Meth

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Getting Started

Thanks for purchasing Meth – A minimal one page portfolio theme, flexible enough to let you use it either as a one-page theme or as a normal fully featured site.

This documentation supposes that you are familiar with WordPress. We are not going to cover WordPress related topics, as you can find all this information at the WordPress site here.

Installing WordPress

In order to install the current version of WordPress Theme, please go to http://wordpress.org and download the current version of WordPress. For information on how to install a WordPress Platform, please see the WordPress codex page http://codex.wordpress.org/Installing_WordPress.

Installing the theme

When you are ready to install a theme, you must first upload the theme to your WordPress directory. There are two ways you can install the theme:

- Using FTP: By using any FTP program of your choice you can upload the non-zipped folder to the /wp-content/themes/ folder on your server.
- Using WordPress: Navigate to Appearance > Themes > Install Themes. Go to upload and select the zipped theme folder and hit install now and theme will be uploaded and installed.

Once you have uploaded the theme, you need to active it. To activate your new theme, go to Appearance > Themes and activate your chosen theme.

Installing the Required Plugins

Some plugins are required in order for the theme to look and work like the demo. Installing them takes only minutes, and does not require any purchases.

Once you will install the theme, you will see a notification at your admin side notifying you about the plugins you need to install. For each one, click "Begin installing plugin", and once installed, activate them. Here are a few words about each of the plugins:

StagTools

StagTools is a lightweight and free plugin that adds some custom widgets and adds a shortcode generator where you can quickly add handy shortcodes in your theme. You can keep StagTools with you even if you change your theme so you don't have to update those shortcodes on changing theme each time. You can find more details about it on plugin page on WordPress.

Stag Custom Sidebars

A truly powerful and simple plugin that lets you create unlimited sidebars. Allows you to create widget areas where you can put widgets, and output them as a sidebar with a shortcode. Combined with the "Widgetized" page template, with this plugin one can create multiple widgetized pages (like the homepage) as landing pages etc. You can find more details about it on plugin page on WordPress.

Loading Dummy Data

You can easily import some dummy data if you feels that this will help you find your way around. In order to do so, please go to http://support.codestag.com/knowledgebase/where-is-the-dummy-content-xml-file/ locate Meth and click the download link. This will download a zipped file that contains an xml file that has the dummy (demo) content. Additional information on how to import the xml file can be found [here](#).

Please note: In many cases just importing the dummy .xml will not work since you will also have to make some manual configurations. Please go through this documentation to fully understand how the theme works in order to customize it to fit your needs.

Theme Features

This theme comes with a variety of features and great functionality which gives your the freedom to control your theme's look and feel. This section of the document will explain on how you can use your theme effectively.

Custom menus

You can setup custom menus to configure your site's navigation. This theme comes with 2 custom menu locations:

- **Primary Menu** which serves as the main navigation for the "inner pages" of your site, in case you want to use the theme as a full site, and not as a one-page template.
- **Widgetized Menu** which is the menu that will be used for pages that use the "widgetized" template, such as the one-page site.

So, to sum up, you can have one menu for your one-page site, and if you direct users to inner pages you can have another menu.

To setup your menus, navigate to Appearance > Menus. Give your menu a name and add a variety of items including pages, categories and custom links.

Theme Options

The theme comes with a simple to use theme options panel. You can access it by navigating to Meth > Theme Options. The theme options are conveniently spread over a number of tabs and each tab contains the options that pertain to a particular area of the theme with inline help text.

Serving Retina Images

Any asset/design element used under this theme is already optimized for viewing on high resolution displays. Also this theme comes with custom icons web font which looks good on any size. If you want to keep your site look good on retina displays, you will need to optimize images used on your site. You can do so by following below steps:

- Upload two versions of any image. For example: if you are uploading a logo named 'logo.png' with a size 100px x 40px, then upload the same image with double size, in this case, 200px x 80px and name it as logo@2x.png.

- It is important to rename the second image ending with '@2x' otherwise it won't work.

- We are using a script on the theme, which replaces any image on site with another image ending with @2x, if it's not there it won't replace and the same image will be served for both retina and non-retina screens.

Child Theme Support

This theme comes with a child theme in the download package. It is recommended to upload both parent theme and child theme to your WordPress site and activate child theme.

It saves your from losing any manual customization made to the theme and you can update your theme without any problem whenever there is an update available.

Setting up the Pages

There are several page templates that have to be configured in order for the theme to work at it's full potential. Setting them up is quite easy. Let's see how it works, starting from the most simple configurations.
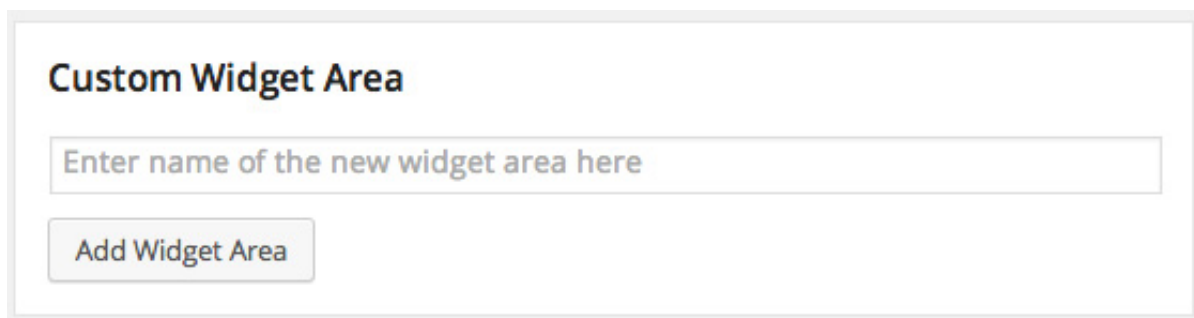
The Homepage

The homepage is completely widgetized. This has tremendous advantages because you can choose what scetions/widgets will be shown, and also you can re-arrange them according to your needs. Creating a homepage similar to the demo is not difficult at all. But it requires some steps. Let's get started, it will take you only a couple of minutes.

- First thing to do is to create a static page. Go to Pages > Add new and create a

New page. Give it a suitable name like "home" and select **Widgetized** under templates, from the Page Attributes panel on the right. Hit Save.

- Now we have to go the the "Reading settings" and define this page as the homepage.Go to Settings > Reading and from the first set of radio buttons, check the "A Static page" and from the front page dropdown select the page you have created (in our example "home"). Click Save and you are good to go.

- So far we have defined that the homepage of our site will be a widgetized page named "Home". Now the next step is to create a widget area, and decide which widgets we will use. Let's go to Appearance>Widgets and create a Custom widget area through the panel below. Let's give it a name like "Homepage". Hit the "Add Widget Area button" and a new widget panel will appear. Note that this new widget panel has a **shortcode.**

Custom Widget Area

Enter name of the new widget area here

Add Widget Area

- Great, now we just need to define which of the custom widgets (sections) we need at the homepage. For the demo, we have used a widget selection as shown below. Please refer to the Custom Widgets section of this documentation, to find out what each of the widgets does, and how to set them properly.

Homepage

Shortcode: `[stag_sidebar id='homepage']`

Section: Intro: A Flexible one page portfolio theme, for ...

Section: Features: Fine Features

Section: Portfolio: Our design samples

Section: Testimonials

Section: Team: Our Team

Section: Static Content: A Static content section

Section: Contact: Get in Touch

Section: Blog: From Our Blog

Last step is to go back to the static page we created as homepage a while ago. The only thing you have to do now is to paste the shortcode of the widget panel you just created, to the editor. This will output the widgets to the homepage. Hit Update and enjoy your newly created homepage.

The "Widgetized" page template

The widgetized page is a great way to create pages similar to the homepage, for use as landing pages, promotional pages etc. You can create as many of them as you need, and in order to set up their structure, you have to follow the steps taken for the homepage. The homepage is a common widgetized page, with the only difference being that we have set it as the "Homepage" under Settings> Reading settings.

The Portfolio page template

There will be times when you might want to have your portfolio as a separate inner page other than the homepage. This is what the portfolio page template is about.

Simply create a new page, and from the "page attributes" panel on the right, select the "Portfolio" page template. Now you can assign this page to your menu, and let your visitors see your best works.

The Contact page template

Meth includes a custom page template 'Contact Form' which you can use to display a contact form. If you plan to use the theme as a one-page only, you can skip this step.

To create the contact page, just create a page and select **Contact Form** under templates, from the Page Attributes panel on the right. You can also add any other content you wish at this page, and it will appear before the contact form.

Adding a map at the contact page

Provided that you have successfuly downloaded and installed the StagTools plugin, you can easily use the shortcode generator and generate a Google Maps shortcode. You will only need your Google Maps URL.

The Blog page

Let's suppose that you want to have a separate blog page that will list your recent posts. So, let's set this page up. If you plan to use the theme as a one-page only, you can skip this step.

First step is to create a New Page. Go to Pages > Add new and create a New page. Give it a name e.g. "Blog" or "Blog Entries". Hit the Publish button on the top right.

Next step is to assign this page as the page that displays the posts. Go to Settings > Reading and from the first set of radio buttons, check the "A Static page" and from the Posts Page dropdown select the page you have created, like at the screenshot below. Do not worry about the Front Page dropdown for now, we will work on this later. Click Save and you are good to go.

Archives Page
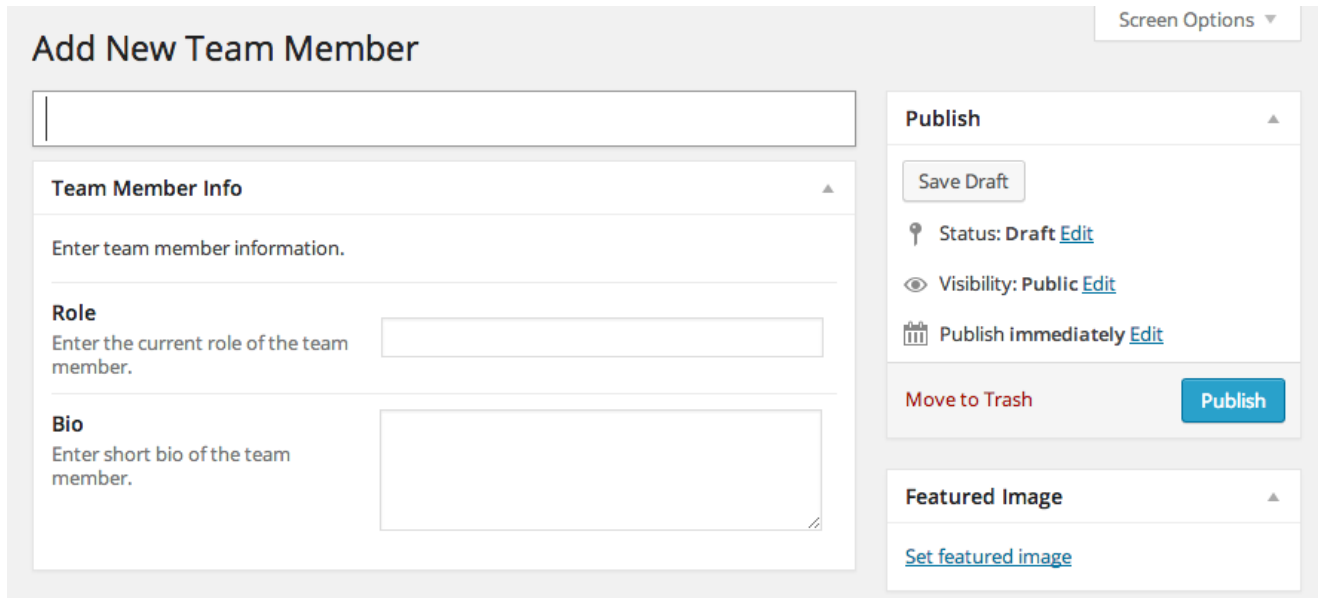
You can also have a custom Archives page that shows the latest activity of your blog. Just create a new page and select**Archives** under templates, from the Page Attributes panel on the right. If you plan to use the theme as a one-page only, you can skip this step.

Setting up the team

At the homepage you can have a "Team" section, where you can list your team's members in a grid of three members per row. Let's see how to set up your team

members.

First thing you need to do is go to Team > Add New. This will open a page where you can add the details of your team's member:

At the very first field you should write the Name of your partner, and the next 2 fields will output his role in the team (e.g. designer) and a short bio. Next thing is to add a picture, which you can do by setting a Featured image on the right panel. The suggested dimensions for these images are 390×390 pixels.

Once you do that, you can hit the publish button and continue by adding the remaining team members.

Setting up testimonials

Also, at the homepage you can choose to have a testimonials section. In order to create the testimonials, go to testimonials > add new. You will see the following:

AT the very first field, enter the name of the person that is supposed to have written the testimonial, and at the main content field below, write down the testimonial. Hit Publish and you are good to go. Continue by adding more testimonials with the same way.

Working with portfolio

In this section we will see how to set up the individual portfolio items that will appear at the portfolio page or section. First thing to do is go to Portfolio > Add New. You will see the following page:

Here you can set the title of your portfolio item, and at the main content area you can have a description of the project. You can also assign this portfolio item to a specific skill, at the "skills" panel at the right side. Last but not list, at the "portfolio settings" panel you should add the main portfolio image(s). If you add more than one image there, they will show as a carousel.

Background Settings

At the portfolio edit page, at the bottom you will see a separate panel titled "Background Settings".

Background Settings ▲

Here you can customize page background settings.

Upload background Image
Choose background image for this page.   [   ] Browse

Background Color
Choose background color.   [■] Select Color

Background Opacity
Choose background image opacity.   [20   ]

Through this panel you can customize the background of the main portfolio image section. You can upload a background image, set an opacity value for it, and get creative by blending the image with the background color.

Working with widgets

The true power and flexibility of Meth, lies in the custom widgets. Using these you will create and control the appearance of your homepage. Custom widgets are highlighted in blue for your convenience. Custom widgets with the "Section:" prefix can be used at widgetized pages, and they output entire sections.

This is the widget configuration we are using in our demo.

Section: Intro: A Flexible one page portfoli... ▼

Section: Features: Fine Features ▼

Section: Portfolio: Our design samples ▼

Section: Testimonials ▼

Section: Team: Our Team ▼

Section: Static Content: A Static content sec... ▼

Section: Contact: Get in Touch ▼

Section: Blog: From Our Blog ▼

Now let's have a look at what each of the widgets does.

Section: Intro

This should be the first widget that you will use. Using this widget first in order will output an intro section with a parallax image and a title, a description and a call to action button. This area as you see is completely customizable. Use the settings to create a jaw dropping introduction section for your site, and direct the visitors to an action utilizing the button.

Get creative by setting an opacity to the background image and achieve the desired contrast form your typography by using a dark background color.

Section: Intro: A Flexible one page portfoli... ▾

Title:

A Flexible one page portfolio theme, for a full

CSS ID:

intro

This will used as link for one page menu.

Description:

We implement Awesome ideas into full-scale Projects

Button Label:

See more

Button URL:

#

Background Color:

Select Color

Background Opacity:

50

Background Image URL:

http://demo.codestag.com/meth/wp-content/u

Text Color:

Select Color

Link Color:

Select Color

Delete | Close   Save

The use of CSS id field

At every of the custom widgets, you will see a field named "CSS id"

CSS ID:

This will used as link for one page menu.

Let's say that you are using the widget that outputs the contact form section at your homepage. Let's also say that you give this widget the CSS id: *contact.*

Now if you want to have a "contact" menu link at your top navigation that will slide down to the contact section when clicked, then you will use the CSS id that you just gave to your widget, as a link to the menu item. Example:

Menu Structure

Drag each item into the order you prefer. Click the arrow on the right of the item to reveal additional configuration options.

Portfolio	Custom ▾
Testimonials	Custom ▾
Team	Custom ▾
Contact	Custom ▲

URL

#contact ●————————————— THE CSS ID

Navigation Label

Contact

Title Attribute

Move _Up one_ _Down one_ _Under Team_ _To the top_

Remove | Cancel

| Inner Page | Page ▾ |
| Shortcodes _sub item_ | Page ▾ |

Menu Settings

Auto add pages ☐ Automatically add new top-level pages to this menu

Theme locations ☐ Primary Menu (Currently set to: Inner)
☑ Widgetized Menu

Delete Menu Save Menu

Menu Name main Save Menu

Section: Features

This handy widget is useful if you want to output a section for the services you provide, or the features of your product. There is an option to choose the number of columns where your features will appear.

So, using the Section: Features widget will output the features section. But where shall you define which features/services you provide? Let's see how this works.

At the widgets page you will see a dedicated widget section named "Features". In this widget section, you should only put "Feature Box:" widgets, and each of these widgets will represent an individual service/feature:

Features ▲

Drag multiple "Feature Box" widgets here. Then drag the "Section: Feature" widget to the any sidebar area.

Feature Box: Finest Pixel Quality ▼

Feature Box: All Responsive! ▼

Feature Box: Themed to be elegant ▼

Feature Box: Lovingly Coded ▼

There is a number of options that you can configure for each Feature box such as the title, description and an image/icon.

Feature Box: Finest Pixel Quality ▼

Title:

Finest Pixel Quality

Feature Image:

http://demo.codestag.com/meth/wp-content/uploads/site:

Description:

Meth is a simple blogging theme from your friends at Codestag.

Delete | Close   **Save**

Section: Portfolio

This widget will show the portfolio section. You can also choose how many portfolio items you want to show at the homepage.

Title:

Our design samples

CSS ID:

portfolio

This will used as link for one page menu.

Count:

6

Delete | Close   Save

Section: Testimonials

This simple widget outputs the testimonials at your homepage. Nothing fancy to configure here as it will just rotate the testimonials you have created under the Testimonials tab at your admin side.

Section: Testimonials ▼

CSS ID:

testimonials

This will used as link for one page menu.

Count:

3

Delete | Close   Save

Section: Team

The Section:Team widget will show the team members that you have created under the Team tab at your admin side.

Section: Contact

The Section: Contact widget creates a section with a contact form and some contact details, in case you want to present those to your visitors at the homepage.

Title:

Get in Touch

CSS ID:

contact

This will used as link for one page menu.

Description:

```
<h3>Meth Design Studio</h3>
We always look forward to meet new awesome people
and discuss brilliant project ideas. Come visit us! We
have a great place to sit.
<h4>Our contact details</h4>
[stag_one_half]21 jump street
```

HTML Tags allowed. You may also use shortcodes here.

Delete | Close   Save

Section: Blog

This widget shows your latest posts from the blog section. Through this widget you can choose a background image, opacity and background color for the section. The image also has a subtle parallax effect applied to it.

Section: Static Content

This widget outputs the content of a specific static page, using a subtle parallax image at the background. You can add as many static content sections as you want at the layout. Let's try to add one now.

First you have to create the content at a new page. Go to Pages> Add New and create a new page. Create the content you wish and save it. Now let's return to the widgets area. Drag the Section: Static Content widget to the panel that you use for your homepage. Give the section a title and from the "Select page" dropdown select the page you just created. Hit save and you are good to go.

Through this widget you can also choose a background image, opacity and background color for the section. The image also has a subtle parallax effect applied to it.

About the .psd files

In the downloaded folder, you will also find a .psd folder that contains the photoshop files of Meth, in case you want to further customize it. The files are well grouped and properly layered to make the slicing process easy. The designs are highly customizable, because of the use of layer styles and shape layers. So if you want to change colors and details, you can tweak the layer style of any specific layer and you

can easily customize it's appearance.

Credits

Light / Dark Logo options

If you notice at the demo, we use 2 different logos for each occasion. At the homepage, look that the logo is over a dark background, but in the inner pages the background is white. So in the first occasion you might need a logo with white text, while for the inner pages you might use a logo with dark text.

For this reason we created the option to have 2 different logos to use. These options are under Theme Options > General Settings.

The first logo option is the **Custom Logo (Light).** Here you must use the logo that you want to show when you are using a dark background.

The second option is the **Custom Logo (Dark)**. Here you must upload the logo to use on a white background, like the inner pages.