

# cfUniForm: "Rate Me"

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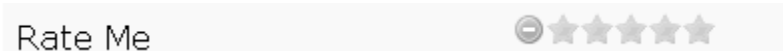
[jQuery](#) 's [star rating plugin](#) makes it simple to add a "Rate Me" interface to your application. Combine it with [cfUniForm v4.0](#) , and now it's ridiculously simple to add a star rating field (or ten) to any form.

## The Defaults

Simple. Ridiculously simple.

```
<uform:field type= "rating" label= "Rate Me" name= "RateMe" />
```

This one simple line results in a field named "RateMe" being added to your form, with selectable values of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. And it looks like this:



## The Attributes

Along with a new "type" of "rating", v4.0 introduced five new (optional) attributes on the field tag:

1. starCount
2. starValues
3. starTitles
4. showStarTips
5. starSplit

You can mix and match these attributes to customize your rating field. Let's look at what each one does (and its default value).

**starCount** is pretty self-explanatory. It determines the number of stars that will show. The default is 5.

**starValues** provides a way for you to provide cfUniForm with the value attribute of each star. By default, the values will be 1-#starCount#. So, using the default 'starCount' of 5, you end up with the following:

```
.. <input type= "radio" name= "RateMe" value= "1" />
?. <input type= "radio" name= "RateMe" value= "2" />
}. <input type= "radio" name= "RateMe" value= "3" />
t. <input type= "radio" name= "RateMe" value= "4" />
;. <input type= "radio" name= "RateMe" value= "5" />
```

The 'starValues' attribute accepts either a comma-delimited list OR an array.

**starTitles** allows you to provide cfUniForm with the titles that you want displayed in the 'title' attribute of each star input. It defaults to #starValues#.

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**showStarTips** accepts either a true or false value, and it tells cfUniform whether or not to display a "tool tip" as the user hovers over a star. If set to true, the 'title' attribute of the star will be displayed in a <span> next to the stars. It defaults to false.

**starSplit** allows you to, well, split the stars. So, if you want half-star ratings, you would set this attribute to 2. The default is 0 (whole stars - no split).

## In Action

You can see the combination of 'starTitles', 'showStarTips', and 'starSplit' in action at the bottom of the ["Kitchen Sink" demo form](#) , right underneath the CAPTCHA image (CTRL+F "Rate the image above").

## Read-Only & "Selected" Star

You can also tell cfUniform to make a rating field read-only. Say you want to show the "Average Rating" of something. Since you're showing a calculated average, you do not want users to be able to select (change) the rating. In this situation you will want to add the 'isDisabled' and 'value' attributes.

```
.. <uform:field label= "Average Rating"  
?. name= "avgRating"  
}. type= "rating"  
!. isDisabled= " true "  
;. value= "3" />
```

And it looks like this when rendered:

Average Rating



## Thanks!

Thank you to [Mary Jo Sminkey](#) for the suggestion and for submitting a basic code example for the star ratings plugin. For more information, be sure to visit the [plugin documentation](#) , and, of course, the [cfUniform documentation](#) .