

Note: For the most up to date “live” documentation, please go here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KUg8IS1yMpBstOWgiA_RHcWC4aFCJsJDXGlc7aZ3_sQ/edit?usp=sharing

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Getting Started (Read Me First)

Installing this theme

You should be able to install the theme directly inside of WordPress. Go to the Themes menu on the left of wp-admin, select “Add New Themes”, and then click “upload”. Select the supplied OpenHouse theme zip file and you’re done.

Manually installing the theme (recommended)

If you have problems installing directly inside of WordPress (errors, freezing, etc.) you can install the theme manually. To install manually, you’ll need an FTP program. The Firefox (web browser) plugin FireFTP works perfectly. Unzip the supplied Automotiv theme (it should be zipped). On the server, navigate to your /themes folder. Create a subfolder called “Automotiv” (or something else if you wish), and then upload all the theme files to that folder. (Be sure you upload the unzipped theme, not the actual theme “Zip” file.

Once uploaded, you can go to the Appearance -> Themes section of WordPress and then activate the new theme.

Ok, it should be installed. Now on to the steps to get your new site functional!

Quick Setup (Recommended)

Follow these steps to get set up as quickly as possible. This will automatically create required categories, pages, menu items, and more. It won’t get you 100% to the level where the demo site is at, but it will get you most of the way there.

Alternatively, you can set it up totally manually. See section below for that. (Setting up 100% manually is good if you really want to understand how the theme backend works)

Step 1:

Download the demo site’s XML data

file:https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/418387/themeforest/Automotiv/automotive_xml.zip

Unzip it, and then in wp-admin, go to Tools -> Import -> WordPress. Import the XML file, and be sure to include everything, including attachments. After that's done, you will have a bunch of posts, categories, sample home listings, and more.

Note: You will eventually want to delete many of my sample "pages", for example all of the documentation pages. When you do so, **be sure to NOT DELETE the "Search Results", "Contact Us", and "Sales Reps" pages**. If you accidentally delete the Search Results page, no problem. Just follow the instructions below in the Manual Setup section. If you delete Contact Us and Sales Reps, then follow the instructions in the proper sections of the documentation.

Step 2: Activate Menu bar

Go to Appearance -> Menus. To make sure the menus show up on the site, go to the top left of the screen is a section called "Theme Locations". Be sure to select the header and footer menus accordingly. It should be self explanatory when you see it.

Step 3:

In Appearance -> Theme Options -> General, set the "Search Results Page" to be set to "Search Results" (if it's not already set to it). Even if it is set already, go ahead and click "Save" anyway since it will set lots of theme defaults.

Step 4: Set up the Contact Form for the Listing pages

Each listing detail page (Listing page) contains a contact form at the bottom.

The contact form requires the Contact Form 7 plugin. [Click here to get it](#). Once installed, go to the "Contact" section in the wp-admin (bottom left of the screen). Set up the form to your requirements, or leave it at the default.

If you have changed the default form, then copy the "shortcode" at the top of the screen. Now go to Appearance -> Theme Options -> Miscellaneous -> Contact Form Shortcode, and paste the code in that you copied. Note: change each "double quote" character to a single quote.

Step 5: Permalinks

Go to Settings -> Permalinks and make sure any one other than the first choice is selected.

Open House

Permalink Settings

By default WordPress uses web URLs which have question marks and lots of numbers in them, however WordPress compatibility of your links. A [number of tags are available](#), and here are some examples to get you started.

Common settings

- ☒ **Default** `http://www.informatik.com/themeforest/openhouse2/?p=123`
- ☐ **Day and name** `http://www.informatik.com/themeforest/openhouse2/2011/06/17/sample-post/`
- ☐ **Month and name** `http://www.informatik.com/themeforest/openhouse2/2011/06/sample-post/`
- ☐ **Numeric** `http://www.informatik.com/themeforest/openhouse2/archives/123`
- ☐ **Custom Structure**

Optional

If you like, you may enter custom structures for your category and tag URLs here. For example, using `topics` as

Category base

Tag base

Save Changes

Now you're done!

Ok, at this stage, you will be done the required steps to get the site running. You will still need to add your header "logo", set up the footer widget area, and more. Refer to the other documentation pages for more information.

Manual Setup

Follow these steps if you want **FULL** control over the setup process and you want to fully understand the workings of the theme. Or if things don't go well with the recommended way above, then follow these steps.

Step 1: Create your Blog or News categories

Assuming you want to post articles to your site, you will need to create Categories for them. You can create a category called "News" (to hold news related posts), "Blog" (for general blog type posts), or

any other category name. The live demo has 2 categories called “News” and “Blog”. Feel free to have only one or the other; both are not required. You can also create sub-categories under the main categories if your posts benefit from them.

Note: DO NOT create a category for your listings. The listings don’t use categories at all.

Step 2: Search Results Page

Create a new “Page”, using the Page Template called “Search Results”. Enter a “Title” for the post... for example “Search Results”. You can leave the content blank. Publish it.

In Appearance -> Theme Options ->General, set the “Search Results Page” to the Page that you just created.

Step 3: Create the Menus

This theme has a main menu in the header and a smaller menu in the footer. The menus are generated using WordPress’ “Menus” feature. In the wp-admin, under the Appearance tab, click on “Menus” to access the Menus page.

Click the “+” tab to add a menu called “Main”. This will be the main menu in the header. Click the “Save Menu” button. Click the “+” tab again to create another menu called “Footer”. Click the “Save Menu” button again.

In the Theme Locations section, set the Main Navigation Menu to be “Main”, and the Footer Navigation Menu to be “Footer”. Click the “Save” button.

Click on the “Main” tab to activate the Main menu. In the Pages and Categories sections, check all the boxes for the pages and categories that you want to add to this Main menu. You can click/drag the results to be in the exact order that you want.

Click on the “Footer” tab, and do the same thing that you did in the previous step.

Note: Whenever you add a Page or a Category, then you will need to come into this “Menus” page and add it to your Header and Footer menus. Sorry, this is not my fault... it’s a quirk from WP 3.0.

Also note: In Step 2 you added a “Search Results” page. You will not want that page in your menus. To exclude it from the menus, simply don’t add it to the menus!

Step 4: Set up the Contact Form for the Listing pages

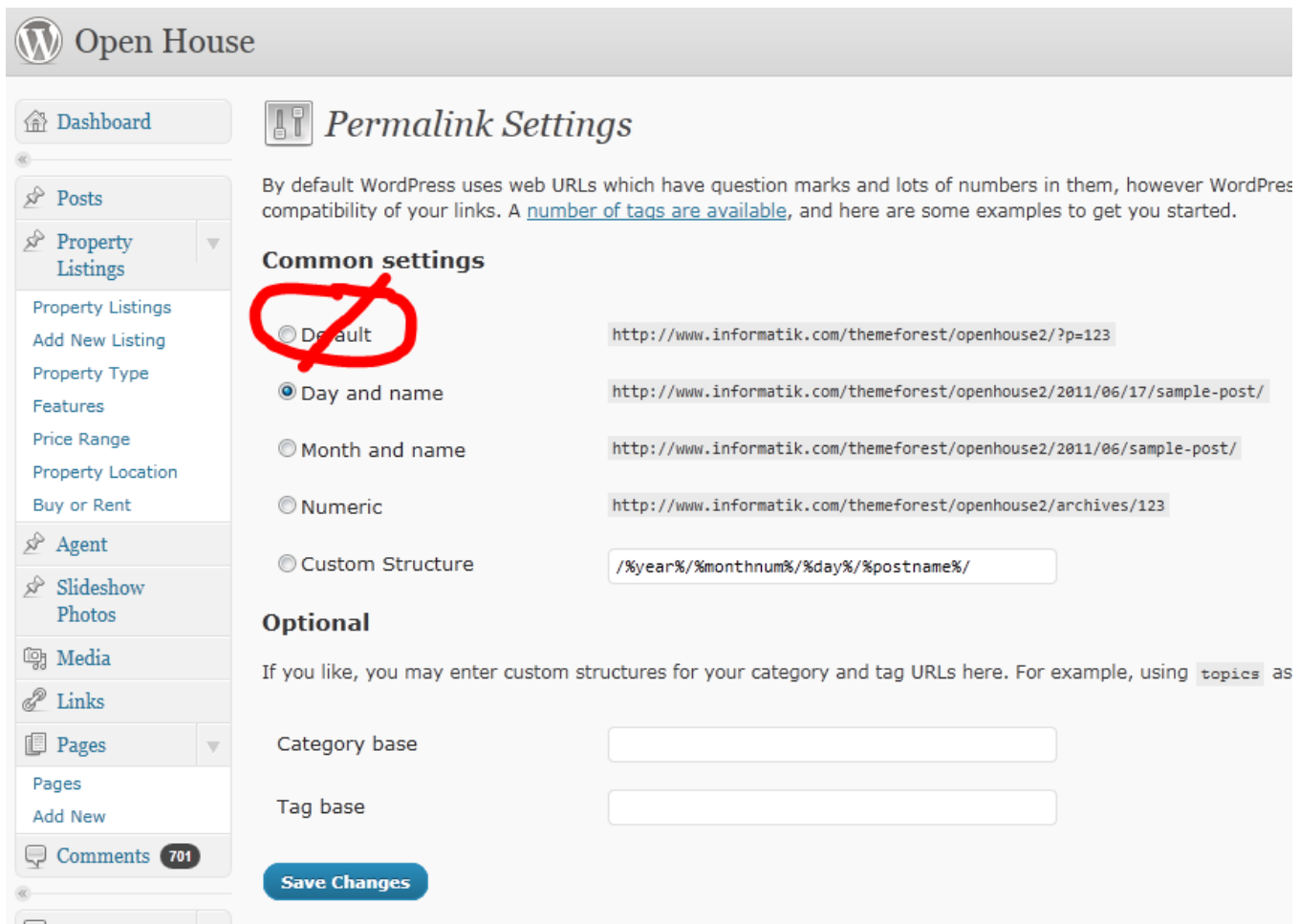
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Important: Be sure to replace each double quote character with a single quote character.

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Go to Settings -> Permalinks and make sure any one other than the first choice is selected.



Done!

Enjoy your new theme! You are now ready to post a Listing, or blog/news post. [Click here for details on adding a Listing and news/blog post](#).

Step 6

It's not critical at this point, but you will notice that your site does not have a logo. Go to Appearance -> Theme Options -> General, under Logo URL, give the full URL to your image. Also set the width and height of the image. If the logo isn't positioned exactly right, you can enter values in "Logo position X" and "Logo position Y" to fine tune it's position.

Every other setting in Theme Options isn't critical at this point. The theme should be working... you now just need to add some content!

This theme has many great features and options. To get the most of the theme, please read the rest of the online help which is accessible directly from the "Documentation" menu above.

Creating your first post

Creating a Listing Post

‘Features*’, Manufacturer, ‘Price Range’, ‘Body Type’, ‘Engine Size’, ‘Transmission’ sections

Before we start anything I want to bring attention to the right sidebar. It contains 8 groups of category types, or what WordPress calls “Taxonomies”. They’re ways to organize your Listings. These 8 taxonomies are custom made for this theme by yours truly. And they are 100% OPTIONAL.

They are used ONLY if you want to browse listings by Features, Manufacturer, Engine Size, Transmission, Price Range, Body Type, Model Year, or Mileage. The demo site has a “browse” item in the menu. When you hover over it, you can see that you can browse listings by these taxonomies. For now, to keep things simple, we will ignore these taxonomies. For more information about this, see the “Browse By” section of this document.

First Step

In the left column of wp-admin, click on the “Automobile Listings” header, then click “Add New Listing”. You are brought to a screen where you will enter your listing information.

Title and body

Ok, now on to your first Listing post. First create your post “Title”. This can be anything you want that will describe the listing. Here is an example: Toyota Corolla 1.8 SRS Sedan. This text is mainly used so you can distinguish it in WP Admin. This text will not be shown anywhere on the front end of the site.

Next, in the body of the post, enter all your descriptive text. It can be as long as you like. You don’t need to enter listing details like price, body type, color, etc. because they will be entered separately later on. On the Listing page, all those details will appear in a list to the right of the images.

Adding features

The listing “detail” pages has an optional section right under the content area for showing a list of features:

COMFORTPERFORMANCESAFETY

☐ Air Conditioning

☐ Auto Climate Control

☐ Power Mirrors

☐ Power Moonroof

To add that section to the detail page, including all the listing's features, you check off the features on the right side of the post screen:


VisualText

Donec eu libero

3, 2012 at 10:00 pm

Status: **Published** [Edit](#)

Visibility: **Public** [Edit](#)

 Published on: **Aug 17, 2010 @ 17:12** [Edit](#)

[Move to Trash](#)[Update](#)

Features

All FeaturesMost Used

☒ Comfort

☒ Air Conditioning☒ Auto Climate Control☒ Power Mirrors☒ Power Moonroof

☒ Performance

☒ 17-inch Wheels☒ Alloy Wheels

☒ Safety

[+ Add New Features](#)

Manufacturer

All ManufacturersMost Used

☒ Ford

☐ Honda

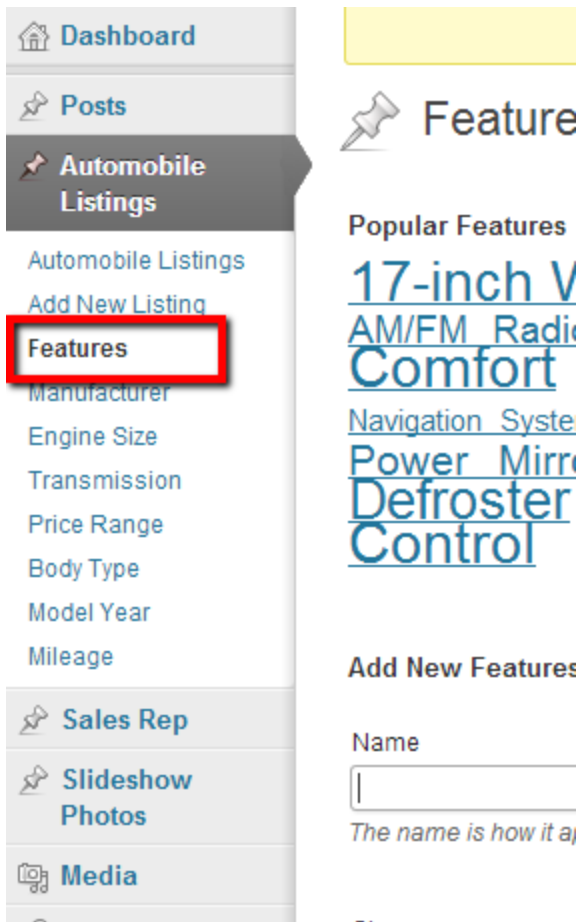
☐ Mazda

☐ Porsche

☐ Toyota

[+ Add New Manufacturer](#)

If you don't have any features there yet, they are easy to add. Just click the "features" link on the left of the screen:



You will see in the picture above that the features are grouped into TABS. This is done by making each tab a “parent” feature. So for example, make a feature called, say, “Comfort”. Then add another feature called “Heating”, and be sure to choose Comfort as the parent. Add your other child features under Comfort the same way.

If you don’t have any Parent features, then no tabs will be created, and instead all your features will be listed in a bulleted form in columns.

Adding images

You can add as many images as you like for the Listing. To add images, above the content section, click on the “Add Media” button. Upload all your images. After they upload, click on the “Save” button. You should be automatically moved into the “Gallery” tab. The Gallery tab shows you all the images that you uploaded for the current Listing. The top most image in the list will be the main image shown

in the slideshow. You can click and drag the order of the images around. Make sure the representative image is on top. Click Save when you're done, then EXIT the window by clicking the X on the top right. Don't exit by clicking "Insert Gallery". If you do that, then all your uploaded images will be inserted into the post, which is NOT what you want. If you do this accidentally, no worries. Just go into the content area of the post and delete the Gallery text that was added.

You can return add, delete, and rearrange the vehicle's images easily by clicking the "Add Media" button again. Remember, all your images associated with the current listing is in the "gallery" tab.

Adding video (optional)

Optionally you can add Youtube or Vimeo video to a listing. The theme will show a thumbnail of the video, and when clicked, it will open up in a lightbox and play. You can add as many videos as you like.

To add video, you need to enter the Youtube or Vimeo URL in the corresponding section. If you want to include multiple videos, enter each URL on a new line.

You also need to add an image that will show as the video's thumbnail. This can be any image, including a video screen capture, or even just a photo. Enter the URL to the image in the "Video thumbnail image" section. If you have multiple videos, enter each image on a new line.

Entering Manufacturer information

The next 2 settings, "Primary Search Manufacturer" and "Secondary Search Manufacturer" are **very important** because they are used when site visitors search the site by manufacturer.

Primary Search Manufacturer

Choose a manufacturer from the "Primary Search Manufacturer" dropdown list. This chosen manufacturer will be used when people "Search" for listings. The manufacturers in this dropdown are defined in Appearance -> Theme Options. Tailor it to your own needs.

Secondary Search Manufacturer

In the demo site, when you do a search, and you choose a Manufacturer, a secondary dropdown list appears with manufacturer "models". This is called the "Secondary Search Manufacturer", and is **optional**. By default, and as demonstrated in the demo, when you choose a "Manufacturer" from the first dropdown, a second dropdown appears with a list of models from that manufacturer.

You can disable the secondary dropdown (for models) by going to Appearance -> Theme Options -> General -> Enable Secondary Search Manufacturer.

Listing Information

All of the rest of the data entry for the listing should be self explanatory. Fill in price, body type, etc. When you are done, click the Publish button.

Creating a news/blog post

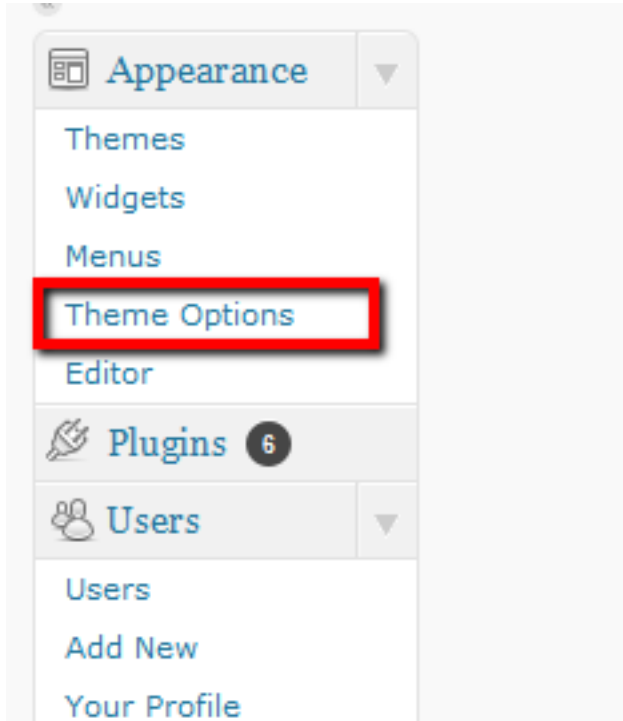
Creating a regular news/blog/whatever post couldn't be simpler. Simply add a new "Post". Type in a title and body text.

Setting a Featured Image

You can have a "Featured Image" for your posts. This image will show up as a small thumbnail or full width image depending on the page view. The image is added with WordPress' "Featured Image" feature. Click "Set featured image", and the rest is self explanatory.

The last step is putting your post in the correct category. In the Categories section, put your post in your desired category (i.e. Blog, News, or even both!) Then click on the Publish button.

Theme Options



The Theme Options page in the wp-admin dashboard is your Control Central for everything in the theme. It is found in Appearance -> Theme Options. It is critical that you become comfortable with it and are aware of it's many settings. All of the settings include a description of what they do. If anything is unclear or confusing, please don't hesitate to contact me.

The Theme Options are divided into 8 sections:

General

Includes settings for color scheme, Logo settings, and some critical settings that must be set or the theme won't work.

Slideshow

Includes all the settings for controlling the behavior of the Slideshow on the homepage. You can control the transition effect, number of items to show, the order of items, exactly which items show, and more.

Social Networking

Includes all the settings you need for setting up your Twitter, Facebook, and other social networking sites.

Hide or Show Stuff

Settings to hide or show elements/features of this theme. For example, if you don't use Twitter, you can "hide" it from the homepage and the sidebar.

Custom Text

Controls all the headings and labels used throughout the site. Handy if you don't like my wording, or if your site is in a language other than English.

Browse By

Options for the "Browse by" section in the menu bar. Change wording of the menu items, include/exclude certain Browse By items, etc.

Miscellaneous

Settings that didn't find a home in any section above. Like Jpg quality, Google Maps API Key and lots more

Browse By...

To better understand what this feature is, check out the demo site's main menu. There is a Browse item. When you hover over it the dropdown shows that you can browse listings according to Features, manufacturer, Engine Size, Transmission, and more. This is an alternate way to find a listing if you don't want to perform an actual Search.

In the right column of each Listing post are sections for "Features", "Manufacturer", "Engine Size", "Transmission", "Price Range", "Body Type", "Model Year", and "Mileage". I said in a previous page that these sections are **optional**, and only required if you want to be able to browse by these categories (WP calls them Taxonomies).

On a fresh theme install, these taxonomy groups will be blank. You will need to populate them with values. You can add them right in the Listing Post right sidebar, or in the left sidebar (Under Automobile Listings you'll see Features, Manufacturers, Engine Size, etc.). Once all your taxonomy items are added, you simply check off the appropriate one for each Listing post.

For example, if an automobile is from 2010, \$25,000, and a Convertible, you could check off the following:

- Body Type: Convertible
- Price Range: \$20,000 – \$30,000
- Model Year: 2005-2010

Note: Setting these **DO NOT** affect the search engine at all. The search engine looks at the other Listing post data.

Finally, make sure the "Browse By" menu item is enabled by going to Appearance -> Theme Options (Browse By section). Make sure the first option is set to "Yes". Also below that, you can customize the wording of your browse categories, as well as options to exclude them from the menu altogether.

Setting up the Search Box

The Automotiv theme features an advanced search box where you can perform a specific search for a listing based on manufacturer, minimum, maximum price, body type, etc.

The Manufacturers, minimum price, maximum price, and Body Type need to be configured. This section details how to do that.

Search by Manufacturer

Searching by manufacturer is quite powerful. Before going through this, please check out the theme demo to review how it functions. This tutorial will make more sense. When you click on the main “Manufacturer” dropdown, a dropdown of some manufacturers appears. (This can be changed to anything you like). After you choose a manufacturer, another dropdown menu appears with automobile “models” for the chosen manufacturer. In this documentation, I refer to the first dropdown as “Primary search manufacturer”, and I refer to the second dropdown as “Secondary search manufacturer”.

Keep in mind that the Secondary Search Manufacturer is **optional**.

Customizing the Primary Search Locations

In Appearance -> Theme Options -> General, you will see a section to enter your Primary Search Manufacturers. Enter each manufacturer on a separate line with no blank lines at the end.

Adding Secondary Search Manufacturers

First, in Appearance -> Theme Options -> General section, be sure to enable “Secondary Search Manufacturers”.

This part is relatively tricky, so I think the best way to learn how this works is to look at the demo. Let's choose a Manufacturer: Ford, as an example. When you click on Ford, a secondary listbox appears with “Models” for Ford. Where are the models for Ford stored? They are in a folder called `/secondary_search_manufacturers`, right in the root of your site. Go in that folder, and you'll see some text (.txt) files, each one corresponding to a manufacturer. The models for Ford are in the `Ford.txt` file. Note how “Ford” is spelled exactly the same as it is in the Primary Search Locations in “Theme Options”. Open that file. You'll see each model is on its own line. Follow the same code format to add or edit the locations.

The key here is that each text (.txt) file must be in the `/secondary_search_manufacturers` folder and must

have the EXACT SAME NAME (case sensitive) as it's name in the Primary Search Locations list that you set in Theme Options.

Customizing the Max and Min Price

Enter the price levels to be used in the Min and Max prices dropdowns in the Search, in Appearance -> Theme Options -> General -> Price Levels.

Editing the Body Types

You can easily edit the Body Types list in the search by going to Appearance -> Theme Options -> General -> Body Types. Enter each body type on a new line. Make sure to not have any blank lines.

Setting up the Footer (widgetized areas)

The footer is entirely made up of 4 Widgetized areas. When you go to Appearance -> Widgets, you'll see Footer1, Footer2, Footer3, and Footer4. Here is how we set up the demo footer:

Footer1

We dragged in the "Recent Posts" widget into this Widget area.

Footer2

This is a standard Text Widget. Drag a Text Widget in there and give it a title and some content.

Footer3

The Google Maps is actually a Text Widget. You'll need to go to <http://maps.google.com> and find your business location. Then click on the button called "Link" in the top right of the screen. Then click the "Customize and Preview embedded map" link.

In the window that pops up enter a custom size of Width: 200 and Height: 180. Then copy the code at the bottom to the clipboard, and then paste it into your text widget. In the code, i also removed all text inside and including the <small> tag.

Footer4

The fourth and last footer widgetized area uses the "Contact Us" widget. Drag it into the Footer4 widget area, and fill in the textboxes with your contact information.

Customizing text

You can customize the text of various parts of the site, like for the search box labels, heading text, error messages, the intro text, and more. To do this, go to Appearance -> Theme Options -> Custom Text. For the wording for the features list (in the Listing Detail page, next to the large slideshow image), you need to hand edit `/includes/features.php`. A future update will allow editing this text from Theme Options, but for now you must edit this file.

If you need to change the wording for things that are shown in the WP backend, like when you make a Listing post, etc., you need to hand edit the `functions.php` file. Just do a search for the word you need to change and you'll find where to change it. Just be careful to not break the code.

Changing the Header image

The header image by default is a subtle image of a “floor plan”. There is no way to change this in the Theme Options currently, but it’s not difficult to change. The image is called header.png and it’s stored in the /images folder. It’s 960×152 in size. Feel free to create any header image you want that is the same size. Save it in the /images folder with the name header.png. If you name it something else, then you must edit the style.css. (In style.css, change the file name for the “#header” selector. Should be self explanatory when you see it.)

Creating Sales Reps

Create Sales Reps

To create a Sales Rep, go to the left column of wp-admin and click on Sales Rep-> Add New Sales Rep. For the title, enter the rep's name. For the content, put in some bio text for the agent. And under that, enter phone, fax, email, etc.

You add an "image" the same way that you do for adding images to a Listing. Click on the "Add Media" button. Upload a single image to represent the person. When you're done, exit the window by clicking the "X" at the top right.

Add more reps the exact same way.

Creating the "Sales Reps" Page

Create a "Page". Give it a title like "Sales Reps". Add some content if you want, or not.

Give this page a Page Template of "Sales Reps", then click Publish.

Now add it to your menu bars by going to Appearance -> Menus. Add the Sales Rep page that you created to the menu and drag it in position.

Setting up the Contact Us page

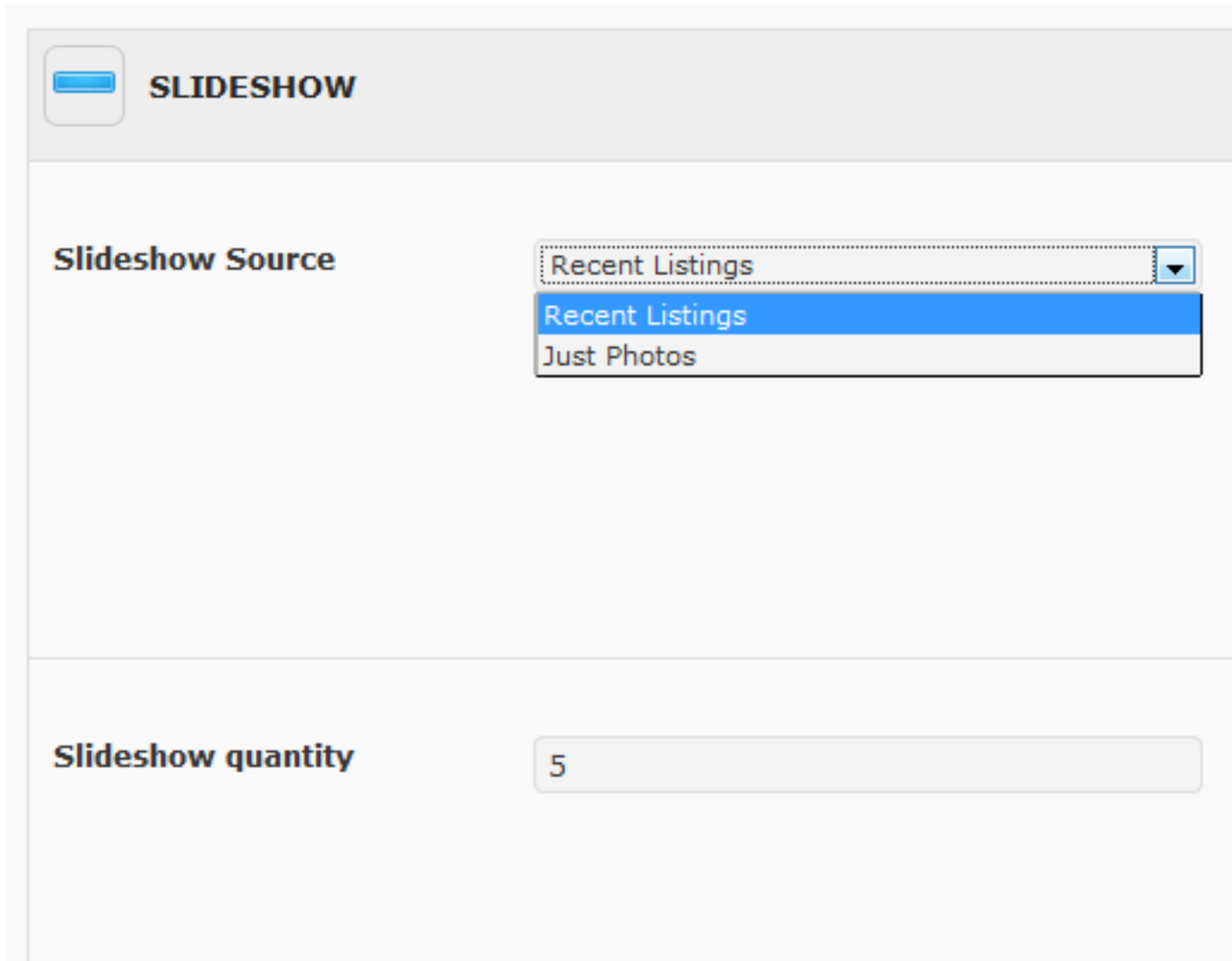
The contact form is made possible by the fantastic [Contact Form 7 plugin](#). Once installed and activated, go to its Control Panel (bottom left of the wp-admin dashboard). You can configure the form however you like, or just keep the defaults.

When it's all set up, copy the shortcode at the top of that page.

Create a new "Page", and set the Template to "Contact". Enter a page title, and some optional body text. In the body of the post, PASTE the shortcode that you copied. Publish the page, and you're done!

Customizing the Slideshow

Source of the Slideshow



The screenshot shows a settings panel titled "SLIDESHOW" with a blue minus icon in a square button to its left. The panel is divided into two sections. The top section, labeled "Slideshow Source", contains a dropdown menu currently set to "Recent Listings". The dropdown menu is open, showing two options: "Recent Listings" (highlighted in blue) and "Just Photos". The bottom section, labeled "Slideshow quantity", contains a text input field with the number "5" entered.

SLIDESHOW

Slideshow Source

Recent Listings

Recent Listings

Just Photos

Slideshow quantity

5

The slideshow on the homepage can pull in slides from one of two places.

- Recent property listings
- Slideshow photos “post type”

Recent listings

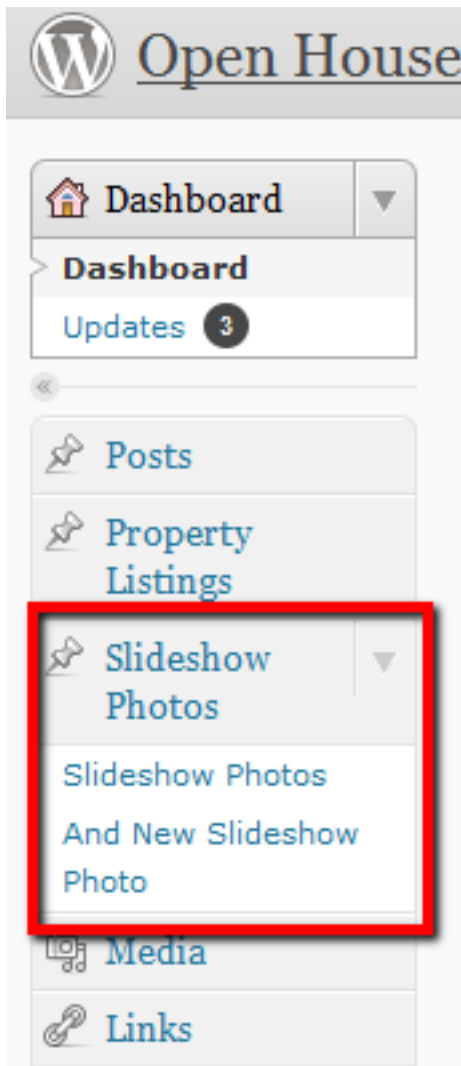
This is the default. In Appearance -> Theme Options -> Slideshow, be sure the Slideshow Source setting is

set to “Recent Listings”.

The slideshow will get populated by recent Listings. When you create a Listing, be sure to set the “Include in Slideshow” setting to “Yes”. The Appearance ->Theme Options -> Slideshow, has settings for the slideshow transition type, quantity of slides to show, and more.

Slideshow Photos “post type”

In Appearance -> Theme Options ->Slideshow, be sure the Slideshow Source setting is set to “Just Photos”.



In the left side of the wp-admin Dashboard is a post type called “Slideshow Photos”. Under that, click on “Add New Slideshow Photo”. Add a single photo to each post. To add a photos, click on the “Add Media” button above the content textbox. Upload your image, and then exit the window by clicking the “X” in the top right. Publish the page. Add another post for your next slideshow

Multilingual (translatable) version

Note: The Loan Calculator is NOT translatable.

Switch to Multilanguage mode

By default the theme is NOT in multilanguage mode. So go to Theme Options -> General Settings, and the very top setting is “Multilingual Site”? Change it to “Yes”.

Important resources

[Poedit](#)

Software to convert .po to .mo

[Qtranslate plugin](#)

This is a required plugin. See below.

qTranslate Plugin

The qTranslate plugin is the required one to use for one BIG reason: You only need to post a listing ONCE. Only the title and “content area” is entered for each language, but the listings, and all other info is entered just once. Great!

In the /lang folder you'll see a file called en_US.po. This file was generated from the theme to get every bit of text that can be translated. You need to make a COPY of this file and rename it for all of your site languages. For example, for German, copy and rename it to be de_DE.po, for french, fr_FR.po, etc.

To translate, you will need to open each .po file in a program called Poedit:

<http://www.poedit.net/download.php>. Once opened, you click on each bit of text, and at the bottom of the window type in your translation for that text. Do this for all the bits of text. If you leave anything untouched, then the site will show it in the default theme text.

Once you're done translating the .po file, for example, fr_FR.po, go to File -> Save. This will AUTOMATICALLY create a file called fr_FR.mo. (it takes the .po file and saves it with the same name, but with a .mo file extension). Upload that file (e.g. fr_FR.mo) to the theme's /lang folder.

Do this same process for all your .po files. When you're done, you may have files like this in the /lang folder:

/lang/en_EN.mo

/lang/fr_FR.mo

/lang/de_DE.mo

/lang/ru_RU.mo

...etc.

Even if your default language is English, and you need to change the default English text included with the theme, you will have to work with an en_EN.po file (do translations in English, and then convert to en_EN.mo). So don't directly edit the php files for changing the default English text!

Now when you switch languages in your theme, the site should use the .mo files to change all the text.

If you make any changes or additions to the site, regarding to anything translatable, you may need to create a new .po file. To do that, you can use Poedit, but I honestly find it way too difficult and not very intuitive. I find it easier to use this web site: http://www.icanlocalize.com/tools/php_scanner You'll need to put all your php files from the root of the theme + the /includes folder into a single zip file. Then upload that zip to the site and it will make a .po file very quickly.

Body Types

The search area has a dropdown of Body Types. You'll need to edit the html for that dropdown for your default language. Edit near the bottom of /includes/customsearchform.php. Important: The values of each hard coded Body Type MUST MATCH EXACTLY with the Body Types that you have entered in Theme Options -> General. (The Body Types in the Theme Options aren't used for the search, but it is used when you choose a Body Type when you make a new Listing).

Custom Shortcodes

See [here for examples and documentation](#) for basic shortcodes

See [here for examples and documentation](#) for multi-column text shortcodes (for full width layouts)

See [here for examples and documentation](#) for multi-column text shortcodes (when there is one sidebar in your layout)