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Welcome to Hit the Road's documentation!

We would like to thank you for purchasing Hit the Road theme.

If you're having an issue and can't find the answer here, please send us an email to support@jungle.ninja and we will try to answer as soon as possible. Also, feel free to suggest any new features you may want in this theme and we will consider adding it for the next update(s). Once you have purchased this theme you would have full access to all upcoming theme updates.

You can always find newest version of this document [here](#).

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Installation

To install Hit the Road theme you must be running Ghost Blog 0.7 or higher.

If you're hosting your blog on Ghost Pro then you can easily upload new theme using their web interface. You can find full tutorial how to do that [here](#).

If you're hosting your Ghost blog by yourself then you have to upload Hit the Road theme manually to your server and after that you will be able to select a new theme from the Theme drop-down in admin interface.

Here is the list of detailed instructions how to do that:

- [How to upload a theme to DigitalOcean](#)
- [How to upload a theme to Amazon EC2](#)
- [How to Install a Ghost Theme](#)

Customization

Index page layout

You can change the layout by specifying layout type attribute on posts partial helper in index.hbs template. This is a list of available layouts:

- grid
- 4-column-grid
- 2-column-grid

Navigation

Navigation links can be easily added or removed at the Navigation page on your Ghost blog. If you have never done it before, [here](#) is the detailed support article how to do that.

Drop-down menu

If you want to have drop-down menus amongst single navigation links, you'd have to edit navigation template and add or remove them by hand.

Navigation template is being kept in theme partials folder. Here is the default content of the template:

```
<ul class="nav navbar-nav clearfix">
  {{#foreach navigation}}
    <li><a href="{{url absolute='true'}}" class="{{#if current}}active{{/if}}">
      {{label}}</a></li>
  {{/foreach}}
</ul>
```

To add drop-down menu item to the navigation bar, put following code inside the ul tag. E.g.:

```
<li class="dropdown">
  <a href="#" class="dropdown-toggle" data-toggle="dropdown">Drop down menu<b class="caret"></b></a>
  <ul class="dropdown-menu">
    <li><a href="#">Menu item 1</a></li>
    <li><a href="#">Menu item 2</a></li>
  </ul>
</li>
```

This can look familiar if you have ever used Twitter's Bootstrap before.

Drop-down menu with Map Glyphs

Because of licensing issues Map Glyphs are not included in the theme. But its license permits you downloading Map Glyphs by yourself and using it in this theme.

You can download Map Glyphs for FREE from MapGlyphs.com. Open the downloaded archive and copy all files into `assets/components/mapglyphs` folder.

To make glyphs appear nicely, you also have to add `dropdown-menu-destinations` class to the dropdown menu. E.g:

```
<ul class="dropdown-menu dropdown-menu-destinations">
```

You can now add the menu item with e.g. Europe glyph by adding following code:

```
<li><a href="{{page_url}}tag/europe"><i class="mg map-wrld-eu"></i>Europe</a></li>
```

You can find all available glyphs [here](#).

Search widget

The search widget does not become visible immediately after you install the theme, because it's based on Ghost Blog's Public API, which is currently in beta stage and it is turned off by default.

So you have to take two additional steps to get it working:

- Select the Public API checkbox in the Labs page.
- Create an empty post, set the title to "Search" and in the post settings select the "Turn this post into a static page".

Weather widget

Weather widget can display relevant weather information for your reader related to the post he's reading.

Lets say you're writing an article about how to spent a nice weekend in L.A. and you'd like to display short weather forecast, so the reader could get an idea what the weather will be at this coming weekend. So you just simple put an extra meta tag after your article, e.g.:

```
<meta property="weather-widget:location" content="Los Angeles, CA" />
```

And it's done! The widget will appear in the sidebar next to your post. Actually, for your convenience this meta tag can be placed anywhere in the post.

Setup

You can configure the weather widget in Code Injection page on your Ghost blog. If Blog Header textbox is empty, paste following code into it:

```
<meta property="weather-widget:provider" content="yahoo" />
<meta property="weather-widget:provider-key" content="" />
<meta property="weather-widget:loading-title" content="Loading weather data..." />
<meta property="weather-widget:units" content="c" />
```

Provider

Currently we support two weather forecast providers.

Yahoo Weather

Yahoo does not limit requests count made to their API, but they also do not permit using their data for commercial purposes. So if your blog/magazine is not commercially-oriented, you can use Yahoo as weather data provider. Set provider to Yahoo by injecting the following code to the blog header:

```
<meta property="weather-widget:provider" content="yahoo" />
```

Open Weather Map

Open Weather Map has a free plan with 50 000 requests per day and permits their weather data to be used with non-commercial and commercial purposes. Set provider to Open Weather Map by injecting the following code to the blog header:

```
<meta property="weather-widget:provider" content="openweathermap" />
```

You have to acquire an API key and inject it to the blog header too:

```
<meta property="weather-widget:provider-key" content="<place_your_api_key_here>" />
```

Units

What units should be used to display wheather temperature. C for celsius and F for fahrenheit.

```
<meta property="weather-widget:units" content="c" />
```

How to use

At the end of your article you can specify the location for the weather widget by adding this meta tag:

```
<meta property="weather-widget:location" content="San Francisco, CA" />
```

And that's it! The weather widget will appear in the sidebar along your article.

Tags widget

As of right now, there is no easy way to retrieve all tags assigned to posts of your blog. You can work around it with some hacky javascript at the costs of blog performance. We think that performance is much more important so we provide a static way to display the tag widget.

You can control what is displayed in the tag widget by providing a meta tag through blog admin code injection section. E.g.:

```
<meta property="tags-widget:tags" content"Travel guide, Weekend break, Hiking" />
```

Newsletter widget

You can let your readers sign up to your email subscribers list by using newsletter widget.

Copy subscription sign up form from your mail provider to the newsletter template and add form-control-dark class to the email textbox and add btn btn-primary classes to the submit button of your form.

Below is the example form we use from [MailChimp](#).

```
<div id="mc_embed_signup">
  <form action="//majesticjungle.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe/post?u=321d9fd02f758406e4c5ef0a4&id=220071fa5a" method="post" id="mc-embedded-subscribe-form" name="mc-embedded-subscribe-form" class="validate" target="_blank" novalidate>
    <div id="mc_embed_signup_scroll">
      <div class="mc-field-group form-group">
        <input type="email" value="" name="EMAIL" class="required email form-control form-control-dark" id="mce-EMAIL" placeholder="Enter your email">
      </div>
      <div style="position: absolute; left: -5000px;"><input type="text" name="b_321d9fd02f758406e4c5ef0a4_220071fa5a" tabindex="-1" value=""></div>
      <div class="clear"><input type="submit" value="Subscribe" name="subscribe" id="mc-embedded-subscribe" class="button btn btn-primary"></div>
    </div>
  </form>
</div>
```

Be aware that there are two separate newsletter templates. One is for the footer and one is for the sidebar.

Google Maps widget

You can show a map and other relevant information next to it by inserting the following code to your blog post:

```
<div class="widget widget-inline render-component-location"
  data-title="Redwood National and State Parks"
  data-lat="41.2131788" data-lng="-124.0046276"
  data-zoom="10"
  data-phone="+1 707-465-7335"
  data-location="California, United States"
  data-website="http://nps.gov"
  data-hours="Open 24 hours"
  data-desc="Immense woodland system containing many towering redwood trees, with trails, campgrounds & more."></div>
```

As you can see, the widget can be configured by setting data attributes on its HTML tag.

Only latitude and longitude properties are mandatory. If no other properties are present, map will expand to fill its container horizontally.

Change log

21-09-2016 - Version 1.3.1

- Removed protocol part from all Google Font URLs

19-09-2016 - Version 1.3.0

- Upgraded to Ghost 0.11
- Added search support
- Fixed grid display issue in inner pages
- Fixed some CSS inconsistency between templates

06-06-2016 - Version 1.2.0

- Added support for the Facebook and Twitter profile in the author bio widget and the author page.

26-05-2016 - Version 1.1.1

- Fixed the author bio display issue on Safari browsers
- Reduced the minimum height of the header image

10-05-2016 - Version 1.1.0

- Added author bio widget

28-10-2015 - Version 1.0.2

- Added Google Maps widget
- Upgraded React to newest version
- Removed unused JavaScript dependencies

16-10-2015 - Version 1.0.1

- Added missing ghost_foot helper

12-10-2015 — Version 1.0

- Initial release