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OPALINE THEME INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Thank you for purchasing this theme. This is your first step towards having a great looking site. Please read the instructions below. If you need more help please use our support forum. We offer also some customization services related to the theme

If you like this theme you might consider switching to the ALL THEMES PACKAGE. Please click here for details

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THEME OVERVIEW

Opaline is a very clean and easy to configure theme. It can used for hotels, tourism or to promote any kind of location. Included there are many features like a portfolio the very flexible slider, custom shortcodes, etc.

- Theme compatible with Wordpress 3.0.x
- 100% tableless css design.
- Post and page thumbnail feature.
- Custom menu navigation system, multi-level dropdown
- Background customization panel.
- Theme options panel.
- Breadcrumbs navigation.
- Very flexible front page slider with different effects.
- Custom shortcodes.
- Four widget ready locations
- Threaded comments.
- Integrated blog pagination.
- Cross-browser compatible.
- Delivered with .png source files (.psd files available in the forum)

HOW TO INSTALL THE THEME

Please unzip the 'opaline_unzip_first.zip' file that you received.

The theme is the 'opaline.zip' file inside the folder. In your WordPress administration area, go to '*Appearance -Themes*'. In the top there appears a new tab navigation. Click on the '*Install Themes*' tab, then click the '*Upload*' item in the new menu and browse for the 'opaline.zip' file in your computer and after locating it press the '*Install Now*' button and after that '*activate*' the new theme.

You can also install this theme the traditional way, by unzipping the 'opaline.zip' file, and upload the theme folder using an ftp client to the 'wp-content/themes' folder of your WordPress installation.

After installing the theme, go to '*Appearance-Themes*' in your WordPress administrator area, and click the '*activate*' link of the newly installed theme. The theme is now the active one.

THE THEME OPTIONS PANEL

This theme comes with an options panel that allows you to configure some aspects of the theme without touching code. To access the options panel, in your WordPress administration area go to '*Appearance – Opaline Options*'. Please take a look at the different options you have there.

CHANGING THE LOGO

You can change the logo from the theme panel, by changing the 'Logo Image Url' with your new logo image url.

You can also switch to text logo from the theme panel. In this case your 'Site Title' will replace the logo.

CONFIGURING THE MENU

The theme uses in full the custom menu navigation system introduced in WordPress 3.0. There are three menu locations in this theme: the 'Main Menu', the 'Top Right Menu' and the 'Footer Menu'

You need to go to '*Appearance – Menus*' in your WordPress admin to start configuring your menus. You first need to create a menu in the right side and then from the left you can select the pages and categories you want to be part of each menu. Don't forget to click 'Save Menu' after you add the items. *Note that you have to have created your pages and categories first and they will be available in the list to include in the menu.*

In the left you will see the active menu location and you need to assign the new menu to the location using the dropdown selection.

To enable dropdown in the menu interface, you have to drag the menu items below another menu item (child item), and drag them a bit to the right (a mark will appear).

USING THE THUMBNAIL FUNCTION

When you edit a post or a page, in the bottom of the right column you have a new area called *Featured Image*. Click on the Set Featured Image link and you will be taken in the image uploader interface, where you can upload or select one of the existing images. Make sure that after you view your image press the 'Use as Featured Image' link. The image will be resized and cropped to fit your thumbnail size. The thumbnail is visible only in the category view. It will not be visible when viewing the full post. You can add the full sized image directly to your post if you want to.

This theme's pages have enable featured images as well, which will appear above the page. Just make sure that the images you use as featured for pages are at least 570px wide.

THE FRONT PAGE SLIDER

This is the most flexible slider we have created.

You can include any page or post in the slider, by simply creating a custom field in the page/post. The custom field name should be 'slider' and the value should be '1'. Custom fields area is located in the bottom of the screen when you edit a page/post.

When you include a page/post to the slider, by default the featured image will be used, the title of the page/post will be the caption and the slide will link to the page/post.

If you want to use another image, not the featured one, you can create a custom field with name 'slideimage' and value the url of the location of the image. Please note that the slider images should be 570x300px, it is suggested to use this size to avoid distortions.

If you would like to have a custom caption, not the title, create a custom field with name 'slidecaption' and in the value area enter the new caption.

If you don't want the slide to link to the page/post, you can create another custom field named 'slidelink' and in the value area enter the url to be linked to. Please check the screenshot below for an example of the custom fields used.

Please go to '*Appearance – Opaline Options*' to change the effect and speeds of the slides.

THE FRONT PAGE

The front page of the theme features also two widget locations in the black area, which are the 'Front Left' and the 'Front Right' widgets. Below that, you have a featured category, which will help what posts will appear in front. To assign the featured category, please go in the theme panel and there enter the ID of the category you want to feature in the provided field.

You can find the ID when you edit that category, is the last digit(s) that appear in the url, up in the browser.

In the right of the featured category you have also the 'Right Sidebar'. This sidebar is visible only in the front page.

If you don't want to have a category in front, you can have a page. Please go to 'Settings-Reading' in your WP admin and assign a page in front. Make sure you don't include this page in the menu, otherwise it will be highlighted when in front.

THE WIDGET AREAS OF THE THEME

This theme has four widget ready areas. The LEFT SIDEBAR are the widgets in the left of the website, available in all pages. The RIGHT SIDEBAR is the right bar visible only in the front page. The FRONT LEFT and the FRONT RIGHT widgets, are the ones in the front page, in the black area. The red button you see in our demo is done with a shortcode [bigred]link text[/bigred]. You can add widgets to each area by going into '*Appearance – Widgets*' in your WordPress administration area and dragging & dropping widgets into each bar. Note that you can add as many widgets as you want to each area.

You might also find these articles useful :

http://www.vivathemes.com/blog/how-to-add-links-in-a-text-widget/

http://www.vivathemes.com/blog/adding-an-image-in-a-text-widget/

SETTING UP THE BLOG

You have two options to show the blog in the main navigation. You can create a category called **'Blog'** (or 'News' or whatever you want) and include it in the main menu using the menu system. But if you have different categories you might also want to have a blog that shows all latest posts from all categories.

To do so, in your WordPress admin go to 'Settings – Reading'. There you can select to have a page to show your latest posts and a static page in front. If you select a static page in front make sure you don't include that page in the menu, otherwise it will be highlighted when you are in the home page.

CUSTOM BACKGROUND PANEL

One of the new features introduced is the custom background that enables you to easily change the background color of your website or upload an image as your background.

To do so, in your WordPress admin go tp '*Appearance – Background*' and there you can easily make the necessary changes.

USING SHORTCODES

Shortcodes are custom styled elements ready for you to use. To check out our shortcodes please see here :

http://demo.vivathemes.com/themes/method/?page_id=67

Sample usages:

Big buttons: [bluebutton]link text[/bluebutton]

Small buttons: [smallblue]link text[/smallblue]

Boxes: [download]some text[/download]

Best regards,

The Viva Themes Team