

Simple Weather Plugin v.4.0 12 min read

# Thank You For Purchasing Simple Weather Plugin!

You can read below a comprehensive guide with detailed instructions about the Simple Weather Plugin functionalities. Each section is carefully explained, using helpful screenshots when necessary. It contains everything you need to have your plugin up and running in no time.

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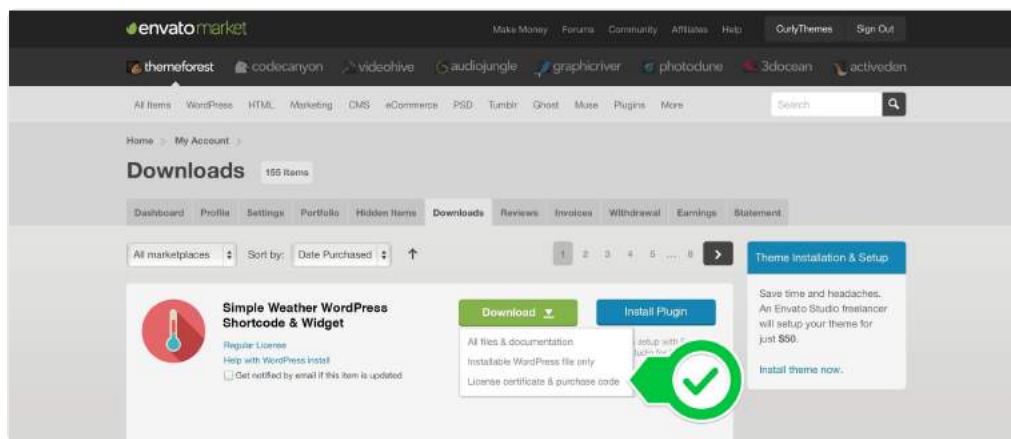
## 2. Free Support

We provide **Free Customer Support** for all Curly Themes products through our quick and easy ticket application interface. Please limit your inquiries to problems related to the Simple Weather Plugin, its setup and features. For any problems concerning third-party plugins you should address the application's developer.

**Note:** We can not offer support for custom CSS code customization. You should ask a professional developer for aid if you require help with advanced customization and programming.

Curly Themes offers a free ticket support application for all clients, through a real-time license code automatic verification. The dedicated app is fast and easy to use and includes an email notification feature. We will let you know as soon as your inquiry has received an answer. Thanks to our modern design, you can also upload images as an attachment to your support ticket.

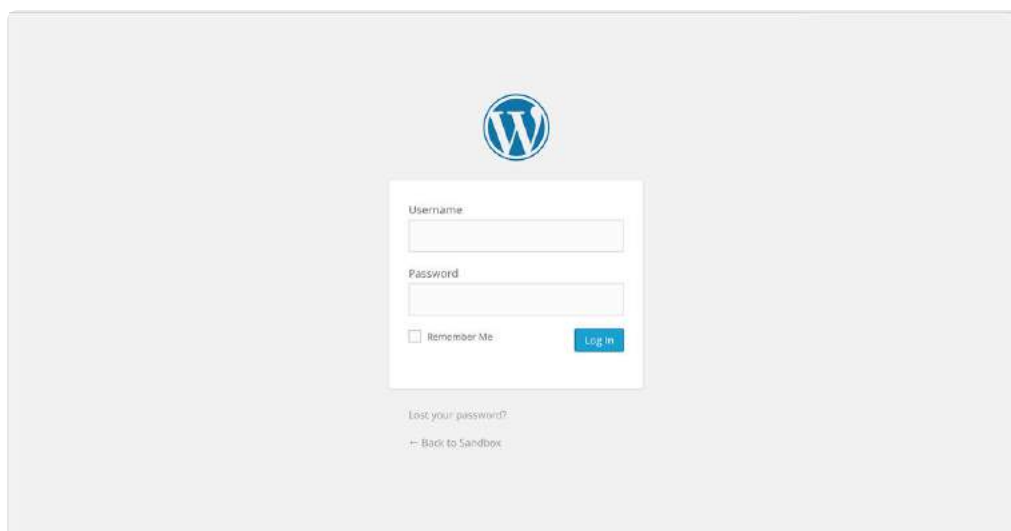
Before writing a ticket please get your Purchase Code and your License Certificate:



**i** simple weather purchase-code

Before opening a new ticket, please make sure you have read through all our documentation. Also, our **FAQ** section contains helpful answer to questions we often receive from our customers. Following these steps is in the users' interest, as they will save valuable time. Still, we are always happy to respond to any inquiries you may have related to the Simple Weather Plugin.

## 3. Installing the Plugin



**i** simple weather login

Before installing this plugin, you need to have a **WordPress platform already installed** on your server. You can download it from **WordPress.org** [🔗](https://wordpress.org/), if you don't have it already.

If you do not know how or you have problems with the installation, you can access helpful information at:

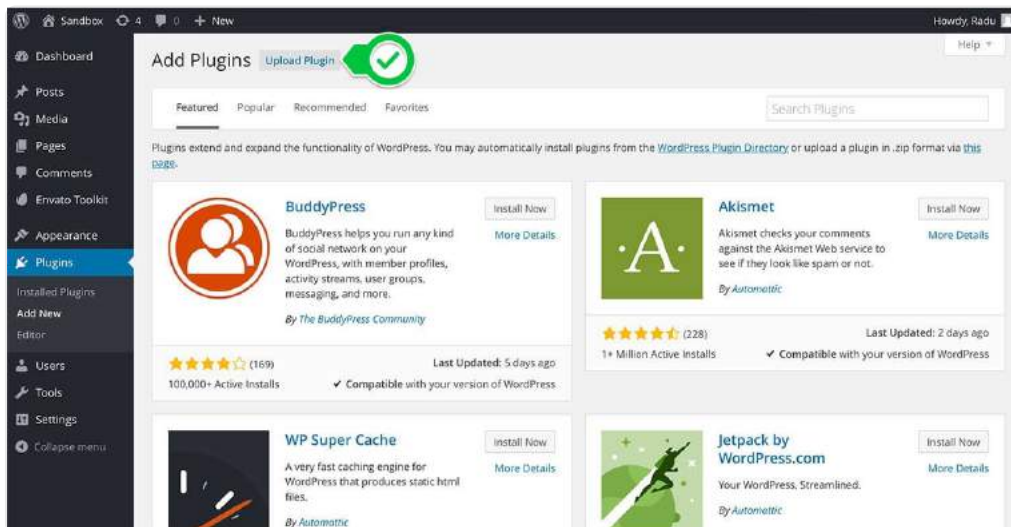
- [WordPress Codex](#) ↗
- [WP101 Training Video](#) ↗
- [WordPress FAQ](#) ↗

Once you have a working WordPress on your server, you have **two** available ways to install this plugin.

## 3.1. FTP Upload

- **Step 1** – Unzip the **.zip package file** you downloaded from Code Canyon and locate the folder named **simple-weather**
- **Step 2** – Upload this folder on your server in your WordPress directory to **/wp-content/plugins/**

## 3.2. WordPress Upload



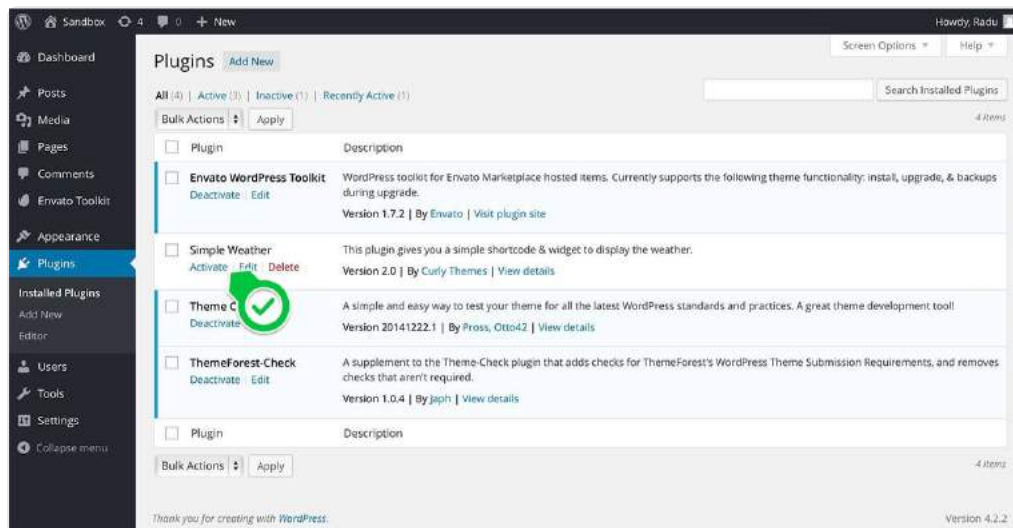
**i** simple weather upload

The second way to install the plugin is by logging in from your website's **<http://yourwebsite.com/wp-admin/>** to the **WordPress Dashboard** and:

- **Step 1** – Go to Appearance > Plugins > Add New > Upload
- **Step 2** – From there, you should select the file **simple-weather.zip** from your computer
- **Step 3** – After clicking the **Install Now** button, the installation process is finished

- **Step 4** – After installing the plugin is recommended to activate it by clicking **Activate Plugin**

## 3.3. Activating the Simple Weather Plugin



**i** simple weather activation

After you have completed the install process, in either of the two ways, you need to activate it in case you didn't already in the WordPress installation method.

Log in to the WordPress Dashboard, go to **Plugins > Installed Plugins** and select **Simple Weather Plugin**. Click the **Activate** button and you can start using the plugin.

## 4. Simple Weather Settings

General OpenWeather Dark Sky Advanced

Lazy Load Weather ☒ Yes

Enabling this option, your website will load faster faster and loading the weather will bypass static page caching.

Default Weather Station ☒ OpenWeatherMap.org ☐ DarkSky.net

Default Measuring Units ☐ Imperial (°F) ☒ Metric (°C)

Save Settings

You can go at Settings > Simple Weather to access the global options panel. These settings allow you to configure your weather display globally and they will be applied to all your weather shortcodes or widgets. If you wish to change something only for a particular weather display, the individual shortcode or widget settings will override these global settings. You have the following global options available:

### 4.0.1. General

**Lazy Load Weather** – Use this to option to choose if you wish the weather info to be loaded after or before the page content. Choosing Yes will allow your page to load the content faster and the weather display will bypass static cache. This is only a global option, for all your weather displays, it can not be configured individually for a particular weather display.

**Default Weather Station** – Choose your default weather info provider. You will also need to set an API, in the following tabs, for the weather station you select.

**Default Measuring Units** – Choose your default units. You can use Imperial ( Fahrenheit degrees) or Metric ( Celsius degrees) units to display the temperature.

### 4.0.2. OpenWeather

**OpenWeather API Key** – If you wish to use the OpenWeather station, add here your API key to be used globally.

**OpenWeather Language** – Use this select box to choose your language\* for the OpenWeather displays.

\*Available languages for Open Weather Map station: Arabic, Bulgarian, Catalan, Czech, English, German, Greek, Persian (Farsi), Finnish, French, Galician, Croatian, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latvian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Swedish, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional.

### 4.0.3. DarkSky

**DarkSky API Key** – If you wish to use the DarkSky station, add here your API key to be used globally.

**DarkSky Language** – Use this select box to choose your language for the DarkSky displays.

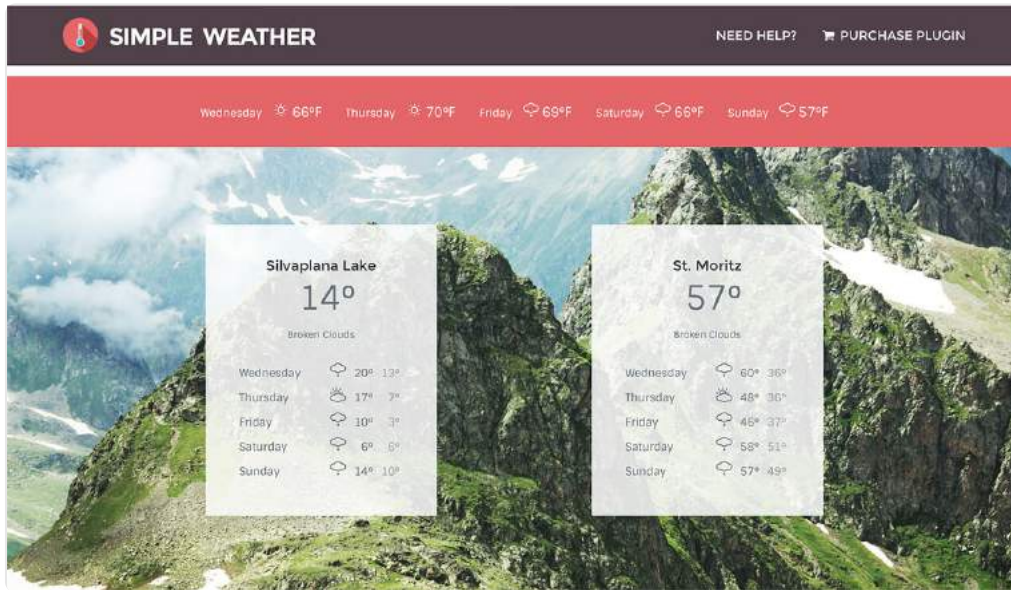
\*Available languages for Open Weather Map station: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Belarusian, Bulgarian, Bosnian, Catalan, Czech, English, German, Greek, Estonian, French, Croatian, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Icelandic, Cornish, Norwegian Bokmal, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Swedish, Slovak, Slovenian, Serbian, Spanish, Tetum, Turkish, Ukrainian, Igpay Atinlay, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional.

### 4.0.4. Advanced

**Default Weather Check** – You can choose how often the plugin will update the weather info, in minutes. The maximum value is 120 minutes. If you choose 0, the weather info will be updated with each page refresh.

**Default API Request Timeout** – You can choose for how many seconds the plugin should try to retrieve the weather info until it times out. The maximum value is 60 seconds.

# 5. Shortcode Usage



**i** simple weather shortcode

If you need a simple weather display, with just the temperature and location for today, this simple shortcode does the trick:

```
[simple-weather location="London, Uk"]
```

For a location that cannot be found by name, you can use latitude & longitude coordinates:

```
[simple-weather latitude="" longitude=""]
```

If you want to use a different weather station, you can use the station option, with the value “darksky”. The Darksky weather info works only with latitude and longitude coordinates:

```
[simple-weather latitude="" longitude="" station="darksky"]
```



If you wish to display the current weather, instead of the forecasted weather, use the `show_current` parameter:

```
[simple-weather latitude="" longitude="" station="darksky"
show_current="yes"]
```

If you want to display more than the current day, you need to add the `days` option:

```
[simple-weather location="London, Uk" days="2"]
```

To add the forecast for night time:

```
[simple-weather location="London, Uk" days="2" night="yes"]
```

The standard weather display is in Fahrenheit degrees (imperial units). If you want to switch to Celsius degrees, you need to set the `units` to `metric`:

```
[simple-weather location="London, Uk" days="2" night="yes"
units="metric"]
```

If you want to change the standard date display, you need to set a value for `date`, according to: [Moment.js supported date formats](#) and add it to the shortcode:

```
[simple-weather location="London, Uk" days="2" night="yes"
units="metric" date="dd"]
```

You can improve the overall performance of our plugin, if you use your own API Key from [OpenWeatherMap.org](#). If you choose to do so, add it to the shortcode:

```
[simple-weather location="London, Uk" days="2" night="yes"
units="metric" date="l" api="YOUR API KEY HERE"]
```

By default, the weather updates with each page refresh. If you want to set a custom update interval, you can add a value, in minutes, to the shortcode. The value 0 means the default update, with each refresh.

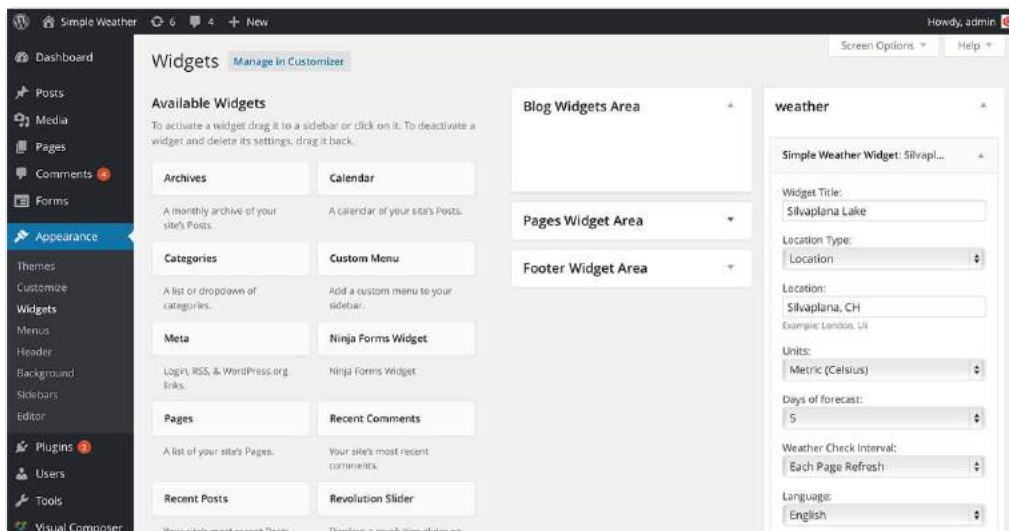
```
[simple-weather location="London, Uk" days="2" night="yes"
units="metric" date="l" api="YOUR API KEY HERE" interval
="5"]
```

You can also use several parameters to adjust the display of your weather info:

- **text\_align**: use this to change the alignment of the weather info. Accepted values are: left, right and center.
- **display**: use this parameter to display the weather info in a block. Accepted value: block.
- **style**: use this to change the style of your weather display. Accepted values are: blocks and large-icons.

```
[simple-weather location="London, Uk" days="2" night="yes"
units="metric" text_align="right" display="block" style="
large-icons"]
```

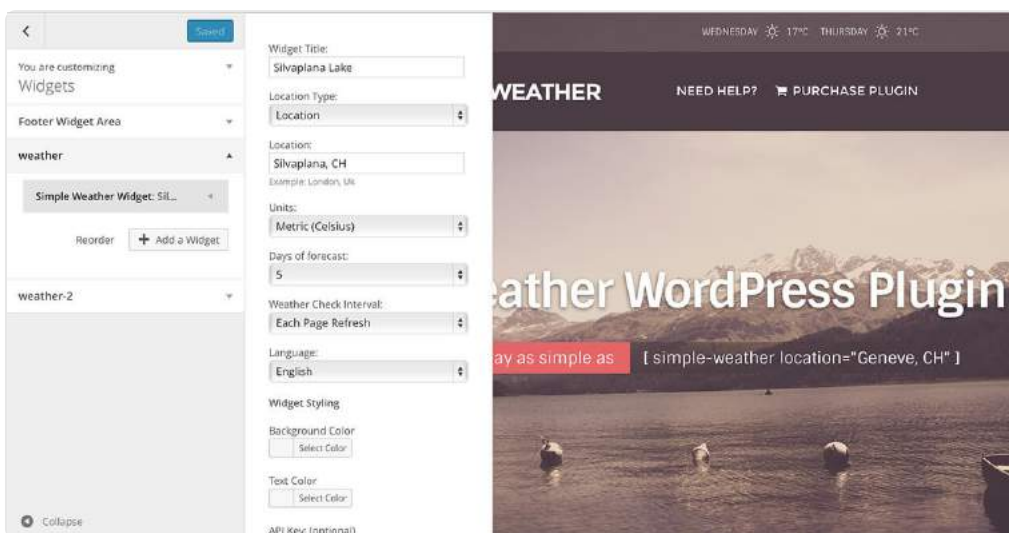
## 6. Widget Usage



**i** simple weather widget

- **Step 1** – In order to insert the widget navigate to Appearance > Widgets and drag the **Simple Weather Widget** to your sidebar.
- **Step 2** – Configure the widget with your options. Read the [Widget Options](#) documentation
- **Step 3** – Click the Save button to publish your widget

## 6.1. Widget Options



**i** simple weather widget options

- **Title** – Choose widget title. If no title is entered, it will display the location as title.
- **Weather Station:** Choose the weather info provider, between Open Weather Map and Dark Sky. If you choose Dark Sky, you have to

define the Location through latitude and longitude coordinates.

- **Location Type:** Choose how you will set the location: Location or Coordinates. If you choose Auto, the plugin will take the visitor's location, through IP geolocation.
- **Location:** You can choose the city and the country for the weather display.
- **Latitude & Longitude:** You can enter coordinates for a location that cannot be found by name. Use decimal coordinates (ex: 43.343 & 12.4543).
- **Units:** You can use Imperial ( Fahrenheit degrees) or Metric ( Celsius degrees) units to display the temperature.
- **Days:** You can choose the number of days for the forecast. The maximum value is 7. If you choose None, it will not display a forecast for the next days, just the current weather.
- **Weather Check Interval:** You can choose how often the plugin will update the weather info: every 10 minutes, every 30 minutes, every hour, every 2 hours or with each page refresh.
- **Response Timeout:** You can choose for how many seconds the plugin should try to retrieve the weather info until it times out.
- **Language:** You can choose the language\* for the weather feed.
- **Background Color:** Choose the background color of the widget.
- **Text Color:** Choose the text color of the widget.
- **API Key (optional):** You can use your own API Key from OpenWeatherMap.org. This will improve the general performance of our plugin.

\*Available languages for Open Weather Map station: Arabic, Bulgarian, Catalan, Czech, English, German, Greek, Persian (Farsi), Finnish, French, Galician, Croatian, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latvian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Swedish, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional.

\*\*Available languages for DarSky station: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Belarusian, Bulgarian, Bosnian, Catalan, Czech, English, German, Greek, Estonian, French, Croatian, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Icelandic, Cornish, Norwegian Bokmal, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Swedish, Slovak, Slovenian, Serbian, Spanish, Tetum, Turkish, Ukrainian, Igpay Atinlay, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional.

# 7. FAQ

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## 1. I want just a basic weather display, location and temperature. How do I do that?

You can use the shortcode:

```
[simple-weather location="City, Country"]
```

or you can use the widget.

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## 2. I can't find the location I want. What do I do?

You can enter the coordinates in the shortcode like this:

```
[simple-weather latitude="" longitude=""]
```

or you can use the Coordinates option from the widget. You can use this website: [iTouch Map Service](#) [iTouch Map](#) to get the exact coordinates.

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## 3. Can I display the weather for the place where my visitor is?

Yes. If you set the Location Type, in the widget, to Auto, the plugin will take the visitor's location, through IP geolocation. Through shortcode:

```
[simple-weather location="auto"]
```

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## 4. How do I display the temperature in Celsius degrees?

If you are using the shortcode, you have to add the option units with the value set to metric:

```
[simple-weather location="City, Country" units="metric"]
```

For the widget, use the Units option to choose Metric.

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## 5. How can I choose a format for the date?

If you don't want to use our default format (day), you have to use a shortcode and set a value for date, according to [Moment.js supported date formats](#), and add it to the shortcode:

```
[simple-weather location="City, Country" date="dd"]
```

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## 6. Why should I use my own API Key?

Using your own API Key is optional, but we recommend it, as it will improve the overall performance of our plugin, due to a better connection with the [OpenWeatherMap.org](#)  website.

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## 7. How often is the weather updated?

Our default configuration for the plugin is to update the weather for each page refresh. If you want to set a fixed interval for weather update, you can set one, in minutes, through shortcode or choose one of the available options of the widget (10 or 30 minutes, one or two hours).

## 8. Credits

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The Simple Weather Plugin was developed by Curly Themes. Here is a list of credits and attributions:

- Flat Weather Icons by [Oxygenna.com](https://oxygenna.com) [↗](#)
- Weather Feed from [OpenWeatherMap.org](https://openweathermap.org) [↗](#)
- Meteocons Weather Icons by [Alessio Atzeni](#) [↗](#)
- Silvaplana Lake Photo from [Markus Spiske](#) [↗](#)

## 9. Release Notes:

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### **Simple Weather Plugin 4.0 (September 28, 2017)**

- ✓ **Incompatible API changes.** We've rewritten both frontend and backend with reactive JS technology. This should improve the general performances of the plugin in terms of speed and usability.
- ✓ **Added the Simple Weather Settings panel,** with global options for all weather displays.
- ✓ **Added Lazy Load functionality,** that allows faster website load and static cache bypassing.
- ✓ **The Date Format parameter supports now only Moment.js date formats.**
- ✓ **Added several new languages,** for both OpenWeather and DarkSky weather stations.
- ✓ **Added current weather display for OpenWeather station** also.
- ✓ **Fixed an issue with the current weather display for DarkSky station.**
- ✓ **Minor bug fixes.**

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### **Simple Weather Plugin 2.0. (June 10, 2015)**

- ✓ Overall performance improvement
- ✓ Support for OpenWeather.org API Key
- ✓ Added the interval parameter to the weather shortcode
- ✓ Added the interval option to the weather widget

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