GT-BASIC Theme manual

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# Introduction

The gt-basic LimeSurvey 3 GemsTracker integration theme simplifies the use of LimeSurvey 3 and later in conjunction with GemsTracker projects.

It does this by adding theme options that you can configure either for the whole theme or separately for each single survey. These are the options most regularly requested by users.

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We thank these organizations for their contributions and for making the code freely available under new BSD license.

# Installing the gt-basic theme

There are two methods to install the gt-basic, either it comes pre-installed with GemsTracker, or you can download and install the theme yourself. In both cases all you need is the administrative right in LimeSurvey to access and use the Themes page through the configuration menu.

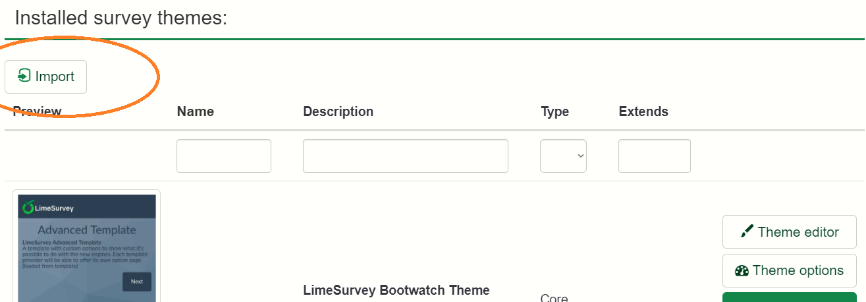
## Using a preinstalled version

Always check whether the theme has already been installed[[1]](#footnote-1) – but not activated. Scroll to the bottom of the themes page and check for Available survey themes.

If you see can the theme as in the illustration, just click on the install button, otherwise you can just download and install the theme. However if the theme has been added, you can proceed to the next steps: customizing the theme and making it the default theme.

## Downloading and importing

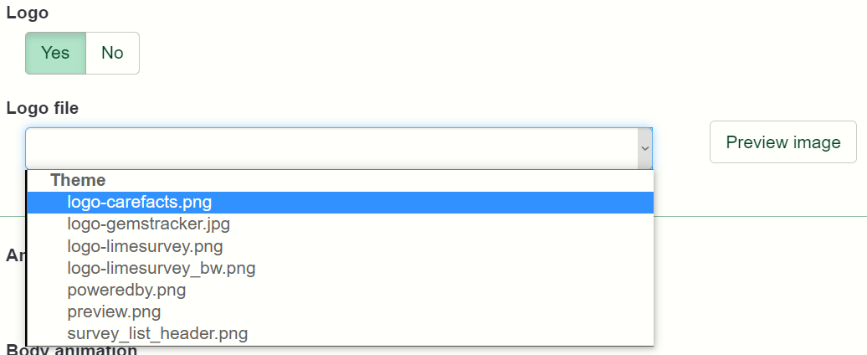
If the theme is not yet available, download the .zip theme file from GitHub:  
 <https://github.com/GemsTracker/ls3-basic-themes/tree/main/downloads>

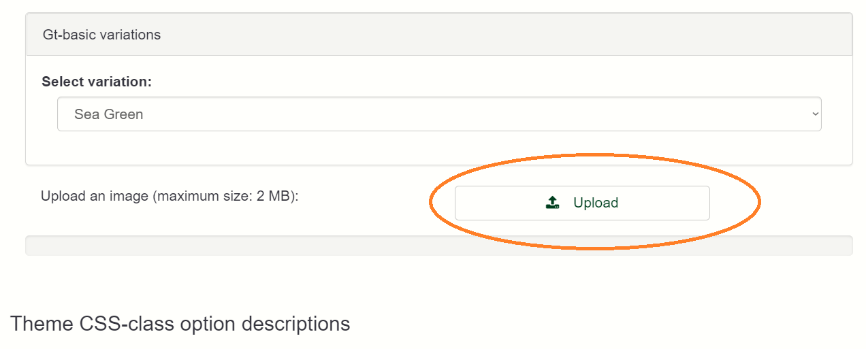
Next install the template by uploading it on the LimeSurvey themes page. Click on the import button and upload the theme file.

If any error message appears: stay calm and read what it says, e.g. that the theme already exists.

## Customizing the theme

After the theme is installed it will appear in the list of installed survey themes, just like all the other themes. You can use the theme options buttons to customize the theme. At the top of this page you will see the **GT Theme options** which we will describe in extensive detail in the rest of this document.

In this section we describe the use of the standard LimeSurvey Fruity theme options to add logo’s and choose a colour scheme. Scroll down the options page until you see the **Logo** and **Logo file** options. As you can see we have provided some default logo’s.

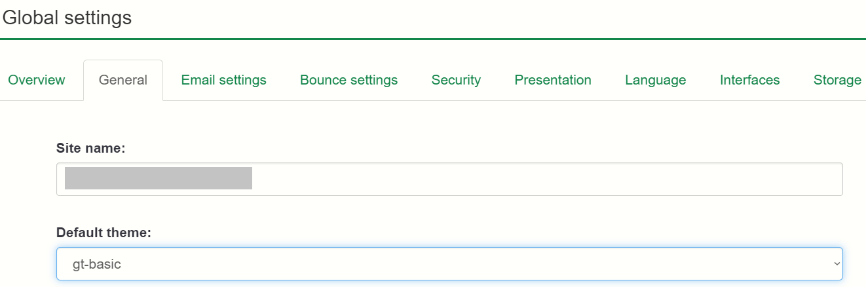
You can add **your own logo** to this list using the upload button at the bottom of the screen You can add several logos here. Only one logo will be the standard logo for this theme, but you can choose to use a different logo by making an extended version of this theme or you can choose a different logo by changing the theme options for a specific survey.

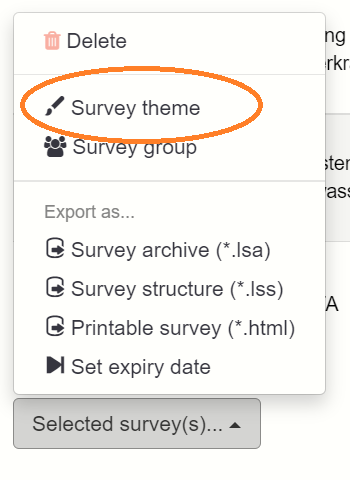
Above the upload button you can also choose to use a default variation. This allows you to choose a **different colour scheme**. Instead of green you can go for red, blue, black, etc…

## Using the theme

To use the theme you have to set it for each survey. You can do this by opening the survey and choosing General Settings from the navigation menu.

On the right you see where you can choose the theme (here it is called template, because that was what it was called in a previous version of LimeSurvey).

You can also make this theme the default theme for new surveys by changing the Global Settings. (Choose the Configuration menu on top and then under Settings: Global settings.) You find the default theme in the General tab.

This will work for new surveys. You can change the theme for existing surveys one by one, but there is also a bulk theme change option for selected surveys at the bottom of the survey list screen.

Another option is only available if you have access to the database of the installation and can send SQL queries to the database. There are some useful example queries available at [GitHub](https://github.com/GemsTracker/ls3-basic-themes/tree/main/sql).

# Using the extended functionality

## Saving using GemsTracker

1. Instructions for pre-installing the theme and other technical adaptations can be found in the [README.md](https://github.com/GemsTracker/ls3-basic-themes) of this GitHub project. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)