

Our themes take WordPress beyond a blog



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Business Blog

WP / MS / BuddyPress Theme

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Business Blog is the perfect blogging theme for the perfect blogging platform that is WordPress!

Whether you just want to blog for your business, personally or you want to build a community around your blog using BuddyPress, Business Blog delivers great functionality.

BUSINESS BLOG MANUAL

This manual is a rough guide to the various elements and capabilities of the Business Blog theme. As with any theme you can get more support from the forums should you wish it.

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PACKED WITH FEATURES...

Business Blog is not only a good looking theme it comes with a ton of features too:

- Set various titles: RSS, news
- Set front category
- Adverts - set an image, link and title for adverts on your site
- Useful links - set the title, description and link
- RSS feeds - automatically place 5 RSS feeds and show their latest posts just enter the feed
- Add text to your BuddyPress panel
- Blog / news template
- Threaded comments styling
- Custom logo - set image, square logo and text or just text
- Create your own colours - use a simple colour picker or select a font from the drop down to change links, headers and other global features.
- Join now feature - create a custom join now block with message and set the link
- and much more!

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BUSINESS BLOG THEME OPTIONS

HOME PAGE SETTINGS
RSS title
News title
Select a category for your front page
ADVERT SETTINGS
Side advert one
Side advert one link
Side advert one title
Side advert two
Side advert two link
Side advert two title
Side advert three
Side advert three link
Side advert three title
Side advert four
Side advert four link
Side advert four title
LINK SETTINGS
Useful links title
Useful link one
Useful link one title
Useful link one description
Useful link two
Useful link two title
Useful link two description
Useful link three
Useful link three title
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BUSINESS BLOG THEME OPTIONS

LINK SETTINGS
Useful link four
Useful link four title
Useful link four description
Useful link five
Useful link five title
Useful link five description
Feed title
RSS feed one
RSS feed two
RSS feed three
RSS feed four
RSS feed five
BUDDYPRESS SETTINGS
Text for BuddyPress section
BRANDING
Site name
Custom large image on / off
Custom logo url
Custom square image on / off
Custom square image url
Show sign up box on / off
Sign up feature text
Sign up button text
Sign up custom link

BUSINESS BLOG FILE STRUCTURE

*this is a brief general overview only edit these files if you have some css / php / xhtml knowledge we are not responsible for any edits you may make. Make sure you always keep a clean version of the theme without any editing.

PARENT THEME : BP-DAILY/
/_inc/css : main css files not specific to a style
/_inc/css/adminbar.css (adminbar css), bp-default.css (buddypress styling), layout.css (layout styling), reset.css (reset css classes), typography.css (anything font related not specific to a design)
/library : library is the core where the theme customisation occurs this is the heart of the theme
/library/components : This includes all the non WordPress / BuddyPress additional things that Business Blog uses such as adverts, content formats, featured formats and messages, navigation. There are BuddyPress and Wordpress versions of some files. Any file that is BuddyPress specific will either be under a directory saying Buddypress or in the case of sidebars have bp- before it.
/library/functions : These are the custom functions for the theme. You have BuddyPress specific ones, custom ones and ones for theme options. You should not need to edit any of these.
/library/languages : A default mo and po file are provided
/library/options : Here you have the theme-options.php and other options related files - by options we are referring to where you select default.css and then pick colours and fonts. You should not need to edit any of these
/library/scripts : Here you have any non BuddyPress javascript. You should not need to edit any of these
/library/sidebars : Here you have any sidebars that are called see this manual for details on what sidebars relate to what widgets. Also at the theme root is sidebar.php that is the default sidebar used by BuddyPress.
/library/styles : This is how you get the different designs for the site. Each is named as per the design itself and has it's own images. You can then customise these images if you wish also
There are a few other files that should be singled out that you may wish to edit:
home.php : This is your home / front page and calls various files in library/components. We advise you edit those each time rather than home.php for ease of management
template-blognews.php: This is your blog or news template you allocate this as a page template under your page creation or editing. As with all blog pages it calls either the BuddyPress or WordPress single post loop from library/components.
header.php: This is your site global header - you will note you either call navigation.php (when you don't use BuddyPress) or buddypress-navigation.php
footer.php: The global site footer

BUSINESS BLOG FAQ

HOW DO YOU SELECT WHAT FRONT PAGE TO SHOW?

Business Blog by default shows the home page template but you can under settings > reading decide if you want to have the activity stream on the front instead.

You can even using our wide variety of page templates set one of those by creating a page and then selecting the template. You can do this to also create a blog or news page.

HOW DO YOU CREATE YOUR OWN THEME STYLE?

Want to make your own theme?

1. Under preset styles select default.css
2. Go to Custom styling under the Appearance tab to the left.

WHAT WIDGET AREAS ARE THERE

Business Blog comes with a large selection of sidebars you can add widgets to here is a quick guide. (all sidebars are found under library/sidebars/ apart from the default BuddyPress one)

1. Home : Widgets for the home page (sidebar-home.php or if have BuddyPress bp-sidebar-home.php)
2. Page: Widgets for the pages (sidebar-page.php or if have BuddyPress bp-sidebar-page.php)
3. Blog: Widgets for the blog pages (sidebar-blog.php or if have BuddyPress bp-sidebar-blog.php)
4. Members: Widgets for the member pages for BuddyPress if you have that enabled.

HOW DO I CHANGE THE MESSAGES THAT APPEAR ON PAGES LIKE ARCHIVES AND SEARCH PAGES?

Business Blog has a range of files under library/components and one of these is messages.php this is what you edit to change messages. Under the same directory headers.php is what you change for headers.

WHAT IS A PARENT AND CHILD THEME FOR BUDDYPRESS?

We also provide child themes with all of our BuddyPress themes which enable you to customise your own files without having those changes overwritten when we update a theme. To find out more about parent and children themes please visit <http://premium.wpmudev.org/the-buddypress-manual/what-are-parent-and-child-themes/>.

If you are using a child theme you need not activate the parent just activate the child theme. Remember to check each new version of the theme for any changes in your child theme that may have been done in the parent. Also when you update a theme just do not update the child only update the parent and all your changes will be kept.

BUSINESS BLOG INSTALLATION

INSTALLING THE THEME

1. Unzip the downloaded zip file
2. You should see several files and folders depending on your theme package
3. Upload the entire bp-Daily/ folder to wp-content/themes/
4. Login to your dashboard >> Appearance and activate the theme - if you using WPMU, you need to go to site admin and activate the theme before it shows in Appearance
5. Your theme should be now be activated and ready for use

*Make sure your install path is themes/ not themes/themes/thethemename/

For this theme under wp-content/themes/ you should have:

business-blog/

business-blog-child/

HOW DO I ADD A FAVICON?

Business Blog is already set to link to a favicon all you have to do is put one in either your parent or child theme under the stylesheet directory and it must be called favicon.ico - if you are using a child remember the favicon should be under your child theme style directory.

Should you wish to remove the call to the favicon automatically just edit header.php and remove the following line 54:

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<link rel="icon" href="<?php bloginfo('stylesheet_directory');?>/favicon.ico" type="images/x-icon" />
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