

Theme Documentation

Luxury Wordpress Template by Cudazi // www.cudazi.com

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Thank you for purchasing my theme. If you have any questions that are beyond the scope of this help file, please feel free to email via my user page contact form [here](#). Thanks so much!

Please watch this theme on ThemeForest.net for updates down the road.

PLEASE READ THE THEME UPDATES TEXT FILE IN THIS DOWNLOAD FOR THE VERY LATEST UPDATES!

Initial Setup

1. **Upload and Activate the Luxury Theme**

Do not upload the entire file you download from ThemeForest, just the **cudazi-luxury** folder inside the theme folder.

2. **Upload and Activate included plug-ins**

cudazi-ad-manager.php, custom-display-post-thumbs.php, custom-recent-posts.php

Once activated, they will appear as widgets in Admin > Appearance > Widgets

These widgets were designed for use in the Luxury theme only, they may not work properly in other themes.

3. **Create some sample categories**

In the help below, I use some sample categories, feel free to name them what you wish. Under Posts > Categories – add a couple new categories: **Featured, Personal, Professional**.

Please note the category ID of each for later use.

<http://www.google.com/search?q=find+category+ID+in+wordpress>

Creating Pages

Home Page Template

Watch a video tutorial on the home page setup: <http://vimeo.com/9601119>

1. Create a new page under Pages > Add New
2. In the “Add New Page” screen, change the page template (typically along the right) from Default Template to: **Home**.
3. Give the page a title, typically “Home”
4. The main content area on this page template is not used so you can leave that blank.
5. Click Publish to save the page
6. This page will now appear in the main menu, don’t be alarmed that it will be nearly blank, we’ll set that up later on with widgets and the Theme Settings page.

*Please read: **Home Page Widget Layout** and **Home Page Promo Category** on the Theme Settings page for more information.*

Can I manually set the height of the slide show?

Yes, in js/general.js there are settings for the cycle plugin, you can change this: height: ‘auto’, to this: **height: 900**, (be careful to leave the comma after the number you enter)

Home – No Slider Template

This page is just like the home template above but replaces the promo images with a single widget area: Home Slider Replacement. You can use a text widget to insert HTML, a 3rd party plugin and so on for maximum flexibility. Also, this template lets you enter content via the standard add/edit page > content area which will appear below the widget mentioned earlier.

The widget appears in a 940px wide column you can style using the Theme Settings > Custom / Add-On CSS area with a .promo-widget class, ex: **.promo-widget { margin:30px 0;}**

Custom Category Template

This is a very useful page template, it is a page that lets you control which category of blog posts to display, allowing you to add blog pages / categories to the main menu. Some sample uses would be a personal and professional blog on the same site, corporate blog and press releases on separate menu items, the possibilities are nearly endless.

In this example, let’s create a page to display our “Featured” posts.

1. Create a new page under Pages > Add New
2. In the “Add New Page” screen, change the page template (typically along the right) from Default Template to **Custom Category Display**.
3. Give the page a title, in this example: Featured Posts

4. The page content is optional, it will appear above the blog posts. The page title is hidden but you can add it back in by adding: `<h2>Featured Posts</h2>` if you would like in the HTML view (your choice).
5. Choose which category this page should display by adding a custom field of **categories**.
6. Give it a value matching your “Featured” category ID, ex: **4**
If you want to display multiple categories, simply use a comma-separated list of category IDs: 4, 5, 10
7. Make sure your custom field is added and publish this page.

Before you continue - do the steps above again but title this page **Blog** with a custom field value of **-0**. We will use this to display **all** blog posts down the road. You may also choose to display the “Featured Posts” page above as a child page of Blog so it appears in the dropdown.

Additional notes: The categories custom value is entered in `query_posts('cat=XXXX')` – for more information: http://codex.wordpress.org/Template_Tags/query_posts#Category_Parameters

Disable post thumbnails per-page: Add a custom field of **hide_thumbnails** to disable post thumbnails on that specific page. (Any value except 0 works, so "yes" would be a good value.)

Set your “Home” Page

You can set this theme up with the blog as the home page (WordPress default) but it was originally designed to use the **Home** page template as the default home page, let's set Wordpress up to take care of that.

1. Go to: Settings > Reading
2. Under “Front page displays” – choose **A static page**
3. Front page: **Home** (or whatever you named the page using the Home template)
4. Hit **Save Changes**

Widgets – Adding and Information

Widgets can be found under Appearance > Widgets – this theme also contains three custom plug-ins which appear in this widget area for use on various parts of the site.

The titles are pretty self descriptive – Keep in mind “Column Two” and “Column Three” widgets will not be included in the one or two column layouts.

If you need more widget areas, there are plenty of resources online:

<http://www.google.com/search?q=wordpress+add+multiple+sidebars>

Custom Widgets Included:

Cudazi Footer Thumbnail Widget

Designed to be placed in one of the three “Footer” widget areas, it pulls 60px x 60px thumbnails from the new Wordpress 2.9+ Post Thumbnails field.

Cudazi Ad Manager Widget

Designed to be placed in Column Two or Column Three in a 2 or 3-column layout with 125x125px ads but could be customized to fit on the 2-Column layout with a wide sidebar.

Cudazi Home Posts Widget

Designed to be placed in the Home Column A, B or C areas to display styled recent posts by category.

I do not recommend using these widgets in other themes as they were designed for use with Luxury.

Using Post Thumbnails

Post thumbnails are an exciting new feature in Wordpress 2.9. They allow you to add an image and have it processed behind the scenes for use in the theme without having to worry about resizing.

As a general rule, upload a larger image than you plan to use from the start, 1000px would be fine. Depending on which layout you are using, the image will be automatically resized anywhere from: 60px for thumbnails to 940px wide for the full-width post/page or the home page promo area.

How to attach a post thumbnail:

Let's create a "Featured Post" to be used at a later time.

1. Go to Posts > Add New
2. Enter a Title: My Featured Post
3. Enter Content: Lorem ipsum...etc...
4. Choose the category of "Featured" so we can use this at a later time.
5. Now, look for the new feature "Post Thumbnail", typically in the right column in the Add New post area. Click **Set Thumbnail**.
6. The image upload screen will appear, upload a large image to use
7. When it moves onto the next screen, you do not need to edit any options, just click **Use as thumbnail**
8. Click Save all changes and then close the "Add an image" box using the X at the top right.
9. Click **Publish** post to save this post on your blog.

The post thumbnail will appear in blog pages and when viewing the post itself, it will resize automatically from 940px -> 780px -> 620px -> 60px depending on where it is used and the page layout options in the next step.

Custom Write Panel

Custom write panels are similar to custom fields but just a little more user friendly.

On a post, you will see these two options, **columns** and **Hide Thumbnail**. Pages will not have the thumbnail hiding option. They can use thumbnails but aren't displaying in multiple locations as posts do so don't require this option.



The screenshot shows a 'Custom Post Options' panel with a grey header. Below the header is a light grey box containing the text 'Override the theme defaults below, remember to save the post/page.' There are two settings: 'Columns' with a dropdown menu currently set to 'Use Theme Default', and 'Hide Thumbnail on Full' with a dropdown menu also set to 'Use Theme Default'. Below the second dropdown is a small text label: 'Do you want to hide the post thumbnail above post title on the full page?'.

Columns

This will override the default theme settings and allow you to have different layout options, 1 column is a full-width page. Keep in mind using different options will limit the sidebars along the right.

Hide Thumbnail on Full

Some people may want post thumbnails to show on the blog pages listing out all entries but hide it once a user clicks on a post so they can manually insert their own images into the content area. Pages don't require this feature but do use post thumbnails.

The Theme Defaults are set in the **Theme Settings** page, a custom page we will go over next.

Theme Settings Page

This is a custom page that appears in the wordpress admin area in the lower left of the menu when the Luxury theme is activated.

There are too many features to go over in detail here so I have added notes, instructions and tips to the Theme Settings page itself so you don't have to refer back and forth.

Some important settings to note:

Number of Columns

This is the overall theme column layout which can be overridden in the Custom Write panel for pages / posts.

Home Page Widget Layout

The home page has many different layout options using the three widget areas, by default it uses the "Three Columns: (4/4/4)" option. The numbers, from 2-12 represent the width of the columns based on the www.960.gs system, the larger the number, the bigger the column.

Home Page Promo Category

Set this to the category ID you wish to display in the home page slider, the posts in this category must have a post thumbnail set to appear in this list. Or, set the home page you created above with custom fields:

promo_image (value: full url to image)
promo_url (value: optional full url)
promo_image (value: full url to image)
promo_url (value: optional full url)
promo_image (value: full url to image)
promo_url (value: optional full url)
Etc...

Social Media Icons

Use this to display social media icons in the footer of the website, note the RSS URL is included if you wish to use the RSS icon.

Please read through the entire theme settings page for more information, settings and notes, and BE SURE TO HIT SAVE after making any edits!

HTML / CSS

This theme is based on the **12 column** [960.gs framework](#) to provide general layout of columns and content. This layout is 12 columns wide, so if you notice **all the columns add up to 12**.

In the functions.php file of the template, you will notice a few different CSS files inserted:

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="css/960.css" media="screen" />
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="css/screen.css" media="screen" />
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="css/print.css" media="print" />
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" media="screen" href="css/superfish.css" />
```

960.css

This is the 960.gs framework CSS file, *you do not need to do any edits to this file*.

screen.css

This is the file you will spend the most time in if doing any customizations. It includes all major page styles and formatting.

print.css

This includes basic print styles only used when a user prints your website. Use this to hide any items when printing such as the menu. View print.css for a sample.

superfish.css

Used to style the main navigation and dropdowns.

Editing Colors and Styles

If you are new to CSS, you may want to do a Google search for [CSS Tutorials](#) and visit [W3Schools](#).

The quickest way to locate the style that may be controlling the color or properties of an element on a web page is to install the [Firebug plug-in for Firefox](#). With just a click or two, you can locate which file is controlling which elements.

If you would like to edit a specific section of the site, simply find the appropriate selector (p, h2, .classname, etc...) in the CSS file, (screen.css holds most style information) and then scroll down until you find the appropriate style that needs to be edited such as color, font-weight, borders and so on.

To ensure that your new styles are applied, make sure that they carry enough "weight" and that there isn't a style lower in the CSS file that is being applied after yours.

At the end of the screen.css file you will see the clearfix css trick, it is used when older browsers are not properly "clearing" after an element has been floated left or right. [More information...](#)

If you do not want to edit the css directly, you can "add on" css through the theme settings page.

JavaScript

This theme uses JavaScript to enhance the user's experience.

jQuery Javascript Library – <http://www.jquery.com/> - *No need to edit this file*

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="http://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/1.3.2/jquery.min.js"></script>
```

Cufon – Font Replacement - *No need to edit this file*

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="js/cufon-yui.js"></script>
```

Cufon – (Specific Font Name)

Generate your own font here: <http://cufon.shoqolate.com/generate/> and upload to the js/font/ folder to have it appear in the choices of the Theme Settings page for fonts. The Theme then inserts it in the head such as:

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="js/ColaborateLight_400.font.js"></script>
```

Superfish Dropdown menu – jQuery Plugin - *No need to edit these files*

http://users.tpg.com.au/j_birch/plugins/superfish/

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="js/superfish.js"></script>
```

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="js/supersubs.js"></script>
```

jQuery Cycle Plugin – Home page slider images- *No need to edit this file*

For additional transitions and slider information: <http://malsup.com/jquery/cycle/>

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="js/jquery.cycle.min.js"></script>
```

General Setup and Configuration – IMPORTANT!

This file is used for general setup of the Cufon font replacement, dropdown menu, page slider and other JavaScript.

Please read through the comments on this file and refer to the plugin site above for more information and settings.

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="js/general.js"></script>
```

Also, if a user is on IE, less than version 8, this code is also included. It is a JavaScript library to make Microsoft Internet Explorer behave like a standards-compliant browser. It fixes many HTML and CSS issues and makes transparent PNG work correctly under IE5 and IE6.

```
<!--[if lt IE 8]><script src="http://ie7-js.googlecode.com/svn/version/2.0(beta3)/IE8.js" type="text/javascript"></script><![endif]-->
```

Photoshop Files

I have included these Photoshop files to help with any customizations.

cudazi_luxury_theme.psd

This is the overall theme with sample layouts and images. It has slices pre-made in areas I have used for the live demo but feel free to just go directly into the images folder of this theme and overwrite what I have used.

luxury_theme_logo_size_template.psd

Although you **should not use the demo logo as your own**, this may help you judge the size of the demo logo.

Sources and Credits

For more information, configuration and help on these items, please visit their site:

Free Social Media Icons from:

<http://webtoolkit4.me/2008/09/05/webtoolkit4me-releases-the-first-icon-set/>

jQuery

www.jquery.com

IE7.js / IE8.js

[http://ie7-js.googlecode.com/svn/version/2.0\(beta3\)/IE8.js](http://ie7-js.googlecode.com/svn/version/2.0(beta3)/IE8.js)

Cufon - Font Replacement

<http://net.tutsplus.com/videos/screencasts/the-easiest-way-to-use-any-font-you-wish/>

Font used:

<http://www.fontsquirrel.com/fonts/Colaborate>

Dropdown

http://users.tpg.com.au/j_birch/plugins/superfish/#download

Promo Cycle Plugin

<http://malsup.com/jquery/cycle/>

Other Information

Favicon.ico

This template includes a “favicon” – simply replace my favicon.ico file with your own to get started. If you do not have one, a quick google search should turn one up:

<http://www.google.com/search?q=favicon+generator>