

STUFF

TEMPLATE DOCUMENTATION

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1. INTRODUCTION

Stuff is a website template created mainly for portfolios and blogs. It comes in 2 versions – HTML or PHP and has 3 main unique features: **horizontal design** with **smart columns creating for content** and **auto-loading content** while reaching edge of page by user (PHP version only). There is one PHP file in HTML version – *sendmail.php* for sending contact form, but it doesn't need any handling by you except pasting correct email address.

2. INCLUDED FILES

Stuff template contains following FOLDERS/files:

HTML version	PHP version	
► <i>CONTENT</i>	► <i>CONTENT</i>	Placeholders for example images.
► <i>IMAGES</i>	► <i>IMAGES</i>	Graphic files common for all color schemes.
► <i>JS</i> ► <i>SCRIPTS</i> <i>stuff.allinone.min.js</i>	► <i>JS</i> ► <i>SCRIPTS</i> <i>stuff.allinone.min.js</i>	JavaScript scripts folder. Original, separated, JavaScript files. File including all used JavaScript code – combined and minified to limit number of queries generated by webpage.
► <i>PHP</i> - <i>sendmail.php</i>	► <i>PHP</i> <i>schemeswitcher.php</i> <i>sendmail.php</i>	Additional PHP scripts used on the webpage. Script for remembering choice of color scheme. Script for contact form.
► <i>SCHEMES</i> ► (<i>SCHEME_NAME</i>) ► <i>IMAGES</i> <i>style.css</i> <i>style.js</i>	► <i>SCHEMES</i> ► (<i>SCHEME_NAME</i>) ► <i>IMAGES</i> <i>style.css</i> <i>style.js</i>	Color versions folder. (Folder named from the color scheme) Graphic files unique for this color scheme. Style sheet file. Additional script to define gradient colors for texts replaced by Cufón.
<i>404.html</i>	<i>404.php</i>	<i>Page not found</i> error template.
<i>archives.html</i>	<i>archives.php</i>	Posts archive template.
<i>contact.html</i>	<i>contact.php</i>	Contact form page.
<i>custom_page.html</i>	<i>custom_page.php</i>	Regular page with 2-columns layout.
-	<i>example_items.php</i>	Example portfolio content.
-	<i>example_posts.php</i>	Example blog content.
-	<i>footer.php</i>	Footer.
-	<i>header.php</i>	Header – includes template's configuration.
<i>ie7.css</i>	<i>ie7.css</i>	Extra style for Internet Explorer 7 browser.
<i>ie7.min.css</i>	<i>ie7.min.css</i>	Minified version of <i>ie7.css</i> file.
<i>index.html</i>	<i>index.php</i>	Main / blog page.
-	<i>item.php</i>	Look of portfolio's item.
<i>narrow_page.html</i>	<i>narrow_page.php</i>	Narrow page template.
<i>portfolio_big.html</i>	<i>portfolio_big.php</i>	Big portfolio.
<i>portfolio_page.html</i>	<i>portfolio_page.php</i>	Portfolio page.
<i>portfolio_small.html</i>	<i>portfolio_small.php</i>	Small portfolio.
<i>post_page.html</i>	<i>post_page.php</i>	Blog's entry page.
<i>post.html</i>	<i>post.php</i>	Look of blog's entry.
<i>search.html</i>	<i>search.php</i>	Search results.
<i>style.css</i>	<i>style.css</i>	Main style sheet file.
<i>style.min.css</i>	<i>style.min.css</i>	Minified version of <i>style.css</i> file.
<i>three_column_page.html</i>	<i>three_column_page.php</i>	Regular page with 3-columns layout.

3. STRUCTURE

All main files have fixed structure consisting of **header** (logo, main menu, social media buttons), **content** and **footer**. The code of the header and footer is constant and in the HTML version is repeated in every file and in the

PHP version there is a PHP code to separate them from main content of pages. It makes the code clearer and makes modifying easier.

There are some special files with different structure and their destination is explained inside them and also in this documentation.

Every file have many comments within HTML or PHP code explaining it's role part by part. Additionally every part of the code is marked by BEGIN and END comments, e.g.:

```
<!-- BEGIN LOGO -->
<div id="logo" class="arrow">
    [ ... ]
</div>
<!-- END LOGO -->
```

Thanks to that it's easier for example to figure out what a particular closing tag is referring to if it's far away from the opening tag (e.g. in footer).

STYLESHEET

Cascading Style Sheets (*style.css*) contains the look of website's elements. *Style.css* is divided into sections – each with a relevant comment describing analogical structures in the HTML code. E.g.:

```
/* =Navigation menu
----- */
#nav-menu {
    margin-right: 25px;
}
#nav-menu li {
    background-repeat: no-repeat;
    background-position: right bottom;
    font: bold 20px/35px Arial;
    text-transform: uppercase;
    text-align: right;
    letter-spacing: -1px;
    white-space: nowrap;
    padding: 0 30px 3px;
    height: 35px;
}
[ ... ]
```

Besides main stylesheet, there is additional style defined in the header. It's located in the folder with adequate color scheme name (*SCHEMES/[SCHEME_NAME]/style.css*) and contains all colors and background images used by this color scheme.

HEADER

It's one of the most important elements in the template (in the PHP version it's located in the *header.php*). It contains beginning of the HTML document, simple configuration of the site and all the repeating elements (i.e.: logo, menu, search and social media icons). Inside the file there are many sections related to some key aspects of the template:

CONFIGURATION (it starts with `<!-- BEGIN CONFIGURATION -->` comment and ends with `<!-- END CONFIGURATION -->`)

Basic configuration of the template. All elements are explained in the comments on the right side.

IMAGE PRELOADER

It loads graphic files, which are not visible for the user at the beginning. It prevents loading them when they are needed immediately (e.g. search form).

BROWSER NOTIFICATION

Notification for Internet Explorer 6 users about their obsolete browser which causes problems in site displaying. Or/and notification for users with JavaScript disabled saying about necessity of enabling JavaScript for allowing the site to work correctly.

MENU

Side menu section.

SOCIAL MEDIA

List of social media icons. To add new element copy existing code or use following scheme code:

```
<li>
  <a href="[URL]" title="[TITLE]">
    
  </a>
</li>
```

All available social media icons are in the *IMAGES/(WHITE or BLACK)/SOCIALMEDIA* folder.

TITLE

Logo of the website.

NAVIGATION MENU

Main menu. To add new element copy existing code or use following scheme code:

```
<li><a href="[URL]" title="[TITLE]">[TITLE]</a></li>
```

The last element of the list (which has *search* CSS class) is responsible for the search form.

```
<li class="search">
  [ ... ]
</li>
```

CONTENT

Beginning of the main content of the page.

FOOTER

It contains mainly ending tags which were opened in the header and LOADER section, which displays loading animation when the page is scrolled to the edge. In the PHP version footer is located in the *footer.php* file.

4. CONFIGURATION AND CUSTOMIZATION

initBox() FUNCTION SPECIFICATION - PHP VERSION ONLY

JavaScript *initBox()* function initialize dynamic page content loading while page scrolling. It is used only in the PHP version of the template. It occurs in following files: *index.php*, *portfolio_big.php* and *portfolio_small.php*. Argument for this function is a array of options for its behavior. Allowed parameters and their default values are:

```
{
  scrollwidthPreload: 50, // number of pixels from the page's end to start content loading
  requestURL: '',       // URL of getting content script
  requestType: 'post',  // method of calling (POST or GET)
```

```

    params: {},                // additional parameters given while script calling
                                // (e.g. {param1: value1, param2: value2})
    offset: 0,                // starting element ID offset
    limit: 100                // maximum of loaded elements (posts, portfolio items)
}

```

If you don't set any of the parameter it will get its default value.

HOW TO CONFIGURE BASIC TEMPLATE PARAMETERS?

Edit CONFIGURATION section in the header. There are basic settings for template's look and behavior. Example CONFIGURATION:

```

<!-- BEGIN CONFIGURATION -->
<title>Stuff</title>                                <!-- site title -->

<style type="text/css">
    #menu { width: 250px; }                          /* left menu section width */
    #content { left: 250px; }                        /* space between left edge of the browser's window
</style>                                              and content (it should be equal or bigger then
                                                    menu section width) */

<script type="text/javascript">
    stuff_config = {
        middlePoint: 310,                            // distance from page top to post thumbnail's
                                                    center
        portfolioGalleryChangeEffect: 'fade',        // portfolio's gallery transition effect (slice
                                                    Down, sliceDownLeft, sliceUp, sliceUpLeft,
                                                    sliceUpDown, sliceUpDownLeft, fold, fade, random)
        portfolioGalleryChangeSpeed: 150,            // transition speed
        portfolioGalleryNavOnHover: true,            // show navigation arrows only for mouse hover
        columnSupport: true,                         // content coulms creating
        columnPageChangeSpeed: 'normal',            // change page animation speed (fast, normal, slow)
        mousewheelSupport: true                     // support for horizontal mouse scrolling
    }
</script>
<!-- END CONFIGURATION -->

```

HOW TO CHANGE COLOR VERSION?

IN HTML VERSION:

Edit <HEAD> section of the page by changing all occurrences of the path: *schemes/bright-blue/images* to another, e.g.: *schemes/bright-red/images*

IN PHP VERSION:

By default, color scheme is controlled by script, which allows user to change it (*PHP/schemeswitcher.php*). If you want to disable this feature, delete following line from the beginning of the code:

```
<?php require_once 'php/schemeswitcher.php'; ?>
```

and set *\$scheme* variable to one of the version, e.g.:

```
<?php $scheme = 'bright-blue'; ?>
```

HOW TO CHANGE DEFAULT COLOR SCHEME SEEN BY USER? - PHP VERSION ONLY

In file *PHP/schemeswitcher.php* edit parameter *default* of the *\$config* variable to color version name of your choice.

HOW TO CHANGE EMAIL ADDRESS FOR INCOMING MESSAGES FROM CONTACT FORM?

In the file *PHP/sendmail.php*, edit *email* parameter of the *\$config* variable.

HOW TO MOVE SOCIAL MEDIA ICONS TO THE BOTTOM?

Add class *bottom* to the social media list. So, change:

```
<ul id="social-media">  
to  
<ul id="social-media" class="bottom">
```

HOW TO CHANGE THE MOMENT OF AUTO-LOADING NEXT POSTS/ITEMS WHILE SCROLLING THE PAGE? - PHP VERSION ONLY

In the file *index.php* or *portfolio_big.php* or *portfolio_small.php* add *scrollWidthPreload* to the *initBox()* function parameters and set it value, which represents number of pixels to the edge of the page when additional content will start to load. E.g.:

```
<script type="text/javascript">  
    initBox({  
        scrollWidthPreload: 150,  
        requestURL: 'post.php',  
        limit: 100  
    });  
</script>
```

CONTENT DIVIDED INTO COLUMNS IS PARTIALLY MISSING OR CUT, WHY?

Content dividing into columns is done before graphic files loading, so it's important to set sizes of all images. E.g.:

```

```

Thanks to it, the column-making mechanism know how much space all elements need to divide them correctly.

WHAT ARE POST.PHP AND ITEM.PHP FILES FOR? - PHP VERSION ONLY

They consist the look of single post or portfolio item (small or big version). These files are called by AJAX and their job is to deliver new portion of posts/items. These files gets *id* parameter by GET or POST method (depends on the configuration of the *initBox()* function). *id* parameter describes from which post number start to load data to get continued content for the page (and you can read it for example using *\$_POST['id']* array). Depends on the data storage method you will probably need it for constructing appropriate query for the database. In this template file example posts are taken from a static array - fully declared in a PHP script.

HOW TO AVOID ELEMENT SPLITTING BETWEEN TWO COLUMNS?

Add *dontsplit* class to the element. E.g.:

```
<ul class="dontsplit">  
    [ ... ]  
</ul>
```

HOW TO ACHIEVE 3-COLUMN LAYOUT?

Change the div class *columns two* to *columns three*. So change following code:

```
<div class="columns two">
```

to:

```
<div class="columns three">
```

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN xxx.min.css AND xxx.css FILES (E.G.: style.css AND style.min.css)?

Files with *min* suffix are minified versions of the files without it. It means they don't have unnecessary elements like spaces, indents, comments and end of line marks. Thanks to it they are smaller and help to load page faster.

I'VE CHANGED style.css AND stuff.js HOW TO CREATE MINIMIZED VERSIONS OF THEM?

To create minimized CSS file use www.csscompressor.com service. Paste the processed content to the *style.min.css* file. To minimize JavaScript I recommend jscompress.com service. Paste the processed content at the end of the *JS/stuff.allinone.min.js* file replacing old code after */* Stuff */* comment.

HOW TO USE PHP VERSION WITHOUT CUSTOM CMS SOFTWARE?

It's not recommended for sites with lots of visits or with lots of content, but if you really want to use PHP version of Stuff template as it is you can edit *example_post.php* and *example_items.php* files which contains posts and portfolio items. To add a new post or item – copy highlighted part of the code and paste it above it. All attributes are quite self-explaining.

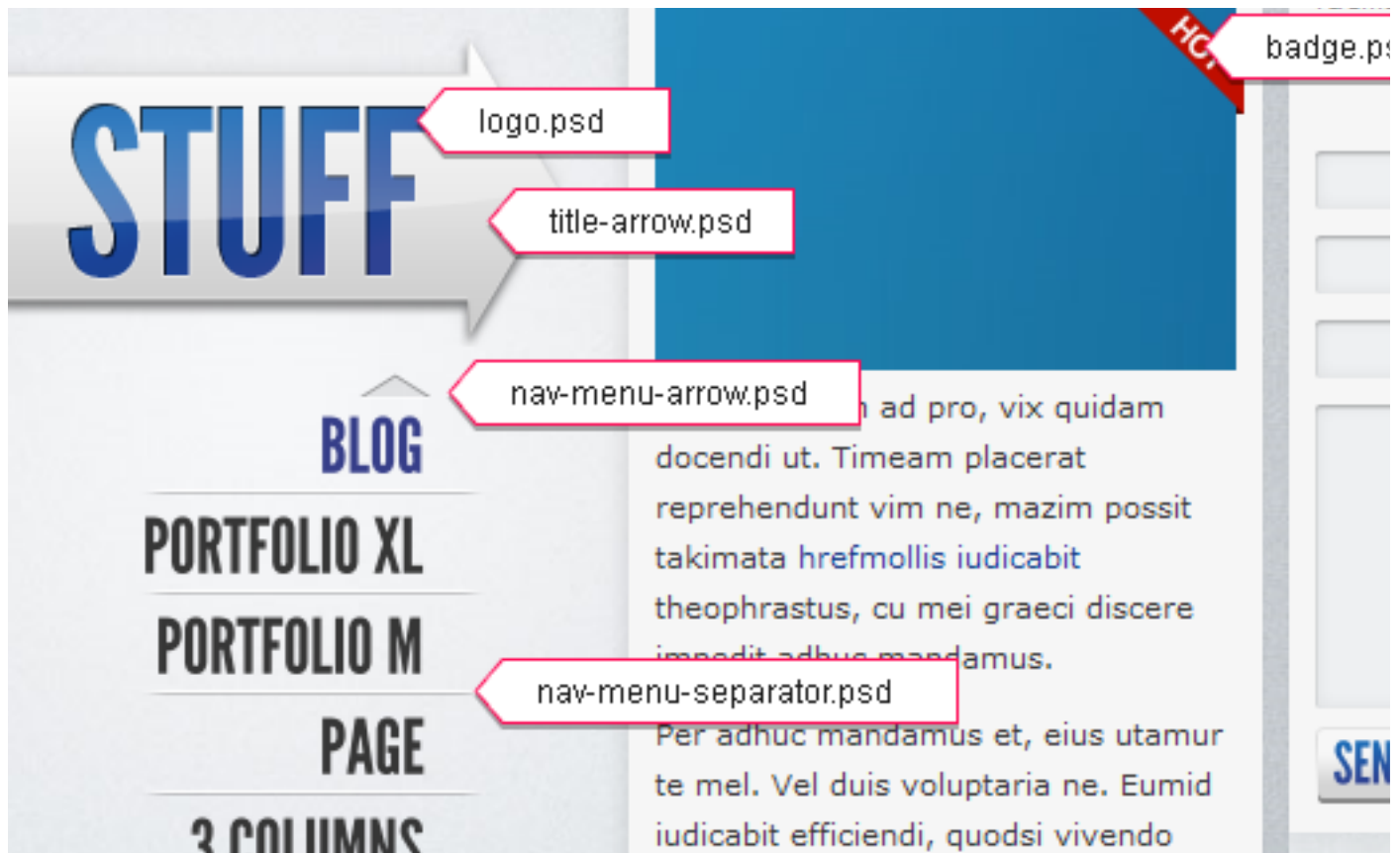
```

1<?php
2/**
3 * @package Stuff_Template
4 * @since Stuff 1.0
5 *
6 * Example portfolio content.
7 */
8
9$items = array
10(
11    array
12    (
13        'title' => 'Example portfolio item with image slider',
14        'thumbnail' => 'small/p1/b.jpg',
15        'gallery' => array('big/p1/b.jpg', 'big/p1/a.jpg', 'big/p1/c.jpg', 'big/p1/d.jpg', 'big/p1/e.jpg'),
16        'excerpt' => '<p>Tantas utinam ad&nbsp;pro, vix quidam docendi ut. Timeam placerat reprehendunt vim ne, mazim possit takimat',
17        'webiste' => 'www.themeforest.net',
18        'author' => 'Kuba Sto',
19        'categories' => 'web design, ID, marketing',
20        'tags' => 'PHP, HTML, SQL, CSS',
21        'url' => 'portfolio_page.php'
22    ),
23    array
24    (
25        'title' => 'Another super hot and cute portfolio item',
26        'thumbnail' => 'small/p2/b.jpg',
27        'gallery' => array('big/p2/b.jpg', 'big/p2/a.jpg', 'big/p2/c.jpg', 'big/p2/d.jpg', 'big/p2/e.jpg', 'big/p2/f.jpg', 'big/p2/g.jpg'),
28        'excerpt' => '<p>Tantas quodsi vivendo conceptam utinam ad&nbsp;pro, vix quidam docendiut. Timeam placerat reprehendunt iudi',
29        'webiste' => 'www.google.com',
30        'author' => 'Second Author',
31        'categories' => 'Web design',
32        'tags' => 'PHP, HTML, CSS',
33        'url' => 'portfolio_page.php'
34    ),
35    array
36    (
37        'title' => 'Cras id&nbsp;sollicitudin eu, aliquam enim porttitor lectus elit variustes.',
38        'thumbnail' => 'small/p3/b.jpg',
39        'gallery' => array('big/p3/b.jpg', 'big/p3/a.jpg', 'big/p3/c.jpg', 'big/p3/d.jpg'),
40        'excerpt' => '<p>Timeam placerat reprehendunt vim ne, mazim possit takimata eum et. Iddiceret ornatus appetere sea, vitae ex',
41        'webiste' => 'www.envato.com',
42        'author' => 'Kuba Sto',
43        'categories' => 'Marketing, Category two',
44        'tags' => 'PHP, HTML, SQL, CSS',
45        'url' => 'portfolio_page.php'
46    ),
47 );

```

HOW TO EDIT GRAPHICS?

There is a lot of layered and sliced Photoshop .psd files prepared for you in the *PSD* folder. Some of them are common for all template color versions and some are specific just for one and placed in the suitable folders. If you want to customize a particular part of the design find the proper file using *instruction.png* file.



5. RESOURCES

External resources used:

[jQuery](#)

[FancyBox](#)

[Cufón](#)

[Nivo Slider](#)

[Columnizer](#)

[League-gothic](#) open-source font

6. CHANGELOG

Stuff - template 2.0

- added video to portfolio
- added Fancybox galleries to portfolio
- added 6 new, dark color schemes
- added name and e-mail address in the message's content sent from the contact form
- added 2 new social media icons
- added video badge
- small improvements in some color schemes

- new page template - archives
- JavaScript code optimizations
- updated jQuery to version 1.4.4
- updated Cufón to version 1.09i
- fixes for Internet Explorer 9 beta
- many other fixes, changes and improvements

Stuff - template 1.1

- better support for small resolution displays
- added 2 new templates (narrow page, 404 error)
- added *quote* and *replay* links to comments
- better comments styles
- new parameters in the global configuration
- updated jQuery to version 1.4.3
- fixed known bugs
- many other changes and improvements

Stuff - template 1.0.2

- small fixes in CSS and JS
- easier PHP version content editing for users without any CMS system in use

Stuff - template 1.0.1

- better support for small resolution displays

Stuff - template 1.0

- first release

THANK YOU...

for purchasing this template. If you have further questions don't hesitate to ask.

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