Display Multiple Popups at the Same Time

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Popup Maker displays 1 popup at a time by default. We think 1 popup on a post or page at a time gives your visitors the best experience. However, we understand that sometimes you need to display more than 1 at the same time.

If you ~~want~~ **need** to display two or more popups at the same time, you can make your popups *stackable*. Stackable is a special Popup Maker popup setting that lets more than 1 popup display on the same post or page at the same time.

Heads Up

We don't usually recommend displaying more than 1 popup at the same time on the same post or page. Here's why:

- **Too spammy**: Apart from information overload, your site might seem spammy. Make sure you have a good reason to do this, and do this sparingly.
- **Not everyone uses a big screen**: Multiple popups on a desktop or big monitor might look fab. But, if 50% of your visitors use their phones, they'll see a stack of popups with only the top popup visible at first.

One other option is using a sequence of popups one after another.

Displaying 2 Popups at a Time Example

As an example of what to do and what to avoid, let's display 2 Auto Open popups *around* the same time on the same post or page. Follow these instructions for both popups.

1) Create or edit two popups

Either create 2 new popups or edit 2 existing ones.

2) Stagger the second popup by at least 500 milliseconds

At the time of writing, you cannot launch 2 popups on the same page within 500 milliseconds of each other. So set the second popup to open at least 500-1000 milliseconds after the first. We think around 1000 milliseconds after the first is a good sweet spot.

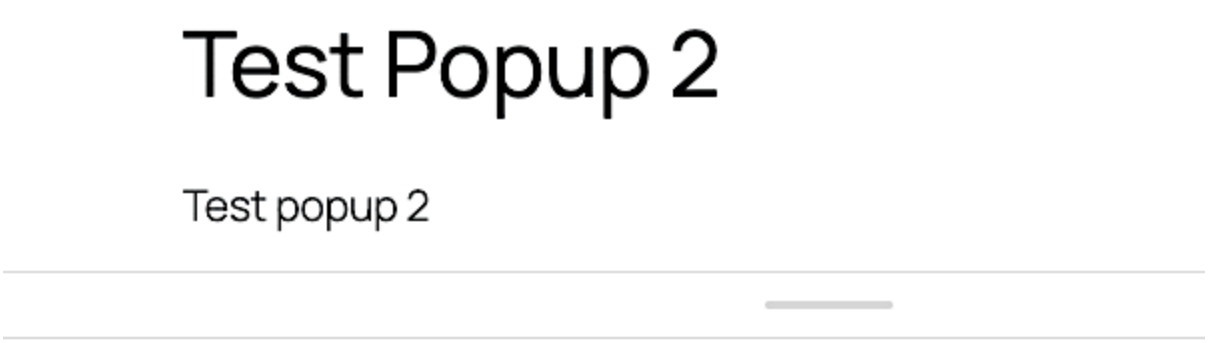
In our first popup, we keep the default delay to 500 ms (or half a second).



Triggers cause a popup to open.

Type	Cookie	Settings
Time Delay / Auto Open	None	**Delay:** 500

In our second, we add 1000 ms to the first popup's delay to get 1500 ms (1.5 seconds).



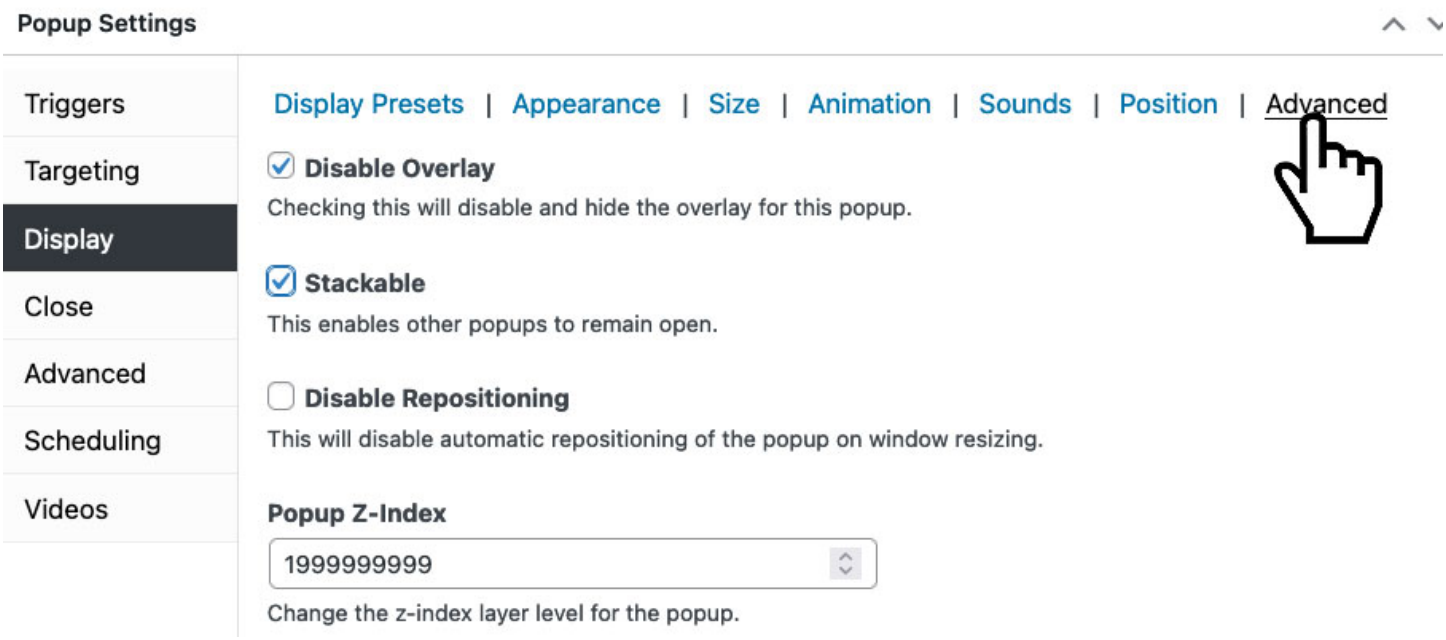
In the examples above, our first popup opens 0.5 seconds after the page loads. The second opens 1.5 seconds after the page loads.

3) Turn off the overlay and turn on stackable

Turning off the overlay and turning on stackable for each popup is the next most important step. So, let's change those settings right away.

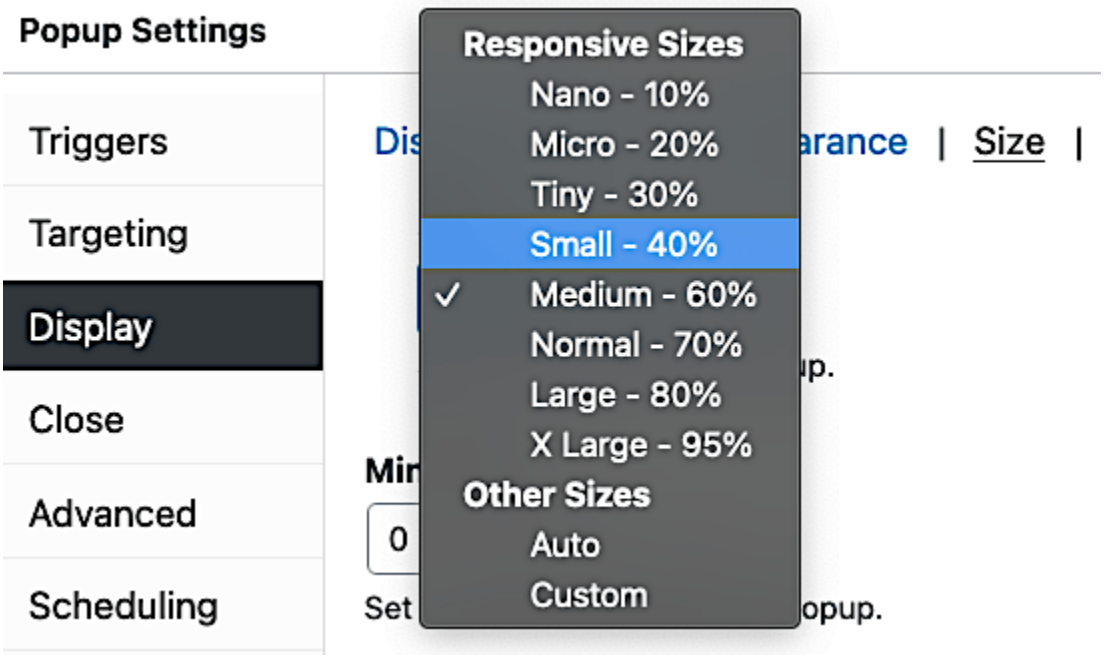
Go to **Popup Settings** > **Display** > **Advanced**.

Check the **Disable Overlay** and **Stackable** checkboxes. See the screen capture below to see what those settings look like.



4) Change the popup size to Small - 40%

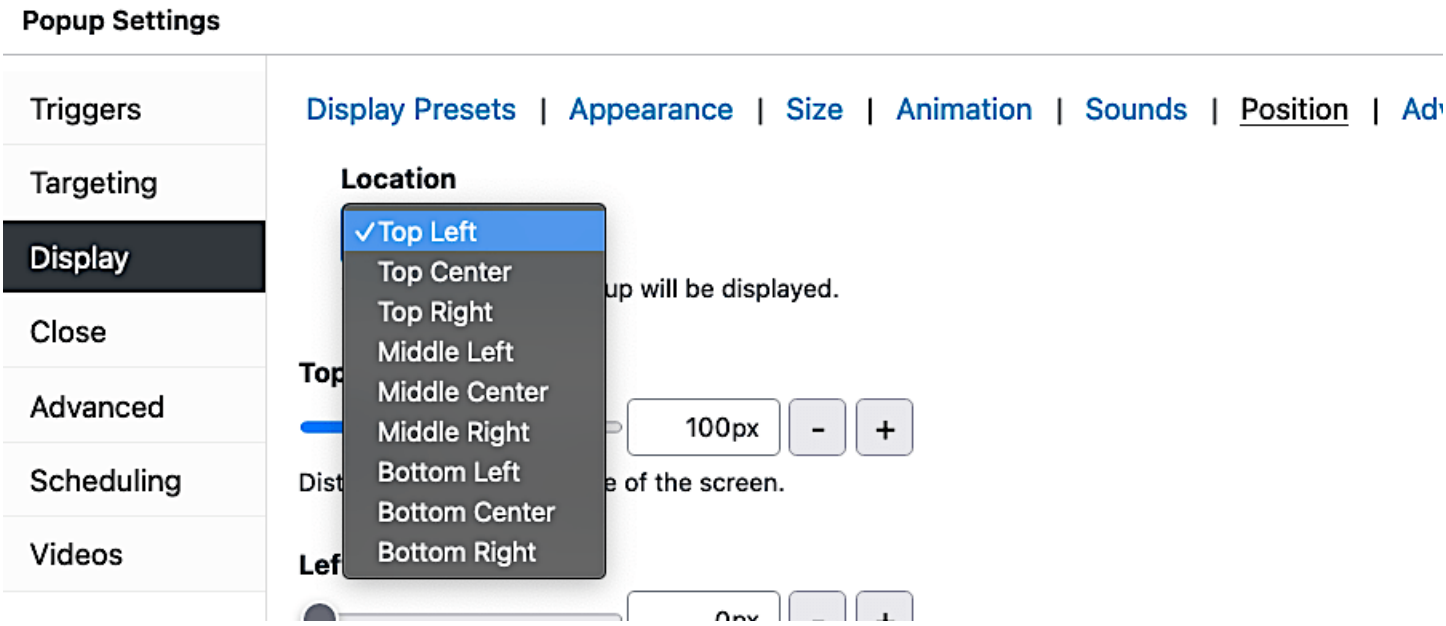
Go to **Popup Settings** > **Display** > **Size**. Change the popup size from **Medium - 60%** to **Small - 40%**. This should allow both popups to display on a desktop-size screen without overlapping each other.



5) Make each popup open in different positions on the screen

Go to **Popup Settings** > **Display** > **Position**. In the **Location** dropdown, select different locations for each popup.

For example, set the first popup to **Top Left** and the second to **Top Right**.



6) Make each popup have a fixed position

Go to **Popup Settings** > **Display** > **Position**. Check the **Fixed Positioning** checkbox.

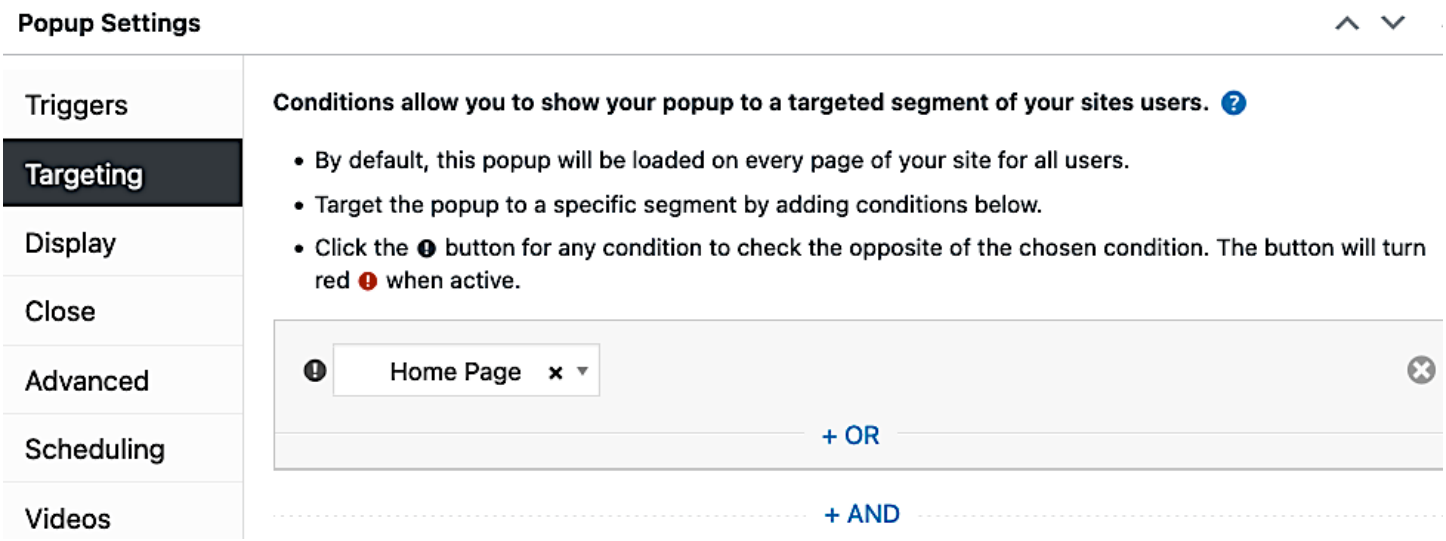


7) Use the same targeting conditions for both popups

If you didn't add any targeting conditions, you can skip this step.

If you do have targeting conditions for your 2 popups, make sure the conditions are exactly the same for both popups. Otherwise, they might not display on the same page at the same time.

Under **Popup Settings** > **Targeting**, set the same targeting conditions for both popups.



In the screen capture above, the popup is targeting the **Home Page** only. That means the other popup should also target the **Home Page**.

Again, if you don't have any targeting set up, you can leave this alone. By default Popup Maker targets all posts and pages for your popup when you have **no** targeting conditions set up.

8) Use the same popup theme for both popups

Under **Popup Settings** > **Display** > **Appearance**, select the same theme for both popups. Using the same theme keeps things consistent and easier to manage when displaying multiple popups at the same time.



In the screen capture above, the popup is using the **Light Box** theme. So, the other popup should use the **Light Box** theme too.

Troubleshooting

If your popups are still **not** "playing nice" together (i.e., blocking or hiding each other), try these 6 tips.

Tip 1) Make sure the second popup opens at least 500 ms (half a second) after the first

At the time of writing, if both popups have the default delay of 500 ms, only 1 popup will be visible. The second popup must have 1000 ms delay at minimum (500 ms after the first).

Tip 2) Try changing the popup position locations again

For either 1 or both popups, go back to **Popup Settings** > **Display** > **Position**. Try different locations until both popups display properly at the same time.

Tip 3) Make sure you turn off the overlays

At the time of writing, having overlays turned on when displaying multiple popups at the same time doesn't work. You might see some weirdness, like no overlays showing up or even one of the popups not visible.

To fix that, go back to step 2 above.

Tip 4) Try changing the popup sizes again

In step 3 above, we went to **Popup Settings** > **Display** > **Size** and changed the default **Medium - 60%** to **Small - 40%**. Try going even smaller for 1 or both popups.

Tip 5) Double-check that your popups are stackable

Go back to **Popup Settings** > **Display** > **Advanced**.

Make sure to check the Stackable checkbox.

Tip 6) Try making your content smaller

Maybe you've got just too much content. Try a lower word count for both popups. If you've images, make them smaller, or maybe don't use them. Lastly, remove any whitespace you don't need (e.g.,

padding and extra line returns).

Tip 7) Check for a CSS conflict

Sometimes, displaying multiple popups at the same time leads to a CSS conflict. You'll know if this happens when you've done everything correctly, but one or both of your popups don't appear. To top it off, your page might freeze up.

If this sounds familiar, check out our guide Your Popup Is Not Displaying on Your Homepage (or Another Page).

Tip 8) Save your changes and clear ALL caches

Make sure you publish or update your popup to save your setting changes. Always clear all of your caches and use a private or incognito browser window to test your changes.

