

The Merlot theme

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Merlot is a Jekyll theme for GitHub Pages. You can [preview the theme to see what it looks like](#), or even [use it today](#).



Usage

To use the Merlot theme:

1. Add the following to your site's `_config.yml`:

```
theme: jekyll-theme-merlot
```

2. Optionally, if you'd like to preview your site on your computer, add the following to your site's `Gemfile`:

```
gem "github-pages", group: :jekyll_plugins
```

Customizing

Configuration variables

Merlot will respect the following variables, if set in your site's `_config.yml`:

```
title: [The title of your site]
description: [A short description of your site's purpose]
```

Additionally, you may choose to set the following optional variables:

```
show_downloads: ["true" or "false" to indicate
whether to provide a download URL]
google_analytics: [Your Google Analytics tracking ID]
```

Stylesheet

If you'd like to add your own custom styles:

1. Create a file called `/assets/css/style.scss` in your site
2. Add the following content to the top of the file, exactly as shown:

```
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@import "{{ site.theme }}";
```

3. Add any custom CSS (or Sass, including imports) you'd like immediately after the `@import` line

Layouts

If you'd like to change the theme's HTML layout:

1. [Copy the original template](#) from the theme's repository
(*Pro-tip: click "raw" to make copying easier*)
2. Create a file called `/_layouts/default.html` in your site
3. Paste the default layout content copied in the first step
4. Customize the layout as you'd like

Roadmap

See the [open issues](#) for a list of proposed features (and known issues).

Project philosophy

The Merlot theme is intended to make it quick and easy for GitHub Pages users to create their first (or 100th) website. The theme should meet the vast majority of users' needs out of the box, erring on the side of simplicity rather than flexibility, and provide users the opportunity to opt-in to additional complexity if they have specific needs or wish to further customize their experience (such as adding custom CSS or modifying the default layout). It should also look great, but that goes without saying.

Contributing

Interested in contributing to Merlot? We'd love your help. Merlot is an open source project, built one contribution at a time by users like you. See [the CONTRIBUTING file](#) for instructions on how to contribute.

Previewing the theme locally

If you'd like to preview the theme locally (for example, in the process of proposing a change):

1. Clone down the theme's repository (`git clone https://github.com/pages-themes/merlot`)

2. `cd` into the theme's directory
3. Run `script/bootstrap` to install the necessary dependencies
4. Run `bundle exec jekyll serve` to start the preview server
5. Visit `localhost:4000` in your browser to preview the theme

Running tests

The theme contains a minimal test suite, to ensure a site with the theme would build successfully. To run the tests, simply run `script/cibuild`. You'll need to run `script/bootstrap` one before the test script will work.