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Introduction to the ArsTropica Responsive Framework for WordPress

A Quick Introduction

The ArsTropica Responsive Framework is a proprietary, highly extensible, search-engine optimized WordPress Theme Framework featuring multiple widget areas, integration with ArsTropica's client infrastructure, grid-based responsive layouts and much more.

Framework Features

- Perfect for turnkey deployment, but also easily extensible for child theme development
- Search Engine Optimized - including integration with Facebook Open Graph and Google Rich Snippets
- Widget-ready areas (including mobile-only) with different configurations possible in Child Themes.
- Easy to Implement Customization Options
- Multiple layout options for 2 and 3 column designs
- Asset compression to increase load times
- Automatic integration with the ArsTropica CRM and the ArsTropica Dashboard
- Guest Demo functionality - allowing easy showcasing of Theme functionality and features via a single link.

What is a Framework?

A theme framework is a robust WordPress theme that acts as a platform on which your WordPress website can be created. The ArsTropica Responsive Framework integrates all of the SEO, security, and customization features to help you deploy the best site possible in minutes.

You can build your site using one of the available Child Themes and customize the appearance of the entire blog without having to write one line of code! You may also create additional Child Themes by leveraging the framework's library and many features.

What is a Child Theme?

A child theme is a layer of code that sits on top of the ArsTropica Responsive Framework, comprised mainly of the design elements of your site, but can also extend and modify the functionality of the ArsTropica Responsive Framework's default functions.

The Framework / Child Theme structure of site building is great, mainly because it separates out the performance issues of your site from the design issues. So, if you use a child theme, you can design all day long, without ever touching the critical, underlying code that makes ArsTropica Responsive sites so powerful.

Design what you want, and don't worry about bringing your site down in the process.

Child Theme Files

A ArsTropica Responsive child theme will generally be comprised, in part, of the following elements

- Screenshot --An image of the design that the theme will create around your content.
- Style sheet (required) --Determines the look of the site based on the HTML generated by ArsTropica Responsive and WordPress.
- css/default.css File (required) -- Contains the main styles for the child theme.
- Functions file (required) --Connects the child theme to the framework. Can also be used to add, remove, and modify elements from the framework defaults.
- index.php File (optional) --Generally used to generate the site structure and position widgets and create the site layout.
- home.php File (optional) -- Used to generate an alternate homepage for non-static blogs.
- page-{slug/id} (optional) -- Used to generate a specialized page template for a specific page.
- templates/content.php File (optional) -- Organizes the layout of the page/post/archive/etc. content. When used with index.php, it controls the appearance of each page on the blog.
- Other template files.

These elements are grouped together in what's known as a child theme directory and can be activated like any other WordPress theme.

How to Install the ArsTropica Responsive Framework (and a Child Theme)

Installing the ArsTropica Responsive Framework and a child theme is the same process for installing any WordPress theme, except that you're essentially installing two themes.

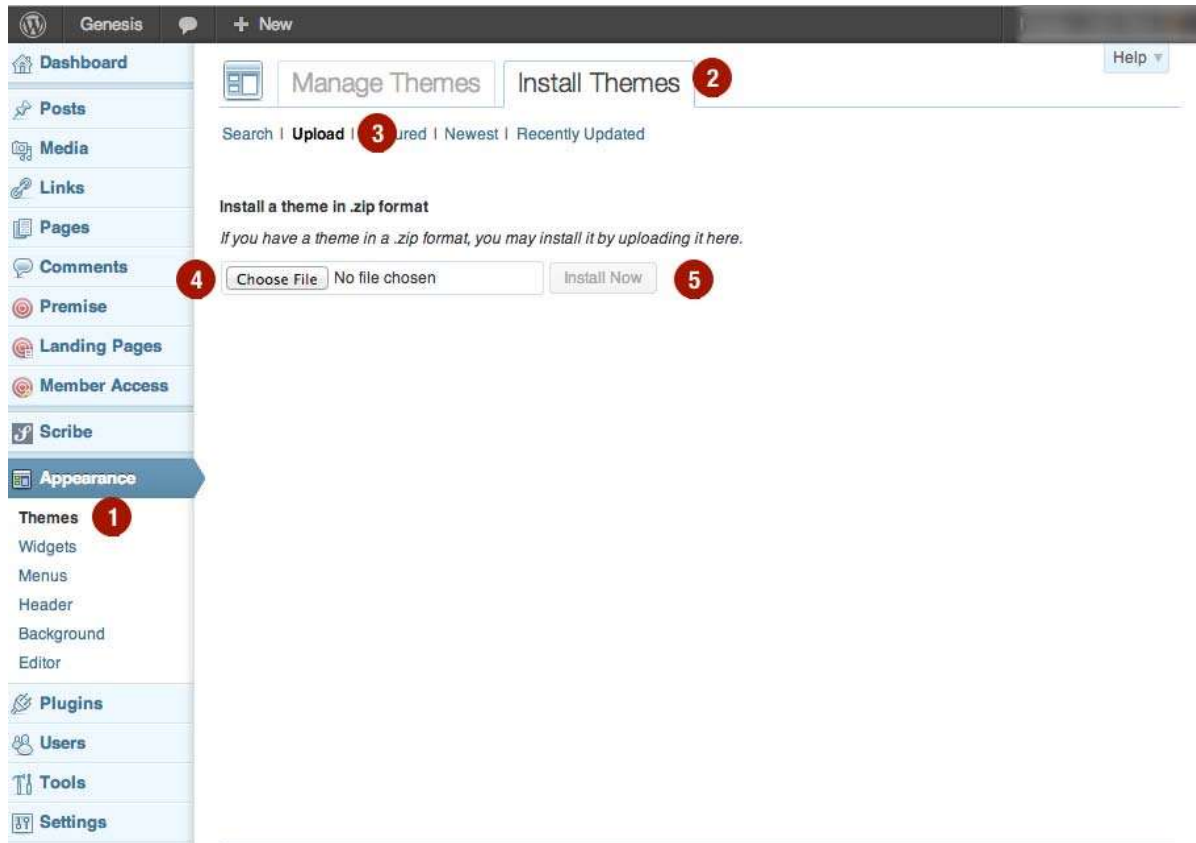
There are two ways to install the ArsTropica Responsive parent theme or a ArsTropica Responsive child theme:

- Manually with an FTP client (File Transfer Protocol transfers files from one host to another).
- Automatically through the upload feature in the WordPress dashboard.

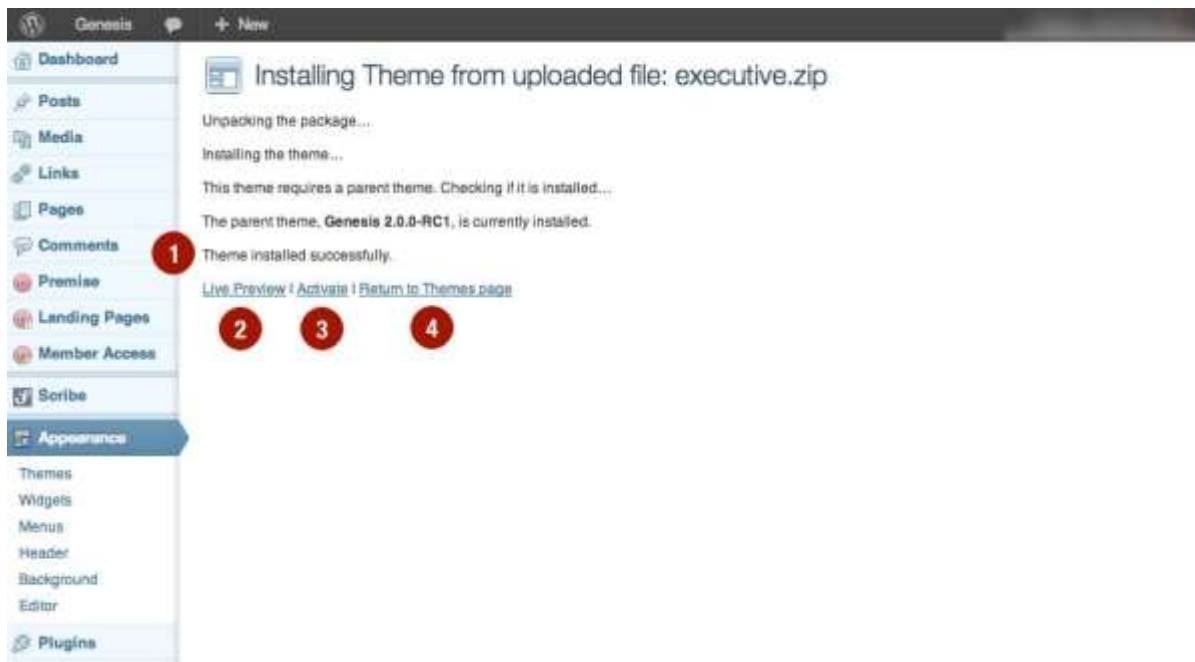
PLEASE NOTE: The ArsTropica Responsive Framework must be installed prior to activating a child theme and must remain in the `/wp-content/themes/` directory on your server. The directory that contains the ArsTropica Responsive framework files must be named "arstropica".

Installing ArsTropica Responsive Framework from Inside WordPress

1. To install a theme from inside your WordPress admin panel, mouse over the Appearance menu item and select "Themes."



2. At the top of the screen, click on "Install Themes."
3. Click on the "Upload" link.
4. Using the "Choose File" button, find the zip file for the theme.
5. Once you have the zip file in the Choose File field, the "Install Now" button will become active. Click the "Install Now" button.
6. You will see the "Theme installed successfully" message, indicating a successful upload.
7. "Live Preview" will display your site using the newly installed theme in a preview mode so you can see what it would look like.



8. "Activate" will apply the newly installed theme to your live site.
9. "Return to Themes page" will take you to the Appearance > Themes page. Here you can see all the installed themes.

To install a ArsTropica Responsive Child Theme, return to the "Install Themes" screen and repeat steps 1-5 above.

Installing Using FTP

If you choose to install ArsTropica Responsive framework and your child theme via FTP (or your web host's control panel) first unzip the theme package to your computer's desktop.

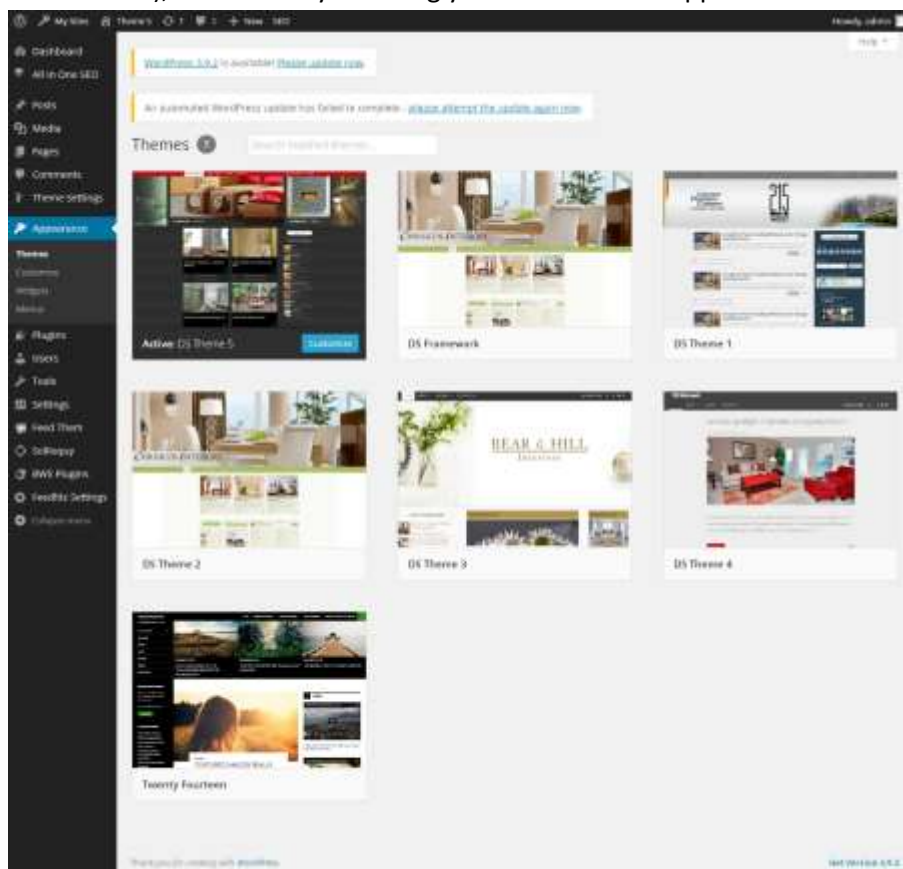
Some popular FTP programs to use for this process include CuteFTP, FileZilla, and FireFTP for Firefox.

The three-step install:

1. Connect to your site via FTP and navigate to the themes directory (typically /wp-content/themes/).
2. Upload the entire "arstropica" directory to the themes directory. The folder name must be "arstropica". Also, there must not be any other directories before ArsTropica Responsive/style.css and the rest of the files.
3. Upload the entire child theme directory to /wp-content/themes/. If you are renaming the child theme directory, avoid using special characters, including spaces.

Activating a Theme

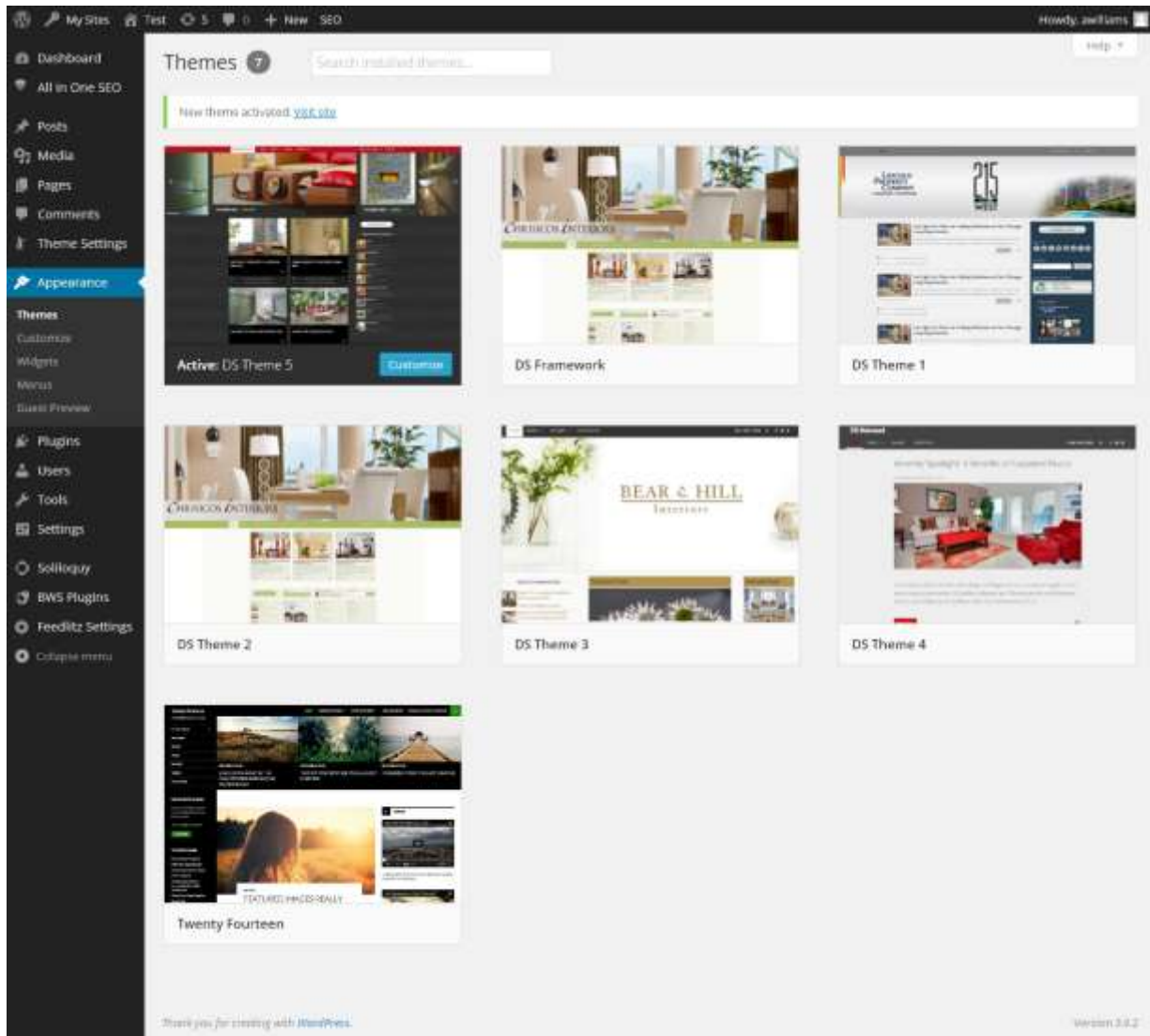
1. After you have installed the ArsTropica Responsive Framework (and a ArsTropica Responsive Child Theme), activate it by hovering your mouse over "Appearance" and select "Themes."



2. You will see a screenshot of all the available themes, including the ArsTropica Responsive Framework and ArsTropica Responsive Child Themes you have installed. Click the "Activate" link below the theme you want to install.

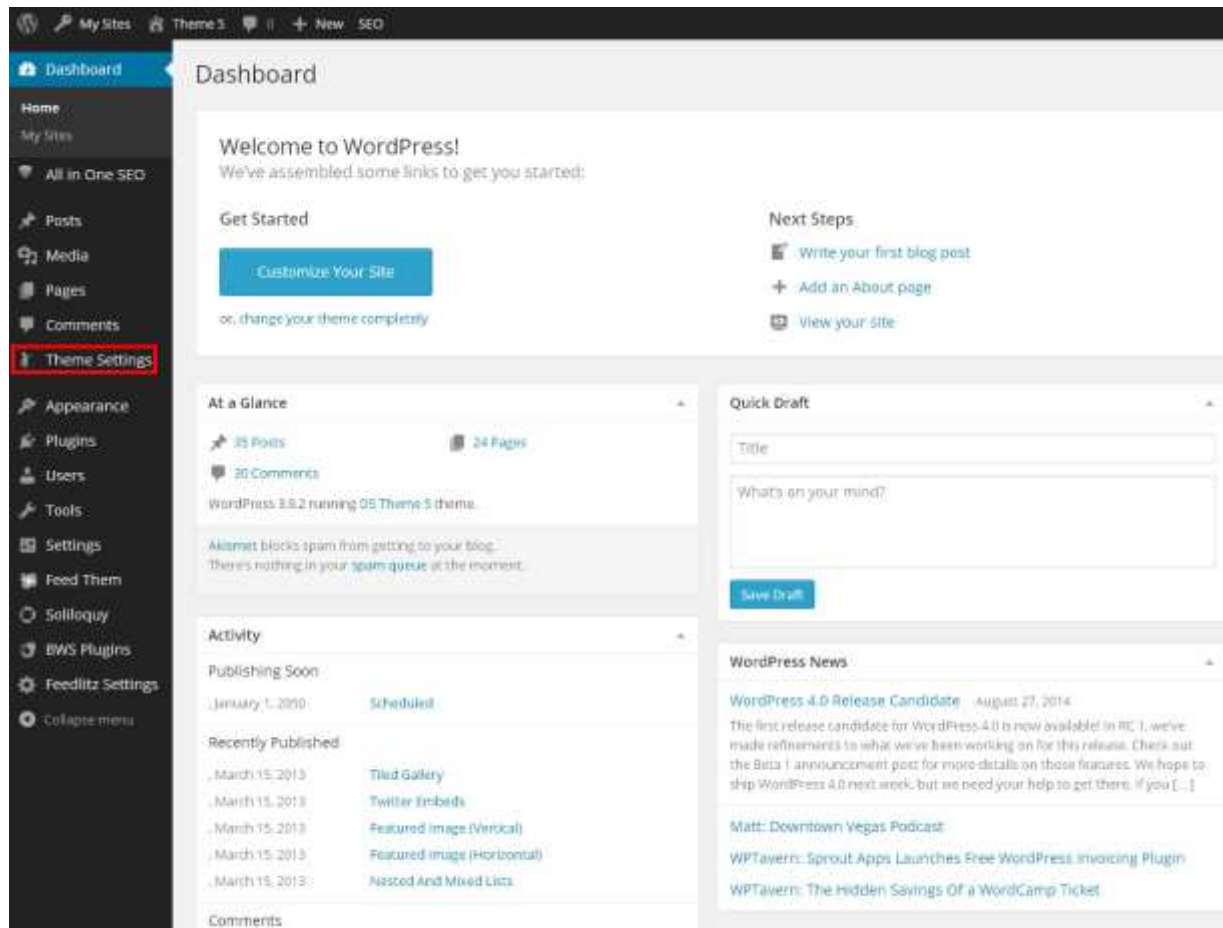
PLEASE NOTE: If you are using a ArsTropica Responsive Child Theme, it is not necessary to activate the ArsTropica Responsive Framework theme. Be sure the ArsTropica Responsive Framework is installed and activate a Child Theme.

Your ArsTropica Responsive Theme is activated as confirmed by the "New theme activated" message. And the ArsTropica Responsive Theme displays in the "Current Theme" area.

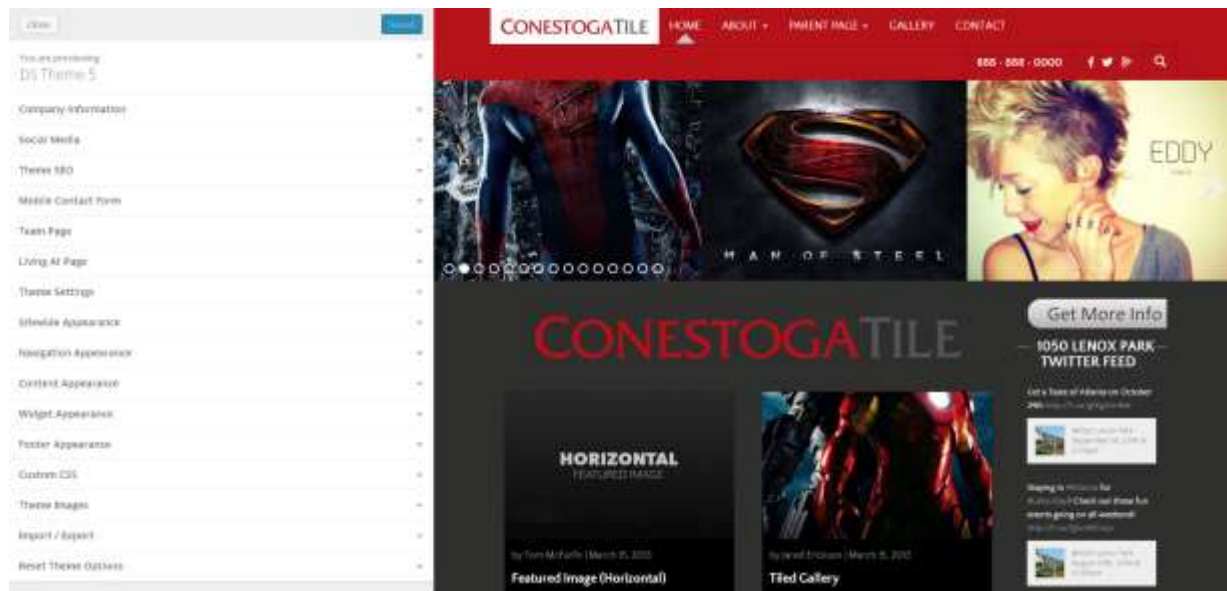


An Overview of the Basic Settings of the ArsTropica Responsive Framework

Theme Settings



The screenshot displays the WordPress dashboard interface. On the left, a dark sidebar contains a menu with various options. The 'Theme Settings' option, located between 'Comments' and 'Appearance', is highlighted with a red rectangular box. The main content area of the dashboard is titled 'Dashboard' and includes a 'Welcome to WordPress!' message, a 'Get Started' section with a 'Customize Your Site' button, and a 'Next Steps' section with links to 'Write your first blog post', 'Add an About page', and 'View your site'. Below these, there are sections for 'At a Glance' (showing 35 Posts, 24 Pages, and 20 Comments), 'Activity' (listing recent posts and their featured images), 'Quick Draft' (a form for creating a new post), and 'WordPress News' (recent news items).



1. Once your child theme is activated, you'll see a new menu item on the WordPress Dashboard with several sub-menu options. Child themes and ArsTropica Responsive-specific plugins may add additional content and/or settings to default WordPress settings pages.
2. The Theme Settings page contains general options to control the way your theme will behave.
3. Each of the boxes can be collapsed or expanded by clicking the drop-down arrow.

Let's look at each of the Theme Settings.

Company Information

Company Information

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Enter Company Information.

Sherpa Account Information

Sherpaid

Discover

Propertyid

Client

Phone Number

Company Address

Street

City

State

Zip

The Company Information section lets you enter information about the blog owner that will be displayed throughout the blog and used to configure certain features.

Phone Number

Phone Number

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Enter a 10 digit phone number to display in the header, footer and modal forms.

Company Address

Company Address

Street

1 CNN Plaza

City

Atlanta

State

GA

Zip

30303

Enter a contact address for the blog owner. (Used to generate the Google Maps link in the footer.)

Social Media

Social Media

Enter Social Media URLs

Note: URLs are used in Theme Social Widget.

Social Icons

:color

Select Color

:hover

Select Color

☒ Enable In-built Theme Social Widget?

Facebook URL

http://www.facebook.com/1050LenoxPark

The Social Media section handles activation of the Theme Social Media widget as well as content sharing on certain social media networks.

Enable In-built Theme Social Widget

☒ Enable In-built Theme Social Widget?

Checking the "Enable In-built Theme Social Widget" box will activate the Theme Social Media widget on the Widgets page, allowing the widget to be placed in one of the theme's widget areas.

Color and Hover



Selecting either a color or hover (color) changes the color of the icons displayed by the Theme Social Media widget.

URL fields

Entering a URL in one or more of these fields activates a corresponding icon in the Theme Social Media widget that links to the site specified by the URL.

Twitter URL

In addition to providing a link to a Twitter profile, the Twitter user id associated with the URL is also used to share content from the blog on the Twitter social network.

Website URL.

In addition to providing a link to a website, the Website URL is also used as the link for the Company Logo and Link widget. Omitting the URL will force the widget to use the blog URL.

Theme SEO

Theme SEO

Configure Theme SEO.

☒ Minify Theme Assets (for faster loading)

Google+ Publisher URL.

https://plus.google.com/115652283436423630753/

Google+ Author URL (Global Override).

Validate Google Authorship.

Choose Post

Validate

Facebook Page URL (Open Graph SEO)

http://www.facebook.com/1050LenoxPark

The Theme SEO section handles Search Engine Optimizations features native to the ArsTropica Responsive framework.

Minify Assets (for faster loading)

☒ Minify Theme Assets (for faster loading)

Checking the "Minify Assets" box will increase the theme's load time by as much as 50% by combining and compressing JavaScript and CSS files that are loaded when the blog is displayed. It can be unchecked during debugging and theme development to make scripting easier.

Google+ Publisher URL

Google+ Publisher URL.

https://plus.google.com/115652283436423630753/

Entering a Google+ Publisher URL activates the theme's content metadata functionality, providing Google with additional information about the content being displayed. This will aid the search engine

in ranking the blog's content accurately and may also promote search engine results. The publisher URL must point to a **Google+ page** not a profile.

Google+ Author URL (Global Override)

Google+ Author URL (Global Override).

If all posts on a blog are written on behalf of a single person, then the Google+ Author URL override may be used to attribute all blog posts to a single Google+ profile.

Validate Google Authorship

Google+ Publisher URL.

<https://plus.google.com/115652283436423630753/>

Google+ Author URL (Global Override).

Validate Google Authorship.

Choose Post

Validate

After entering a publisher profile and either of a global Google+ profile, via override, or author profile, via the user profile, you can validate the framework's rich content functionality is working correctly by choosing a blog post from the drop-down menu and pressing the "Validate" button to open Google's Structured Data Testing Tool. If valid URLs have been used, you should see a page confirming that Google has successfully parsed the post content on the blog.

Facebook Page URL (Open Graph SEO)

Facebook Page URL (Open Graph SEO)

<http://www.facebook.com/1050LenoxPark>

When content is liked or shared, Facebook (and sometimes, Twitter) use meta tags in the <head> part of the website to identify the content. Adding the account data for Facebook page / profile that owns the content will enable Facebook Insights for the content owner's domain, which Facebook uses to provide social analytics on statistics like how many times the site has been liked & shared on Facebook.

Mobile Contact Form

Mobile Contact Form

Configure Mobile Contact Form.

☒ Enable Mobile Contact Form

Display on Page

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Contact Us

One of the features of the ArsTropica Responsive Framework is adapting functionality to different devices and resolutions. The Mobile Contact Form enables a widget that can be used to display a highly visible contact button that opens a responsive contact form on mobile platforms. This feature requires the Sherpa ID value to be entered in the Company Information section. If the Sherpa ID is missing, the contact button generated by the widget will link to the blog admin account email address.

Enable Mobile Contact Form

Checking the "Enable Mobile Contact Form" box activates the Mobile Contact Form widget on the Widgets page.

Display on Page.

If you would like the Mobile Contact Form to display from a menu item, select an existing page from the drop-down menu, and then **add that page to the WordPress menu**. Note that existing content on the selected page will not be displayed.

Theme Settings

Theme Settings

Change Theme Settings.

☐ Enable Front End Theme Customizer for Guests

Choose from preset themed color schemes (this will override all theme styling)

Choose Preset

Add New

Choose Header Slider

Header Carousel

Number of Words in Excerpt

10

Number of Words in Excerpt on Homepage

10

Number of Posts on Homepage

4

Number of Posts per Page

9

☐ Show Widget Placeholders

☒ Enable Sticky Navigation

☒ Display Related Posts (requires YARPP plugin)

Enable Front End Theme Customizer for Guests

Checking the " Enable Front End Theme Customizer for Guests" box activates the Guest Preview feature for the theme, allowing visitors to preview the theme's customization options on the front end by visiting the "/guestpreview" URL.

Presets

This lets you save your theme's custom styling configuration as presets that can be loaded in the future.

1. Use the "Add New" button to open the Style Editor.

Choose from preset themed color schemes (this will override all theme styling)

Choose Preset ▼

Add New

Style Editor

Name:

Purple

CSS:

```
BODY.ds-responsive-theme { background-color : #8224e3 !important;
}
```

Current Snapshot

Save Preset

Remove Preset

2. Take a snapshot of the current customization with the "Current Snapshot" button. The CSS for the customization will appear in the textbox.
3. Name and save the preset and it will appear in the drop-down menu for future use.

Choose from preset themed color schemes (this will override all theme styling)

Purple ▼

Choose Preset

Purple

[Merge](#) [Edit](#)

4. Select the preset to apply the saved customizations.
5. Use the "Merge" link to restore the preset customizations in the Theme Settings.
6. Use the "Edit" link to edit the preset.

Choose Header Slider

Choose Header Slider

Header Carousel

Selects the slider created in Soliloquy for display in the header.

Number of Words in Excerpt

Number of Words in Excerpt

10

Sets the number of words used to generate a post excerpt throughout the blog.

Number of Words in Excerpt on Homepage

Number of Words in Excerpt on Homepage

10

Sets the number of words used to generate post excerpts on the blog homepage.

Number of Posts on Homepage

Number of Posts on Homepage

4

Sets the number of visible posts on the blog homepage.

Number of Posts per Page

Number of Posts per Page

9

Sets the number of posts per page throughout the blog.

Show Widget Placeholders

☐ Show Widget Placeholders

Checking the "Show Widget Placeholders" box displays placeholder text at all the empty widget area locations on the blog.

Enable Sticky Navigation

☒ Enable Sticky Navigation

Checking the "Enable Sticky Navigation" box fixes the theme's navigation menu at the top of the window.

Display Related Posts (required YARPP plugin)

☒ Display Related Posts (requires YARPP plugin)

Checking the "Display Related Posts" box enables related posts, if any, to appear at the bottom of single post pages. The "Yet Another Related Posts Plugin" should be activated in order for this feature to work accurately.

Appearance Sections

There are five sections that handle theme appearance.

1. Sitewide Appearance
2. Navigation Appearance
3. Content Appearance
4. Widget Appearance
5. Footer Appearance

Each section controls certain elements in different sections of the blog using one the following customization controls.

Link Color



The screenshot shows four color selection controls arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each control consists of a small square color swatch followed by a button labeled 'Select Color'. The labels for each control are:

- Top-left: `:link`
- Top-right: `:visited`
- Bottom-left: `:hover`
- Bottom-right: `:active`

The Link Color Control allows you to choose a different color for the four possible states a link can assume (`:link`, `:hover`, `:visited` and `:active`).

Fonts



The screenshot shows two font customization controls. The first is labeled 'Font Family' and features a dropdown menu with the text 'Choose Font' and a downward-pointing arrow on the right. The second is labeled 'Font Color' and features a color swatch followed by a 'Select Color' button.

The Fonts Control allows you to specify a font-family from a list of available fonts and a font color for text in a specified area or element.

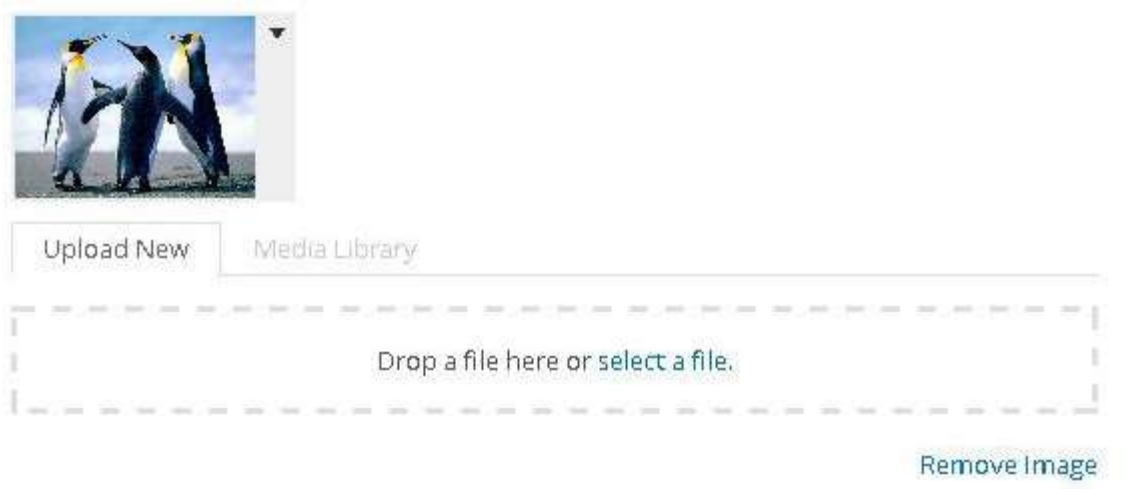
Background Color



The screenshot shows a single background color control, which consists of a color swatch followed by a 'Select Color' button.

The Background control allows you to specify a background color for a specified area or element.

Background Image



The Background Image control allows you to specify a repeating background image for a specified area or element.

Border



The Border Control allows you to specify border colors for normal and hover states of a specified element or area.

Icons



The Icons control allows you to specify colors for normal and hover states of icons.

Buttons



The Buttons control allows you to specify colors for normal and hover states of buttons.

Custom CSS

Custom CSS

Add Custom CSS to the blog.

Include Custom CSS Rules


The Custom CSS Section allows you to add additional CSS stylesheet rules to the blog. These rules will be applied in addition to the customizations set in Theme Settings.

Theme Images

Theme Images

Upload / Select Default Images.

Default Thumbnail Image



Upload New

Media Library

Drop a file here or select a file.

Remove Image

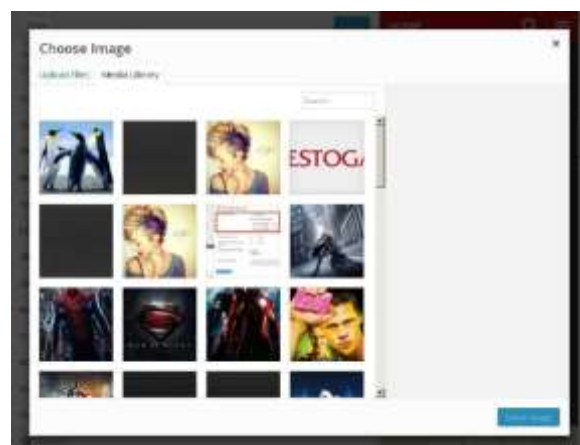
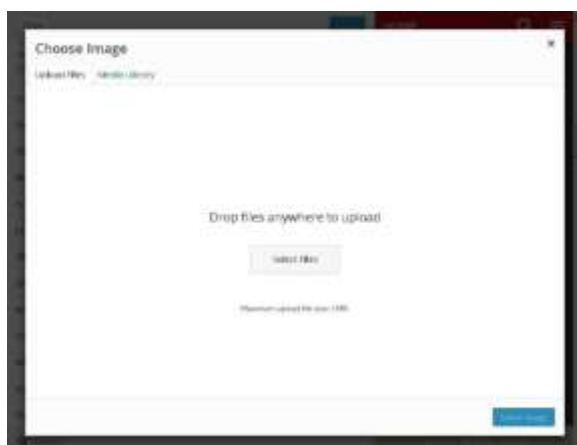
Company Logo

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Site Favicon

No Image

You can specify an image to be used in this section by either uploading the image from your hard drive or selecting an image from the media library.



There are three different types of Theme Image selections that can be made.

Default Thumbnail Image

Most ArsTropica Responsive Framework Child Themes rely on post images as part of the theme's appearance. For posts without images, a default image can be set that will appear wherever the post is displayed as part of a list.

Company Logo

This setting controls the image that will appear in the contact form and Company Logo and Link widget.

Site Favicon

This setting allows you to upload a custom favicon image to be used for the blog.

Import / Export

Import / Export

Import / Export Theme Options

Import Theme Settings

Export Theme Settings

Export Theme Settings

Export

Import / Export

Import / Export Theme Options

Import Theme Settings

Export Theme Settings

Import Theme Settings

Import

The Import / Export section allows you to save and load Theme Settings options for the blog.

Reset Theme Options

The Reset Theme Options section allow you to reset all **Appearance based settings**, while keeping the other settings intact.

Note that this action is irreversible.

Individual Theme Settings

Theme Settings ▲

Change Theme Settings.

☐ Enable Front End Theme Customizer for Guests

Choose from preset themed color schemes (this will override all theme styling)

Choose Preset ▼

Add New

Choose Header Slider

Header Carousel ▼

Number of Words in Excerpt

10

Number of Words in Excerpt on Homepage

10

Number of Posts on Homepage

4

Number of Posts per Page

9

☐ Show Widget Placeholders

☒ Enable Sticky Navigation

☒ Display Related Posts (requires YARPP plugin)

Below is a table of recommended values for the theme settings section for each ArsTropica Responsive Framework Child Theme. When active, each theme will initially default to these settings unless manually changed.

Default Theme Settings Values

	<i>Number of Words in Excerpt</i>	<i>Number of Words in Excerpt on Homepage</i>	<i>Number of Posts per Page</i>	<i>Number of Posts on Homepage</i>	<i>Enable Sticky Navigation</i>
Theme 1	55	55	9	3	true
Theme 2	55	25	9	3	false
Theme 3	55	55	9	3	true
Theme 4	55	55	9	3	false
Theme 5	20	20	5	4	true

Using a Static Home Page

Child Themes with static homepage templates are supported by the ArsTropica Responsive Framework.

In addition to the standard theme files described above, a Custom Page Template can be used to display a **static** homepage (that is, a page that doesn't behave like a default blog).

Custom Page Templates

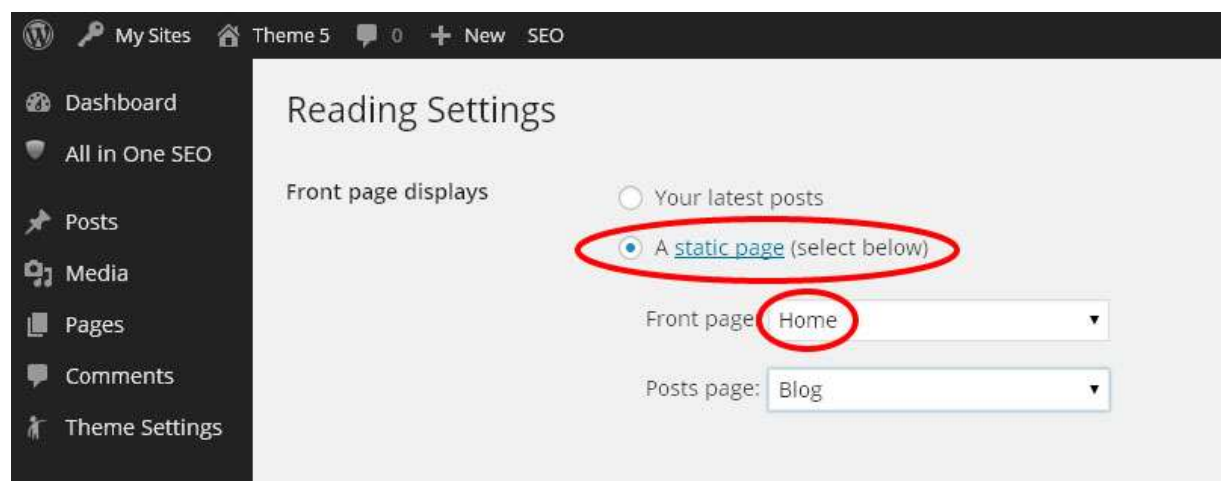
To create a custom page template make a new file starting with a Template Name inside a PHP comment. It must start with the string "Template Name:" in a comment. After that you can add other information, like::

```
<?php
/*
 * Template Name: My Custom Page
 * Description: A Page Template with a darker design.
 */

// Code to display Page goes here...
```

Once you upload the file to your Theme's folder, the template name, "My Custom Page", will list in the Edit Page screen's Template dropdown. (The select list has a maximum width of 250px, so longer names may be cut off.)

A quick, safe method for making a new Page template is to use with a copy of your theme's index.php: This way you start off with the HTML structure of your other pages, then you can edit as needed.

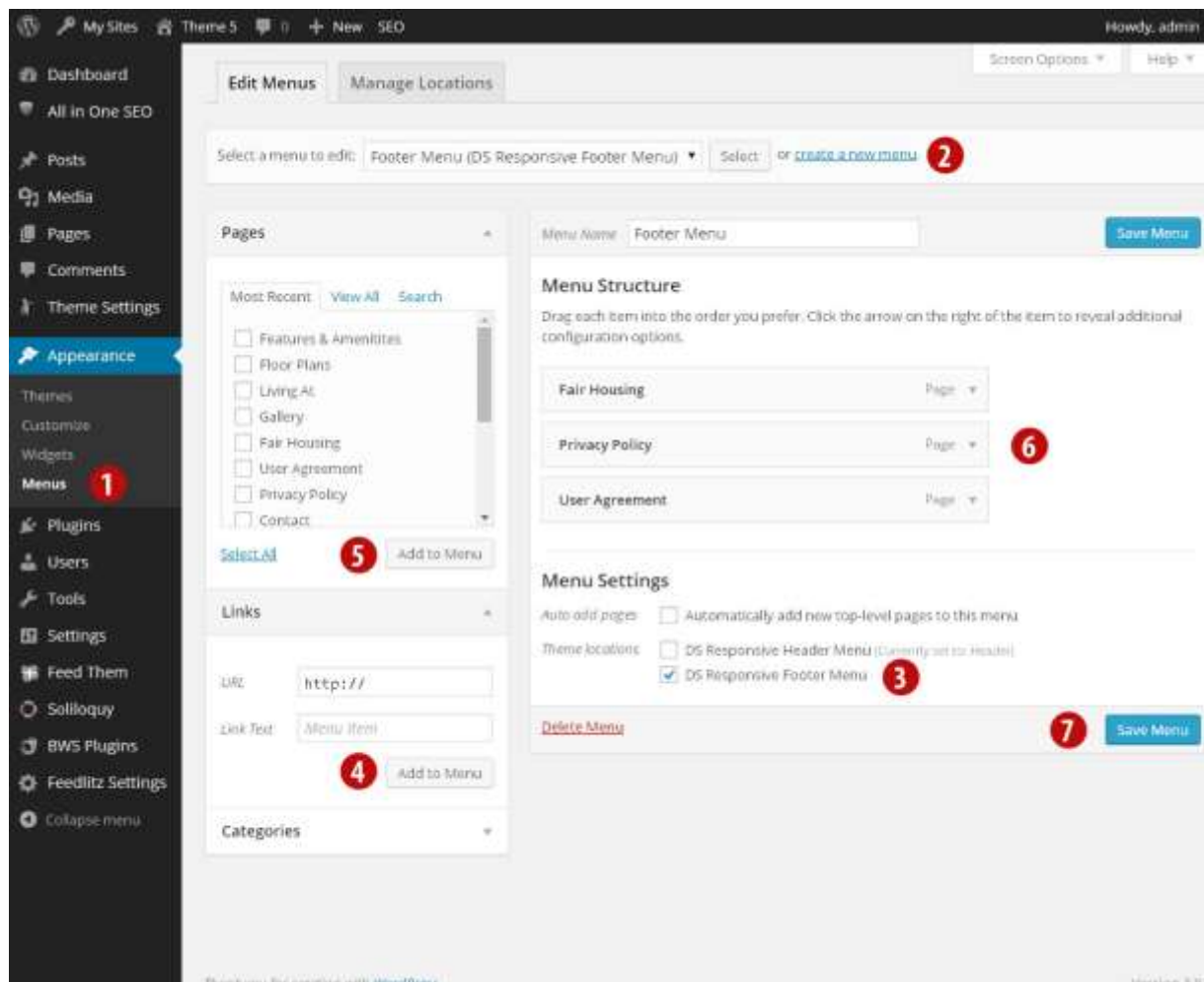


First, create and publish a Page in the WordPress Page editor.

Under Settings > Reading, select the static page option and choose the page you created as the Front page.

Creating a Menu

The ArsTropica Responsive Framework uses the WordPress custom menu feature. Once you have published some pages and posts, you are ready to create a menu.



1. Mouse over "Appearance" and select "Menus."
2. Click the "create a new menu" link to create a new Menu. Add a "Menu Name."
3. If this menu will be used as your "Footer Menu," select it in Theme Locations. You may see other available locations depending on your theme. Just create another menu following these same steps and add the new menu to the other locations.
4. To add a "Custom Link" to the menu, add the "URL" and the "Link Text" that will be used for the link. Click the "Add to Menu" button.
5. Add "Pages" to your menu by adding a check mark to the pages you want to add and click the "Add to Menu" button.
6. All of the links you added to the menu will appear in a list. Click and drag the boxes to change the order of the menu items. You also can create a sub navigation menu item by moving a box so it is indented to the right of all the other boxes.

7. Be sure to click the "Save Menu" button to save your menu.

If you do not see all of the menu options available, for example, the box of Posts does not appear, click the "Screen Options" link and add a check mark next to the missing item. When you are done, click the "Screen Options" link again to minimize the feature.

Plugins

The ArsTropica Responsive Framework uses several custom and third party plugins in association with the Child Theme. These plugins contribute to the features and functionality provided by the framework.

Some, if not all, of the plugins are necessary in order for the Child Theme to function correctly.

Plugin Inventory

Required Plugins

The following list of plugins are required by the framework.

- Soliloquy Slider (or Lite version)
<http://soliloquywp.com/>
<https://wordpress.org/plugins/soliloquy-lite/>
- Regenerate Thumbnails
<http://wordpress.org/plugins/regenerate-thumbnails/>

Optional Plugins

The following list of plugins are not required by the framework, but used to provide additional functionality.

- Yet Another Related Posts Plugin
<https://wordpress.org/plugins/yet-another-related-posts-plugin/>
- ArsTropica Guest Theme Preview Plugin
https://github.com/arstropica/at_preview_plugin

Theme Plugins

The following list of plugins are pre-installed by the framework.

- Featured Posts
- Company Logo & Link
- Mobile Contact Form
- Related Posts
- Theme Social Icons

Plugin Settings

Soliloquy Slider

<http://soliloquywp.com/>

Soliloquy is a responsive WordPress slider plugin. It comes with the following add-ons that are used by some of the ArsTropica Responsive Child Themes.

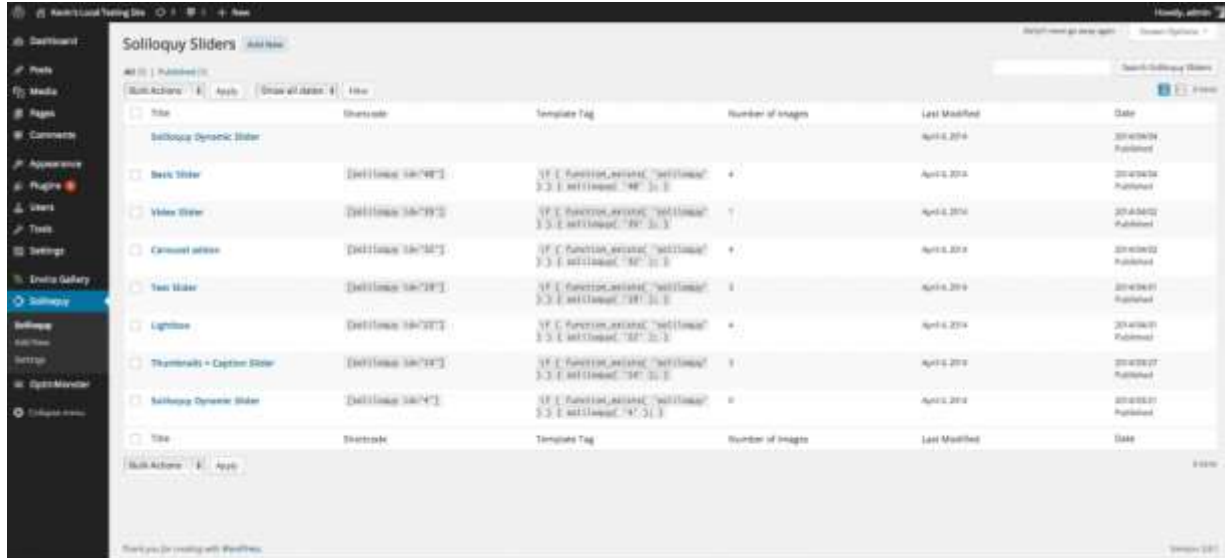
- Carousel Addon
- Lightbox Addon
- Themes Addon
- Thumbnails Addon

The Main Slider Page

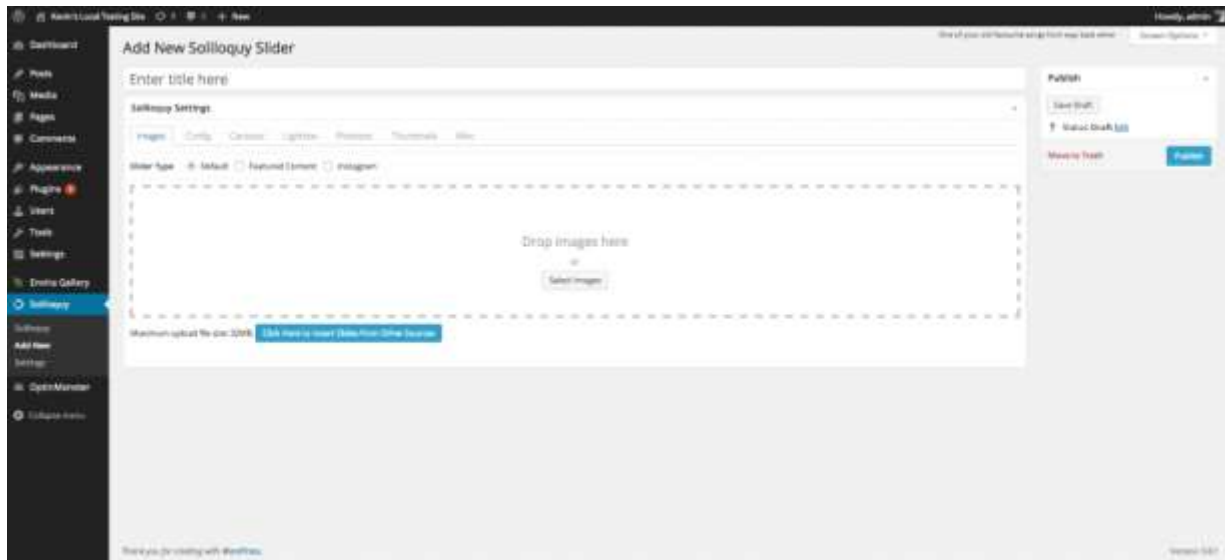
The main slider table lists out all of the sliders you have created. It lists important information like the slider title, slider shortcode and template tag, and number of images in the slider amongst other things. You can also view the contextual help tab at the top of the page if you need any extra explanation for anything you may see on the screen.

Creating Your First Slider

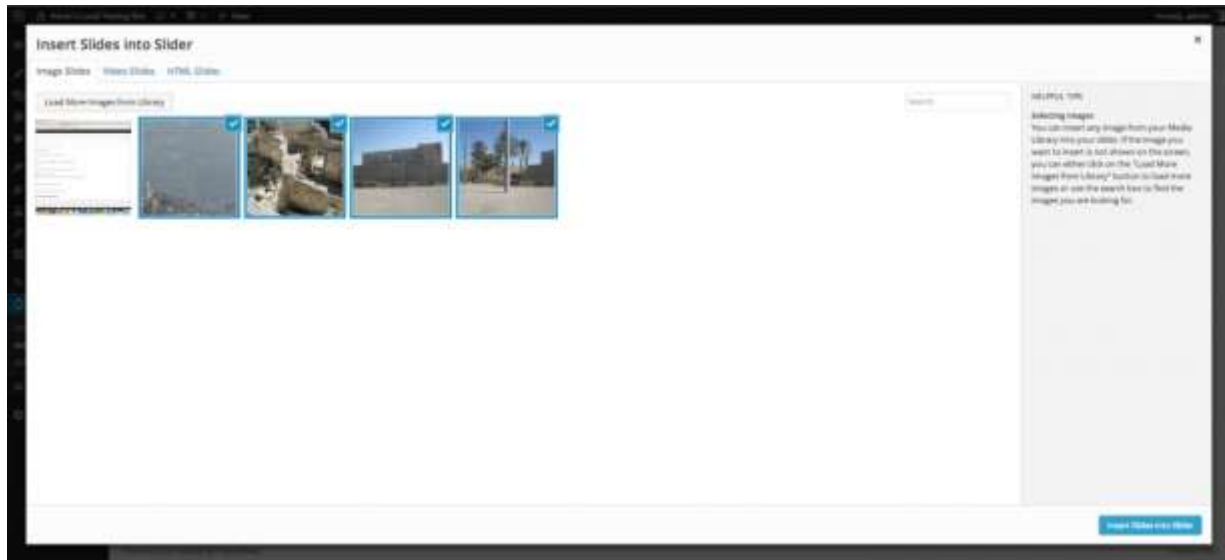
To begin creating your first slider, click Add New at the top of your Soliloquy Home Screen.



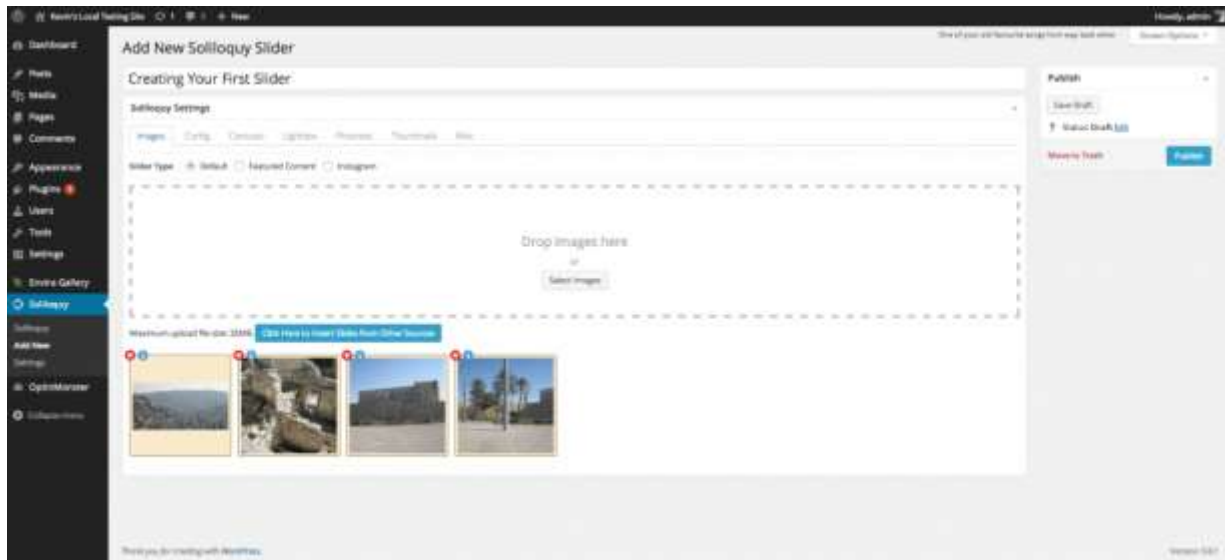
Which brings you to the following screen.



The first thing you want to do is give your slider a title, such as “Creating Your First Slider”. Once you have set your title, let’s start uploading some images! Click on the Click Here to Upload Images button to get started. A lightbox display will open that will allow you to upload images from your computer, from an external URL or even from your media library.



Once your images are uploaded, you can either click on the Insert Slides into Slider button. Now, you screen should look similar to the screenshot below.



From this screen, hover over the images. You will notice that you can drag and drop them in order. Simply click and drag an image to a different location to sort your slides. The slide order will automatically be updated for you.

If you click on the Pencil icon, a lightbox will open that will allow you to edit each individual slide's metadata. This includes the image title, alternate text, link URL and caption along with other things. You can also utilize the internal linking feature here by clicking existing link item. Fill out the metadata information as indicated below.

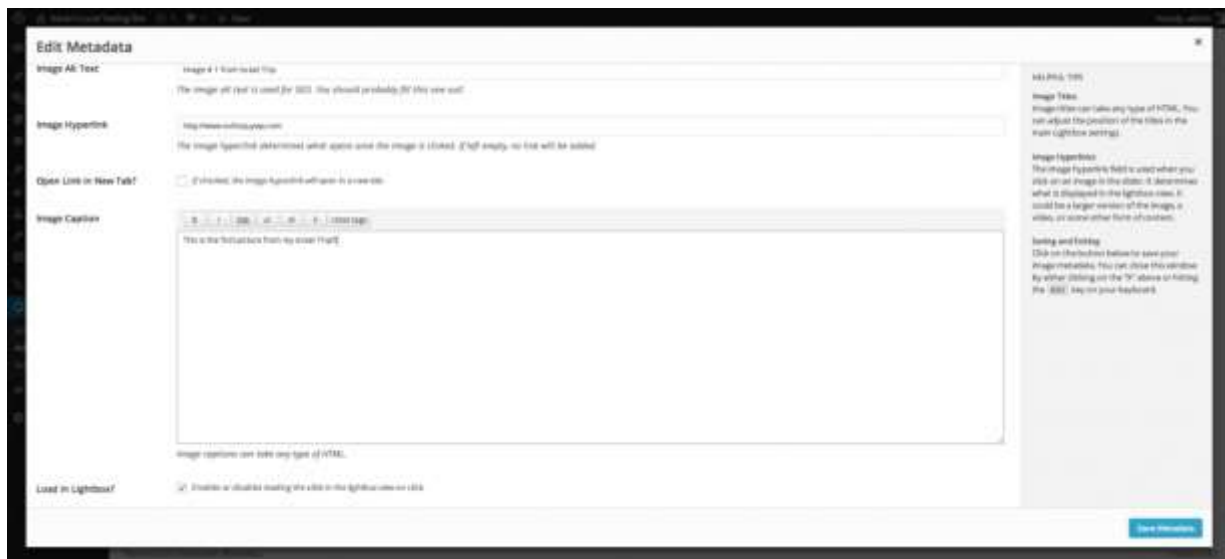
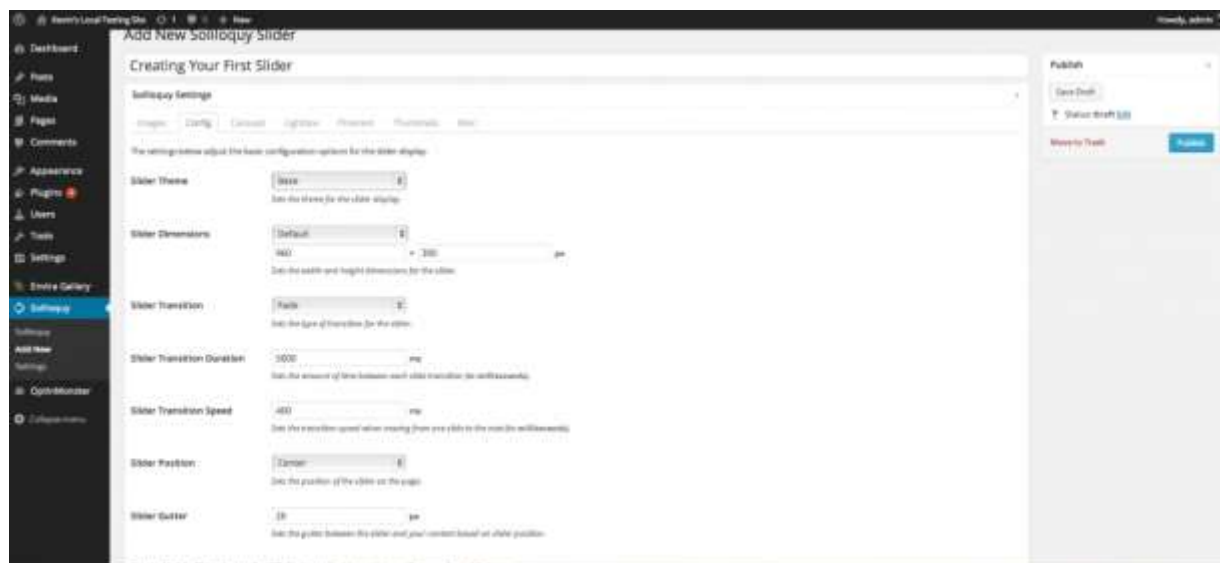


Image captions can accept any type of HTML, including (but not limited to) iframe, h1 and form tags. This gives you the ultimate ability to transform your sliders into anything imaginable.

Adjusting Slider Settings

Once you have modified your image settings, it's time to adjust your slider settings. The next menu you will be brought to is the **Config** menu, like the screenshot below.



ArsTropica Responsive Child Themes use two basic types of slider: Header Sliders -- which appear at the top of the blog, and Post / Gallery Sliders -- which appear inside content like posts or pages. Each type of slider has different configuration requirements in order to display correctly in the theme.

Header Sliders

Header Sliders are typically full- width sliders that display above or below the navigation menu at the top of the page. The following screenshot highlights required settings for the header slider in most child themes.

Edit Soliloquy Slider
Add New

Header Slider

Soliloquy Settings

Images
Config
Carousel
Lightbox
Thumbnails
Misc

The settings below adjust the basic configuration options for the slider display.

Slider Theme
Base
Sets the theme for the slider display.

Slider Dimensions
Full Width
0
460
px
Sets the width and height dimensions for the slider.

Slider Position
Center
Sets the position of the slider on the page.

Slider Gutter
20
px
Sets the gutter between the slider and your content based on slider position.

Create Mobile Slider Images?
☒
Enables or disables creating specific images for mobile devices.

Mobile Dimensions
600
200
px
These will be the sizes used for images displayed on mobile devices.

Autostart Slider?
☒
If disabled, visitors will need to manually progress through the slider.

Show Slider Arrows?
☐
Enables or disables slider navigation arrows.

Show Slider Control Nav?
☒
Enables or disables slider control (typically circles) navigation.

Show Pause/Play Controls?
☐
Enables or disables slider pause/play elements.

Pause on Hover?
☒
Pauses the slider (if set to autostart) when a visitor hovers over the slider.

Loop Slider?
☒
Enables or disables slider looping.

Use Adaptive Height?
☒
Allows the slider to adapt smoothly to slides with different sizes.

Crop Images in Slider?
☒
Enables or disables image cropping based on slider dimensions (recommended).

Carousel Sliders

Some Child Themes use a carousel effect in their header slider. In order to enable this effect, the Carousel Addon needs to be enabled and configured. The below screenshot highlights additional required settings for the Carousel Slider.

Edit Soliloquy Slider [Add New](#)

Header Slider

Soliloquy Settings

Images Config **Carousel** Lightbox Thumbnails Misc

The settings below adjust the carousel settings for the slider.

Enable Slider Carousel? ☒ Enables or disables the slider carousel feature.

Carousel Slide Width px
The width of each slide inside of the carousel (acts a max width and adjusts dynamically).

Carousel Slide Height px
The height of each slide inside of the carousel (acts a max height and adjusts dynamically).

Carousel Slide Margin px
The margin between each carousel slide within the slider.

Carousel Slides Minimum
The minimum number of slides that should be visible within the carousel.

Carousel Slides Maximum
The maximum number of slides that should be visible within the carousel.

Number of Slides to Move
The number of slides to move when navigating through the carousel.

Post / Gallery Slider

Post / Gallery sliders appear inside blog content and are activated by shortcode entered in the WordPress Post / Page editor.

The Post / Gallery slider uses Soliloquy's addons to provide navigation and preview functionality.

The following screenshot highlights required settings for the Post / Gallery slider config page.

Edit Soliloquy Slider
Add New

Post Gallery

Soliloquy Settings

Images
Config
Carousel
Lightbox
Thumbnails
Misc

The settings below adjust the basic configuration options for the slider display.

Slider Theme

Classic

Sets the theme for the slider display.

Slider Dimensions

Full Width

0
480
px

Sets the width and height dimensions for the slider.

Create Mobile Slider Images?

☒
Enables or disables creating specific images for mobile devices.

Mobile Dimensions

600
200
px

These will be the sizes used for images displayed on mobile devices.

Autostart Slider?

☒
If disabled, visitors will need to manually progress through the slider.

Show Slider Arrows?

☒
Enables or disables slider navigation arrows.

Show Slider Control Nav?

☐
Enables or disables slider control (typically circles) navigation.

Show Pause/Play Controls?

☐
Enables or disables slider pause/play elements.

Pause on Hover?

☐
Pauses the slider (if set to autostart) when a visitor hovers over the slider.

Loop Slider?

☒
Enables or disables slider looping.

Use Adaptive Height?

☒
Allows the slider to adapt smoothly to slides with different sizes.

Crop Images in Slider?

☒
Enables or disables image cropping based on slider dimensions (recommended).

The Post / Gallery Slider also uses the Themes, Lightbox and Thumbnails addons. The following screenshots highlight **recommended** settings for each of the addons.

Lightbox Addon

Edit Soliloquy Slider

Add New

Post Gallery

Soliloquy Settings

ImagesConfigCarouselLightboxThumbnailsMisc

The settings below adjust the lightbox settings for the slider.

Enable Lightbox?

☒ Enables or disables the slider lightbox.

Enable Lightbox Arrows?

☒ Enables or disables the lightbox navigation arrows.

Enable Keyboard Navigation?

☒ Enables or disables keyboard navigation in the lightbox.

Enable Mousewheel Navigation?

☐ Enables or disables mousewheel navigation in the lightbox.

Keep Aspect Ratio?

☒ If enabled, images will always resize based on the original aspect ratio.

Enable Lightbox Thumbnails?

☐ Enables or disables lightbox thumbnails.

Thumbnails Addon

Edit Soliloquy Slider

Add New

Post Gallery

Soliloquy Settings

ImagesConfigCarouselLightboxThumbnailsMisc

The settings below adjust the thumbnails settings for the slider.

Enable Slider Thumbnails?

☒ Enables or disables the slider thumbnails feature.

Thumbnails Width

75

px

The width of each slide thumbnail (acts a max width and adjusts dynamically).

Thumbnails Height

50

px

The height of each slide thumbnail (acts a max height and adjusts dynamically).

Thumbnails Position

Bottom

▼

Sets the thumbnail position relative to the slider. Top/bottom are horizontal; left/right are vertical.

Thumbnails Margin

5

px

The margin between each thumbnail within the slider.

Number of Visible Thumbnails

10

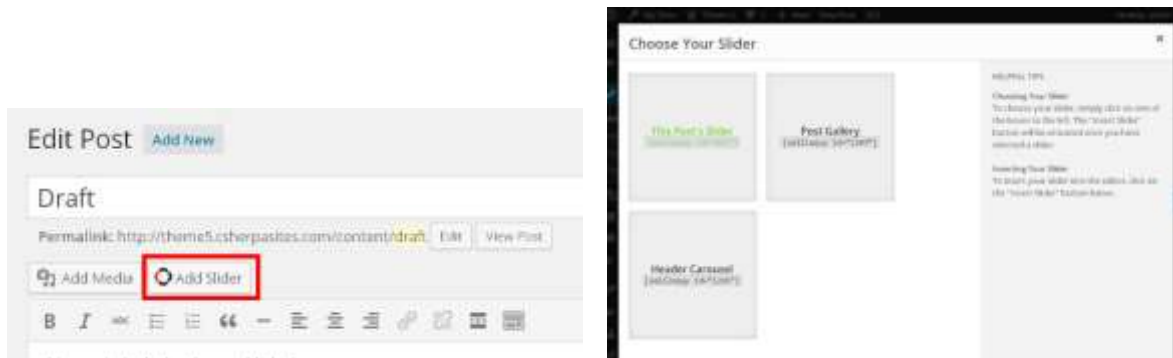
The number of thumbnails visible in the thumbnail container.

Crop Slider Thumbnails?

☒ Enables or disables thumbnail cropping.

Publishing And Using The Slider

Click on the Publish button to make your slider active, and, if applicable, visit a post or page edit screen.

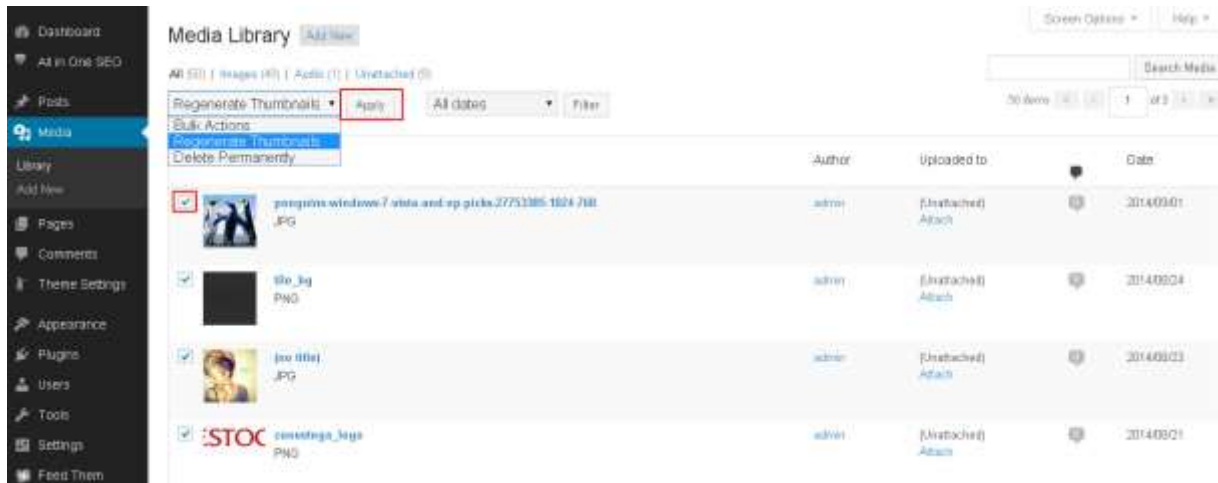


At the top of the editor, you will find a button that says "Add Slider". Click on that button to bring up a lightbox where you can select to insert a slider into your post or page. Once you have chosen the one you created, click on the button to insert the slider. Save your post or page and check out your updated site!

Regenerate Thumbnails

If content is imported into WordPress from another blog, it is sometimes necessary to resize any images associated with the content so the ArsTropica Responsive Framework can display them correctly.

The Regenerate Thumbnails plugin allows you to resize all media in your blog to adapt to the active theme's requirements.



Regenerate Thumbnails can be run from the Media Library by selecting all available images and choosing "Regenerate Thumbnails" from the drop-down menu at the top and clicking the "Apply" button. The plugin will then run through all the valid images in the blog and resize them according to the active theme requirements.

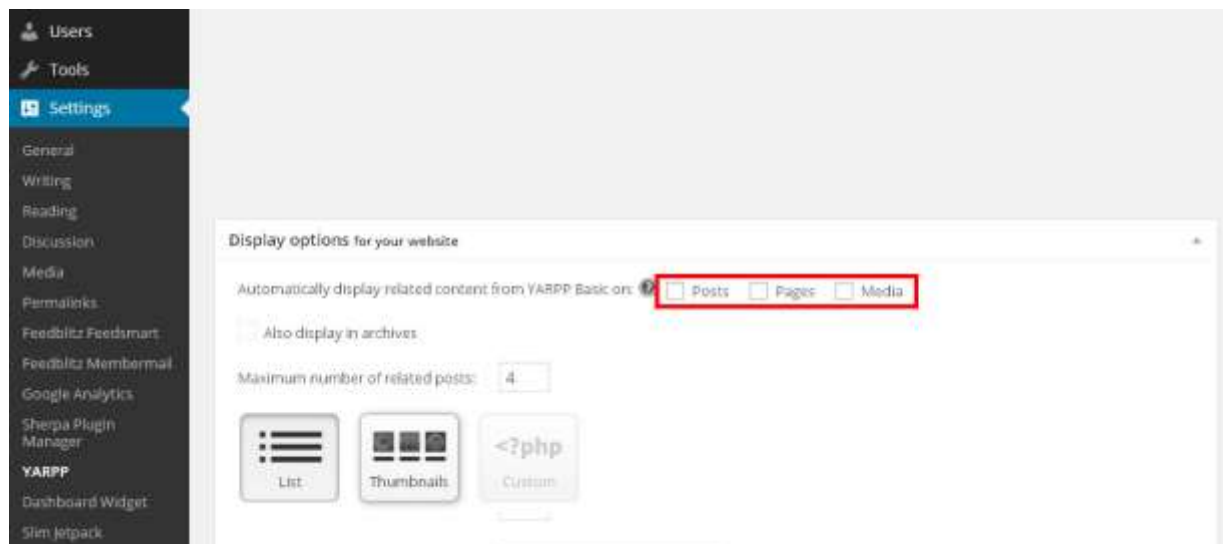
Yet Another Related Posts Plugin

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/yet-another-related-posts-plugin/>

Yet Another Related Posts is a third party plugin that analyzes post content and metadata to display additional related content.

The ArsTropica Responsive Framework uses this plugin to integrate related posts below single post content.

After enabling the plugin, an additional configuration step is required in order for the framework to control **where and if** related posts are displayed.



Navigate to Settings > YARPP in the admin menu and make sure that all the boxes for automatic display are unchecked so that the framework and not the plugin can control display of related posts.

To enable related posts in a theme, check the "Display Related Posts" box in Theme Settings.

ArsTropica Guest Theme Preview Plugin

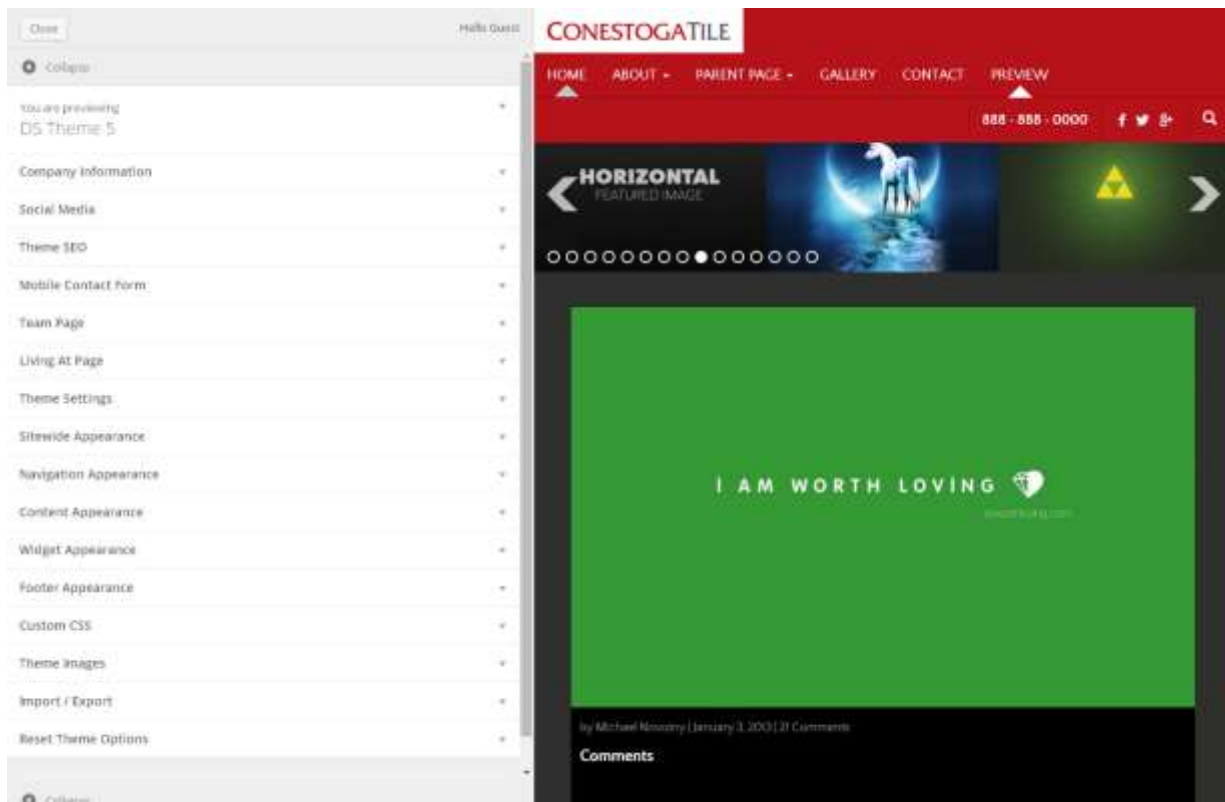
https://github.com/arstropica/at_preview_plugin

The ArsTropica Guest Theme Preview plugin allows blog visitors to access the Theme Settings in a preview screen without having to log in to the blog.

The screenshot shows the WordPress Admin interface. On the left, the sidebar menu has 'Guest Preview' highlighted with a red circle 1. The main content area is titled 'Guest Preview Options'. It contains two sections: 'Authentication Settings' and 'Preview'. In 'Authentication Settings', there is a checkbox for 'Enable Authentication' with a red circle 2 next to it, and a note below it. Below that are two text input fields for 'Enter / Change Guest Password' (with a red circle 3) and 'Repeat New Password', followed by a 'Strength Indicator' and a hint. In the 'Preview' section, there is a 'Preview Site' button with a red circle 4, and a note below it with a red circle 5. At the bottom of the settings page is a 'Save Changes' button with a red circle 6.

1. After activating the plugin, check the "Enable Front End Theme Customizer for Guests" box in Theme Settings and save. Go to the Guest Preview Settings page under Appearance in the admin menu.
2. If you want to password protect the page, check the "Enable Authentication" box.
3. Enter and confirm a password.
4. Preview the guest page in a new window . You will need to save changes if you have activated Authentication. (Note that this will log you out of your current account.)
5. If the page doesn't display, try refreshing the site's permalinks.
6. Save the changes.

Navigate to Settings > Permalinks in the admin menu. Click "Save Changes" to refresh the URL rewriting settings in WordPress.



The Guest Preview page can be accessed at the `"/guestpreview"` URL for your blog.

A link to the Guest Preview page can be generated in a post or page by entering the following shortcode:

`[guestpreview]Link Text[/guestpreview]`

Note that once the page has been accessed, the visitor will be logged into the blog as the Guest user and will not be able to return to any other blog page until they have logged out.

ArsTropica Featured Posts

The ArsTropica Featured Posts plugin activates the "ArsTropica Featured Posts" widget which displays featured posts in a widget area.

Company Logo & Link

The Company Logo & Link plugin activates the "Company Logo & Link" widget which displays the logo and website / blog link specified under Theme Settings.

Mobile Contact Form

The Mobile Contact Form plugin activates the "Mobile Contact Form" widget which displays a responsive modal contact form or an email link to the blog admin email address.

Related Posts

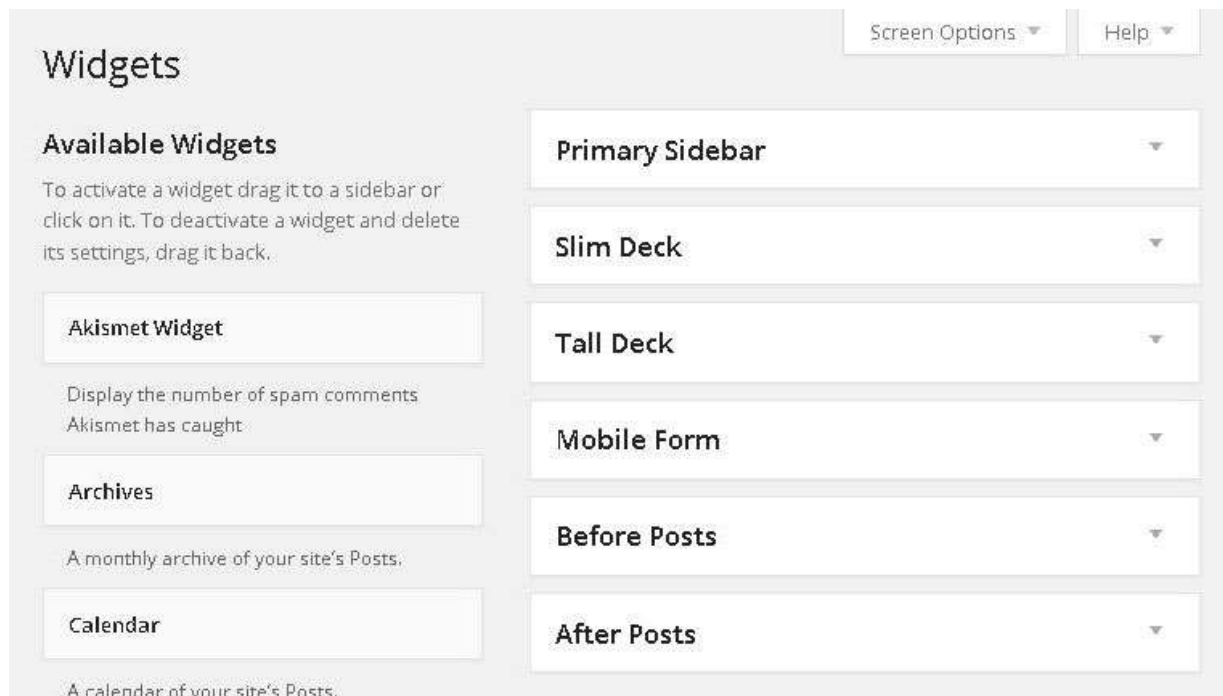
The Related Posts plugin activates the ArsTropica Responsive Framework integrated related posts feature on single posts. It requires the "Yet Another Related Posts" plugin to function correctly.

Theme Social Icons

The Theme Social Icons plugin activates the "Theme Social Icons" widget which displays linked icons to those social media services that have been configured under Theme Settings.

Widgets

The ArsTropica Responsive Framework uses various "widget areas" to position and display WordPress widgets in child themes.

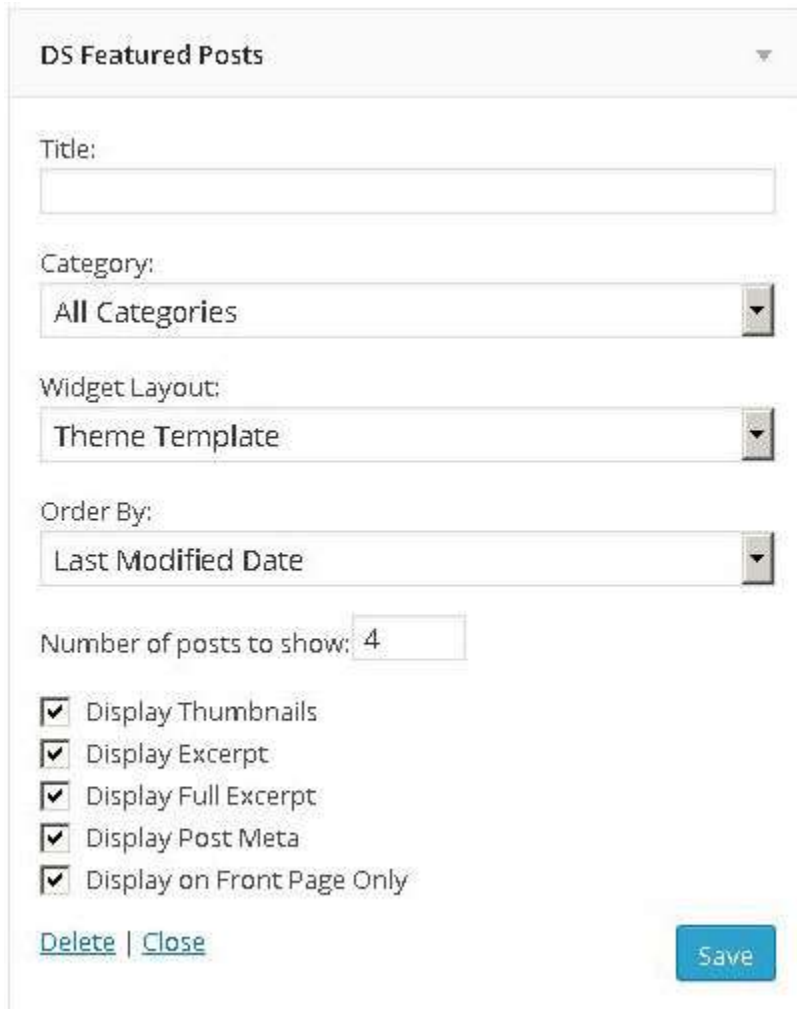


This is an example of the widget areas available in a child theme. Each child theme contains its own set of widget areas configured to work with the theme's layout and design.

WordPress widgets may be dragged into a specific widget area to display them at a predetermined location in the theme.

Placeholders for a theme's widget areas may be displayed by checking the "Show Widget Placeholders" box under Theme Settings.

ArsTropica Featured Posts



DS Featured Posts

Title:

Category:

All Categories

Widget Layout:

Theme Template

Order By:

Last Modified Date

Number of posts to show: 4

☒ Display Thumbnails

☒ Display Excerpt

☒ Display Full Excerpt

☒ Display Post Meta

☒ Display on Front Page Only

[Delete](#) | [Close](#) [Save](#)

The "ArsTropica Featured Posts" widget displays a list of featured posts. It has several configuration parameters that affect the displayed posts.

Category

Limits the featured posts to a specific category

Widget Layout

Vertical - displays the featured posts in a vertical orientation

Horizontal - displays the featured posts in a horizontal orientation

Grid - displays the featured posts in a 2 x 2 grid orientation.

Theme Template - displays the featured posts as the regular theme posts

Order By

Changes the order of display by one of random, last modified or post title.

Display Thumbnails

Displays thumbnail images with the featured posts

Display Excerpt

Displays shortened post excerpts with the featured posts

Display Full Excerpt

Displays full length post excerpts with the featured posts

Display Post Meta

Displays author, date, category, tags and comment information with the featured posts

Display on Front Page Only

Displays the widget only on the blogs homepage

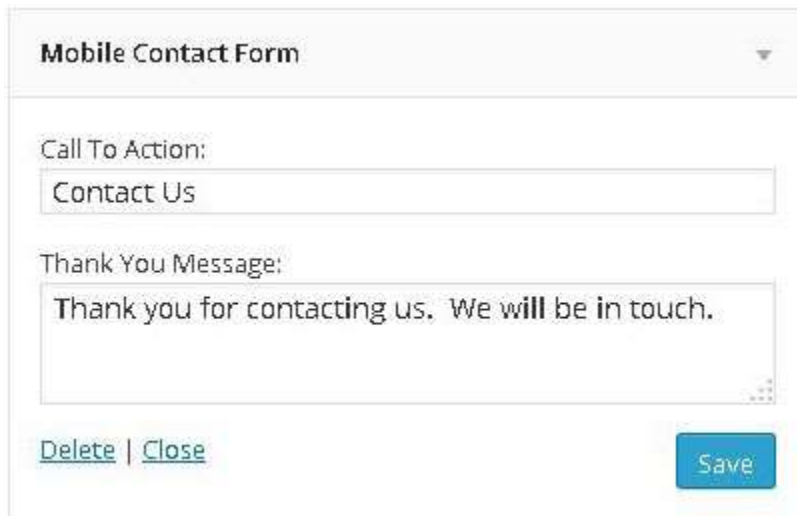
Company Logo & Link



The screenshot shows a configuration window titled "Company Logo & Link". Inside the window, there is a label "Title:" followed by a text input field. At the bottom left of the window, there are two links: "Delete" and "Close". At the bottom right, there is a blue button labeled "Save".

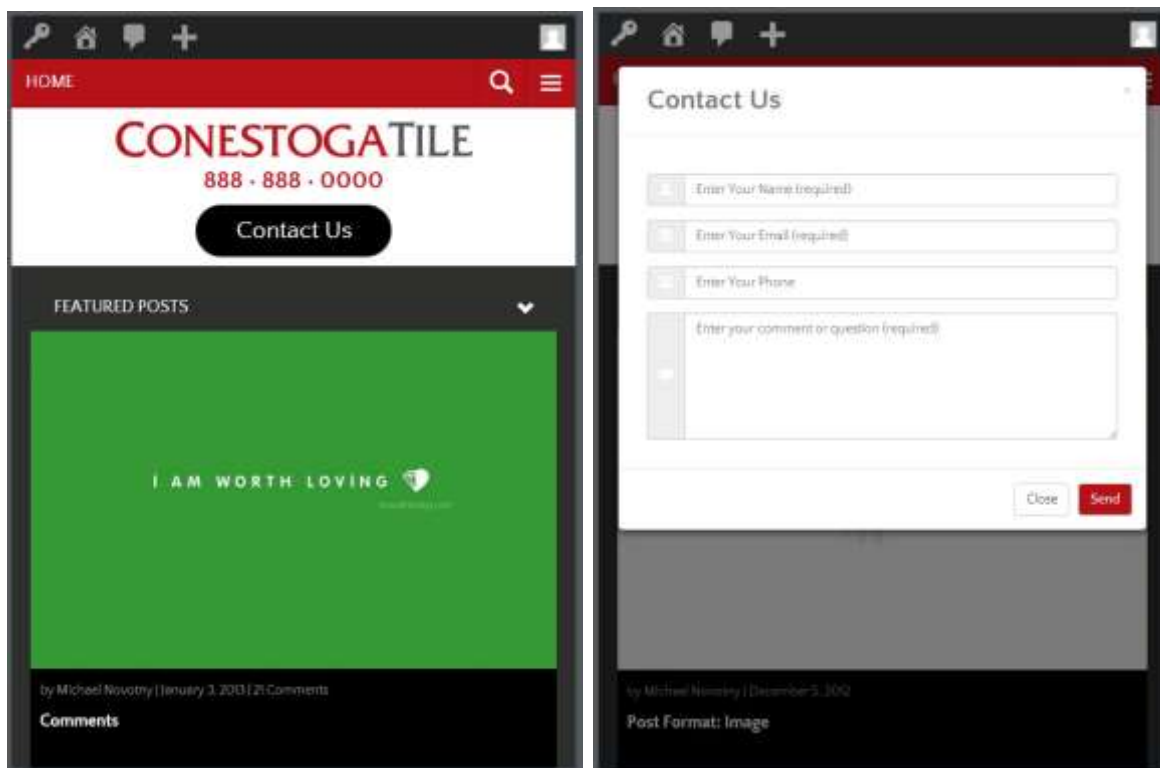
The "Company Logo & Link" widget displays the logo image specified under "Theme Images" on the Theme Settings page. The logo is linked to either the website specified under "Social Media" on the Theme Settings page, or the blog URL if no website is specified.

Mobile Contact Form



The screenshot shows a configuration window titled "Mobile Contact Form". It contains two text input fields. The first is labeled "Call To Action:" and contains the text "Contact Us". The second is labeled "Thank You Message:" and contains the text "Thank you for contacting us. We will be in touch.". At the bottom left, there are links for "Delete" and "Close". At the bottom right, there is a blue "Save" button.

The " Mobile Contact Form" widget displays a button and modal contact form or email link when the site is viewed on a mobile device. If a customer "Sherpa ID" has been entered under Theme Settings, the widget will display a contact form that notifies the client's Dashboard account when the form is submitted. If a customer "Sherpa ID" has not been entered, the widget will display a link to the blog admin account email instead.



The widget must be placed in the "Mobile Form" widget area in order to activate on mobile devices.

Theme Social Icons

Theme Social Icons: Visit Us!

Title:
Visit Us!

Style: Square

[Delete](#) | [Close](#)

Save

The "Theme Social Icons" widget displays linked icons to the Social Media profiles entered under Social Media in the Theme Settings page.



The widget can be configured with different style options that change the appearance of the icons.

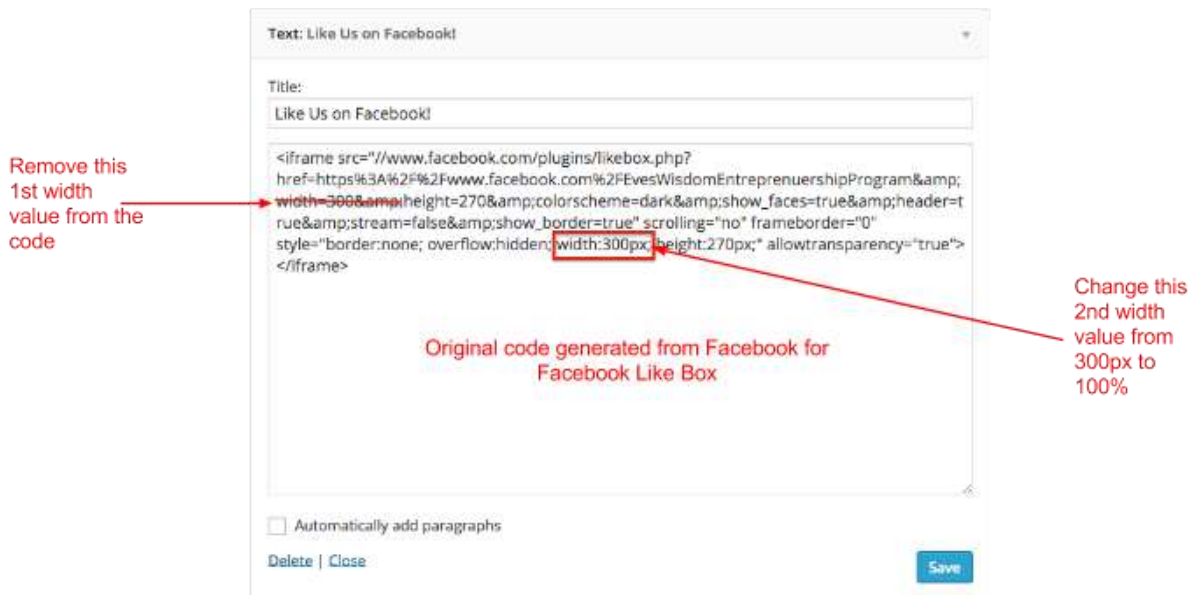
Style

Choose between circular, open or square icons.

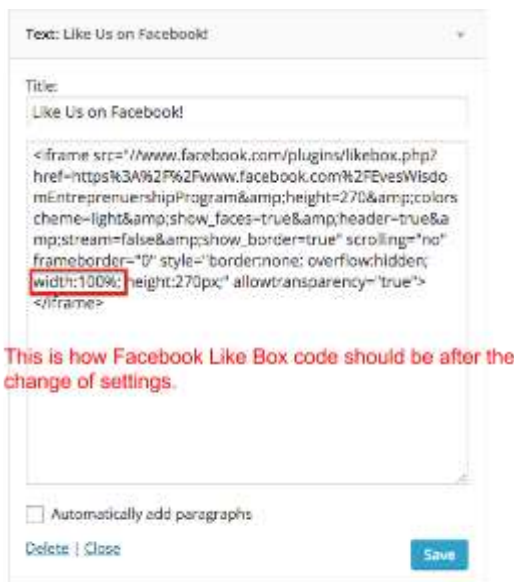
Facebook Like Box

To make Facebook Like Box automatically adapt its width to the different screen resolutions, we need to modify the code generated from Facebook as shown in the snapshots illustrated for the steps below:

1. Remove the first width value in the code.



2. Change the value of the 2nd width in the code to 100%



Shortcodes

The ArsTropica Responsive Framework provides certain shortcodes (i.e., WordPress shortcuts). A shortcode is a WordPress-specific code that lets you perform complex actions with very little effort.

Available Shortcodes

[guestpreview] inserts a link to the Guest Preview page (requires Guest Preview plugin installation and activation under Theme Settings).

[blogurl] displays the URL of the blog

[blogname] displays the name of the blog

[blogdesc] displays the description of the blog

Filters Reference

Framework Filters

These filters apply to every child theme of the ArsTropica Responsive Framework.

at_google_authorship_rel

Default Value: `__("author", "at-responsive-theme"))`

Applied to the 'rel' attribute of the link to an author's Google + profile page.

at_responsive_comments_popup_link

Default Value: `at_responsive_comments_popup_link()`

Applied to the output of the comments popup link in `at_responsive_comments_popup_link`.

at_responsive_content_grid

Default Value: `at_responsive_set_content_grid_values ()`

Applied to the output of `at_responsive_set_content_grid_values` controlling the bootstrap column values for different sections of the site.

at_responsive_content_grid_classes

Default Value: `$default = array('full' => "", 'row' => "", 'home' => "", 'archive' => "", 'single' => "", 'sidebar' => "", 'secondary' => "", 'loop_start' => "", 'loop_end' => "", 'pagination' => "", 'comments' => "", 'featured' => "")`

Applied to the array of css class names for different sections of the site.

at_responsive_dropdown_menu_classes

Default Value: `array('dropdown-menu')`

Applied to the classes assigned to the navigation submenu list

at_responsive_excerpt

Default Value: `at_responsive_post_excerpt()`

Applied to the output of the excerpt text generated by `at_responsive_post_excerpt`

at_responsive_nav_menu_args

Default Value: `at_responsive_menu_walker::start_el(&$output, $item[,...], $args = array()[,...])`

Applied to the `$args` object used for navigation menu items.

at_responsive_pagination_links

Default Value: `at_responsive_pagination()`

Applied to the output of the pagination code in `at_responsive_pagination`.

at_responsive_post_entry

Default Value: `at_responsive_get_post_entry()`

Applied to post entry output in `at_responsive_get_post_entry`.

at_responsive_theme_mod_{\$setting_id}

Default Value: `$default`

Applied to the default value for Custom Control values

Child Theme Filters

These filters apply to existing child themes of the ArsTropica Responsive Framework, and may be added to future themes during development.

at_responsive_child_menu_end_lvl

Default Value: "\$indent\n", \$indent

Applied to the output of the ending tag for the navigation submenu list

at_responsive_child_menu_start_lvl

Default Value: "\n{\$indent}<ul role=\"menu\" class=\"\" . implode(' ', \$c) . "\">\n", \$indent

Applied to the output of the opening tag for the navigation submenu list

at_responsive_child_theme_mod_{\$setting_id}

Default Value: \$default

Applied to the default value for Custom Control values

Hooks Reference

Framework Hooks

These hooks occur in every child theme of the ArsTropica Responsive Framework.

at_responsive_after_entry

This hook executes after the content in main loop

at_responsive_hero

This hook executes at the beginning of the header

at_responsive_loop_end

This hook executes after the main loop

at_responsive_loop_start

This hook executes before the main loop

at_responsive_mobile_contact

This hook executes inside the header in a container visible only on mobile resolutions.

Child Theme Hooks

These hooks occur in existing child themes of the ArsTropica Responsive Framework, and may be added to future themes during development.

at_responsive_primary_sidebar

This hook outputs the content of the primary sidebar (where applicable), including the widget area output.

at_responsive_secondary_sidebar

This hook outputs the content of the secondary sidebar (where applicable), including the widget area output.

at_responsive_slim_deck

This hook outputs the content of the slim deck sidebar (where applicable), including the widget area output.

at_responsive_tall_deck

This hook outputs the content of the tall deck sidebar (where applicable), including the widget area output.

Error Messages

Common Error Messages

{placeholder}