

Intro

User Guide

This document covers installation, theme set up and solutions to common issues. Read this document thoroughly and if you experience any problems feel free to the the support system on <http://www.creerthemes.com>

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1. Getting Started

To install this theme you must have WordPress installed on your server. For information on installing WordPress, checkout the WordPress Codex - http://codex.wordpress.org/Installing_WordPress

1.1 Installing the theme

Prior to setting up the theme, you must upload the theme files and activate the theme itself. You can upload the theme files one of two ways:

FTP Upload - Using your FTP program, you can upload the unzipped theme folder to `/wp-content/themes/` on your server

WordPress Upload - In the WordPress Dashboard, navigate to `Appearance > Add New Themes > Upload`. Click 'Browse', select the zipped theme folder and click 'Install Now'.

Once your theme has been uploaded you need to activate it via `Appearances > Themes`. To do this, simply click on 'Activate' under your chosen theme screenshot.

Now your theme is activated, go to the Créer Theme Options link in the Dashboards left sidebar and set up the basic options. Remember to click 'Save Options'

You're now ready to add your content!

2. Theme Features

The theme is packed with features that control the layout and extend the functionality of WordPress. This section documents those features and how to set them up.

2.1 Post Formats

When creating a post, you are able to choose from a number of different post formats. These formats alter the typical styling of a post. The formats include:

2.1.1 Standard

The standard post format is the 'typical' WordPress post format and will display the title and content. There are no custom options for this format.

2.1.2 Aside

The aside format is similar to the standard format however it just displays post content and is great for small sections of text.

2.1.3 Gallery

This format attaches multiple images to a post. To attach an image, simply upload your images using the media uploader in [Posts > Edit Post](#). Remember to upload multiple images. If you prefer to display one image, you may find it easier to use the 'Image format' instead.

2.1.4 Link

The link format includes a custom option to set a custom url that will display instead of typical post content.

2.1.5 Image

The image format displays the an image and post content. To set the image, simply click on 'Set Featured Image'.

2.1.6 Quote

The quote format contains a couple of custom options. First is a section to add in your quote. There is also an option to set the quote url. When creating a post using this format, simply use the title field for the quote author's name.

2.1.7 Status

Use this post format to display a simple status update similar to a tweet or facebook status message. The content is limited to 140 characters.

2.1.8 Video

This format displays an embedded video and post content. To set video, simply post your video embed code into the embed code field.

2.1.9 Audio

The audio format displays a html based mp3 player and the post content. It includes a couple of custom options. The first is to set the full url of the audio file. You can use *.mp3*, *.ogg* and *.oga* formats. The other option is to use an embedded mp3 player such as SoundCloud. Simply paste the embed code into the 'SoundCloud Code' embed field.

2.2 Custom Menus

This theme contains two menu locations - one in the header and the other situated in the footer. Once you have built the menu, click 'Save' and assign the menu to either the header or footer menu locations.

To set up the menu, navigate to *Appearances > Menus*. There is a detailed guide to setting up the menu in the WordPress Codex. http://codex.wordpress.org/Appearance_Menus_Screen

2.3 Theme Options

The theme comes with an easy to use theme options panel. To access this, simply click on the 'Theme Options' menu item on the left sidebar in the WordPress Dashboard.

2.4 Custom Widgets

This theme comes with 7 custom widgets that can be used to display additional content. You can find the widgets in [Appearances > Widgets](#).

2.4.1 About

This widget displays custom information about the post or blog author. There are options to set the title, image/avatar, author bio and optional link and link title to an about page. The default image size for the avatar is 120px x 120px.

2.4.2 Ads

This widget displays up to 6 image ads and their custom urls. Please note that you must use the full link to the image. The default image size for an ad is 125px x 125px.

2.4.3 Dribbble

This widget displays your most recent dribbble shots. Simply add your username and the number of images to display in the widget options.

2.4.4 Flickr

This widget displays images from flickr. Add in your username or that of the group you would like to display and select the number of thumbnails.

2.4.5 Search

This widget contains a custom search form.

2.4.6 Social

This widget displays icons that link to your social media profiles. You can set these links up in the theme options panel.

2.4.7 Twitter

This widget displays your latest tweets from your twitter account. Simply add your username (without the @) and the number of tweets to be displayed to the widget options.

2.4.8 Video

This widget will display an embedded video. There are options to display an additional video description and a field to paste in your video embed code.

2.5 Shortcodes

This theme includes over 50 shortcodes allowing your to easily alter the styling of your content. The wordpress editor, located in [Posts > Edit Post](#) and [Pages > Edit Page](#), includes buttons for each individual shortcode. Once the shortcode box is clicked, there are additional options in the pop up to configure the individual shortcode.

2.6 Custom Page Templates

This theme contains nine custom page templates. These templates can be used on individual pages to alter the content display.

2.6.1 Archives

This page template displays a custom archive page listing the last 30 posts and additional archive information.

2.6.2 Blog

This is a full width blog page which can be used as an alternative to index.php.

2.6.3 Contact

This page templates displays a custom contact form as well as additional contact information that can be set up in the theme options panel.

2.6.4 Full Width

This template is a full width version of the default page.php file.

2.6.5 Image Gallery

The image gallery template displays a gallery of the latest post images.

2.6.6 Left Sidebar

This template displays the sidebar on the left - is an alternate to the default page.php.

2.6.7 Sitemap

This template displays a sitemap of your site, including pages, posts, categories etc.

2.6.8 Tags

The tag template displays all tags used across the site.

2.6.9 Timeline

This timeline template displays all posts ordered by year and is an alternate to the archive template.

To use any of theme templates, simply create a new page and select the template from the drop down menu on the right of [Pages > Edit Page](#).

2.7 Custom Login

The theme comes with additional options to customize the default WordPress login screen. To add your own logo, simply replace *login-logo.png* with your chosen image in the */includes/images/* folder using FTP.

The default logo image size is: 274px x 63px

There is also an additional css file located in */includes/css/* called *login.css* where you can alter the form, link and background css. You would need to manually edit this file in a text editor and upload via FTP back to the same folder.

2.8 Featured Images

This theme supports the use of featured images. There is additional information on how to setup the featured post image in this article: <http://en.support.wordpress.com/featured-images/>

3. Theme Files

This section details the files found within the actual theme and what their function is. You can use this section to gain an understanding of how the theme works behind the scenes.

3.1 Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

This theme contains a main CSS file called *style.css* which contains the majority of the theme's styling. There are additional CSS files located in the */styles/* folder which contains preset color styles which you can set in the theme options panel.

3.2 Javascript Files

This theme includes a number of Javascript files that are imported depending on the page that is being viewed.

jquery.ftvids.js - This file controls the responsiveness of embedded videos.

jquery.player.min.js - The custom HTML5 audio player. You can find more info about customizing the player here: <http://www.jplayer.org>.

meta.js - This controls the post format meta boxes in Posts > Edit Posts.

modernizer.custom.min.js - This is a HTML5/CSS3 feature detection script. You can find out more information on this file here: <http://modernizr.com>

nav.js - This script controls the menu drop downs and responsive menu.

scripts.js - This file contains additional scripts required by the theme.

3.3 PSD

All PSD's included with this theme contain the necessary styling for the themes layout and styling. To edit this file you need to have Adobe Photoshop: <http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop.html>

3.4 Translation Files

This theme includes *.po* and *.mo* files which you can alter to change the language of the theme. You can find more information on how to do this in the WordPress Codex: http://codex.wordpress.org/Translating_WordPress

4. Customizing

There are a number of options included in this theme to customize the layout, content and overall look of your site. There is more information on how to do this below.

4.1 Styling

There are a few ways in which you alter the styling of the theme:

CSS - You can add your own css to the 'Custom CSS' box in the theme options panel. Unless absolutely required it is best practice not to edit *style.css* in case the file needs to be updated.

Theme Options - There is a dedication section in the theme options panel where you can easily alter the look of the theme. Options include alternative stylesheet, background color, background image, typography and link colors.

Typography - The theme includes over 600 Google Fonts which you can set in the theme options page. For more information on Google Fonts and to see examples of all the fonts in use, visit this page: <http://www.google.com/webfonts>

The theme also contains the font awesome icon font which you can use to add icons into your content and styling. For information on how to use this function and to see them in action, visit this page: <http://fontawesome.github.com/Font-Awesome/>

4.2 Coding

If you want to alter the actual php code of the files you can either use the build in editor via **Appearances > Editor** - or you can open the file in a text editor and upload back to the theme directory using FTP.

If you would like to add custom functions, you can add theme to the bottom of functions.php just before ?>

Note: *It is a good idea to make a note of any theme files you edit to make it easier to update your theme in the future.*

5. Updating

From time to time you will need to update your theme. Theme updates usually include additional features and bug fixes. To update simply follow one of these guides:

5.1 FTP

Download the latest version of the theme from your theme forest account and unzip the theme folder. Then open the *changelog.txt* file. This file contains a list of all updated files. All you need to do is upload the files listed from your current version to the latest version via FTP.

Note: To find your themes version number, simply check out the top of *style.css*.

5.2 Theme Upload

If you haven't made any code changes you can just re-install the theme from scratch (as noted in 1.1). You may need to delete the old theme prior to uploading.

You won't loose any content or theme options if you update using this option.

Thanks For Purchasing This
Theme!

If you require further support, feel free to check out:

<http://www.creerthemes.com>