



What is this document?

This document is supposed to assist users of the Premium News (Flash News) Theme in installing, implementing and customizing the theme. It contains some basic notes on the structure of the theme and the different files used to create it. I've also included a few step-by-step tutorials on making some of the finer points of the theme coming together.

Your first point of reference should be the [official website](#) for the theme, but for more complex issues, this document should be most helpful.

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1. Description of the files used

Root

404.php – template file for 404 error (page not found) page

archive.php – displays the archives by category, month, year, author etc.

archives.php – page template for your Archives page

comments.php – comments template used in single.php

footer.php – the templates footer

functions.php* – used for the various functions implemented in Premium News

header.php – displays all the elements up until the category navigation

home.php* – template for your homepage

ie7.css – stylesheet for use with Internet Explorer 7

imagegallery.php – page template for your Image Gallery page

index.php – base page template

page.php – template for all WordPress pages

search.php – displays a user's search results

sidebar.php – template file for the sidebar, which is used on all the other files

single.php – template file which displays individual articles

sitemap.php – page template for your Sitemap page

style.css – main stylesheet for Premium News

tag.php – displays the tag archives (only applicable for WP2.3 or older)

thumb.php* – image resizer script

Root/ads/

ads-bottom.php – displays the ads to the bottom of the sidebar

ads-management.php* – randomizes the ads being shown in the sidebar

ads-top.php – displays the ads at the top of the sidebar

Root/images/

Contains all the images used in the theme.

Root/includes/

featured.php – Featured section on the homepage, as called by home.php

stylesheet.php* – determines which stylesheet should be used

version.php* – determines which version of WP you are using

video.php – Video section on the homepage, as called by home.php

Root/includes/js/

Contains all the jQuery & Javascript used in the theme.

Root/layouts/

blog.php – traditional blog layout (an alternative) that can be used on the homepage

default.php – default layout which is used on the homepage

Root/styles/

Contains the alternative stylesheets included in the standard installation of Premium News.

** suggests that the file should not be edited, else the theme might not function correctly*

2. Installing Premium News

Premium News should not be difficult to install and functions very similar to most other WordPress themes. If you follow the steps below, Premium News should be set up in a few minutes...

1. Unzipped the template file you've downloaded
 2. Upload the whole directory (newspress) to your wp-content/themes/ folder
 3. Log in to your WordPress admin panel and go to Presentation
 4. Click on the Premium News theme to activate it
 5. Click on Presentation > Premium News Options to setup the rest of the theme (more details about this in #3 – Explaining the Theme Options) – **you have to go through this setup, or else the theme might not work**
 6. Inside the theme's unzipped directory, you will find a directory labeled "plugins" (see #4 below), which needs to be uploaded to your wp-content/plugins/ folder and activated through the WordPress admin panel.
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3. Explaining the Theme Options

Premium News uses a very user-friendly Theme Options to enable users to customize some aspects of the theme, without having to open the Theme Editor to edit any of the template files. This is an explanation of the different options integrated into Premium News, which you can access at Presentation > Premium News Options.

General Settings

- **WordPress Version*** – Please select the version of WordPress you are using.
- **Background Colour** – Choose the background you would like to use (located in root/styles/bgr/).
- **Theme Stylesheet*** – Choose the stylesheet you would like to use (located in root/styles/).
- **Use Gravatars?** – Gravatars can be used for your comments. Check this box if you wish to activate the build in Gravatars functionality.
- **Feedburner ID** – Premium News integrates nicely with Feedburner to allow your readers to subscribe to your RSS feed via e-mail. Don't know what your Feedburner ID is? Then, see [this tutorial](#)!
- **Archives Page** - Please enter the page slug (Manage > Pages) for the WordPress page that displays your Archives i.e. 'archives'. To set your Archives page, please see [this tutorial](#).

Front Page Layout

- **Featured Category*** – Select the posts category that you would like to have displayed in the Featured section on the homepage.
- **Featured Entries*** – Select the category that you would like to have displayed in the featured section on your homepage.
- **Display Video? *** – If you'd like to display the video panel on the homepage, you need to check this box. If left unchecked, the video panel will not be displayed.
- **Video Category*** – Select the posts category that you would like to have displayed in the Video panel on the homepage.
- **Front Page Layout*** – The standard installation of Premium News comes with two layouts which you can use on the homepage (below the Featured & Videos section). The layouts (blog.php and default.php) are located in the /layouts/

directory if you'd like to edit it. You need to select one of these two layouts for the theme to function properly.

- **Homepage Entries (Full)*** – Select the number of full entries to be displayed underneath the featured articles.
- **Homepage Entries (Headline Only)*** – Select the number of headlines to display on the homepage, just below the other homepage entries.

Asides / Sideblog Management

- **Display / Use Asides** – Check this function, if you'd like to display the Asides panel in the sidebar.
- **Asides Category*** – Select the category that you would like to have displayed in the asides section within your sidebar.
- **Number of Asides *** – Select the number of asides you'd like to publish.,

Note: Asides are very short posts, containing two (max three) lines of content.

Banner Ad Management

Premium News incorporates a banner management script of its own. You can specify destination URL's and image locations for six banners (sized 125x125 pixels), which will be displayed at random positions in the sidebar. The options are as follows:

- **Advertising Page** – In both advertising panels in the sidebar, there's a little "Advertise Here" block. This block should be linked to the WordPress page that contains your advertising rates. Please enter the page slug (Manage > Pages) for the WordPress page that contains your advertising information & rates i.e. 'advertising'.
- **Display Secondary Ads in Sidebar** – If unchecked, you will only display two 125x125 banner ads in the sidebar. When checked, you will display all four ads (specified below) in a randomized order within the sidebar.
- **Banner Ad #1 to #4 - Image Location** – Specify the URL of the location for the banner advertisement's image.
- **Banner Ad #1 to #4 - Destination** – Specify the destination URL of the banner advertisement when it is clicked.

** indicates options that needs to be set otherwise the theme will not work properly*

4. Required Plugins

You will need to install and activate the following plugins for the theme to function correctly (*these plugins have been included in the theme's zip file*):

- EasyTube
(Download: <http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/easytube/#post-2327>)
- flickrRSS
(Download: <http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/flickr-rss/#post-111>)
- Most Commented
(Download: <http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/most-commented/#post-196>)
- Popularity Contest
(Download: <http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/popularity-contest/#post-228>)

Note: These plugins are the property of the respective owners and we take no credit or responsibility in this regard. The individual plugins retain the licenses as set forth by their respective owners.

5. Adding Featured Posts to the homepage

This will help you add and style the featured posts (which will be displayed in the featured section on the homepage) properly. In general you will add a Featured post in exactly the same way as other posts, except for a few minor tweaks / additions:

Basics

1. Select the appropriate category (the same category you specified in the Premium News Options administration)
2. Add the content in the text panel as you would with any other post
3. You need to use a 1 or 2 sentence summary for the post, which will be displayed in the Featured section (next to the title photo). You can enter this summary into the "Optional Excerpt" box (example image below):

Optional Excerpt

This is the introduction of my new Premium News Wordpress Theme to the world!

Adding images to the Featured Post

Every post uses at least one image, which can be of any size. When creating a new post, you need to specify the URL for this image. The easiest way of doing this, is the following:

1. Upload your chosen image through the Upload panel in Write > Write Post (in your Wordpress admin panel)
2. Once uploaded, click on the "Edit" link and copy the URL field.
3. Scroll down to Custom Fields (in the same window in your admin panel) and enter the "Key" as "image" and paste the image location URL into "Value". Click "Add Custom Field".

6. Adding Videos to the homepage

This tutorial should help you to add videos to the Video panel on the homepage quite easily. The only different part is to change the sizes of the YouTube video that you would like to embed, so that it'll fit into the Video panel.

1. Go to Write > Write Post in your WordPress admin panel
2. Select the category for your videos (the same category as the category you specified in Presentation > Premium News Options)
3. The easiest way is to install and use the [EasyTube](#) plugin, but you can also simply copy / paste the YouTube embed code into the content area,
4. If you use the EasyTube plugin, you will need to enter this code into the content area: `[youtube:http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdIbXv4uEI 270 210]`. The 270 refers to the width of the video, whilst the 210 is the height of the video. If you are

not using the EasyTube plugin, you will need to modify the values of the video size in your embed code manually.

5. Click Publish
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