



Aerial WordPress Theme Documentation

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Installation

- You can either choose to upload the theme to your server via ftp (only upload the unzipped folder "aerial" into the folder wp-content/themes/) or via wordpress upload function. To use the upload function zip the "aerial" folder and then upload it via WordPress admin panel. (notice: if you are new to wordpress and have problems installing it you might want to check out this link: http://codex.wordpress.org/Installing_WordPress) After that is done activate the theme as you would activate any other theme at Appearance->Themes.
- Installing additional language support: In Themes folder language you can find POT file needed for translating theme. Here you need to add translated files. It's best to include both PO and MO files for future reference and easier tracking of changes.

General Info

This is the order in which the the theme attempts to grab an image.

1. Looks for an image by custom field (Post Thumbnail or Sliding Image in Post Options Meta Panel).
2. If no image is added by custom field, check for a Featured Image.
3. If no image is found, it grabs an image attached to your post.

This applies to both post thumbnails and sliding images for sliding panel.

If you want to have automatic image resizing make sure that you give permissions to everyone (777) to the directory /wp-content/themes/aerial/lib/cache. This is the directory that the script responsible for automatic image resizing caches images. You can give permissions to this directory using any ftp program. Also make sure you have GD Library installed (you probably shouldn't worry because this PHP extension comes installed in almost every server).

This is the order in which the the theme attempts to make post excerpts.

1. Looks for an manual excerpt written in WordPress excerpt panel.
2. If no excerpt is added the theme automaticaly makes one.

3. Alternatively you can enable full posts to be shown.

This applies to both posts and portfolio items.

Widgets

This theme will automatically add 7 additional widgets to the list of available widgets. Custom widgets have prefix DD.

- DD Flickr - A widget which will display Flickr photos.
- DD Most Popular Posts - Display unordered list of most popular posts on your site according to the number of comments.
- DD Page Widget - This widget outputs single page with thumbnail and page excerpt on any widgetized area.
- DD Posts - A widget that can display posts from a specific category.
- DD Recent Comments -Displays recent comments on your site.
- DD Social Networks - Display icons for your social network sites that linkback to your social networking profiles.
- DD Subscription - A widget to display Feedburner E-mail and RSS subscription options.

WordPress widgets can be found at Appearance > Widgets

Theme Settings

To set up the themes's options, go to **Appearance > Aerial Options**. Theme options panel you have 4 sections: **General, Styling, Sliding Panel, and Blog**. After you define your preferences, scroll to the very bottom, and you will see the **Save and Reset** buttons. After you modify any setting, make sure you press the **Save** button, so the settings are saved. If you want to reset the options, click on the **Reset** button, and all the settings will be restored to their defaults. All options have their respective documentation below each Option Name.

Background

In the **Appearance > Background** you can customize the background of your theme by uploading an image or selecting a color to represent the background.

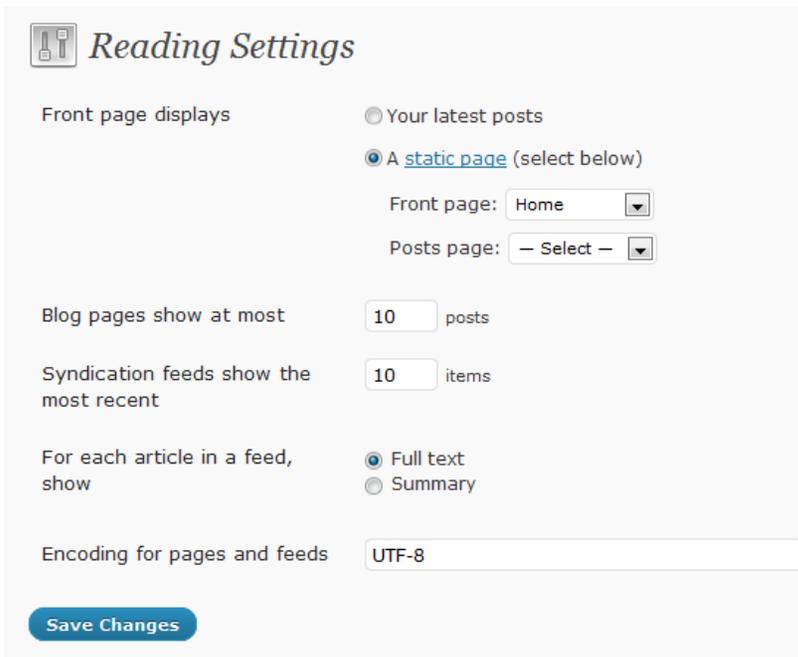
Home Page Setup

If you want this theme to to have a static home page (like in the live preview) you need to do following things:

- Go to **Pages > Add New**.
- Title your page "Home" (or another name).
- In the **Template** dropdown/selectbox choose "Home Page" (Page Attributes settings box on the right side).
- You don't need to have any Page Content for this page.
- Publish the Page.

Now you're ready tell WP to use your new page as the home page.

- In the **Settings** panel on the left navigation select **Reading**.
- To change the front page to your new home page, select "A static page" for **Front page: displays**.
- Select your page from the **Front page** drop down menu.



The screenshot shows the 'Reading Settings' panel in WordPress. At the top, there is a wrench and screwdriver icon followed by the title 'Reading Settings'. Below this, the 'Front page displays' section has two radio button options: 'Your latest posts' (unselected) and 'A static page (select below)' (selected). Under the selected option, there are two dropdown menus: 'Front page:' with 'Home' selected, and 'Posts page:' with '-- Select --' selected. The 'Blog pages show at most' section has a text input field with '10' and the word 'posts' next to it. The 'Syndication feeds show the most recent' section has a text input field with '10' and the word 'items' next to it. The 'For each article in a feed, show' section has two radio button options: 'Full text' (selected) and 'Summary' (unselected). The 'Encoding for pages and feeds' section has a text input field with 'UTF-8'. At the bottom of the panel is a blue button labeled 'Save Changes'.

Home page Template has 5 widgetized areas respectively named Home Page Area 1-5. Find them under Appearance » Widgets.

Blog Setup

- Add a new page just like normal. Pages > Add New. Page template doesn't matter here, wordpress will handle that.
- You now need to point wordpress to this blog page. Click on Settings > Reading and choose the new blog page you just created from the 'Posts page:'.
- Setup your blog options. This is done through the Aerial Options Blog tab.

Page Templates

You can select Page Templates when you edit/publish a page from the "Page Attributes" settings box.

Contact Form

This template will display contact form and send emails to email address specified in Themes Options General tab. To set up contact create a page and then choose Contact Form page template for it.

Fullwidth

Fullwidth Template allows you to layout content across the full width of the page.

Portfolio Setup

- To set up the portfolio section, you must create a new page, you can do so by navigating to Pages > Add New
- You can give this page a title of "portfolio" yet you do not have to include any content.
- Select one of the three the "Portfolio" Page Templates from the Page Attributes section and click "Publish".
- Navigate to Potfolio > Categories and create some categories.

- To add a new portfolio item, go to Portfolio > Add New Item.
- Here you can add a brief description of the project or an excerpt, assign various categories and upload portfolio images.
- Each portfolio item can display either a self hosted video or video embedded from YouTube or Vimeo. To add a video from either Vimeo or YouTube, simply copy and paste the page URL of the video in Portfolio options > Portfolio Video meta box. You do not need to use the embed code, just the URL.

Sliding Panel Setup

After Sliding Panel options are specified in Themes Options Sliding Panel tab you can start with edit/publish pages.

Aerial Settings

General
Styling
Sliding Panel
Blog

Display Sliding Panel? *Check this box if you wish to display the sliding panel section on your homepage.*

Choose Sliding Panel

Coin Slider
 jQuery Cycle
 jQuery Kwikicks

Chose which sliding panel would you like to have.

Sliding Panel Category ▼ *Select the category that you would like to have displayed on the sliding panel.*

Number of Sliding Panels ▼ *Select the number of panels to display .*

Save changes
Reset

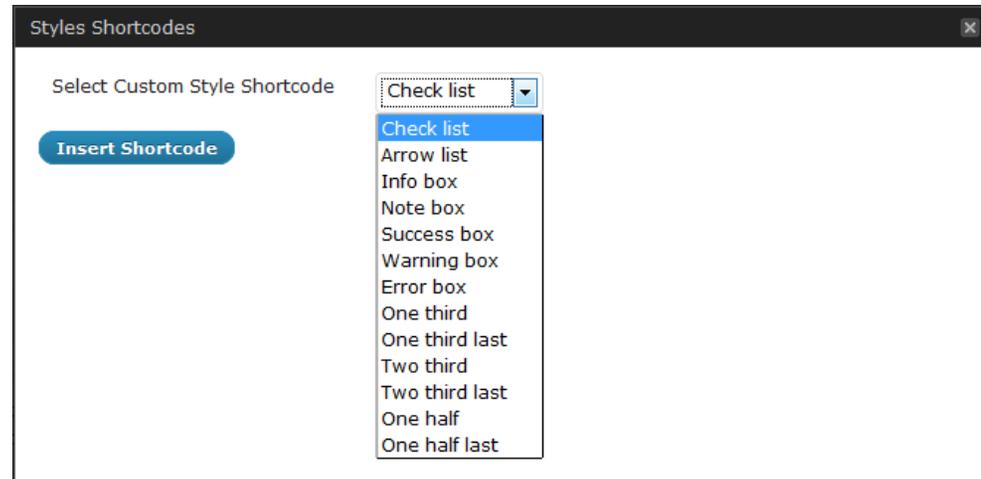
There is a option in Post Options Meta Panel that you can check so that Only Image is displayed in the Sliding Panel. By default you will have titles alongside images. Note that the theme will automaticalu resize images that you upload but for best performance Sliding Panel Images should be 880 x 280 px.

Navigation Menu Setup

- Go to Appearance > Manage Menus. If this is your first time here, you will see no Nav menus, so let's create one.
- Title your menu something that makes sense. Go ahead and save the menu by clicking the Save button to the right.
- Over on the left you can see that the theme supports one menu. Select your newly created menu in drop-down, and click Save.
- Click the checkbox next to the nav items you wish to display, then click 'Add to Menu'.
- Simply click and drag your navigation tabs to order your navigation

Shortcodes

This theme is packed with custom style and layout shortcodes that allow you to add shortcodes to your post, page or portfolio content from WordPress WYSIWYG editor. Click on the shortcodes icon and select the style you would like to use then click "Insert" to insert the style shortcode into the WYSIWYG editor.



Resources

All resources can be found in resources folder.

PSD

- bgr.psd
- favicon.psd
- footer_logo.psd
- logo.psd so you can easily create your own logo.

Fonts

- Fertigo Pro 400