Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com

A how-to guide and general information to help you get the most out of your new theme.

Firstly, a huge thanks for purchasing this theme, your support is truly appreciated!

This document covers the installation and use of this theme and often reveals answers to common problems and issues - I encourage you to read this document thoroughly if you are experiencing any difficulties. If you have any questions that are beyond the scope of this document, feel free to pose them in the dedicated support forum.

Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com

Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com

Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com

1. Getting Started

To install this theme you must have a working version of WordPress already installed. For information in regard to installing the WordPress platform, please see the WordPress Codex - http://codex.wordpress.org/Installing_WordPress

1.1 Installation

When you are ready to install a theme, you must first upload the theme files and then activate the theme itself. The theme files can be uploaded in two ways:

- **FTP Upload:** Using your FTP program, upload the non-zipped theme folder into the /wp-content/themes/ folder on your server.
- **WordPress Upload:** Navigate to Appearance > Add New Themes > Upload. Go to browse, and select the zipped theme folder. Hit "Install Now" and the theme will be uploaded and installed.

Once the theme is uploaded, you need to activate it. Go to Appearance > Themes and activate your chosen theme.

1.2 Setting up the Portfolio

To set up the portfolio section, you must create a new page, you can do so by navigating to Pages > Add New. You can give this page a title of "portfolio" yet you do not have to include any content. Select the "Portfolio" template from the Page Attributes section and click "Publish". The main portfolio section can now be viewed by visiting the page you just created.

You can elect to have the portfolio as your homepage by navigating to Settings > Reading and selecting the portfolio page from the "Front page displays" options. If you do, you must create an additional page called "blog" and choose this page as the posts page homepage from the same reading settings.

Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com
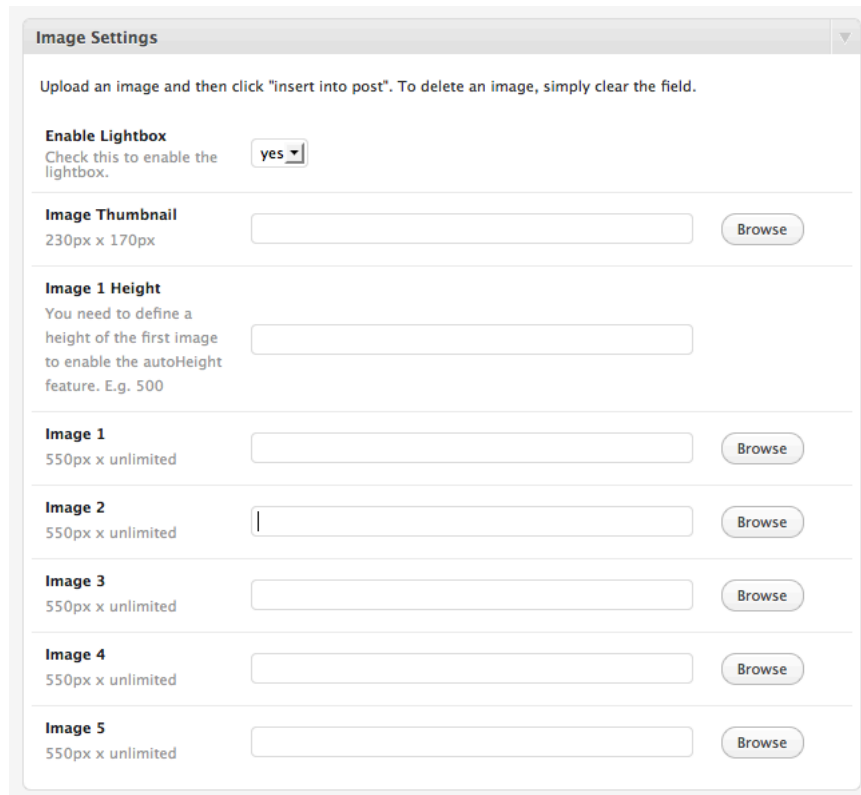
1.2.1   Adding Portfolio Items

To add a new portfolio item, navigate to Portfolio > Add New. Here you can add a brief description of the project, assign various categories and upload media.

1.2.2   Adding Images

You will need to upload various images to each portfolio item for it to display correctly. Each portfolio item can display a slider of up to 5 images. To upload each image, browse your computer from the "Image Settings" section, upload, and choose "Insert Into Post" to set. Each image must be 550px in width but can be any height.

You can create a thumbnail for each project which can be uploaded in the same manner as all other images. Thumbnails must be 230px x 170px.

Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com

In addition to the 5 slider images, each portfolio item will make use of a "featured image". Your assigned featured image will show in the item's lightbox should you choose to enable it from the settings shown above.

1.2.3 Adding Video

Each portfolio item can display either a self hosted video or video embedded from YouTube or Vimeo. To add a video from either Vimeo or YouTube, simply copy and paste the provided Embed code in the appropriate section. The dimensions are 550px x unlimited. The embedded options override all other options, so if you want to use the self-hosted solution then make sure the embed fields are empty.

To add a self hosted video you must first upload your video(s) to your server, you can do this with the built in WordPress media uploader or via FTP. You will need to provide both .m4v and .ogv files in order for the video to work in all browsers. You can also optionally provide a "Poster Image" link to an image that will operate as a video preview. You will need to provide a height for the video for the theme to function correctly.

Video Settings

These settings enable you to embed videos into your portfolio pages.

Video Height
The video height (e.g. 500).

M4V File URL
The URL to the .m4v video file

OGV File URL
The URL to the .ogv video file

Poster Image
The preivew image.

Embedded Code
If you are using something other than self hosted video such as Youtube or Vimeo, paste the embed code here. Width is best at 550px with any height.

This field will override the above.

Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com

1.2.4 Adding Skill Types

If you wish to categorise your portfolio items, you can assign skill types. A skill type is similar to a post category and assigning them will enable you to create portfolio pages dedicated to a single discipline. You can create new skill types by navigating to Portfolio > Skill Types or they can be created from the portfolio item creation page.

1.2.5 Additional Info Settings

You can add a small amount of additional information to each portfolio item. The portfolio caption will display in the top right corner of the page with the external link just underneath.

2. Theme Features

The theme comes packed with features that control the layout and extend the functionality of WordPress. This section will document those features and how to use them successfully.

Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com

2.1 Post Formats

When creating a post, you will be able to choose from a selection of formats - these formats affect the styling of each post. The available formats are:

1. Standard
2. Aside
3. Gallery
4. Link
5. Image
6. Quote
7. Audio
8. Video

Some of these post formats will have their own custom options. These custom options will only appear once the format is selected.

2.1.1 Standard
The standard format will show the title and content and does not have any custom options or display any featured images.

2.1.2 Aside
The aside format will show just the content. No title or featured images will be displayed. This is good for small snippets of text.

2.1.3 Gallery
The gallery format will display a slider with all the images attached to that post. To attach an image to the post, simply upload your images using the media uploader whilst creating or editing the post. Make sure you upload more than one image. If you only want to show one image, use the "Image Post Format" instead. These images will be resized to fit the theme dimensions.

- 360px x 270px – Archive pages
- 550px x unlimited – Single pages

2.1.4 Link

The link format has one custom option called "The URL". This is where you place the link URL. The title of the post will be the link text. This format will also display the content if you choose to have any.

2.1.5 Image

The image format will display the title, content and a featured image. Make sure to create a featured image for this post format. The featured image will be resized automatically to the following dimensions:

- 360px x unlimited – Archive pages
- 550px x unlimited – Single pages

2.1.6 Quote

The quote format has one option called "The Quote" which is where you provide the quote content. This format will display the quote along with some content if you choose to have any.

2.1.7 Audio

The audio format displays the title and content along with a custom audio player. You will have two custom options to fill. The first is the link to an .mp3 file and the second is to an .ogg or .oga file. It's important to fill out both in order for the audio player to work in all browsers. If you only supply one of them then be aware that the file may not work everywhere.

2.1.8 Video

The video format displays the title and content along with a custom video or an embedded player depending on the options you have selected.

If you're using the self-hosted video solution, you will need to provide a height for the homepage and for the actual post page. You will also need to provide both .m4v and .ogv files in order for the video to work in all browsers. You can also optionally provide a "Poster Image" link to an image that will operate as a video preview.

Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com

If you're using embedded video such as YouTube or Vimeo, you'll need to simply paste the code provided to you in the embedded field. You will need to do this in both the "Embedded Code" and "Large Embedded Code" custom options and to be sure to edit the sizes accordingly. There are details with each option which tell you what width to apply.

The embedded options override all other options, so if you want to use the custom video solution then make sure the embed fields are empty.

2.2 Custom Menus

If you using version 3.0 of WordPress or higher, you can setup custom menus. The theme does not use a menu location however you can still use your menus in widget areas.

To setup your custom menus, navigate to Appearance > Menus. Give your menu a name and build it up using the available widgets. You can add a variety of items including pages, categories, custom links. **To extend the available widgets, click the screen options tab at the very top of the screen and configure your options.**

2.3 Theme Options

The theme comes with a simple to use administration panel. You can access it by navigating to Appearance > Theme Options. The theme options are conveniently spread over a number of tabs and each tab contains the options that pertain to a particular area of the theme.

2.4 Custom Widgets

The theme comes with 2 custom widgets that can be used to configure how your site displays content - they can be found under Appearance > Widgets.

Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com

2.4.1 Custom Flickr Photos Widget

This widget allows you to configure and display Flickr photos from a user's photostream.

- **Title:** Title of the widget
- **Flickr ID:** The Flickr ID of the group or user's photos you wish to display. You can find out your Flickr ID at idGettr.com
- **Number of Photos:** Choose the number of photos to display
- **Type (user or group):** The type of user photos you which to display
- **Display (random or latest):** Choose how to display the photos

2.4.2 Custom Latest Tweets Widget

This widget allows you to configure and display your latest Twitter tweets.

Title: Title of the widget
Twitter Username: The username of the user's tweets you wish to display e.g. ormanclark
Number of tweets: Choose the number of tweets to display - max of 20
Follow Text: Choose the anchor text of the link to your Twitter profile. Omit this option if you do not wish to display a link.
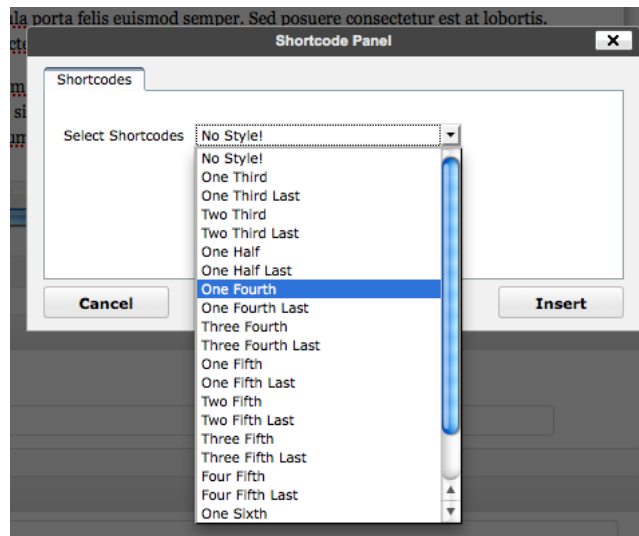
2.5 Shortcodes

The theme comes pre-packed with a number of shortcodes allowing you to add styled content to your site with little effort.

Conveniently, the available shortcodes have been included in a one-click menu. When creating a page or post, click the green "+" icon to reveal a list of shortcodes. Choose the functionality you wish to include and click "insert".

Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com

2.5.1 Column Shortcodes

The content can be split into multiple columns. For example, the option "One Half" from the shortcode panel will insert the necessary code to split the content into two.

Important: You must end each set of columns with a "last" option such as "One Half Last".

[one_half] Insert you content here [/one_half]
[one_half_last] Insert you content here [/one_half_last]

2.5.2 Button Shortcodes

These button shortcodes allows you to insert a button into your content and can be linked to the destination URL of your choice. Style options include white, grey, red, orange, green, teal, blue, navy, purple and black.

[button url="#" target="_self" size="small" style="white"] Button text [/button]

2.5.3   Alert Shortcodes

The alert shortcodes allow you to include passages of text styled with different colours. These could be used as alerts, warnings, notifications etc. Style options are white, red, orange and green.

[alert style="white"] This is a white alert! [/alert]

2.5.4   Toggle Shortcodes

The toggle shortcode allows you to surround your chosen content in a styled container than can be toggled open/closed by the user. You can choose the toggle title and initial open or closed state.

[toggle title="Title goes here" state="open"] Content goes here, html allowed. [/toggle]

2.5.5   Tabs Shortcodes

The tabbed content shortcode allows you to insert content into multiple tabs. The tabs can be viewed in turn by the user. You can include any number of tabs but you must ensure the number of titles and tabs match.

[tabs tab1="Tab 1 Title" tab2="Tab 2 Title" tab3="Tab 3 Title"]

[tab]Insert tab 1 content here[/tab]
[tab]Insert tab 2 content here[/tab]
[tab]Insert tab 3 content here[/tab]

[/tabs]

2.6   Custom Page Templates

The theme comes with a number of in built custom page templates. These templates can be used on individual pages to alter the display or functionality.

Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com

2.6.1   Archives Template

The theme comes packed with a simple archives template. To create your archives, simply create a page using the "Archives" page template. The archive lists will automatically display below any page content. Lists include the last 30 posts, archives by month and archives by subject.

2.6.2   Full Width Template

The Full Width template allows the creation of a page without a sidebar. The main content will span the full width of the site. To use the template, simply create a page using the "Full Width" page template.

2.6.3   Contact Form Template

The theme comes packed with a simple contact form. To use the form, simply create a page and use the "Contact" page template. The form will automatically insert below any page content. The form includes jQuery validation to enhance user experience and the recipient email can be configured from the theme options.

2.7   Custom Login Logo & Gravatar

The theme comes with inbuilt functions to replace both the default Gravatar and login logo. To replace the default Gravatar, replace gravatar.png with your chosen image in the theme /images/ folder. Upload the new image to your server via FTP and select the new Gravatar from the "Discussion" options which can be found under Settings > Discussion.
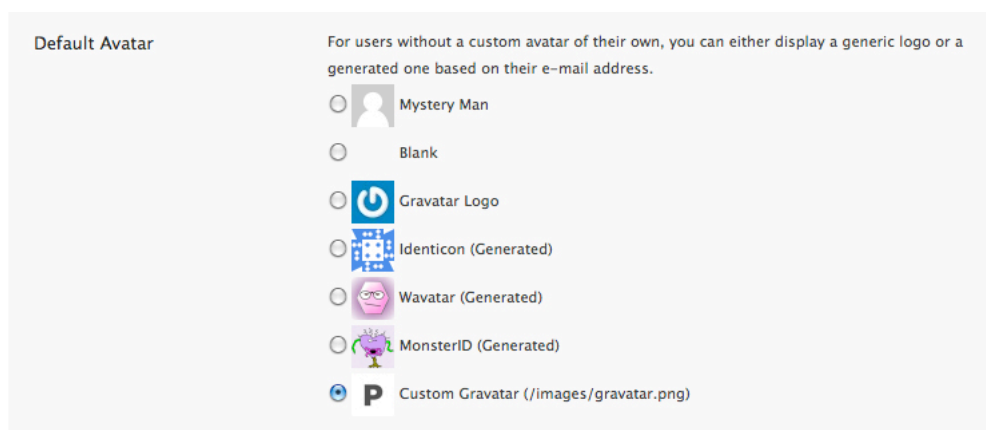
Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com

To replace the default login logo, replace custom-login-logo.png with your chosen image in the theme /images/ folder. Upload the new image to your server via FTP and the new logo will become visible on the WordPress login screen.
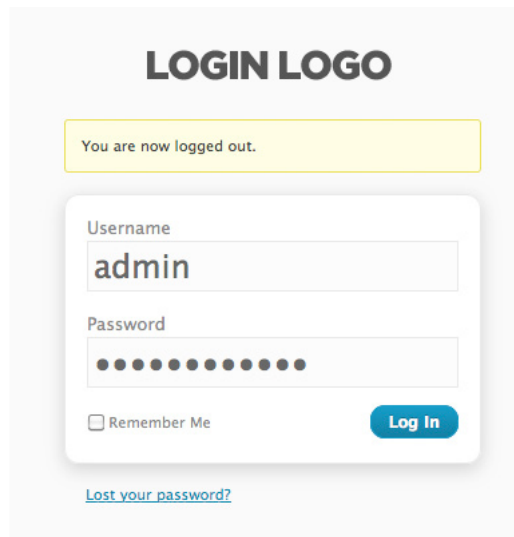
2.8 Featured Images

The theme supports the use of featured images. The theme supports auto-resizing of the featured images and so there is only the requirement to specify a single image. Auto-resizing will only occur however when the image is uploaded for the first time, images that have previously been uploaded will not be resized.

To upload a post thumbnail, go to Posts > Add New or open an existing post in editing mode. Locate the Featured Image module and click the Set featured image link.

Clicking the link will open up the usual WordPress image uploader where you will upload your image. Simply make sure that it is either the same size or larger than what the final thumbnail will be. Once you're done uploading the image, simply click the link that says "Set Featured Image", which is next to the button to insert it into the post.

For more on how to use the WP2.9+ Post Thumbnail feature you can view this article - http:// en.support.wordpress.com/featured-images/

3. Theme Files

This section discloses the sources of various files used within the theme and describes their function. Use this section to gain an understanding on how the theme functions behind the scenes if considering any type of modification.

3.1 Cascading Style Sheets

The theme includes a number of CSS files that are used at various times depending on user-controlled options. All CSS files, with the exception of the main CSS file (style.css) can be found in the theme's /css/ folder.

Style.css - The theme's main stylesheet and determines the majority of the theme's styling.

dark.css - The theme's dark skin stylesheet

light.css - The theme's light skin stylesheet

3.2 JavaScript Files

The theme imports various Javascript files depending on the page being viewed, widget configuration and settings in the theme options.

jQuery Library - jQuery is a fast and concise JavaScript Library that simplifies HTML document traversing, event handling, animating, and Ajax interactions for rapid web development. More information can be found at http://jquery.com/

jQuery Validation Plugin - This jQuery plugin makes simple clientside form validation trivial, while offering lots of option for customisation. More information can be found at http://bassistance.de/jquery-plugins/jquery-plugin-validation/

Slides.js - Slides is a simple slideshow plugin for jQuery. http://slidesjs.com/

Gridlocked WordPress Theme

Custom.js - This file controls various sections of JS throughout the theme dependant on settings in the theme options.

Custom.admin.js - This file controls various sections of JS throughout the theme's administration panel.

jQuery UI - jQuery UI provides abstractions for low-level interaction and animation. More information can be found at http://jqueryui.com/

jQuery Easing - A jQuery plugin from GSGD to give advanced easing options. More information can be found at http://gsgd.co.uk/sandbox/jquery/easing/

Fancybox - A tool for displaying images, html content and multi-media in a Mac-style "lightbox" that floats overtop of web page. More information can be found at http://fancybox. net/

JPlayer - The jQuery HTML5 Audio / Video Library. More information can be found at http:// www.jplayer.org/

Masonry - Masonry is a layout plugin for jQuery. More information can be found at http:// desandro.com/demo/masonry/docs/

jQuery UI - jQuery UI provides abstractions for low-level interaction and animation. More information can be found at http://jqueryui.com/

Shortcodes - This file controls various sections of JS which aid the shortcode functionality.

3.3   Photoshop Files

All PSDs included with the theme contain the necessary styling for all elements including layouts, icons and all custom widgets.

Gridlocked WordPress Theme

By Orman Clark - www.premiumpixels.com

Again, thank you for purchasing this theme!

If you have any questions that are beyond the scope of this document,
feel free to pose them in the dedicated support forum.