

First off – thanks a lot for purchasing this error page template.

It's a great way to provide your users with a lot more useful information than the browser's standard error page; visitors will find it much more helpful, and hopefully they'll stay on your site for longer.

The page is actually quite flexible. For example, you could remove the search feature if you don't require this functionality, and instead add more info about the error, or about your website.

Likewise, you can use the information panel on the left of the site map menus to give any information you wish – I'd suggest a link to the homepage and an apology, but this is just a start point: you could include contact details, a funny message, info about your products, anything! You could even remove the site map menus and replace with photos, information, anything.

All code from all pages is well commented and should be fairly self-explanatory, but this guide will help point you to everything which will need modifying before you upload your holding page..

*Please read through the index.php code and pay attention to comments with '****' as these give you instructions. The code has been commented to help developers with any customisation.*

Configuring Social Media Links

This design includes icons to link to any social media sites you might be on. To modify these:

Open 'social.php'

Modify the links as required. Obviously you can also remove/add icons if you wish.

Customising Appearance

1. Using your own logo

You must replace the default logo with your own. Your own logo should be in .png format, with dimensions 230 x 185 px and saved as 'logo.png'. You should then copy this file into the /images folder, replacing the existing logo.png file.

If you need to use a different size/format, then you'll need to customise the #MastHeadInner rule on line 12 of /css/layout.css

2. Choosing your theme

This site comes bundled with a number of themes. It's easy to try out different themes:

Open head.php

Follow the instructions (around line 20) which tell you to remove comments from the link to the stylesheet for the theme which you'd like to use. Remember to ensure all other themes' stylesheets are commented out.

2. Choosing your font for the introduction text

The introduction text uses sIFR to enable 'nice' non-standard fonts. I've included 4 font options. To change the current font:

Open /flash and rename the font you wish to use as 'current.swf'. Be sure to make a copy first.

On changing the font, you may need to configure sIFR font sizes etc. To do this:

Open /lib/sifr-config.js and follow the instructions.

For more information on sIFR, I'd recommend visiting www.designintellecion.com/2008/this-is-how-you-get-sifr-to-work/

If you'd like to use your own font, you'll need to convert it to .swf format. A great free tool for doing this can be found at www.sifrgenerator.com/

Updating Content

Open index.php, and look for any comments marked with '*****' as these highlight editable areas.

The main sections are:

1. Error code and introduction message
2. Information panel
3. Site map menus

I hope this guide has been helpful, and wish you luck with your new website.