



Ascend

Ascend Ghost Theme

v1.0.0 Documentation

First of all, thank you for downloading Ascend v1.0.0 and giving it a try. It is ready for Ghost 0.6.4 and the following information will guide you to get it up and running with all the features included.

The assumption is that you already have a instance of Ghost running, where you want to use this theme and give it the new look.

Before uploading the theme to your Ghost installation, it is highly recommended that you change some configuration to your convenience. It will be a fast easy edition in one simple file covering the comments, social profiles, widgets and external scripts.

To continue, open the file called `config.js` located on the `assets > js` folder with your preferred text editor.

1.External Scripts

For adding extra functionality with external-custom JavaScript files, the proper way is by adding them in the custom scripts helper. You can see this helper in the file just like this:

```
_userCustomScripts: [],
```

Now that you know which is the helper for the custom scripts, the only thing left is for you to add the urls for the scripts separated by a comma. Technically is an array containing the scripts you want to load.

In the following example we are requesting to add the libraries underscore and chartist from the site jsdelivr.com

```
_userCustomScripts: [  
'https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/underscorejs/1.8.3/underscore-min.js',  
'https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/chartist.js/0.9.2/chartist.min.js'  
],
```

See how the scripts are separated by comma but the last one is followed only by the '], '. In other words, don't place a comma after the last script url.

2.Social Profiles

There are two declarations to notice in the social profiles helper. The first is the active state and the second is the social profiles items.

The active state tells if you want to display social icon profiles on the sidebar. The profile items are the social network reference with the url of your accounts.

By default you'll see the following configuration for the social profiles, adding the Official Ghost Twitter account as an example.

```
socialProfiles: {  
  _active: true,  
  items: [  
    {  
      site: 'twitter',  
      url: '//twitter.com/tryghost'  
    }  
  ]  
},
```

So, imagine that you are a Dinosaur named Fred with your own Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts. It would look like this.

```

socialProfiles: {
  _active: true,
  items: [
    {
      site: 'twitter',
      url: '//twitter.com/fredTheDino'
    },
    {
      site: 'facebook',
      url: '//facebook.com/fredDino1'
    },
    {
      site: 'instagram',
      url: '//instagram.com/fredTheDino'
    }
  ]
},

```

Remember to add commas between accounts avoiding to add one after the last profile.

The icon displayed is defined by the site parameter and the available social network icons are limited by the ones available on Font Awesome 4.4.0.

(See <http://fontawesome.github.io/Font-Awesome/icons/#brand>) There are plenty of them to choose.

To disable the social profiles feature, set active to false `_active: false,`

3. Comments System

Just like the social profiles, activate or deactivate the comments system by setting true or false to the active param. `_active: true,` OR `_active: false,`

Yes, you are very clever. Just by taking a look you might have identified the comments system helper and the parameters to change. A quick example using Disqus as your comments provider:

```
commentsSystem: {
  _active: true,
  type: 'disqus',
  idOrShortname: 'yourGhostSite',
  appID: ''
},
```

The types available are `disqus`, `livefyre` or `facebook`. The `idOrShortname` is for disqus and livefyre, `appID` only for facebook. Be sure to add the proper param for your comments preferred option.

4. Widgets Configuration

Here we see again the activate or deactivate option, this time for the footer widgets. `_active: true,` OR `_active: false,`

For now the theme has three different widgets to show on the footer: Dribble, Flickr and Instagram. You can configure which widgets should be displayed and the order.

As you can see, the three widgets are inside the `_widgets:` helper. To finish the configuration and start using the theme, just add your `_id:`, the `spot:` to be used and the `active:` status for each widget.

One last task, maybe you want to add your own **favicon** by replacing the default one located inside the assets folder.

This is the finish of this guide for a quick and basic setup. If you need further assistance feel free to send me an email to marcos@aftertype.com.

Happy Blogging
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