TrulyMinimal Wordpress Theme

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You rock! Thanks for downloading TrulyMinimal!

Please take some time to read this documentation to help you setup and configure your theme. It contains answers to the most common problems and setup issues.

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1. Getting Started

Before using our theme you must have a working Wordpress installation up and running on your server. For help regarding the Wordpress installation visit http://codex.wordpress.org/Installing_WordPress .

1.1 Theme Requirements

In order to be able to run the TrulyMinimal theme, your server must run on PHP 5.x and have Wordpress 3.x installed.

1.2 Installation

There are two ways to install a Wordpress theme: either by manually uploading the theme, or by using Wordpress's theme import feature.

1. **FTP UPLOAD:** To manually upload your theme use a ftp program(SmartFTP for example) and upload the non-zipped theme folder into the **/wp-content/themes/** folder on your web server.

2. **WORDPRESS UPLOAD:** Head over to **Appearance -> Add new themes -> Upload** in your Wordpress Admin panel. Browse and select your theme.

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Once you've clicked the **Install Now** button, Wordpress will automatically upload and install your theme.

Once your theme is installed head over to **Appearance -> Themes** and activate the theme.

1.3 Regenerating the WordPress thumbnails

Trulyminimal uses the native Wordpress Media Gallery to create and display thumbnails (on the front page, sidebar and other areas of the theme).

In order to display the thumbnails correctly and without distortions you will have to install the Regenerate Thumbnails plugin.

This plugin will regenerate all your thumbs based on the size requirements of the Trulyminimal theme.

Our required plugins wizard will guide you through the plugin installation process which is seamless and pain free :).

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2. TrulyMinimal Features

All of our themes are running on our very own custom theme framework which represents the solid foundation of every theme we release. **FlarePanel** connects directly to our framework and comes bundled with lots of amazing features which will help you setup and customize your theme easily and conveniently.

2.1 Custom Logo and Favicon Upload

In the **Global Options** section you can easily replace the default logo and favicon by using the logo/favicon upload feature. Simply browse, select and upload your logo/favicon, or you can enter the URL to your logo and the theme will automatically import it.

2.2 Usage of Google Webfonts

The **Typography** section enables you to change the default content font (and font styling) for all of your pages. Using the dropdown list select and preview the fonts. As an extra feature we've implemented the Google Fonts API which lets you select fonts from the Google Fonts library too.

2.3 Custom Color Schemes

In the **Color Settings** section you can customize the colors of your theme. The available color settings are: **Font color, Primary color** and **Secondary color.**

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Once you're done choosing the colors save the settings and you're good to go. Your settings will be saved under the Custom color scheme name. You can always revert to the default font color settings by choosing Default in the Color Scheme dropdown list.

2.4 Drag & Drop template Setup

The Template Setup section allows you to arrange the order of elements on your pages using a simple drag and drop platform. **Think of these elements like sidebar Widgets: you can add/remove/arrange them.**

Let's take the post section as an example:
You can choose to add any preset elements above or below the post content. Let's say you want to add the author details and a 468x60 advertisement under the post. Simply drag the Author Details and Advertisement widgets from the inactive area to the active area and save the settings. If you visit a post you will notice that these two sections are now displayed under the post.

2.5 Layout Editor

The Layout Editor allows you to easily change the display of the sidebars individually for each Wordpress Template(Home template, Archive template, Search template, 404 (error) page, Post template, Page template and all other templates(Default template).

2.6 Custom Code Insertion

In the **Custom Code** section you can add code to both the **header and footer files** of your theme. This feature can be very handy when you want to insert a visitor tracking code(Google Analyctics for example).
In addition you can also insert **custom css code** and styling in the style.css file without the necessity of manually editing the file.

2.7 Shortcodes

To ease usability we've implemented a few nifty shortcodes:

2.7.1 Related posts

Displays related posts based on tags resemblance
Usage: [related_posts limit=**x**] (x=number of posts you want to display)

2.7.2 About the Author

Displays the Author's details.
Usage: [aboutauthor]

2.7.3 Admin Note

Displays a note which is only visible to users with Administrator privileges
Usage: [admin_note]**This is a note that only admins can see**[/admin_note]

2.7.4 PDF Link

Displays a link to Google Docs PDF viewer.

Usage: [pdflink url="**http://flarethemes.com/doc.pdf**"]Link text[/pdflink]

2.7.5 Email Address

Displays an email link.

Usage: [mailto]**support@example.com**[/mailto]

2.7.6 Members only

Only registered users will be able to view this text, otherwise a notification message will be displayed.

Usage: [member]**Secret content here**[/member]

2.7.7 Site Snapshot

This shortcode will display a image snapshot of the selected website.

Usage: [snapshot url="**http://www.flarethemes.com**" alt="**FlareThemes**" width="**400**" height="**300**"]

2.7.8 PDF embed

Displays a PDF in an embedded PDF viewer.

Usage: [pdfembed url="**http://flarethemes.com/doc.pdf**" width="**400**" height="**300**"]

2.7.9 Youtube video embed

Displays the selected youtube video.

Usage: [youtube url="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-vTaktsUSw" width="400" height="255"]

2.7.10 Code

Display your pretty code in a textbox.

Usage: [code] <?php echo 'FlareThemes'; ?> [/code]

2.8 Custom Widgets

The theme comes with a pack of custom widgets accessible at **Appearance -> Widgets**. All of our custom widgets bear the **TrulyMinimal** label.

2.9 TrulyMinimal Menus

TrulyMinimal takes full advantage of the Wordpress menu system. To get started head over to **Appearance -> Menus** and create your menu after which assign it to the preset menu location.

2.10 Built-in Advertisements Manager

Generating revenue from your blog is an important factor of blogging; to ease the management of your Advertisements we've created our very own Advertisements manager where you can create and manage Ad zones and start generating revenue from your blog in no time.

TrulyMinimal comes with four Ad zones. You can edit these Ad zones in the **Advertising -> Manage Zones** section.

2.10.1 Creating a new Ad zone

To create a new Ad zone head over to the **Manage Zones** section of the Advertisements panel.

Name: Define the name of the new Ad zone

Maximum Ads: Set the number of ads to be displayed in the same time.

Mode: Latest: Displays the most recent banners.

Random: Displays the whole set of banners randomly.

Format: Choose one of the standard banner formats.

Description: The description of the ad zone (e.g. FlareThemes sidebar Banners)

2.10.2 Creating a new Advertisement

To get started head over to **Manage Ads** and click the **Add New** button.

Title: Title of the Ad.

HTML code: Use this field if you want to use HTML code instead of the built in Image upload and Link fields.

Image: Browse, select and upload your banner.

Display From: Set the duration cycle of the banner.

Activate: Choose whether the ad should be active or inactive.

Link: Enter the sponsor's link which will be associated with the uploaded banner.

Maximum Clicks: The ad will be disabled after the set number of clicks.

Maximum Views: The ad will be disabled after the set number of views.

Zone: Choose the Ad zone you want to add your advertisement to.

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2.11 PHP & Javascript Goodies

The theme comes bundled with lots of amazing open source scripts that improve usability and performance.

jQuery (GPL license)- http://jquery.com/

jQuery is a fast and concise JavaScript Library that simplifies HTML document traversing, event handling, animating, and Ajax interactions for rapid web development.

Fancybox (GPL/MIT license) – http://fancybox.net/

FancyBox is a tool for displaying images, html content and multi-media in a Mac-style "lightbox" that floats overtop of web page.

ImageFit (GPL license) - http://code.google.com/p/jquery-imagefit-plugin/

This jQuery plugin makes it easy to have images resize horizontally and vertically to fit the available container width.

Uploadify (GPL/MIT license) – http://www.uploadify.com

HTML5 or Flash Multiple File Upload jQuery Plugin Script

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FocusForm (GPL license) – http://flarethemes.com

This plugin was created to expedite the basic process of emptying form fields on focus and refilling them on blur.

YoutubeFit (GPL license) – http://flarethemes.com

YoutubeFit resizes Youtube videos(preserving aspect ratio) to fit the available container width.

TGM Plugin Activation (GPL license) - http://tgmpluginactivation.com

TGM Plugin Activation is a PHP library that allows you to easily require or recommend plugins for WordPress themes (and plugins).

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Again, big thanks for using TrulyMinimal!

Should you have further questions feel free to contact support.