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Documentation for Motive, a minimal portfolio WordPress Theme

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# 1.0 Introduction

We would firstly like to thank you for purchasing our theme Motive. This documentation aims to aid anybody that has purchased the theme and answer questions they have about it.

We do however acknowledge that this documentation may not answer all questions that everybody has and we will happily answer any other questions that you have by contacting us.

# 2.0 Theme installation

## 2.1 Installing WordPress

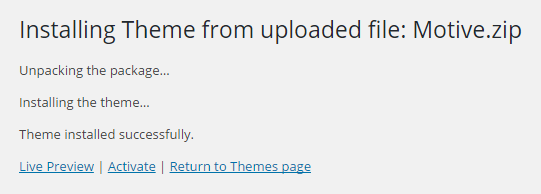
To install the Motive theme you will need a version of WordPress running either on your computer or on a web server. This can be a clean install of WordPress or it can be a site that you have been already using, the theme will work with either. If you know how to install WordPress or have already done so you skip this step.

If you need help with installing WordPress then a great link to help is: <https://codex.wordpress.org/Installing_WordPress>. This article on the WordPress codex site goes into great detail on how to install it and set everything up.

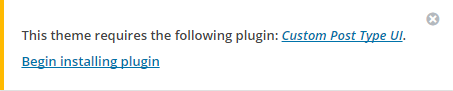
## 2.2 Installing Motive Theme

The installation of the theme into WordPress is very simple. If you already know how to do this then you may choose to not read it all but we advise looking at it anyway to not miss anything.

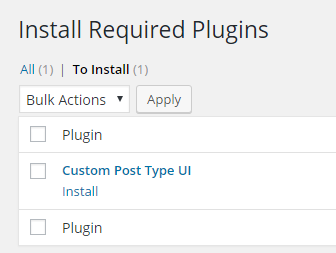
1. Within your purchase is a zip. Inside of this zip you will find this documentation, a folder of example content, and the Motive zip. What you want to do is take out the zip inside named “motive” and place it somewhere like your desktop. This is the actual theme files.
2. Login to your WordPress installation and go to appearance > themes. Then click “add new” at the top of the page. Then click “upload theme” at the top of the next page. Then you want to click the area which says “choose file” and find the Motive zip that you placed onto your desktop. After you have chosen the zip click “install now”.
3. You should then be taken to a screen which looks like the screenshot below. You want to click the link labelled “activate”.



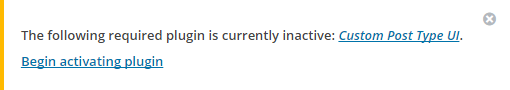
1. The Motive theme should now have been successfully installed onto your WordPress installation. After this you should see a pop-up that will appear near the top of the page and will look something like the screenshot below. Click the link that says “begin installing plugin”. Two recommended plugins come with Motive.



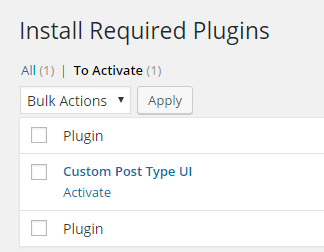
A screen will then appear like the one below. Click on the link for “install” under the plugin names.



A screen will appear asking you to activate the plugin that was just installed. The message will appear looking like the screenshot below, click the link “begin activating plugin”.



Then on the next screen, like the screenshot below, click “activate” on both plugins.



1. The theme and required plugins should now be installed. The next step is to add in the portfolio custom post type and taxonomy for the categories.

Go to the side menu and navigate to cpt ui > Import/Export. Then go to the “Post types” tab on this page and find the “import post types” box which is on the left.

Copy all of the text in the box below and paste it into the import post type text and click “import”. You have now imported the portfolio custom post type.

{"portfolio":{"name":"portfolio","label":"Portfolio Items","singular\_label":"Portfolio Item","description":"","public":"true","show\_ui":"true","show\_in\_nav\_menus":"true","show\_in\_rest":"false","rest\_base":"","has\_archive":"false","has\_archive\_string":"","exclude\_from\_search":"false","capability\_type":"post","hierarchical":"false","rewrite":"true","rewrite\_slug":"","rewrite\_withfront":"true","query\_var":"true","query\_var\_slug":"","menu\_position":"","show\_in\_menu":"true","show\_in\_menu\_string":"","menu\_icon":"","supports":["thumbnail"],"taxonomies":[],"labels":{"menu\_name":"Portfolio Items","all\_items":"All Portfolio Items","add\_new":"Add New","add\_new\_item":"Add new item","edit":"Edit","edit\_item":"Edit item","new\_item":"New Portfolio Item","view":"View","view\_item":"View item","search\_items":"Search item","not\_found":"No items found","not\_found\_in\_trash":"No items found in Bin","parent":"Parent item"},"custom\_supports":""}}

The next step is to import the taxonomy of categories for the portfolio custom post type. On the same page click the tab at the top named “Taxonomies”. Copy the text in the box below and paste this into the “Import taxonomies” text area and click “import”.

{"portfolio\_categories":{"name":"portfolio\_categories","label":"Portfolio Categories","singular\_label":"Portfolio Category","description":"","hierarchical":"false","show\_ui":"true","query\_var":"true","query\_var\_slug":"","rewrite":"true","rewrite\_slug":"","rewrite\_withfront":"1","rewrite\_hierarchical":"0","show\_admin\_column":"false","show\_in\_rest":"false","rest\_base":"","labels":{"menu\_name":"Categories","all\_items":"All Categories","edit\_item":"Edit Category","view\_item":"View Category","update\_item":"Update Category Name","add\_new\_item":"Add New Category","new\_item\_name":"New Category Name","parent\_item":"Parent Category","parent\_item\_colon":"Parent Category:","search\_items":"Search Categories","popular\_items":"Popular Categories","separate\_items\_with\_commas":"Separate Categories with commas","add\_or\_remove\_items":"Add or remove Categories","choose\_from\_most\_used":"Choose from the most used Categories","not\_found":"No Categories found"},"object\_types":["portfolio"]}}

You will most likely want to go into “add/edit post types” under CPT UI and from the tabs at the top go to “edit post types” then scroll all the way to bottom and within the “supports” section tick the boxes “title” and “revisions”. Scroll back to the top and click “save post type” on the left. These will then show up when editing a portfolio item.

Congratulations, the Motive theme should now be successfully installed onto your WordPress installation. The theme is now ready to use.

## 2.3 Importing WordPress content (optional)

If you are familiar with WordPress and its templating system you may choose not to do this step and use the theme as you want. However if you are new to WordPress or you have a clean install of WordPress for a new website, we would advise you to at least import some content. We have provided such content as example pages, posts, and portfolio items.

You will find with that Motive comes with a folder named “example content”. Within this folder you will find different xml files that can be imported into your WordPress site. To be able to import content you want to go to tools > import and then click “WordPress” at the bottom of the list and install that plugin. If you already have the plugin when you click on “WordPress” in that list then the import plugin page will show.

On the import screen you can choose a file that you wish to import. The file type must be an xml and we have provided different xml files for you in the example content folder. We have included separate xml files for the pages, posts, and portfolio items should you want to import only some of the content. To do so you must select the xml file and then click “upload file and import”. WordPress will do everything needed and the content will be imported into your WordPress install.

## 2.4 Ajax blog comments (optional)

The second plugin that was recommended was “Wp Ajaxify Comments”. This plugin allow for comments on the blog to be submitted through ajax, therefore not requiring the page to be refreshed. You can choose whether to use this or not. If you do, go to settings > WP Ajaxify Comments and then tick the box “enable plugin” then scroll to the bottom and save changes.

# 3.0 Using the Motive theme

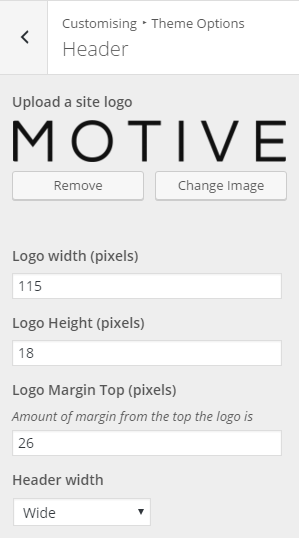
The Motive Theme comes with a lot of different customisation to help make using the theme as easy as possible. The majority of the options that are able to be changed are done so by selecting from drop down menus and entering text. The main features and the different page templates are outlined below.

## 3.1 Theme customizer

The theme customizer gives you the option to change options that affect the entire website. These can be found from the left menu in WordPress under appearance > customise. Click “Theme options” and here you can change things for the header, footer, and general page styling.

Under the header section you will most likely want to change the settings. This allows for the logo displayed on the site to be displayed by selecting an image from your computer. You will always want to play around with the width and height of the logo you want to display in the header so that it looks correctly. An option to change the amount of margin the logo will display from the top of the header also been added to accommodate bigger and smaller sized logos.

You can also change the header style from wide to narrow. The wide style of header will go to the width of 75% of the screen being viewed on. The narrow style will stay the exact width of the container size (the same width as the content on the site).

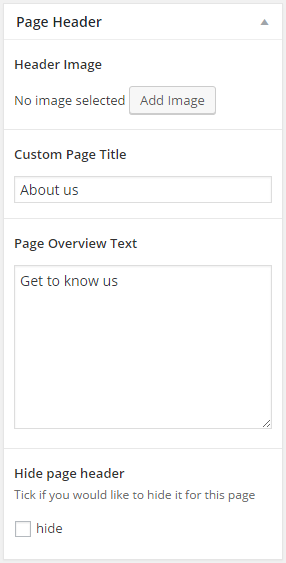


Within the “footer” section of the theme options you find the option to change the text that appears in the footer. This is currently for the copyright notice but you could add whatever text you like here. Also within the footer section you will notice a lot of different social websites that you can add links for. You do not need to add a link for everything site here, only the ones which you add a link for will be displayed within the footer. For example if you just add a Facebook link, only a Facebook social icon will appear in the footer.

Lastly under the general styling section you will find the ability to change the styling of the buttons used across the entire site. The button styling has four different options of “primary”, “secondary”, “primary rounded”, and “secondary rounded”. The options being two different styles of button and then rounded versions of those.

## 3.2 Page header

On many pages on the right side of the WordPress editor page you will notice a “Page Header” section like the below screenshot shows. This purpose of this section is to allow the page header of that specific page to be modified. This is applied to many pages but excluded the contact page, which has a map, and the home page which has the featured slideshow or banner.



The page header allows for such options as changing the background image which appears. If you do not specify one in here then the default for the theme will be used instead. You can change the default background image to appear here by creating your own image and naming it “page\_header\_default.jpg” then place that into the assets > img folder within the theme.

You can change the page title to appear for that page. By default if nothing is entered into this text field the page title will appear on the page as the name of the page in WordPress. For example you may have a page called “about” but you want “about us” to display on the front end of the site. This allows for this option.

The page overview text gives a little summary of what the page is about. So in the above example of the about page, it reads “Get to know us”. You do not need to use this and if left blank it will simply not appear on the front end of the site.

Lastly if you do not want the page header to be displayed for that specific page then you can click the tick box at the bottom to hide the page header.

## 3.3 Home page

To create a home/index page select the page template “home page” from the page attributes section on the page in WordPress. Two tabs should then appear labelled “featured content” and “portfolio items”.

Under the featured content tab you will find a drop down menu allowing you to change between a slideshow and a banner image for the home page. For the slideshow you can create as many slides as you want. Start by clicking “add slide”, next add an image, and then fill out the text field areas. You can tick the show a slide button which will display a button on the slide. You can then add text to the button and select a link to where it should go to.

The featured banner on the home page works in a very similar way. You select an image, fill out the text fields, and choose whether to display a button or not.

Under the portfolio items tab you will find different options for the portfolio items that are displayed on the home page under the slideshow or banner image. You can change the layout with the two options of boxed and fullscreen. Boxed layout will keep the portfolio items within the size of the container whereas fullscreen will span the width of the screen.

The items displayed within the portfolio list can be changed from most recent, to a specific category, to individually selecting items from a list. Select from the drop down which option want to have. The category option will bring up a second drop down to select from. The chosen item option will bring up a box containing all your portfolio items. Select the ones you want to appear in the list.

Finally you can select the max amount of items you wish to display within the home page portfolio items. Type in a number here to display a maximum like 5 or type in “all” to have all of your portfolio items appear here.

## 3.4 About page

An about page can be created by selecting from the “page attributes” section the template named “about page”. Once done the page will display three different tabs of “block section”, “team section”, and “testimonial section”. At the top of each of these tabs you will notice a tick box allowing you to hide or show them. You can hide any you do not wish to show on the front end of the site. Whatever information you type into the fields will not be lost should you choose to hide the content. You can show it again and the content will reappear.

Each of the tab sections also include text fields for a section title and sub title. These fields can be used to enter text into but if left empty nothing will appear on the front end of the site.

The block section tab allow for blocks of information or services to be added to the top of the about page. To create a new block simply click “add block” and fill out the fields. For the icon you will need to go to <https://fortawesome.github.io/Font-Awesome/icons/>. Click the icon you want and copy that code into the block icon field. For example: <i class="fa fa-pencil"></i> for a pencil icon.

Under the team section you can add as many team members as you wish to display on the site. In the demo only three are shown however you are certainly not limited to this. You have as many as you wish. Start adding team members by clicking the “add team member” button, selecting an image, and filling out the text fields.

An optional step for each team member is to add social links for them. You do not need to do this and if link blank it will simply show nothing on the front end. For each team member you will see a button labelled “add social”. Click that and you will see two fields of social icon and social link. The social icon uses the font library Font Awesome found here: <https://fortawesome.github.io/Font-Awesome/icons/#brand>. Click on the social icon you want to display for that team member and copy the little bit of code you see into the social icon field. For example: <i class=”fa fa-facebook”></li>. The social link is simply the link to that persons social profile.

The “testimonial section” allows for testimonials to be added to the about page in the form of a slideshow. However if only one testimonial is added then it will not become a slideshow but rather a display of that one testimonial. You can add as many testimonials as you like by clicking the “add testimonial” button and filling out the text fields. You may wish to autoplay this slideshow by clicking the tick box at the bottom of the page. Doing so will also allow you to choose the speed at which the slideshow autoplays at.

## 3.5 Blog posts page

The blog posts page does not require a template selection because it is the index.php file in WordPress which is a standard file. The options for the blog posts page will appear on the page that you select to be the page for posts.

The first option for the page is to select the layout of the page. The three options being sidebar, no sidebar, and grid. The option can be changed with the drop down menu. Selecting sidebar will allow you to select a sidebar from a drop down and choose whether it displays on the right or left side of the page.

## 3.6 Single blog post

The options for the single blog post page will already be applied to any posts and it does not require any template to be selected. You can select whether to show a sidebar, which sidebar you want if at all, and the position of a sidebar – right or left. You also choose on a post by post basis whether you want comments to be allowed for the post. By default they are shown and people can leave comments.

## 3.7 Portfolio page

Under the portfolio items tab you will find different options for the portfolio items that are displayed on the portfolio page. You can change the layout with the two options of boxed and fullscreen. Boxed layout will keep the portfolio items within the size of the container whereas fullscreen will span the width of the screen.

The items displayed within the portfolio list can be changed from most recent, to a specific category, to individually selecting items from a list. Select from the drop down which option want to have. The category option will bring up a second drop down to select from. The chosen item option will bring up a box containing all your portfolio items. Select the ones you want to appear in the list.

Finally you can select the max amount of items you wish to display. Type in a number here to display a maximum like 5 or type in “all” to have all of your portfolio items appear here.

## 3.8 Single portfolio page + items

You will notice on the left side menu in the WordPress back-end the link “Portfolio items”. This is where you create your portfolio items and where you can also create categories for your items. To create a new portfolio item simply click “add new” at the top. To add a new category click on the “categories” link under the portfolio items link. You can now create your categories here, the name can be whatever you like and can contain spaces. However the “slug” is what shows up in the url and cannot contain any spaces or special characters. You are only allowed letters, numbers, and hyphens within this field.

The single portfolio item page template will be applied to any items that are created within the post type. On the page you will find three tabs that are labelled “slideshow”, “portfolio content”, and “page options”.

The “slideshow” tab is for the slideshow of images that display on each of the portfolio item pages. You can add as many images to the slideshow as you want and there is no limit to how many. If only one image is selected then the slideshow will become just an image instead of a slideshow. The slideshow also includes the ability to autoplay and if autoplay is selected then you can change the autoplay speed.

The “portfolio content” tab includes the text content area for the portfolio item and the blocks of content which appear below them on the page. You can choose whether or not you want to display the block by ticking/unticking the tick box. If you choose to display the blocks you can create them by clicking “add block”. You then have three choices of block – text, link, and social. Text allows for anything to be typed in, link will change the content into a link, and social will display a set of social icons to share the page.

The tab “page options” has a single drop down on it which relates to the navigation that is shown on each of the portfolio item pages. This allows users to go to the next and previous items but it also includes a button in the centre to return to a page. This page allows you to specify the page you want the button to return to. For example you will most likely want it to return to your main portfolio list page but it can link to anywhere you like.

Also on the portfolio item page you will see a section on the right named “featured image”. Select an image here and this will be what is shown in the portfolio list page and on the home page.

## 3.9 Contact page

To create a contact page select from the “page attributes” section the template named “contact page”. After doing so you should see three different tabs appear on the page named “contact details”, “contact form”, and “map”.

The “contact details” tab allows for the details of the contact page to be changed which appear on the left side of the contact page. As many blocks of information as you wish to display on the contact page can be made here by clicking the button “add information row”. A new block will then be added and you can choose what type of block you want. The icons are added to the block by selecting an icon from the Font Awesome font library. To do this go to <https://fortawesome.github.io/Font-Awesome/icons/> and then click on any icon you like. Once you have done so you want to copy the little bit of code and paste it into the information block you just created in the field “icon”. An example of what you copy is: “<i class=”fa fa-calendar”></li>” for a calendar icon.

You can select a type of information block you wish to create of text, email, or a telephone number. The email option will change the email address you add into an email link and the telephone option will turn the number into a link which will display on the front end.

Under the tab of “contact form” you will need to change the email address to your own or the email you wish to receive the contact form submissions. This must be done and is a required field as if not done the form submission will not be received by yourself.

On the “map” tab you can change the contact map on the contact page. The coordinates of the map location can be changed. You can change the look of your map that is displayed. To do this you will want to visit the website [www.snazzymaps.com](http://www.snazzymaps.com). When you find a style of map you will find a box which says “JavaScript style array” and next to it a button labelled “Copy”. Click the copy button and then paste everything you just copied into the “map style” text field under the map tab on the contact page. Update the page and you should see your new style of map appear.

The pin used on the map can be changed by uploading an image and specifying the width and height. The reason you must specify the dimensions is because Google Maps you requires you to so it can scale the map accordingly when zooming in and out.

Finally if you do not want the map to show on the contact page, there is a tick box under the map tab which allows for the map to be hidden.

## 3.10 Sidebars and widgets

On the page appearance > widgets you will see ten different sidebars. You can use widgets from the page and place them onto a sidebar. The theme supports ten different sidebars which are all unique from each other. These can then be selected on pages like posts, blog posts page, and standard pages.

## 3.11 Menus

You can create a menu that will be applied to the header of the theme. To do this go to appearance > menus and then create a menu that you like. You can select as many pages and you want for the menu and the theme also supports three tier drop down menus. After you have created your menu scroll to the bottom of that page and tick the box that says “main menu” for the theme location. This will add this menu to the header of the theme.

# 4.0 Changing custom post type & taxonomy – advanced feature

If you already use a method of registering a custom post type like a different plugin than what we recommend for the theme, you can do so. On the portfolio page template you will notice there is a tab labelled “advanced”. Under this tab you can specify your own custom post type and custom taxonomy, which will then be applied to the portfolio list on the home page and portfolio list page templates. The items themselves will then be displayed correctly, including the image and title, assuming you have registered the custom post type the correct way.

This will however require more work by yourself and we cannot provide assistance with you doing so. You will need to change the “single-portfolio” page template to single-“your post type” in order for the single page to work. You will then need to make significant modifications to that single page in order to pull through everything that you have for your custom post type.

This is a more advanced feature and we don’t expect everybody to use it however the option is there for people who would like the use it.

# 5.0 HTML and CSS structure

## 5.1 Files

Included with the theme are three different CSS files which are needed for the full functionality of this theme. These three CSS files are:

* Structure: everything needed structurally for the theme is kept within this CSS file. The classes required for the rows and columns used are located within here. They are kept separate as these will rarely need to be modified unless an update is needed to the core of the theme.
* Style: the majority of the styling for the theme is kept within this CSS file. If you wish to change anything about the theme from font size, colours, line heights or anything else, this will be where the styling for the elements are.
* Responsive: the final CSS file included handles all of the responsive aspects of the theme which includes mobile and tablets. This file contains different media queries which are used to target various screen sizes. This file does not contain new CSS rules that are not within the main style sheet, it however is used to overwrite rules already used. For example a font size used for desktop may be unsuitable for mobile so in this style sheet it gets changed so it is easier to read.

## 5.2 Structure

The structure used for this theme is that of column classes similar to frameworks such as bootstrap however this theme does not used a recognised framework, it is custom. However it is still based off of a 12 column grid based system so anybody familiar with such grid layouts should find it very easy to use. If you are not, the use of the column classes and breakpoints allows for content to be targeted and styled appropriately for the size of screen the theme is being viewed on. It also serves as a great way to position content on the page is a grid format which always has equal spacing between each of the elements.

The column classes used in the theme are as follows:

* **col-xlarge-n**:

This column class is for targeting of the largest screen sizes which will be desktops which have larger screens. This size is where all of the features like hover states or activated because desktops allow for hover of the mouse.

Breakpoint targeted: this column class is used at **1099px and higher**.

Container size: **1140px**

Examples: col-xlarge-12, col-xlarge-11, col-xlarge-10 …. col-xlarge-1

* **col-large-n**:

This column class is used to target smaller screen sized desktops, laptops, and tablet that are being viewed in landscape view. The majority of the time this will display what is visible on desktop however the size of the site will be slightly smaller best suit the smaller sized screen.

Breakpoint targeted: this column class is used **between 992px and 1099px**

Container size: **970px**

Examples: col-large-12, col-large-11, col-large-10 …. col-large-1

* **col-medium-n**:

This column is used to target medium sized screen devices with tablet being the main intention. This column class will become active within a certain screen width range and the container on the theme will be set according to give the best user experience.

Breakpoint targeted: this column class is used **between 768px and 991px**

Container size: **750px**

Examples: col-medium -12, col-medium -11, col-medium -10 …. col-medium-1

* **col-small-n**:

This column class is used to target the smallest of devices with the main intention being to target mobile devices like smart phones. The class will become active when the screen size gets down to a certain width and will set the width of the container used for the theme to 100% of the users screen size.

Breakpoint targeted: this column class is used at **767px and lower**

Container size: **100%** of the screen width.

Examples: col-small -12, col-small -11, col-small -10 …. col-small-1

To use the above column classes a “row” element must be used to contain the column class that is being used. The column classes used within this row must also add up to the number 12 since this is based on a 12 column grid system. Therefore an example of what you could have is div with the class “col-xlarge-8” alongside a div with the class “col-xlarge-4” because that would total 12.

This example in terms of code would look something like below.

<div class=”row”>

<div class=”col-xlarge-8”>

</div>

<div class=”col-xlarge-4”>

</div>

</div>

Content could then be added within the two column divs and the spacing and sizing of the divs will be done by the column classes.

# 6.0 Credits

Certain assets were used in the creation of this theme which were not created by Lucid Themes. The acknowledgement for use of the assets are as follows:

* Google web fonts - <https://www.google.com/fonts>
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* Isotope jQuery filter system - <http://isotope.metafizzy.co>
* Font Awesome - <http://fortawesome.github.io/Font-Awesome/>
* Owl Carousel - <http://owlcarousel.owlgraphic.com/>
* Pixel Squid - <https://www.pixelsquid.com/>
* WordPress - <https://en-gb.wordpress.org/>
* Custom post type UI plugin - <https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/custom-post-type-ui/>
* WP Ajaxify Comments plugin - <https://wordpress.org/plugins/wp-ajaxify-comments/>

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