

Silverline Wordpress Theme

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This is your step by step how-to guide to get the most out of your new WordPress theme.

This guide covers everything from installation to tips and troubleshooting. I strongly encourage that you carefully read through this before using your theme, it is likely that any questions that you may have are covered in here. However, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or feedback.

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1. Getting Started

Firstly, you must have a working and up-to-date version of WordPress already installed. For more information on how to install the WordPress see the WordPress codex at - http://codex.wordpress.org/Installing_WordPress

1.1 Installation

To install this theme, you must upload the theme files to WordPress. There are two ways to do this:

- **WordPress Upload:** In your WordPress admin, navigate to *Appearance > Add New Themes > Upload*. Click “browse” then select the zipped file named “silverline.zip” located in the “Silverline Package” that you downloaded from Theme Forest. Then Hit “Install Now”. Once uploaded, activate the theme.
- **FTP Upload:** Using an FTP client, upload the unzipped theme folder to */wp-content/themes/* on your server, then activate the theme.

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2. Theme Features

This theme comes packed with many useful features to enhance your blogging experience and extend WordPress' functionality. This section explains how to use them properly.

2.1 Custom Menus

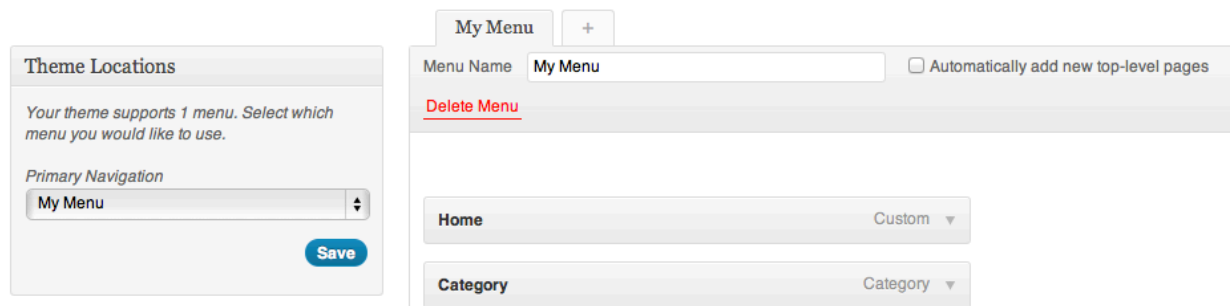
If you are using WordPress 3.0 or higher you can make use of the custom menus which allow you to customize your main navigation menu located at the top of the theme.

If you are using an older version of WordPress then the menu will automatically display a list of your pages.

Setting up menus

To set up WordPress menus navigate to *Appearance > Menus*. Now build a menu using the available widgets. Start by giving your menu a name, then choose from pages, categories and even custom links to build your menu.

Once complete, set the location using the widget on the left. Assign it to the main navigation, named "Primary Menu".



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2.2 Theme Options

Silverline comes with a feature rich, yet simple to use admin panel. All of the theme options can be found in there. Navigate to *Appearance > Theme Options*. All of the options are organized into category tabs, which makes accessing the right option easier.

2.2.1 General Settings

All of Silverline's main set-up options can be found under this tab. You have the options to set-up your custom logo, or text logo, the logo position, banner ads, contact info, favicon and analytics code.

2.2.2 Appearance Settings

In this tab, you can customize the look and feel of your theme. Choose from 10 preset skins and 3 background textures to suit your blog.

2.2.3 Homepage Settings

The homepage settings control the way your index page works. You can change the homepage from a simple blog with pagination, to a widgetized magazine style layout. The widgets for the magazine style can be ordered and arranged in the widgets section, as can the theme's sidebars.

2.2.4 Social Settings

This tab allows you to input links to your social networking websites. As you begin to add links to the input fields in this tab, the appropriate social media icons will appear in the lower right section of the footer.

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2.2.5 Loop Settings

Archives and category pages can be customized from this tab. Choose from 3 different loop styles, small, medium and large to suit your needs.

2.3 Custom Widgets

Silverline comes with 15 custom widgets that can be used to enhance how your site displays content. You can find them in the widgets section under “Appearance”, the custom widgets from Silverline are clearly marked with “SILVERLINE” before the widget title.

2.3.1 Popular Posts

Popular posts displays the most popular posts, with a thumbnail, based on the comment count. The amount of posts displayed is also optional.

2.3.2 Recent Posts

Silverline Recent posts displays the most recent posts from a particular category, or from all posts, with a thumbnail.

2.3.3 Posts in Pictures

Posts in pictures is a widget that simply displays recent posts, but without text, just thumbnails in a grid system.

2.3.4 Social Counter

Social counter displays a subscribe to RSS feed button and a twitter follower counter.

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2.3.5 Twitter Widget

The Twitter widget will display the most recent tweets from any twitter account.

2.3.6 Facebook Widget

Just enter the link to your Facebook fan page and the Facebook widget will appear.

2.3.7 125px Ads

Here you have the option to add square 125px by 125px ads to your sidebar. You may have up to six ads per widget. Enter an image url for the ad to appear and then link after.

2.3.8 250px Ad

Here you have the option to insert either Google AdSense code, an image with a link or any other third party ad code.

2.3.9 Tabbed Widget

The tabbed widget displays three tabs, one for recent posts, with category option, one for recent comments and one for tags. You can only have one of these widgets per page, and it will only work in the sidebar, not the homepage sections.

2.3.10 YouTube Video

To display a YouTube video, just paste in the video ID. The code marked in red at the end of the URL: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QH2-TGUiwu4>

2.3.11 Vimeo Video

To display a Vimeo video, just paste in the video ID. The code marked in red at the end of the URL: <http://vimeo.com/24496773>

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2.3.12 Homepage 1 column

Displays recent posts from any category in the large loop style. Only for the homepage.

2.3.13 Homepage 2 column

Displays recent posts from any category in the 2 column medium loop style. Only for the homepage.

2.3.14 Homepage 3 column

Displays recent posts from any category with one large recent post and 4 smaller posts. Only for the homepage.

2.3.15 Homepage 4 column

Displays recent posts from any category with the compact loop style in 4 columns. Only for the homepage.

2.4 Shortcodes

This theme comes loaded with more than 20 shortcodes to make blogging quicker and easier. You can find them in the TinyMCE editor in WordPress. Just create a new post and you'll see the icons in the visual editor.

2.4.1 Message Boxes

Message boxes are a handy way to present notifications, warnings and simple messages within your content.

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2.4.2 Buttons

Buttons can be used as a stylish way to link to other content. They come in a variety of different colors.

White - white

Grey - grey

Black - black

Blue - blue

Red - red

Green - green

Yellow - yellow

Cyan - cyan

Purple - purple

Dark Blue - darkblue



To add a button, click the button shortcode in the TinyMCE, then replace the color with one of the colors listed above.

2.4.3 Columns

Columns are a great way to organize content horizontally on a page. They're also very simple to use. Just click the one of the column shortcodes in the TinyMCE, choose from 1/2, 1/3, 2/3, 1/4, 3/4 to divide up your content. You must end each set of columns with a "last" option such as "One Half Last".

Example:

[one_half] Insert content here [/one_half]

[one_half_last] Insert content here [/one_half_last]

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2.4.4 Embeds

Silverline comes with two embed shortcodes, one for a YouTube video, and one for a Vimeo video. Just insert the YouTube or Vimeo video ID into the shortcode and specify the height and width of the embed and you're ready to go!

2.4.5 Lists

The list shortcode is a useful way to organize content into stylish lists. Choose from seven list styles:

Checklist

Bad List

Download List

Arrow List

Folder List

News List

Attachment List

Click the relevant list icon to insert the list.

2.5 Custom Page Templates

Page templates are pre-made styles/layouts for your content.

2.5.1 Full Width Template

The Full Width template allows page content to be displayed without a sidebar. The content on the page will display to the full width of the site. To enable this feature, choose "Full-Width" under custom page templates when creating a page.

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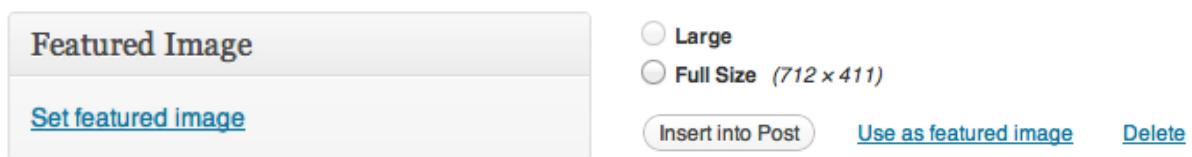
2.5.2 Contact Form Template

The contact form template is a simple form that will be displayed below any page content. The recipient email can be configured within the theme options. To enable this template, choose “Contact” under custom page templates when creating a page.

2.6 Featured Images

Silverline supports featured images. Specify an image for a post or page and the theme will automatically resize it to fill the space, with no distortion, using the TimThumb PHP script. To ensure the image does not pixilate when resized, make sure the image is large enough to cover the space provided. This varies depending on which post style you are using. However, larger images are recommended.

To set a featured image, simply click the “Set featured image” button in the right sidebar of a new post or page, then once you’ve chosen or uploaded a picture click “Use as featured image” to the right of the “Insert into Post” button. Now click save changes, and your chosen image will appear with the post.



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3. Theme Files

This section explains the main files used within the theme that control how it looks and functions, understanding these files are important if you are considering any type of modification.

3.1 Cascading Style Sheets

Cascading Style Sheets (.css) control how the site looks. All of the graphics and styling code can be found in there, all of the CSS files can be found under */library/css/* except for the style.css, which can be found in the theme's root directory.

Style.css - This file contains the identification of the theme.

Default.css - This file contains most of the themes styling.

Nav.css - This file contains the styling for the theme's main navigation.

Grid.css - This file contains the layout styles for the theme.

Reset.css - This file is used to reset the browsers default styling for pages.

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3.2 JavaScript Files

The theme uses various Javascript files depending on the page being viewed. All of the JS files can be found under */library/js/*.

jQuery Library - jQuery is a fast and concise JavaScript Library that simplifies HTML document traversing, event handling, animating, and Ajax interactions for rapid web development.

Superfish - Superfish is an enhanced Suckerfish-style menu jQuery plugin that takes an existing pure CSS drop-down menu (so it degrades gracefully without JavaScript) and adds much-sought-after enhancements.

jQuery Validation Plugin - This jQuery plugin makes simple clientside form validation trivial, while offering lots of option for customization.

Lightbox - This theme comes with built-in with Lightbox. When uploading an image, you'll see an option to enable Lightbox for that image. Select yes, and your image will stylishly pop out into a Lightbox window when clicked on.

3.3 Photoshop Files

This theme comes with some PSD documents for custom styling with Photoshop.

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