

CheckMate

Thankyou for your download of the Checkmate Wordpress theme. This document is intended to give you an overview of the themes features and how to use them.

1. Setting Up Your Theme

Getting started with Checkmate is very easy. Upload the theme to your /wp-content/themes directory and then activate it through your Presentation administrator panel.

Under the Presentation tab you will see “Checkmate Theme Options”, all the options for Checkmate are kept here. See the Theme Options section for a detailed look at what each option does.

Setting up your sidebar will be the next step. Under the Presentation tab is where you will find widgets. Checkmate comes with 7 widget areas out of the box, and 3 more optional areas in the footer. See the widgets section for more detail.

Create your menu and Archives Page. If you wish to have an archives page in the menu, create a wordpress Page and select the page template named “Archives”. The menu uses a sub HTML tag to create subheadings, please see the menu section for more detail.

Setup your author details. Checkmate utilizes author information so it is a good idea to go into the Users admin panel and fill in the information. Gravatar’s are used for author pictures.

Post! Now get to posting. To utilize custom fields please read the custom fields section.

Widgets

Ads : This widget controls the ads setup on the Checkmate Theme Options page.

Ad(from Ads.php) : This widget calls whatever code you put into the ads.php file.

News List : Shows a list of posts from a category named news.

Tabcontent : Shows a tabbed content box. Whatever widgets that are in Tabbed Content widget area are displayed in this tabbed box.

Welcome Box : This is similar to a text box but includes an image box and will be highlighted in the page. You can have multiple welcome boxes.

See the screenshot on the next page for location of widget areas and example of some of the widgets.

Setting up your menu

Checkmate uses a HTML tag to create sub headings in the menu. You can choose to not use these subheadings but I would suggest using them. To use the subheadings, when creating a new wordpress Page, in the title area you will insert something like this:

You should have a space between your title and the <sub> tag as shown.

Title

Title _{Sub Title}|

The menu can be ordered by setting the Page Order option on your Pages.

Theme Options

Color Theme : This option chooses the color theme Checkmate will display. You can change the color theme whenever you like.

Show Header Image : This enables a large header image to be displayed on the home page. This image is 950px by 300px. You enter a image location in Header Image URL for this option to function correctly.

Header Image URL : This should point to an image 950px wide by 300px tall and is used when Show Header Image is set to Yes. eg. <http://yoursite.com/images/header.jpg>

Display Feature Story : If you wish to have a feature story at the top of your blog set this to yes. This will highlight certain posts from a category(or categories) you set in Feature Catagory ID.

Feature Category ID : This determines what categories will be “featured”. You can find the category ID on the category management screen. This option takes a comma seperated list eg. 2,5,8,12 You can have one to all of your categories as feature categories. There is a list of the categories and corresponding ID numbers on the options page.

Feedburner Feed Address : This is your feedburner RSS address. Used in the subscription options box. If you don't have a feedburner address or don't enter one, this defaults to the standard Wordpress RSS feed.

Feedburner Comments Feed Address : Same as above but your comments RSS feed address.

Feedburner ID Number : Used for the email subscription. If this is not included the email subscription will not function.

Pages to Display in Menu : If you only want certain pages showing in your menu enter their ID numbers here. This defaults to all pages. This option takes a comma separated list eg. 1,4,7,15. There is a list of the pages and corresponding ID numbers on the options page.

Widgetize Footer : If you wish to have widgets in your footer set this to Yes. This will give you 3 widget areas which will show on every page of your website.

Ad Options

The ad options control what shows in the Ads widget(not the Ad(from ad.php) widget). This can contain up to three 125px by 125px ads. You can also mix and match the ad sizes, it is not set to only 125px ads. You could for instance have a 425px ad in place of the three 125px ads.

Show Ads : You can turn all ads off with this option. This turns off both of the ad widgets.

Ad Image URL : This is the location of the ad image.

Ad URL : This is the address where you want the ad to link to.

Ads.php is an empty file controled by the Ad(from ads.php) widget. If your ads don't fit into the above man-agement you can use this file to setup your ad without losing the widget functionality.

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- ☐ Design
- ☐ Featured
- ☐ Fitness
- ☐ News

Who? What? Where?



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Welcome Box

SidebarTop

Ads Widget

Tabbed Content

SidebarLeft

Sidebar Right

Sidebar Bottom

Footer widget areas are not shown, they are pretty self explanatory. Footer Left is on the left, footer middle is the middle section and footer right is on the right of the screen.

Index Bottom Left

Index Bottom Right

Posts: Custom Fields

The use of custom fields are completely optional but are recommended for that extra flair. There are two custom fields used by CheckMate: `feature_image` and `post_thumb`.

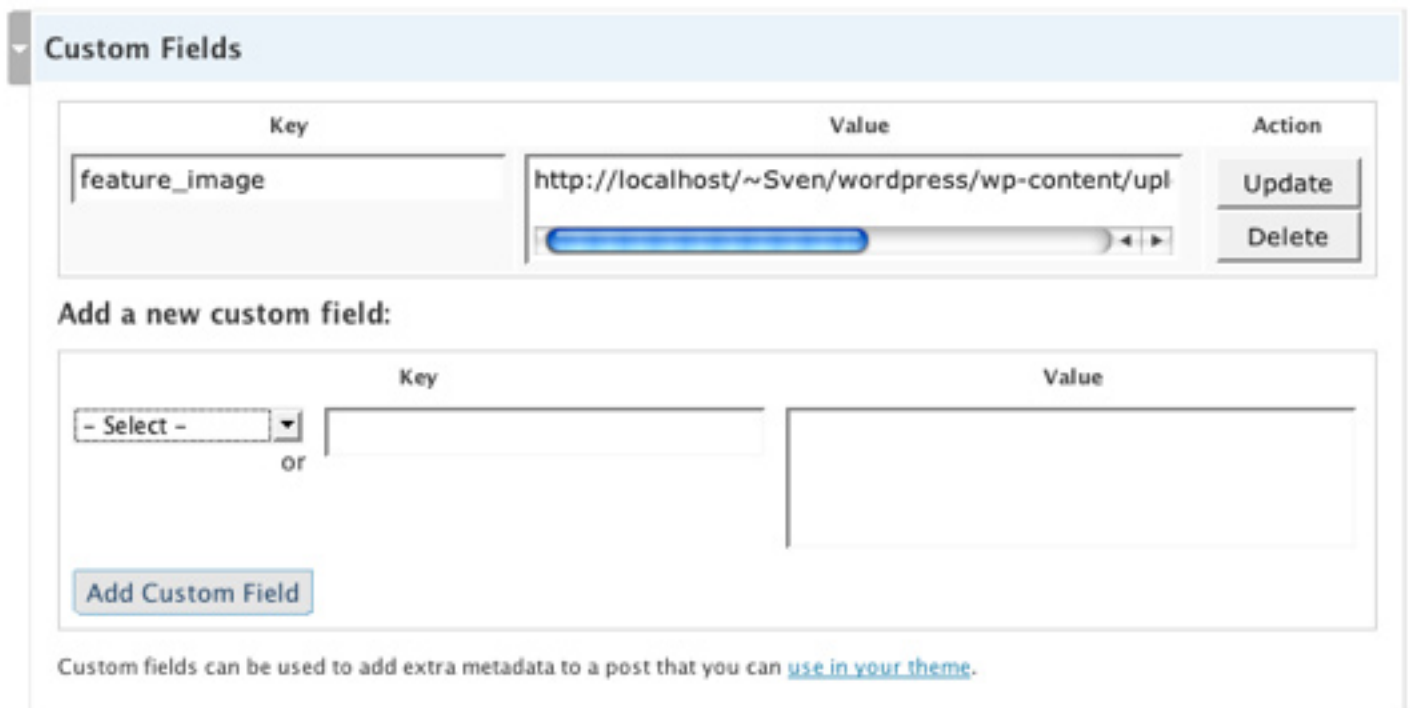
`feature_image` is used by posts in a feature category. This image is used on the homepage in the featured story section, and is located to the right of the content. Once the feature post is no longer the latest post being featured the image is not shown(i.e. The post will appear the same as a regular post).

`post_thumb` is a small image (110 px wide) used under the post's meta data. This image shows on every page the post is shown(including the archives, single post page, home page, search results etc.).

Using the custom fields.

Custom fields are found on the write/edit post page in the administrator portion of your site. Custom fields are broken into two pieces: a key and a value. The key would be either `feature_image` or `post_thumb`. The value is the location of the image.

The below screenshot shows the custom field dialog box from Wordpress 2.5 (versions below are only slightly different). This example shows the use of `feature_image`.



The screenshot displays the 'Custom Fields' dialog box in a WordPress administrator interface. The dialog has a light blue header with a dropdown arrow and the text 'Custom Fields'. Below the header is a table with three columns: 'Key', 'Value', and 'Action'. The 'Key' column contains the text 'feature_image'. The 'Value' column contains the URL 'http://localhost/~Sven/wordpress/wp-content/upl' followed by a blue progress bar. The 'Action' column contains two buttons: 'Update' and 'Delete'. Below the table is a section titled 'Add a new custom field:'. This section contains a dropdown menu with '- Select -' and a small arrow, followed by the word 'or', and then two empty text input fields labeled 'Key' and 'Value'. At the bottom of this section is a button labeled 'Add Custom Field'. At the very bottom of the dialog is a line of text: 'Custom fields can be used to add extra metadata to a post that you can [use in your theme](#).'

Key	Value	Action
feature_image	http://localhost/~Sven/wordpress/wp-content/upl	<button>Update</button> <button>Delete</button>

Add a new custom field:

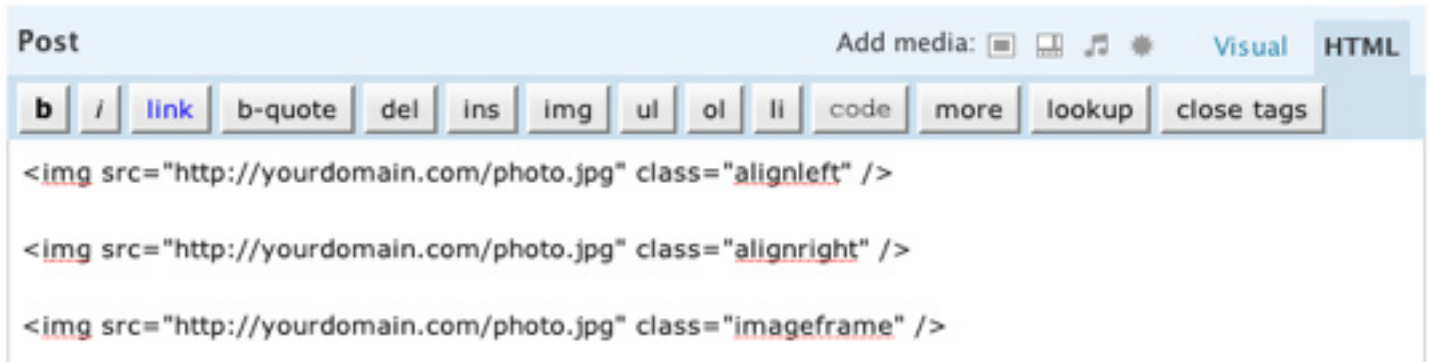
- Select - or

Add Custom Field

Custom fields can be used to add extra metadata to a post that you can [use in your theme](#).

Posts: Images and Pagination

To control the look and placement of your images. There are 3 classes you can add to your images. These are alignleft, alignright, and imageframe and this is how you would use them.



Pagination in Checkmate can be done in either wordpress pages or posts. Adding `<!--nextpage-->` anywhere in your post or page will cause a page break.

Misc. Things You Need To Know

The authors page photo uses a gravatar image associated with the authors email address. The description for authros is set in the user panel.

You can get rid of the sidebar on pages by using a Page Template called "Page No Sidebar".

The email subscription box only works if you have entered a Feedburner ID number.