Valhalla!

DOCUMENTATION

ADD PAGES

1 - Inside your WordPress dashboard, click on "Pages" on the left sidebar and then on "Add New."

2 - Give your new page a title, for example, "About Us."

3 - Scroll down to "Page Attributes" located on the right side.

4 - In "Template," select a template. The available templates are:

About - about us page template.

Portfolio - portfolio page template.

Services - services page template.

FAQ - frequently asked questions page template.

Blog - main blog page template.

Contact - contact page template.

Blank - a template without the header and the common styles that you can use to create a custom page.

Important: except for the Blank template, which you can add content directly in the WordPress editor, all content is added in the Customizer panel. You just have to create a page, give it a title and assign it a template, nothing more.

SET A STATIC PAGE

In order to have our beautiful home page showing on your website, you must set a static front page.

1 - Create a new page and title it "Home." DO NOT assign it any template.

2 - On the left sidebar, click on Settings > Reading.

3 - In "Your homepage displays", select "A static page."

4 - In "Homepage," select the page you created in the first step.

5 - Click on "Save Changes" at the bottom of the screen.

ADD A MENU

After you have added all your pages, you can proceed to create a menu bar.

1 - On the left sidebar, click on Appearance > Menus.

2 - In "Pages," select the pages you want to add to the menu and then click on "Add to Menu."

3 - In "Menu Structure," reorder the pages as you wish.

4 - Scroll down to "Menu Settings," and in "Display location," check the option "Header Menu."

5 - Finally, click on "Save Menu."

Now you can refresh your website, and you should see a menu bar at the top of all pages.

UNDERSTANDING THE THEME STRUCTURE

Valhalla is organized into sections. Each page template has one or multiple sections. Below we detail all the sections of all templates.

Home page

Section 1: a heading, text below the heading, an image on the right side.

Section 2: an icon, a heading below the icon, text below the heading, an image below the text.

Section 3: contains two areas, and both of them have an icon, a heading, and text.

Section 4: here, we have tabs you can use to showcase anything. Each tab contains a title and content.

Section 5: contains two areas, and both of them have a heading and some text.

About Us Page

Section 1: a heading, text below the heading, an image on the right side.

Section 2: an icon, a heading below the icon, cards to show your team members. These cards have areas for picture, name, and job title.

Section 3: this area is formed by a heading and your client logos. The logo images are shown in a smart grid column, meaning images are organized in the best possible way considering their sizes.

Portfolio Page

This page has only one section where your portfolio images are organized. When an image is clicked, a modal opens containing the image title and the text you added to describe the image.

Services Page

Section 1: a heading, text below the heading, an image on the right side.

Section 2: this section has beautiful feature boxes. These boxes contain an icon (a single icon to all of them), a title, and some text (it should not be so long). Although you can add any number of boxes, you should add only three in order to have them displayed nicely.

Section 3: here, we have tabs you can use to list the services you offer. Each tab contains a title and content.

FAQ Page

This page contains only a section where questions and answers are organized.

Contact Page

Section 1: a heading, text below the heading.

Section 2: a Google map, a contact form.

Section 3: here, we have areas for emails, phone numbers, and addresses. Each area has a heading, for example, "Our emails," and the corresponding contact information. You can add as much contact information as you want.

Blog Page

The main blog page will list ten posts at once. Posts are shown in a smart grid column, meaning they are organized in the best possible way considering their feature image sizes (if any).

WORDPRESS CUSTOMIZER

The WordPress Customizer is where you'll configure basically all the Valhalla options. It contains panels (pages), and inside those panels are the page sections and also the color schemes for headers and page content.

In the Header panel, you'll find the header settings that are shared between all the pages (Site logo and Contact Information), as well as the option that controls the header style for the Home page.

The other panels starting with the Home page, correspond to all templates included in the Valhalla theme. Inside each panel, besides sections where you can add content, you'll also find the "Header color scheme" and "Page color scheme" options. Each page template can have a different color scheme, for example, you can set a different color for the header menu bar on each page.

Home Page Header Style

Inside the Header panel, you'll find an option called "Header Style." There you can switch between two header styles for the Home page that are: Gradient background (standard) and Image background. Since these options affect only the Home page header, you can adjust them inside the "Home Page" panel, in "Header color scheme."

Custom Page Title

The header used in all pages is structured in a top bar that shows a phone number and social networks icons, a menu bar, a background, and a title bar. The exception is the Home page

header that doesn't have a title bar. The header title bar will display the page title entered in the WordPress editor when a page is created, unless a custom title is set. You'll find it useful when you want a certain page to have the title that appears at the top of the browser and on search engines, different than the one shown in the header title bar.

Display or Hide Sections and Icons

All sections are hidden by default. To display them, you must check the option "Display this section." To hide them, you must uncheck this option. Header and footer icons follow this same pattern, so you must enable each one of them.

Adding Content

When you enter a panel, you are presented with the respective sections of that page template. Inside each section, you'll find the areas to add headings and text. Normally, when you add content to a field, the previewer automatically applies the changes so you can preview it before making it permanent, but this is not always the case. If the previewer is not working correctly, press the "Publish" button at the top of the Customizer and open your website in a new tab to see how it looks with the new content.

It's important to say that you must press the "Publish" button before leaving the customizer; otherwise, the changes you made will be lost.

In sections where you need to click an add button to add items, they come with an item already included, but it doesn't work. You must delete it and add a new one.

HTML Code

Inside sections, you'll notice that some areas have the "Insert arbitrary HTML code" option. It means that an area is capable of accepting HTML code instead of just text. Checking this option will cause a special editor to appear where you can enter your custom code. Be aware that when you opt to customize an area with your own HTML code, you must also add your own styles.

The tabs content area on the Home and Services pages accepts HTML code by default, without the need of checking any checkbox.

Links

Some section headings have the "Insert a link to another page" option. This means you can turn a heading into a link by simply checking the checkbox and typing the desired URL in the appropriate field.

Color Scheme

In the "Understanding the Theme Structure" section of this document, you were presented with the content areas of the Valhalla Theme, so you can easily customize their colors. But there are also elements that are not directly related to content, such as backgrounds, borders, and lines.

Other Pages

In the Customizer, you'll also find a panel called "Other Pages." There you can configure the header color scheme for the search, archive, and category pages, and also for the pages you create without a page template.

CONTACT FORM PLUGIN

Valhalla comes with an exclusive plugin that shows a contact form on the Contact page. So, if you wish to have a contact form on your website, you must install and activate this plugin.

Installing the Plugin

When you install the Valhalla theme, a message saying: *"This theme recommends the following plugin: Valhalla Contact Form."* will appear at the top of the page. Click on "Beginning installing plugin" to install it, and then click on Plugins at the menu on the left to activate it.

Form Not Sending Mail

This has to do with your SMTP settings. By default, WordPress uses the PHP mail() function to send mails, but not all servers have this feature enabled. What you should do is to install the WP Mail SMTP plugin https://wordpress.org/plugins/wp-mail-smtp/ and configure your desired SMPT like Gmail, Mailgun, SendGrid, or any other SMTP server you have access to, including your host's.