

Premium Flash Template

Version 1.0 User Guide

Website

<http://www.flashden.net/user/lydian?ref=lydian>

DESCRIPTION

The **Premium Flash Template** is a fully configurable and easy to use web template with a lot of great features. You can create attractive functional pages just with a few mouse clicks. The **Premium Flash Template** supports deep linking, which means that you can link to any specific part of the website. Deep linking also lets you use the browser's back and forward buttons. You don't need to download any other 3rd party frameworks to achieve deep linking. It's built-in and ready to use. It works even for the gallery photos, try it out for yourself and see.

The **Premium Flash Template** has **6** different page modules and each can be reused multiple times. These modules are;

- ✓ Banner Page
- ✓ Standart Page
- ✓ News Page
- ✓ Portfolio Page
- ✓ Photo Gallery Page
- ✓ Contact Page

FEATURES AT A GLANCE

- ✓ Allows you to use the same modules multiple times. No duplication needed. Everything is managed through XML files.
- ✓ Fully supports deep linking (No external framework needed)
- ✓ Has an easy to use integrated photo gallery. (Can be used several times under different menus)
- ✓ Manage pages through XML, create hidden pages and share your deep links.
- ✓ Includes rotating news line component in the main page to announce the latest news.
- ✓ Includes an mp3 player with a real equalizer.
- ✓ Compact file size (187kb for the whole website)
- ✓ Allows you to use the external background files.
- ✓ Smart page caching system.
- ✓ Comes with a single SWF file (You don't need to maintain multiple SWF files)
- ✓ Has 6 different modules (Banner page, standart page, photo gallery, news page, portfolio page, contact page)
- ✓ You can load external SWF files.
- ✓ Has a PHP based dynamic contact form.
- ✓ Developed using the latest flash technology AS3.
- ✓ No timeline code is used so you don't have to spend hours to find the code in the timeline. There are fully commented external AS3 class files.
- ✓ Change content, colors, etc through XML.
- ✓ Comes with a help file covering each topic in detail.

GETTING STARTED

This website template will only work on a web server. You might have problems if you try to run it locally. This is a must for all deep linking templates.

HOW TO CHANGE THE TEMPLATE LOGO?

- Copy your logo to the **images** directory.
- Open **config.xml** file with your favorite text editor. (You can find this file under the **xml** directory)
- Find **logoURL** parameter and enter the **url** of your logo. (Such as "images/mylogo.png")
- Save the file and exit.

HOW TO CHANGE THE MP3 FILE?

- Copy your mp3 file to the **mp3** directory.
- Open **config.xml** file with your favorite text editor. (You can find this file under **xml** folder)
- Find **mp3URL** parameter and enter the url of your mp3. (Such as "mp3/mysong.mp3")
- Save the file and exit.

HOW TO MANAGE MENU ITEMS AND PAGES?

- You need to edit **main.xml** to create new menu items.
- You can find **main.xml** under the **xml** directory.
- Open it with your favorite text editor and add/remove xml nodes.
- Each menu item represents a new page in the template.
- Every menu item starts with a **<content>** tag.
- Each menu item should have UNIQUE names. (Keep this in mind not to have problems)
- See the XML structure below to understand how menu items work.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
```

```
<main>
```

```
  <content name="HOME" type="BannerPage" xml="xml/homepage.xml" showInMainMenu="true" />
  <content name="PHOTOGRAPHS" type="PhotoGallery" xml="xml/gallery.xml" showInMainMenu="true" />
  <content name="NEWS" type="NewsPage" xml="xml/news.xml" showInMainMenu="true" />
  <content name="PORTFOLIO" type="PortfolioPage" xml="xml/portfolio.xml" showInMainMenu="true" />
  <content name="ABOUT US" type="StandartPage" xml="xml/about.xml" showInMainMenu="true" />
  <content name="EXTERNAL SWF" type="SWF" link="images/sample.swf" showInMainMenu="true" />
  <content name="CONTACT" type="ContactPage" xml="xml/contact.xml" showInMainMenu="true" />
  <content name="BLOG" type="Link" link="http://www.myblog.com" showInMainMenu="true" target="_blank" />
  <content name="HIDDEN CONTENT" type="StandartPage" xml="xml/mypage.xml" showInMainMenu="false" />
```

```
</main>
```

A list of available attributes and their meanings:

name	Enter the name of the menu item as you want it to appear on the menu.
type	Type of the menu item. (See available menu item types below.)
xml	URL of the XML file for the menu item. (This is not necessary for the SWF and Link type)
showInMainMenu	Indicates whether this menu item is shown in the main menu or not. If you set this parameter to " false " it won't be shown in the main menu. You can reach a hidden page by using the following address structure; http://www.youraddress.com/#/menu_item_name
link	This attribute is only used for outgoing links and external swf files. It should hold the URL of the swf file or the address of the website that you want link to. The website address should start with http://
target	Target browser window to launch the given URL. You should only use this if your menu item type is a Link . Possible values are _blank and _self .

***Note:** Each menu item name should be unique. Using the same name for different menu items might cause linking problems.*

What are the available menu item types?

- **BannerPage** : A banner page consists of the following elements; a body text on the left side of the page and a banner rotator on the right side of the page. It should generally be used as the main page, however, you can use it for any other purpose. See the **HOME** menu item in the sample template for a working example. Each banner page should have its own XML file. See How to create a banner page? section for further information.
- **StandartPage** : A standart page consists of the following elements; a body text on the left side of the page and a small content picture on the right side of the page. It can be used as a text holder. See the **ABOUT** menu item in the sample template for a working example. Each standart page should have its own XML file. See how to create a standart page? section for further information.
- **PhotoGallery** : You can use the **PhotoGallery** type to create a fully functional photo gallery page. See the **PHOTOGRAPHS** menu item in the sample template for a working example. See how to create a photo gallery? section for further information.

- **NewsPage** : A news page includes the latest news that you announce. It can be used to list your articles or news. See NEWS menu item in the sample template for live example. See how to create a news page section for more information.
- **PortfolioPage** : A portfolio page includes a scrolling horizontal menu to display its content. You can use it to create a portfolio page or a team members page etc. See PORTFOLIO menu item in the sample template for a working example. See how to create a portfolio page section for more information.
- **Contact Page** : You can create contact pages to let your users send e-mails to your mailbox. See CONTACT menu item in the sample template for a working example. See how to create a contact page section for more information.
- **SWF**: A menu item with this type will load the swf file in the link attribute to the content holder.
- **Link**: A menu item with this type will open the given link. You can use this type to give external links such as blog etc.

HOW TO CREATE A HIDDEN PAGE?

You should set the **showInMainMenu** parameter to “**false**” when creating a new menu item.

HOW TO CREATE A BANNER PAGE?

Please follow these steps to create a banner page;

- Go to the **xml** directory and create an empty text file with “xml” extension. Such as mybannerpagename.xml
- Open this file with your favorite text editor.
- Use the XML structure below to create your banner page.
- You should use the name of the XML file that you created here, in main.xml. Create a new menu item node with this xml file and your menu item type should be a **BannerPage**.

***Note** :You can always use the existing XML file to create a new page easily.*

BannerPage XML structure:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<bannerpage>
  <title>Add the title of your page here</title>
  <text>
    <![CDATA[<body>Add body text here.<body>]]>
  </text>
  <banners>
    <banner image="images/1.jpg" link="http://www.flashden.net" target="_blank"/>
    <banner image="images/2.jpg" link="mypage"/>
    <banner image="images/3.jpg" link="mypage"/>
    <banner image="images/4.jpg" link="my_menu_item_name"/>
    <banner image="images/5.jpg" link="example_menu-1"/>
    <banner image="images/6.jpg" link="no_space_here"/>
    <banner image="images/7.jpg" link="secondpage"/>
  </banners>
</bannerpage>
```

<title></title>	Add your page title between these tags.
<text></text>	Add the body text between these tags. Use CDATA to be able to add the HTML content.
<banners></banners>	Add your banner nodes between these tags.
image	The URL of your banner.
link	This attribute either contains an external link or a deep link. An external link should always start with http:// otherwise it will be treated like a deep link. Your deep links should be visible in the main.xml file. You should replace the menu item name with lower-cased versions and all space characters should also be replaced with underscore "_". See the examples below to learn how to rename your menu items for linking.
target	Indicates the target browser window to launch the given url. This is only valid for external links. You should only use this if your menu item type is an external link. Possible values are _blank and _self .

Renaming menu items for deep linking:

Menu item name in main.xml	Link
MY MENU ITEM	my_menu_item
EXAMPLE MENU-1	example_menu-1

HOW TO CREATE A STANDART PAGE?

Please follow these steps to create a standart page;

- Go to the **xml** directory and create an empty text file with “xml” extension. Such as `mystandartpage.xml`
- Open this file with your favorite text editor.
- Use the XML structure below to create your standart page.
- You should use the name of the XML file that you created here, in `main.xml`. Create a new menu item node with this xml file and your menu item type should be a **StandartPage**.

StandartPage XML structure:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<page>
  <title>Add the title of your page here</title>
  <subtitle>Add your subtitle here</subtitle>
  <image>images/myimage.jpg</image>
  <text>
    <![CDATA[<b>Lorem</b> ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Ut bibendum
    elementum lectus. Nulla accumsan, massa quis aliquam bibendum, eros elit ultricies lacus,
    eu semper enim dolor et augue.]]>
  </text>
</page>
```

<code><title></title></code>	Add your page title between these tags.
<code><subtitle></subtitle></code>	Add your subtitle between these tags.
<code><image></image></code>	URL of the page image.
<code><text></text></code>	Add the body text between these tags. Use CDATA to be able to add the HTML content.
target	Indicates the target browser window to launch the given url. This is only valid for external links. You should only use this if your menu item type is an external link. Possible values are _blank and _self .

***Note :** You can always use the existing XML file to create a new page easily.*

HOW TO CREATE A PHOTO GALLERY?

Please follow these steps to create a photo gallery;

- Go to the **xml** directory and create an empty text file with “xml” extension. Such as mygallery.xml
- Open this file with your favorite text editor.
- Use the XML structure below to create your photo gallery.
- You should use the name of the XML file that you created here, in main.xml. Create a new menu item node with this xml file and your menu item type should be a **PhotoGallery**.

PhotoGallery XML structure:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<gallery>
  <photo name="album/1.jpg">
    <title>My Unique Photo Title 1</title>
    <description>
      <![CDATA[<u>Aenean tristique</u> pretium purus. <b>Nulla bibendum</b> metus
        vel lorem. Suspendisse urna leo, dapibus non, bibendum ut, tempor id, massa. Duis
        massa lacus, ultrices vitae, sodales vehicula, tincidunt vel, sapien. Integer purus.]]>
    </description>
  </photo>
  <photo name="album/2.jpg">
    <title> My Unique Photo Title 2</title>
    <description>Aenean tristique pretium purus. Nulla bibendum metus vel
      lorem.</description>
  </photo>
  <photo name="album/3.jpg">
    <title> My Unique Photo Title 3</title>
    <description>
      <![CDATA[Mauris neque velit, molestie nec, <u>ornare sagittis</u>, fermentum
        nec, dui.]]>
    </description>
  </photo>
</gallery>
```

<photo></photo>	Contains the details of your photo.
name	URL of the photo. (See the first note below)
<title></title>	Add the title of your photo between these tags. (See the second note below)
<description></description>	The description which is displayed under the photo title.

Note-1 : In addition to setting photo URL, you should also set your photo and thumbnail directory in **config.xml** file.

Note-2 : Each photo title should be unique to successfully create deep links. Using the same title for different photographs could cause unexpected problems.

Note-3 : You can always use the existing XML file to create a new page easily.

HOW TO CREATE A NEWS PAGE?

Please follow these steps to create a news page;

- Go to the **xml** directory and create an empty text file with “xml” extension. Such as mynews.xml
- Open this file with your favorite text editor.
- Use the XML structure below to create your news page.
- You should use the name of the XML file that you created here, in main.xml. Create a new menu item node with this xml file and your menu item type should be a **NewsPage**.

News Page XML structure:

```
<news>
  <item image="images/news/1.jpg" date="21 Oct 2009">
    <title>My Unique News Title 1</title>
    <summary>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.</summary>
    <content>
      <![CDATA[<i>Lorem</i> <b>ipsum</b> dolor sit amet, consectetur
        adipiscing elit. Nam non diam nec <a href="http://www.flashden.net"
        target="_blank">justo</a>]]>
    </content>
  </item>
  <item image="images/news/1.jpg" date="21 Oct 2009">
    <title> My Unique News Title 2</title>
    <summary>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.</summary>
    <content>
      <![CDATA[<i>Lorem</i> <b>ipsum</b> dolor sit amet, consectetur
        adipiscing elit. Nam non diam nec <a href="http://www.flashden.net"
        target="_blank">justo</a>]]>
    </content>
  </item>
</news>
```

image	URL of the news item photo.
date	The date news item is added.
<item></item>	Contains the details of the news item.
<title></title>	The title of your news item. (See the first note below)
<summary></summary>	Summary of the news (Should be about 2 lines)
<content></content>	The content of your news item. Use CDATA to add HTML content.

***Note-1:** Each news title should be unique to successfully create deep links. Using the same title for different news items could cause unexpected problems.*

***Note-2:** You can always use the existing XML file to create a new page easily.*

HOW TO CREATE A PORTFOLIO PAGE?

Please follow these steps to create a portfolio page;

- Go to the **xml** directory and create an empty text file with “xml” extension. Such as myportfolio.xml
- Open this file with your favorite text editor.
- Use the XML structure below to create your portfolio page.
- You should use the name of the XML file that you created here, in main.xml. Create a new menu item node with this xml file and your menu item type should be a **PortfolioPage**.

Portfolio Page XML structure:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<menu>
  <item url="images/portfolio/1.jpg">
    <title>Unique Portfolio Title-1</title>
    <subtitle>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.</subtitle>
    <content>Put your portfolio content here.</content>
  </item>
  <item url="images/portfolio/1.jpg">
    <title>Unique Portfolio Title-2</title>
    <subtitle>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.</subtitle>
    <content> Put your portfolio content here.</content>
    <link target="_blank">http://www.flashden.net</link>
  </item>
</menu>
```

url	URL of the portfolio item image.
<item></item>	Contains the details of the news item.
<title></title>	The title of your news item. (See the first note below)
<subtitle></subtitle>	Add your subtitle between these tags.
<content></content>	The content of your portfolio item. Use CDATA to add HTML content.
<link></link>	This tag is only used if you want to add external links to your portfolio items. It should contain the address of the website that you want link to. The website address should start with http://

Note-1: Each portfolio title should be unique to successfully create deep links. Using the same title for different portfolio items could cause unexpected problems.

Note-2: You can always use the existing XML file to create a new page easily.

HOW TO EDIT THE CONTACT PAGE?

Please follow these steps to edit the contact page;

- Go to the **xml** directory and open **contact.xml** with your favorite text editor.
- Use the following XML structure to change details.

Contact Page XML structure:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<contact>
    <body>Add your body text here.</body>
    <email>youremail@yourcompany.com</email>
    <telephone>+1-234-567-8934</telephone>
    <fax>+1-234-567-8935</fax>
    <address>Your address line</address>
</contact>
```

- You should also open **send.php** and change the e-mail address in the **sendTo** section to the e-mail address that you want the messages to be sent to.
- You can also change the e-mail subject there.
- To be able to use contact page direct e-mail sending feature, your web server should be able to run PHP scripts.

HOW TO LOAD AN EXTERNAL SWF?

Please follow these steps to load an external swf into content holder.

- Go to the **xml** directory and open **main.xml** with your favorite text editor.
- Create a new menu item with **SWF** type
- Use **link** attribute to define the url of your swf file.
- Here is a sample xml node to load an external swf;

```
<content name="MENU NAME" type="SWF" link="images/sample.swf" showInMainMenu="true"/>
```

HOW TO CREATE AN OUTGOING LINK?

Please follow these steps to create an outgoing link.

- Go to the **xml** directory and open **main.xml** with your favorite text editor.
- Create a new menu item with **Link** type
- Use **link** attribute to define the url.
- Use **target** attribute to define the target browser window.
- Here is a sample xml node;

```
<content name="OUTGOING LINK" type="Link" link="http://www.flashden.net/user/lydian"
showInMainMenu="true" target="_blank"/>
```

CONFIG.XML PARAMETERS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS

Parameter	Description
logoURL	URL of the website logo.
mp3URL	The name of the mp3 file to be played in the background.
newslinaName	The name of the main news menu.
newslinaXML	Location of the news xml file for the newslina. (Could be your main news xml file)
mainMenuSelectedBackgroundColor	Selected menu background color for the main menu.
mainMenuSelectedTextColor	Selected menu text color for the main menu.
mainMenuMouseOverColor	Mouse over color for the main menu.
bannerRotatorWidth	Width of the banner rotator.
bannerRotatorHeight	Height of the banner rotator.
bannerRotatorBorderSize	The size of the border for banner rotator.
bannerRotatorBorderColor	Color of the banner rotator border.
bannerRotatorBackgroundColor	Background color of the banner rotator.

bannerRotatorSelectedButtonColor	Color of the selected button.
bannerRotatorSelectedButtonText	Color of the selected button text.
thumbnailDir	Path to the thumbnails for the photo gallery.
photoDir	Path to the photos for the photo gallery.
photoBorderSize	Border size of the original photo which will be displayed on the stage..
thumbBorderColor	Color of the thumbnail border.
thumbBackgroundColor	Color of the thumbnail background.
portfolioPageItemBorderColor	Border color of the portfolio page items.
portfolioPageItemBorderSize	Border size of the portfolio page items.
highlightColor	General highlight color to be used for mouse over states.
contentHolderTopMargin	Top margin of the content holder.
contentHolderLeftMargin	Left margin of the content holder.

WHAT SHOULD I UPLOAD TO MY WEBSERVER?

Root

- |__background (Directory) (Contains background.swf)
- |__images (Directory) (Contains your images and thumbnails)
- |__mp3 (Directory) (Contains the mp3 file)
- |__xml (Directory) (Contains the xml files)
- |__swfaddress (Directory)
- |__swfobject (Directory)
- |__index.html (HTML file)
- |__loader.swf (SWF file)
- |__main.swf (SWF file)
- |__send.php (PHP file)

Note : Do not upload any fla or actionscript files to your webserver. Those files are only needed during publishing process.

HOW CAN I REPUBLISH THE PROJECT?

Before you start, you should go to your classpath settings and add the component source folder to your classpaths.

For Flash CS3 :

- Open main.fla file.
- Go to Edit > Preferences > ActionScript.
- Click on the “ActionScript 3.0 Settings” button.
- Click on the “Add new path” button.
- Click on the “Browse to path” button.
- Select the “src” folder inside the application folder.
- Click OK and close the window.

For Flash CS4 :

- Open main.fla file.
- Go to File > Publish Settings > Flash
- Click on the “ActionScript 3.0 Settings” button.
- Select “Source path” tab
- Click on the “Add new path” button.
- Click on the “Browse to path” button.
- Select the “src” folder inside the application folder.
- Click OK and close the window.

Note : *You should only republish the project if you make a modification on the source code or the fla file.*