

# Gravatars

**Gravatars** stands for “**Globally Recognized Avatar**” When browsing different web sites, you may notice that many users have a picture next to their name. These pictures are called “avatars.”

Gravatar is used to create a profile and associate avatar images with their email addresses. Once you add a Gravatar, it is going to be recognized on all the platforms that come with built-in Gravatar support including WordPress, Slack, GitHub, Stack Overflow and more.

### 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

**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

**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

To start using Gravatars on your site:

- 1) Log in as an administrator to your site
- 2) Navigate to Settings > Discussion and scroll down to the “Avatar” Section
- 3) The “Avatar” section presents with several options:

-  **Avatar Display:** Toggle Gravatars on and off for your site.
-  **Maximum Rating:** Gravatar image rate as G, PG, R, X based on its appropriateness. Select the radio button for the maximum rating .
-  **Default Avatar:** WordPress allows to select what image you would like to display when a commenter does not have a Gravatar account. Selecting one of the “generated” icons give you and your users some of the benefits of a Gravatar without requiring them to have a Gravatar account. The icons that say “generated” next to them take the email of the commenter and link it to an auto-generated image. Now, every time that commenter posts to your site, they will have the same unique image next to their name.