

Alaska Documentation

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1. Getting Started

Congratulations on purchasing a copy of Alaska! Let's get started...

Inside your download package you'll find the following files & folders:

- file: changelog.txt
- file: readme.txt
- folder: icon-fonts
- folder: psd
- folder: resources
- folder: theme
- folder: user-guide

Each file and folder has a purpose, and it's wise to familiarise yourself with the contents of each of these.

The folder we're most interested in, is the 'theme' folder. Let's walk-through the installation process...

2. Installation

Via FTP:

Connect your host via FTP, and upload contents of the 'theme' folder to your desired location on your server, most probably at 'root' level of the directory.

You can also upload the zipped version, (theme.zip), and unzip the folder in one go via the command line, (advanced users).

Once you have the theme uploaded, you can begin to edit the contents of the site to make it your own.

Editing: To edit the files, you should use a good text-editor that's designed for web files. We recommend using Sublime Text 2, which you can download here > www.sublimetext.com/2

3. .htaccess

Alaska uses a special type of polyfill, to create enable Internet Explorer 8 to properly render the 'background-size: cover' css attribute. In order to enable this though, you will have to ensure the supplied .htaccess file is indeed uploaded, (if you just upload the contents of the 'theme' folder this should be fine, as the .htaccess file is included in this folder), however if you wish to use your own pre-existing .htaccess file, you will need to add the following line of code to that .htaccess file:

AddType text/x-component .htc

The above line of code will ensure the polyfill file type works on your site.

4. Video Hero

If you wish to display a background video hero section on your homepage, as indicated in the Alaska demo, you should add your video files to the 'video' folder. You then need to open up index-video.html in your text-editor, scroll to the bottom of the page, and change the filenames to those of your own video assets;

```
mp4:  "video/add-file-name.mp4",  
ogg:  "video/add-file-name.ogv",  
webm: "video/add-file-name.webm"
```

When adding your own video files, you should ensure you have converted your video into the following 3 file formats:

- .mp4
- .ogv
- .webm

Viedo Fallback

The video function won't work on mobile devices, so you also need to ensure you have a image available for graceful fallback for mobiles. The url of the fallback image should be specified on line 204 of the index-video.html file, and should be 1600px wide x 1000px high to ensure good resolution across larger screens.

Note: if you wish to use the video-based homepage version, you **must** change the name of the file from 'index-video.html' to 'index.html'.

5. Disqus Commenting System

To enable users to comment on your blog-post pages, you should sign-up for a free account at <http://disqus.com/>

post-#.html files

You should then make a note of your 'short name' that is supplied after sign-up, and replace the code on line 280 in post-#.html where it says 'addshortnamehere' with your own. This should be replaced in all post-#.html files.

blog.html

You must also change the short name again, within the blog.html file, on line 465. This block of code should be kept just before the closing `</body>` tag.

Display post comment counts in blog.html file

To allow Disqus to pull the number of comments of a post, into the blog.html file, you should append any links you wish to display the comment count on, with `#disqus_thread`. Such as:

```
<h6 class="pull-left"><a href="posts/post-1.html#disqus_thread">Comments</a></h6>
```

... as seen on line 235 in the blog.html file.

6. Social Sharing in Posts

The sharing buttons for Facebook, Google+ & Twitter come ready-packed with the theme. There are other buttons available, so you should see <http://sharrrre.com/> for further information on how to enable these.

In order to collect the relevant social counts for each page, and also to display the correct text in sharing popup windows, you must change a few pieces of information for each blog post that you create.

For example, if you open post-1.html in your text-editor, (location in the '[root]/posts' folder), and scroll to line 201, you will see the the following:

```
<div id="googleplus" data-url="http://sharrrre.com/" data-text="Add your text here"></div>
```

For each post, you should change the 'data-url' to that of your own post, and you should also change the 'data-text' to something more suitable, such as the post-title. You should change the data-url & data-text for all three sharing buttons.

If you scroll to line 454 of the same file, you will also see the text, 'add_username'. You should add your own Twitter handle here so that when people tweet your post, you are automatically mentioned in the tweet.

7. Mailchimp Sign-up Forms

Alaska features a powerful Ajax-driven signup form, which is programmed to add people to your Mailchimp list.

The Mailchimp email form is featured on both home-page versions, (index.html & index-video.html), and also just below the header on the blog-roll page, (blog.html).

To ensure your users get added to your own Mailchimp list when they sign up, you must add your own Mailchimp list URL to the footer script on all three of the above mentioned pages.

For example:

If you open index.html in your text-editor, and scroll to line 703, you will see the text, 'add-mailchimp-list-url-here' in the url field. This is where you must place your Mailchimp list url details.

To get a Mailchimp account, simply visit mailchimp.com and sign-up for a free account, (or Premium if you need), and create a new list. Then grab the list url details for the newly created list and paste in the space on line 703, easy! Now your users will be signing-up to your personal list and you can start to build your subscribers, and the system is powered by ajax, the user won't be steered away from the current page.

8. Contact & Proposal Forms

Alaska features two types of working email forms; one on the contact page, (contact.html), used for general enquiries, and one for project proposals, (proposals.html).

To ensure these are setup correctly, you must do the following, (process is the same for both form types and must be done for both);

For the Contact Form

1. Open contact_me.js file, located in [root]/includes/contact-form, and scroll to line 47.
2. Find the text, me@example.com and change both instances where it says 'me@example.com' to that of your own email address.
3. Now open contact_me.php [root]/includes/contact-form and scroll to line 17.
4. Change the email address from 'addyouremailaddress@here.com' to that of your own.
5. That's it!

For the Proposal Form

1. Open proposal.js file, located in [root]/includes/proposal, and scroll to line 58.
 2. Find the text, me@example.com and change both instances where it says 'me@example.com' to that of your own email address.
 3. Now open proposal.php [root]/includes/proposal and scroll to line 25.
 4. Change the email address from 'addyouremailaddress@here.com' to that of your own.
 5. That's it!
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9. Configuring Google Maps

[contact.html]

To configure the Google Maps plugin to display your desired location, you must change the co-ordinates to those of your required location.

1. Go to Google Maps and search for location you wish to display
 2. Find the co-ordinates in the url, which will be seen after the '@' symbol, and will be in a similar format to '-34.397, 150.644'. These are the longitude and latitude values you will need.
 3. Open [root]/contact.html in your text-editor
 4. Scroll to line 422
 5. Change the co-ordinates, currently set as '-34.397, 150.644', to those of your own.
 6. You must also scroll to line 433 and paste again remove replace the default co-ordinates of '-34.397, 150.644' to those of your own. This will set the marker-pin in the correct position.
 7. That's it!
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10. Customising the Theme

Add your own colors and styling customisations to the theme is easy.

1. Open the custom.css file, (located in the [root]/css folder), and add all css overrides to this file.

Note: any styles added to any of the other theme stylesheets will be overridden if you update the theme later on.

11. Help & Support

Need some help? No problem!

Support channels:

1. Go back to theme page in the marketplace where you purchased the theme, and leave a comment in the 'Comments' section. We will respond accordingly asap.
2. Email us directly - emails should be send to help@themescollective.com

Note: if you require support via email, you will need to provide proof of purchase, using the purchase code you received in the confirmation email you received after you purchased the theme.

Also, if your username does not have a 'Purchases' tag next to it when you leave a comment in the marketplace comments section, you will also need to provide proof-of-purchase.

And finally, THANK YOU.

Your support means a great amount to us, and we will continue to make more great themes for you all!

Regards,

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