' with a large 'Gravatar' logo and a 'Create Your Own Gravatar' button. Below this, there is a section for 'FOR SITE OWNERS' with text about setting up Gravatars on a site and a link to 'Plugins are available for leading blog software and...'

Create a free account at Gravatar.com

Since Gravatar is part of WordPress, you can also log in with your **WordPress.com** account details if you have one set up.

Howdy! Log in to Gravatar with your
WordPress.com account.


Email Address or Username


By continuing, you agree to our [Terms of Service](#).

Continue

Not on WordPress.com? [Create an Account](#).

OR

 Continue with Google

 Continue with Apple

If you continue with Google or Apple and don't already have a
WordPress.com account, you are creating an account and you
agree to our [Terms of Service](#).

Create a new account

Email me a login link

Gravatar.com log in screen.

If you don't have a WordPress.com account, you can easily register and set one up on the site.



Sign up for Gravatar with a WordPress.com account

Not sure what this is all about? [We can help clear that up for you.](#)

Your email address

Choose a username

Choose a password

By creating an account you agree to our [Terms of Service](#).

Create your account

[Already have a WordPress.com account?](#)

[← Back to Gravatar](#)

Create an account with WordPress.com to sign up for Gravatar.



If you have several email addresses, you can set up multiple Gravatars associated with each email address.

The screenshot shows a web interface with a dark header containing a logo and navigation links: "My Gravatars", "My Profile", and "Help". The main content area has a heading "Add an email to this account". Below the heading is a paragraph: "All we need is your email address! You will receive a confirmation email including a link that will activate this email address on your account." Underneath is a form with the label "Email:" followed by a text input field. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Add" (highlighted in blue) and "Cancel".

You can set up multiple Gravatars using different email addresses.

Once you have verified and set up your account, follow the instructions to set up your profile, and select the email address and image you want to associate with your Gravatar.

You will need to upload an image.

The screenshot shows a web interface with a dark header containing a logo and navigation links: "My Gravatars", "My Profile", and "Help". The main content area has a heading "Upload image". Below the heading are four blue buttons arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top-left button has a folder icon and the text "Upload new". The top-right button has a cloud icon and the text "From URL". The bottom-left button has a picture icon and the text "Past uploads". The bottom-right button has a video camera icon and the text "From webcam".

Upload your Gravatar image.

Gravatar automatically resizes large images and has a 10MB file size limit.



Upload new image

We will automatically resize large images, but please note that there is a 10MB file size limit.

You will have a chance to crop this image in the next step.

Choose File gravatar.jpg

Next

Cancel

Upload your Gravatar image.

After uploading your image, crop and save it.



Crop your photo using the dotted box below



Small Preview



Large Preview



The previews above show what your new gravatar will look like after clicking Crop and Finish



Cropper Box Control

Crop Image

[Click here for help](#)

Add Your Gravatar Image

Add and crop your Gravatar image.

Next, select a rating for your Gravatar:

- **G** – Select this option for images that are suitable for display on all websites with any audience type.
- **PG** – Select this option if your Gravatar image contains rude gestures, provocatively dressed individuals, lesser swear words or mild violence.
- **R** – Select this option if your Gravatar image contains harsh profanity, intense violence, nudity, or hard drug use.
- **X** – Select this option if your Gravatar image contains hardcore sexual imagery or extremely disturbing violence.



Choose a rating for your Gravatar

Site owners are given the option to choose how mature a gravatar may be before allowing it to appear on their site. Set a rating of more than G if your gravatar may not be suited for younger or sensitive audiences.



- rated G** This gravatar is suitable for display on all websites with any audience type.
- rated PG** This gravatar may contain rude gestures, provocatively dressed individuals, the lesser swear words, or mild violence.
- rated R** This gravatar may contain such things as harsh profanity, intense violence, nudity, or hard drug use.
- rated X** This gravatar may contain hardcore sexual imagery or extremely disturbing violence.

Set Rating

Choose a rating for your Gravatar.

Select the email address you want to associate with your Gravatar. As mentioned earlier, you can add multiple addresses to your Gravatar account.

Click the 'Use for selected addresses' button to complete the process and set up your Gravatar.



Where would you like to use this image?

When you assign an email address to this Gravatar image, the image will be shown on Gravatar-enabled sites whenever you do things like comment or post on a blog with that email address.

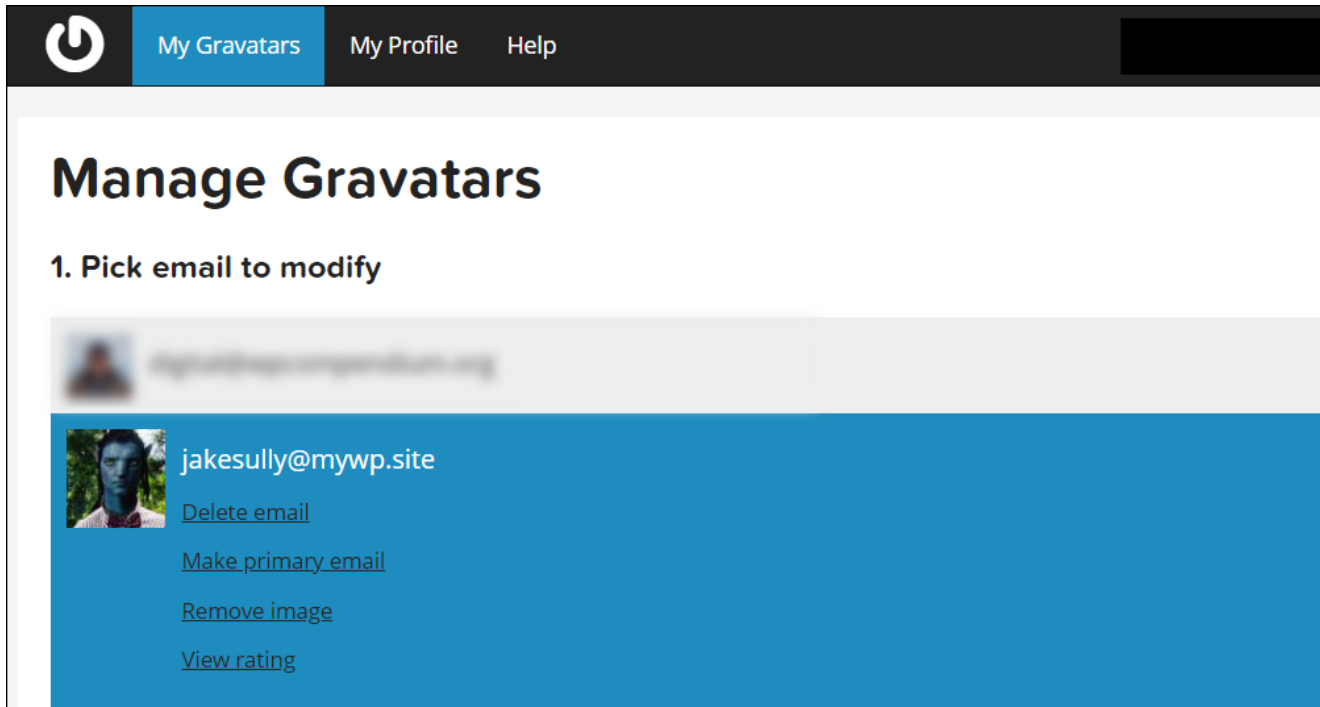
jakesully@mywp.site

[blurred email address]

Use for selected addresses

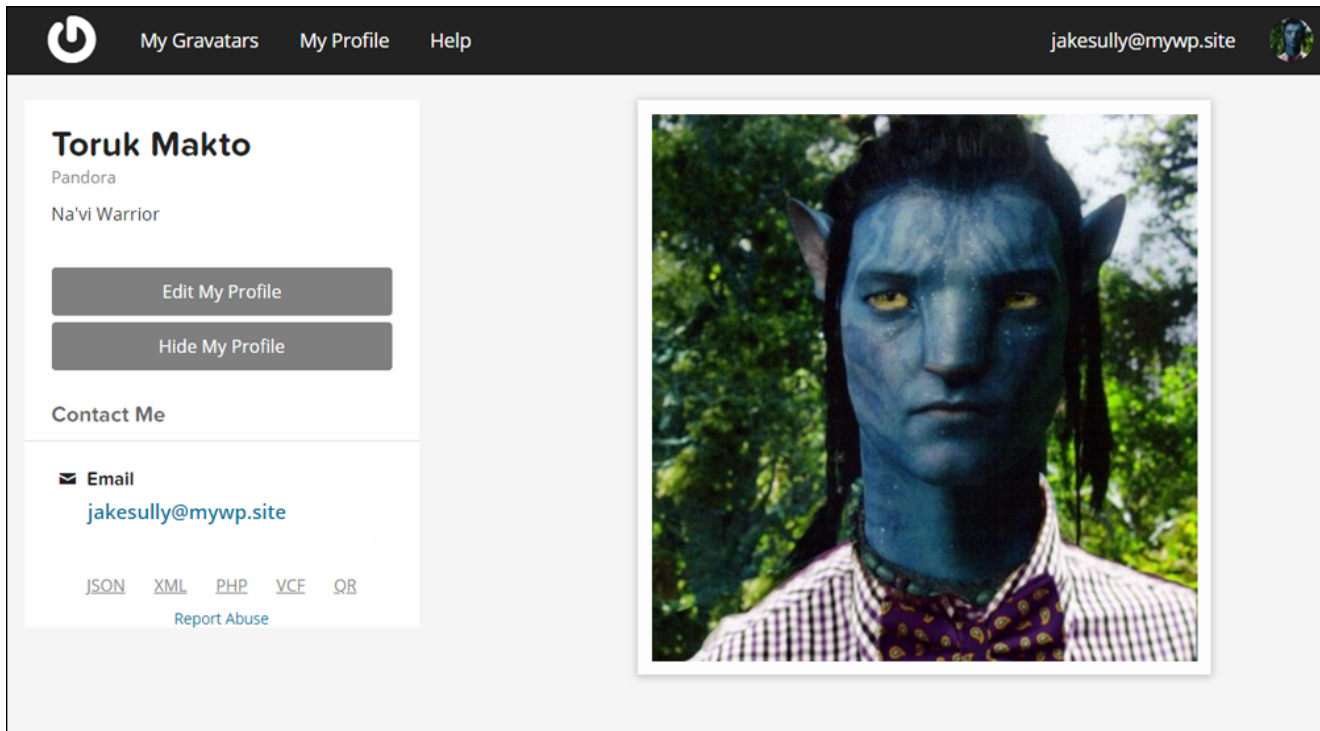
Assign an email address to your Gravatar image.

You can access and edit/manage your own account settings at any time by clicking on the 'My Gravatars' menu link.



Manage your Gravatars.

You can also edit your profile further by associating your Gravatar with an email, website, location, and a brief bio description.



Complete your Gravatar profile settings.

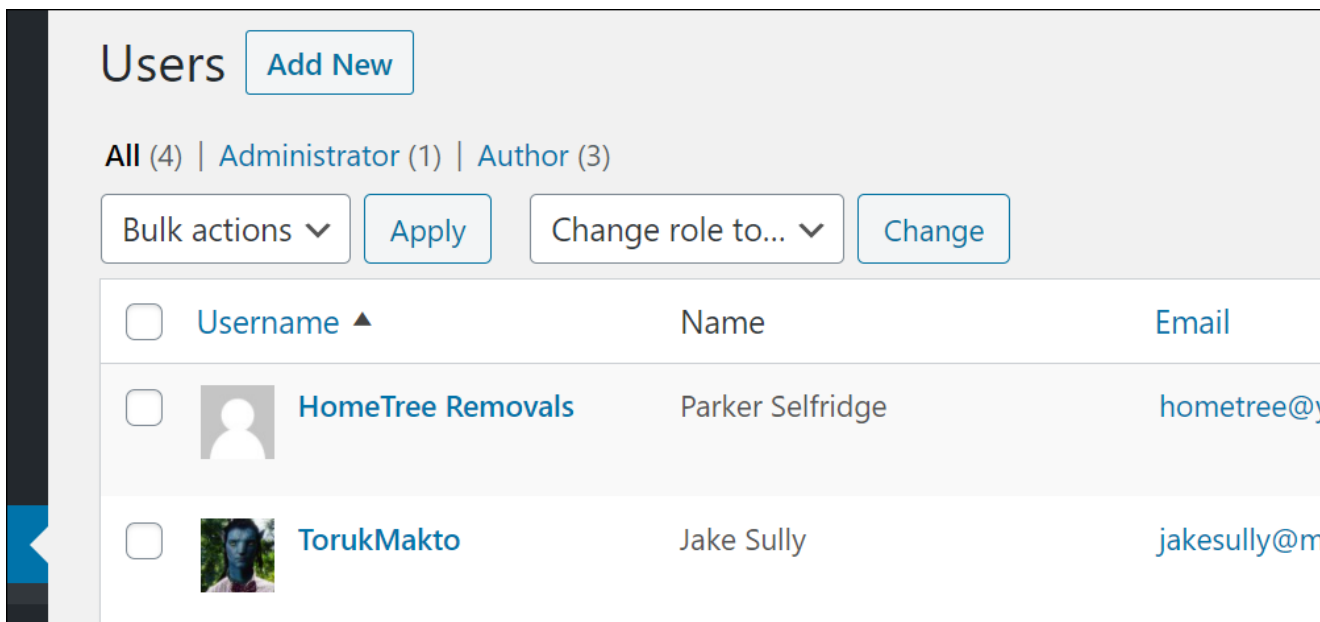
After you have finished editing your details and setting up your account, your Gravatar will be integrated with your WordPress account and begin following you around the web.

It will display in your post and blog comments, forums, etc.



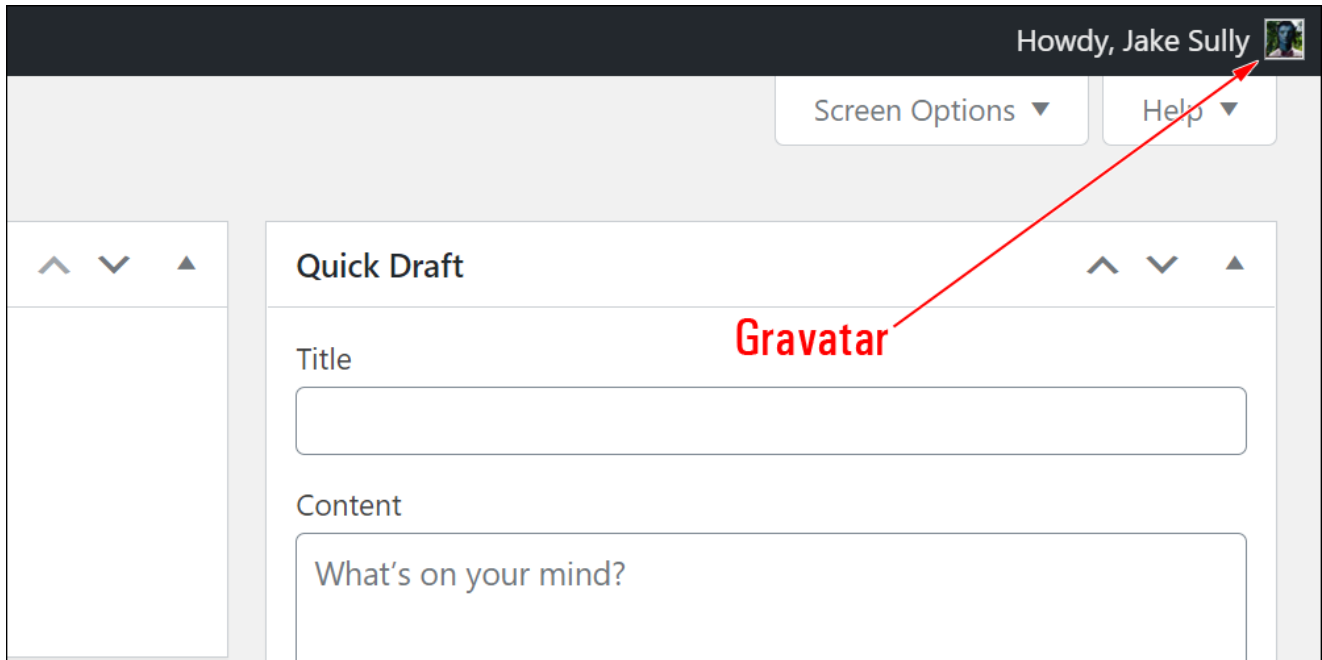
Your Gravatar will display in all your comments.

Your Gravatar will also display inside your WordPress dashboard, in your user profile...



Your Gravatar displays in your WordPress User profile.

And whenever you log into your site.



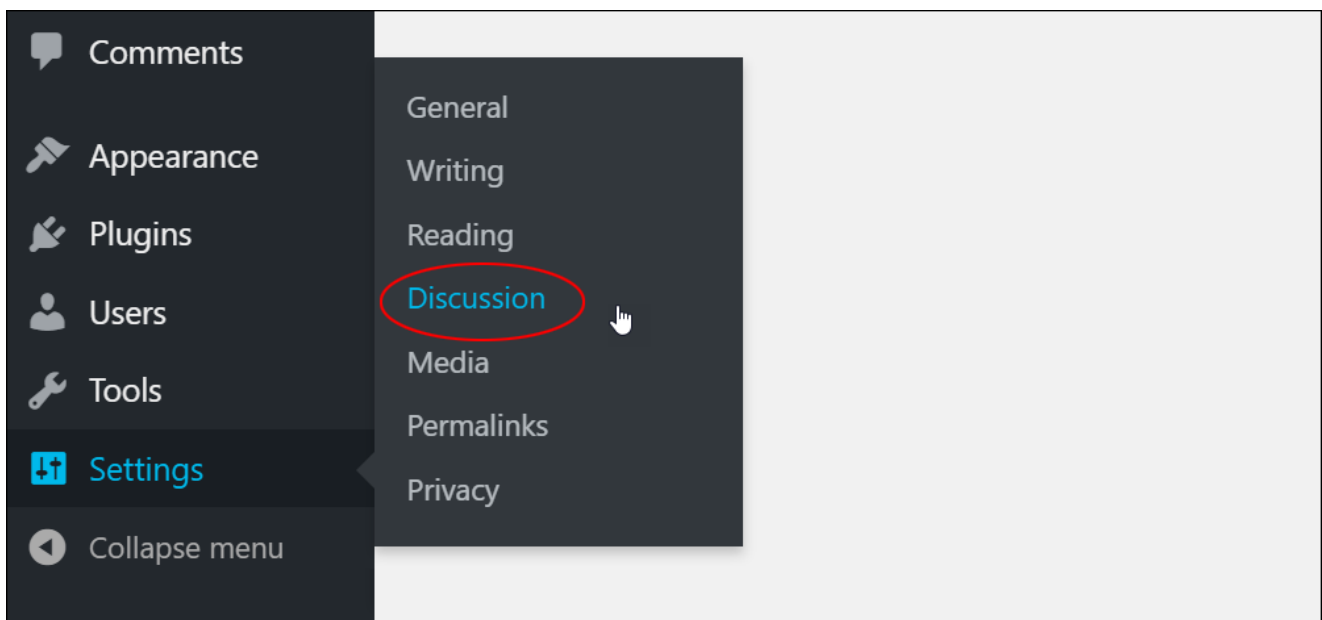
Your Gravatar displays in your WordPress admin area.

How To Manage Gravatar Settings in WordPress

Although WordPress sites automatically integrate with Gravatars, you can manage settings like:

- Whether Avatars (aka, Gravatars) display on your site or not.
- Which kind of Gravatars can display (using the Avatar rating filter).

To manage how Gravatars are used on your site, log into your WordPress admin area and go to the **Settings > Discussion** screen.



WordPress Settings Menu – Discussion

Scroll down the screen to the **Avatars** section.

You will be presented with several options:

1. **Avatar Display:** Toggle Gravatars on and off for your site.
2. **Maximum Rating:** When users create a profile on Gravatar, they are given the opportunity to rate their Gravatar image (i.e. G, PG, R, X) based on appropriateness. This section lets you choose the maximum rating you will allow to display on your site.
3. **Default Avatar:** WordPress allows you to select what type of image you would like to display when users do not have a Gravatar account. Selecting one of the *generated* icons gives users a default avatar without requiring them to have a Gravatar account. Generated icons link the email of the commenter to an auto-generated image. Every time the user posts a comment on your site, they will be assigned the same image.

Avatars

An avatar is an image that follows you from weblog to weblog appearing beside your name when you comment on avatar enabled sites. Here you can enable the display of avatars for people who comment on your site.

Avatar Display Show Avatars ①







Maximum Rating

- G — Suitable for all audiences
- PG — Possibly offensive, usually for audiences 13 and above
- R — Intended for adult audiences above 17
- X — Even more mature than above

②

Default Avatar

For users without a custom avatar of their own, you can either display a generic logo or a generated one based on their email address.


-  Mystery Person
- Blank
-  Gravatar Logo
-  Identicon (Generated) ③
-  Wavatar (Generated)
-  MonsterID (Generated)
-  Retro (Generated)


Displays to users without Gravatars


Save Changes


Manage Avatar in the WordPress Discussion Settings screen.

Remember to click the **Save Changes** button when finished to save your new settings.

 Identicon (Generated)

 Wavatar (Generated)

 MonsterID (Generated)

 Retro (Generated)

Using Gravatars – Additional Tips

By default, WordPress displays Gravatars using a fixed size. To change the default WordPress Gravatar image size, you will need to edit code in your template files.

Also, there are many WordPress plugins you can use to extend the functionality of Gravatars. You can search for Gravatar-related plugins inside your WordPress admin area (*Plugins > Add Plugins*).

The screenshot shows the WordPress 'Add Plugins' interface. At the top, there's a search bar with 'gravatar' entered. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'Search Results', 'Featured', 'Popular', 'Recommended', and 'Favorites'. The search results show 459 items. Four plugins are displayed in a grid:

- WP User Avatar | User Profile Picture**: By ProfilePress. Description: 'Use any image from your WordPress Media Library as a custom user avatar or user profile picture. Add your own Default Avatar.' Rating: 4.5 stars (201 reviews). 400,000+ Active Installations. Last Updated: 4 weeks ago. Compatible with your version of WordPress.
- Simple Local Avatars**: By Jake Goldman, 10up. Description: 'Adds an avatar upload field to user profiles. Generates requested sizes on demand just like Gravatar!' Rating: 4.5 stars (48 reviews). 90,000+ Active Installations. Last Updated: 2 months ago. Untested with your version of WordPress.
- Disable User Gravatar**: By Marcus Sykes. Description: 'Stops WordPress from grabbing a user avatar using their registered email from gravatar.com.' Rating: 4.5 stars (8 reviews). 3,000+ Active Installations. Last Updated: 1 month ago. Compatible with your version of WordPress.
- Local Gravatars**: By Ari Stathopoulos. Description: 'Locally host gravatars for the privacy-conscious.' Rating: 4.5 stars (1 review). 20+ Active Installations. Last Updated: 3 months ago. Untested with your version of WordPress.

Search for gravatar-related plugins inside your WordPress plugin dashboard.

For example, you can use plugins to:

Add custom Gravatar images from your **WordPress Media Library**

- Add pop-up information boxes with additional details and information about the user (called a *Gravatar Hovercard*) when visitors hover over the Gravatar image.
- Host Gravatars on your own server.
- Disable Gravatars in certain instances.
- Cache Gravatar images to speed up page loading.
- And more.

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Parker Selfridge

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Jake Sully

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Gravatars keep your profile image consistent across all WordPress sites.

Congratulations! Now you know what *Gravatars* are and how to set them up and use them in WordPress to display your avatar in your posts, comments, discussions, and more.

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