

Minimalist – Theme Documentation

Thank you for purchasing Minimalist! This documentation covers the installation and the usage of this theme, so we encourage you to read through this document and keep it handy for reference. If you have any questions about your theme, or need assistance with something, please feel free to contact us and our dedicated support staff will be happy to assist you.

Contact Support: <http://community.mythemeshop.com/>

A) Getting Started

A1. Installing Minimalist:

- 1) First, make sure you have the latest WordPress installation, by checking the update panel within your current WordPress installation. If you don't have WordPress already, you can download it from the WordPress repository here: <http://wordpress.org/download/>
- 2) Download the WordPress theme ZIP file from the MyThemeShop admin panel, and save it somewhere handy on your computer, as you will be using the included files for the rest of the installation process. Unzip the downloaded ZIP file onto your computer, but don't upload the unzipped folder to your WordPress installation just yet.
- 3) Inside the unzipped folder, you will notice a variety of files and folders such as theme PSDs, documentation, your license, and also a Minimalist.zip file. From here, you have two options for installation, outlined below and explained in detail in the following sections:
 - Installation from the WordPress admin panel: If you want to upload the theme via WordPress admin, simply navigate to the 'Appearance' tab, choose the 'Themes' tab, and select 'Install Themes'. Then, simply select Minimalist.zip from the extracted folder, and upload it using the WordPress integrated uploader.
 - Installation via FTP: If you are using FTP client (such as FileZilla) to upload your theme files, simply extract Minimalist.zip from within the unzipped folder, and then upload the resulting Minimalist folder to /wp-content/themes.

A2. Installing via WordPress Admin panel:

Login to your WordPress admin panel, such as yoursite.com/wp-admin/ and then navigate to Appearance > Themes > Install Themes, and upload Minimalist.zip file.

The image consists of two screenshots of the WordPress dashboard, illustrating the steps to install a theme.

Top Screenshot: The left sidebar shows the 'Appearance' menu expanded, with 'Themes' highlighted. A red arrow points to 'Themes' with the label 'step 1'. The main content area shows the 'Manage Themes' page. At the top, there are two buttons: 'Manage Themes' and 'Install Themes'. A red arrow points to 'Install Themes' with the label 'step 2'. Below the buttons, the 'Current Theme' section displays 'Twenty Eleven 1.3 by the WordPress team'. It includes a preview image, a description, and a list of tags: 'dark, light, white, black, gray, one-column, two-columns, left-sidebar, right-sidebar, featured-images, full-width-template, microformats, post-formats, rtl-lang'. Below the tags, there are links for 'OPTIONS: Widgets | Menus | Theme Check |'.

Bottom Screenshot: The left sidebar shows the 'Appearance' menu expanded, with 'Themes' highlighted. A red arrow points to 'Themes' with the label 'Step 3'. The main content area shows the 'Install Themes' page. At the top, there are two buttons: 'Manage Themes' and 'Install Themes'. Below the buttons, there is a search bar and a list of filters: 'Search | Upload | Featured | Newest | Recently Updated'. The section 'Install a theme in .zip format' is highlighted. Below it, there is a text box that says 'If you have a theme in a .zip format, you may install it by uploading it here.' Below the text box, there is a 'Choose File' button, a text box that says 'No file chosen', and an 'Install Now' button. A red arrow points to the 'Choose File' button with the label 'Step 3'.

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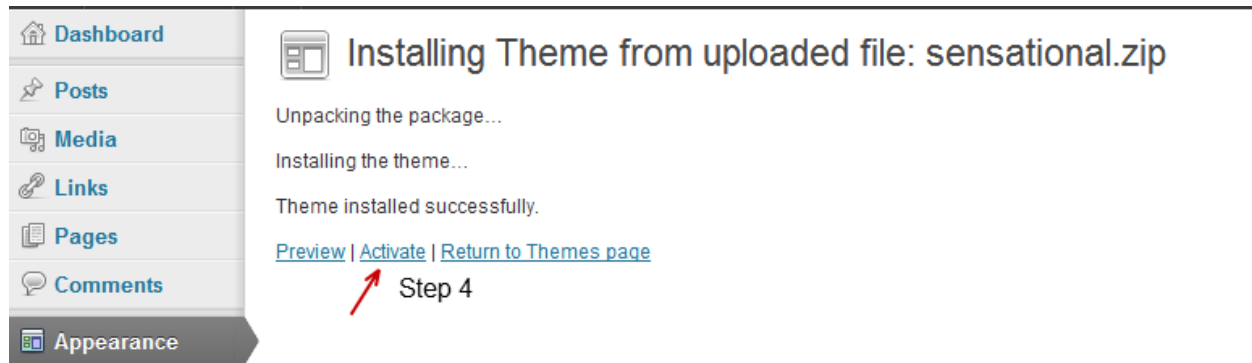
A.3 Installing via FTP:

- 1) Open your FTP client application (example: FileZilla).
- 2) Fill in your login details (host, username, and password), then press connect.
- 3) Once connected, navigate to 'wp-content' folder.
- 4) Navigate to 'themes' folder.
- 5) Now upload the "Minimalist" folder to /wp-content/themes.

A4. Activating the theme:

If you installed from the admin panel, after the theme .zip file has finished uploading, you should be presented with three options (Preview, Activate, Return to Themes). Select the “Activate” option.

If you installed via FTP, you will see these options appear on the Themes page.

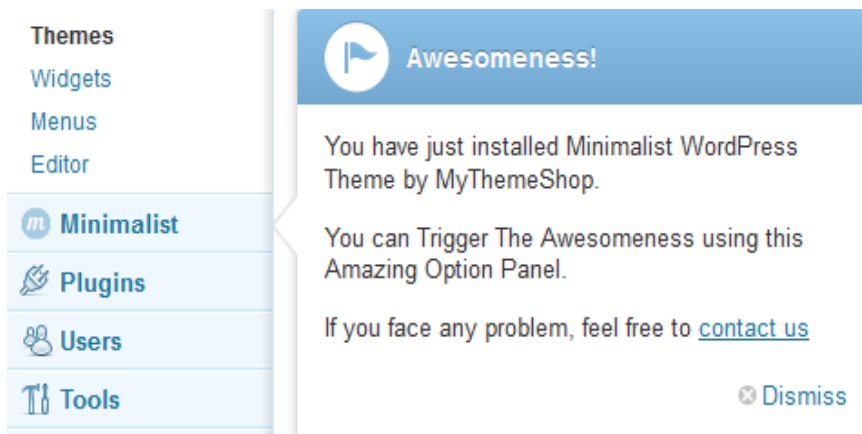


Note: Got an error during installation process? Try the following:

- Make sure you are using the latest version of Wordpress.
- Make sure your hosting is running the latest version of PHP and MySQL.
- Be sure you have at least PHP 5 with GD-library installed on your server. PHP 5 is better. GD library is something that can be installed by your web server admin. If you do not have this, please ask for that to your web administrator, and also at least Wordpress 3.2 engine is installed.
- Make sure your WordPress user has permissions to install themes and ability to upload to the /wp-content/themes/ folder.

B) Theme Options

Once you have activated the theme, you will see a welcome message, which will show you how to use the theme options panel. The theme options panel will allow you to configure the settings of your theme.



You will find all the instructions for each setting inside the MyThemeShop options panel. Now, have fun configuring your brand new theme, and explore the various options to make your site truly customized.

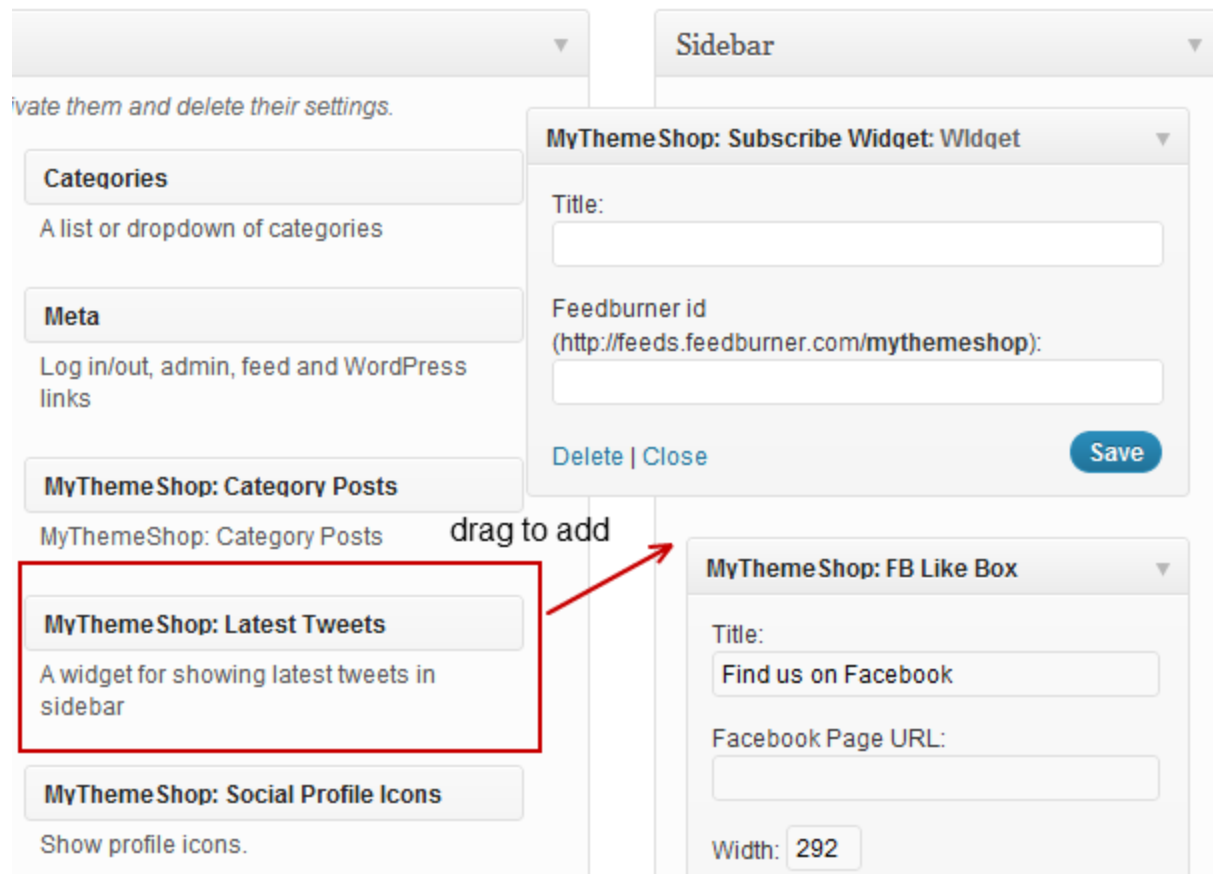
More info: <http://demo.mythemeshop.com/Minimalist/options-panel/general-settings/>

C) Custom Widgets

MyThemeShop offers 12 powerful custom widgets to help you easily add features and functionality to your WordPress theme without having to tinker with any code.

C1. Adding widgets:

First, decide what widget you are looking to add, and where you want it to appear on your site. To add the custom widget in your theme, navigate to "Appearance > Widgets", and drag the desired widget to the right side, under the "Sidebar" or "Footer" widgets box.



C2. MyThemeShop 125 x 125 Ad Widget:

This widget allows you to configure and display up-to **six** 125 x 125 banner advertisements.

- **Title:** Title of the widget.
- **Ad image url:** The URL of your banner image e.g. <http://example.com/image.jpg>.
- **Ad link url:** The destination URL of your banner ad e.g. <http://example.com>.
- **Randomize ads order?** Check this box to shuffle the display of the banners in a random order on each page load.

The screenshot shows a sidebar widget configuration window titled "MyThemeShop: 125x125 Ads". It contains several input fields for configuring a 125x125 advertisement. The fields are: "Title:" with the value "Our Sponsors"; "Ad 1 image url:" with the value "http://www.digestnow.com/wp-content/themes/sensatio"; "Ad 1 link url:" with the value "http://mythemeshop.com"; "Ad 2 image url:" with the value "http://www.digestnow.com/wp-content/themes/sensati"; "Ad 2 link url:" with the value "http://mythemeshop.com"; and "Ad 3 image url:" which is currently empty.

C3. Custom 300 x 250 Ad Widget:

This widget allows you to configure and display a 300 x 250 banner advertisement.

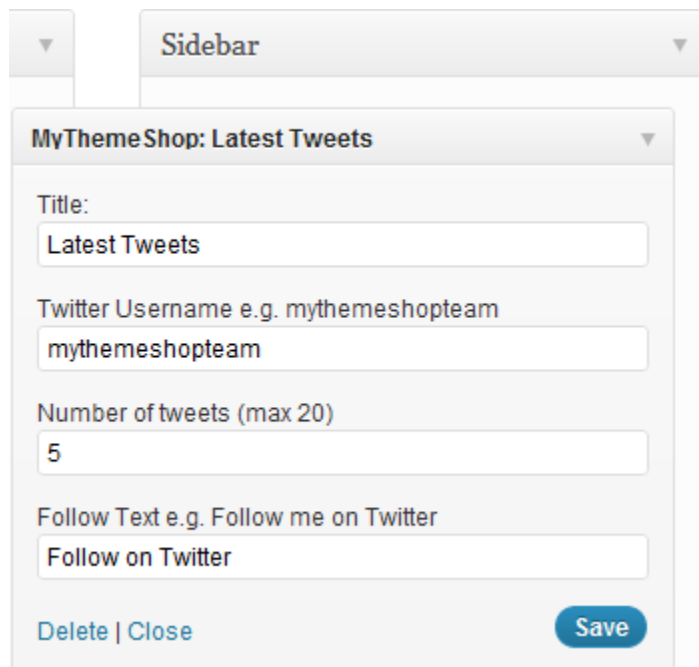
- **Title:** Title of the widget
- **Ad image url:** The URL of your banner image e.g. <http://example.com/image.jpg>
- **Ad link url:** The destination URL of your banner ad e.g. <http://example.com>

The screenshot shows a sidebar widget configuration window titled "MyThemeShop: 300x250 Ad". It contains three input fields for configuring a 300x250 banner advertisement: "Title:" (empty), "Ad image url:" with the value "http://www.digestnow.com/wp-content/themes/sensati", and "Ad link url:" with the value "http://mythemeshop.com". At the bottom of the window, there are two buttons: "Delete | Close" and "Save".

C4. MyThemeShop Latest Tweets Widget:

This widget allows you to configure and display your latest Twitter tweets.

- **Title:** Title of the widget
- **Twitter Username:** Enter the username of your Twitter account
- **Number of tweets:** Choose the number of tweets to display – maximum allowed tweets is 20
- **Follow Text:** Choose the anchor text of the link to your Twitter profile. Omit this option if you do not wish to display a link.



The screenshot shows a sidebar configuration window for the 'MyThemeShop: Latest Tweets' widget. The window has a title bar with a dropdown arrow. Inside, there are four text input fields: 'Title' with the value 'Latest Tweets', 'Twitter Username e.g. mythemeshopteam' with the value 'mythemeshopteam', 'Number of tweets (max 20)' with the value '5', and 'Follow Text e.g. Follow me on Twitter' with the value 'Follow on Twitter'. At the bottom left are links for 'Delete' and 'Close', and at the bottom right is a blue 'Save' button.

C5. MyThemeShop RSS, Twitter and FB Counter:

Show the count of your FeedBurner subscribers, Twitter followers and FaceBook fans with the help of this widget.

- **Title:** Title of the widget.
- **RSS Account:** Your FeedBurner ID
- **RSS Refresh Text:** FeedBurner resets subscriber counts daily. During this period, your subscriber count may become unavailable for a few hours. Enter the replacement text you would like to display during this period.
- **Twitter Account:** Your Twitter username, e.g. MyThemeShopTeam
- **Facebook Fan page id:** Enter your Facebook fan page ID. You can check it from **Edit Page** link on your Facebook fan page e.g. 188548574529343

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MyThemeShop: Twitter & RSS Count ▼

Title:

RSS Account:

RSS Refresh Text:

Twitter Account:

Facebook Fanpage id:

[Delete](#) | [Close](#) [Save](#)

C6. MyThemeShop Category Posts Widget:

This widget allows you to display the posts from a particular category, with thumbnails.

- **Title:** Title of the widget.
- **Category:** Choose the category from which you want to display the posts.
- **Number of posts to show:** Control the number of posts that you want to display.
- **Sort by:** Order the article list by date, title, number of comments, or randomly.

Sidebar ▾

MyThemeShop: Category Posts ▾

Title:

Category: ▾

Number of posts to show:

Sort by: ▾

☐ Reverse sort order (ascending)

☐ Make widget title link

☐ Show number of comments

☐ Show post date

☐ Show post thumbnail

Thumbnail dimensions:
W: H:

Delete | Close Save

C7. MyThemeShop Popular Posts Widget:

This widget allows you to easily display the popular posts with thumbnails.

- **Number of posts:** Control the number of posts that you want to display.

Sidebar ▾

MyThemeShop: Popular Posts ▾

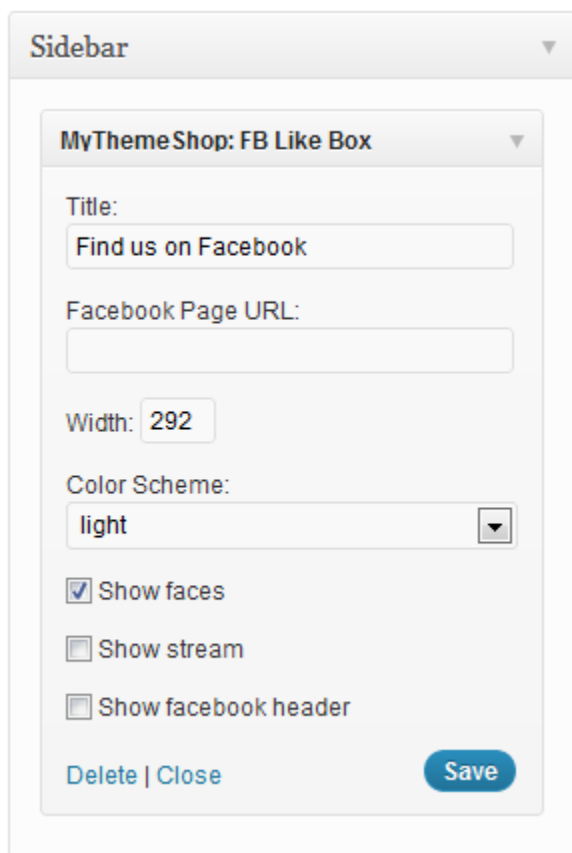
Number of posts:

Delete | Close Save

C8. MyThemeShop Facebook Like Box Widget:

This widget allows you to add the Facebook Like box, and you can also configure the look and feel of it.

- **Title:** Title of the widget.
- **Facebook Page URL:** Add the URL of your Facebook fan page.
- **Width:** Control the width of the widget with this option.
- **Color Scheme:** This allows you to control the color scheme of the Facebook box to best match your theme.
- **Show Faces:** This option controls whether or not profile pictures are displayed in the widget.



The screenshot shows a 'Sidebar' panel with a dropdown menu for 'MyThemeShop: FB Like Box'. The configuration form includes a 'Title' field with the text 'Find us on Facebook', a 'Facebook Page URL' field, a 'Width' field with the value '292', and a 'Color Scheme' dropdown menu set to 'light'. There are three checkboxes: 'Show faces' (checked), 'Show stream' (unchecked), and 'Show facebook header' (unchecked). At the bottom, there are links for 'Delete | Close' and a 'Save' button.

C9. MyThemeShop Recent Posts Widget

This widget allows you to show the latest posts with thumbnails.

- **Title:** Title of the widget.
- **Number of posts to show:** Control the number of posts that you want to display with this option.

The image shows a 'Sidebar' configuration window. Inside, there is a 'MyThemeShop: Recent Posts' widget configuration panel. It includes a 'Title:' label above a text input field. Below this is a 'Number of posts to show:' label next to a numeric input field containing the value '5'. There are three checkboxes: 'Include post thumbnail', 'Include post excerpt', and 'Show expert options', all of which are currently unchecked. At the bottom left of the panel are the links 'Delete | Close', and at the bottom right is a blue 'Save' button.

C9. MyThemeShop Social Profile Icons Widget

This widget allows you to connect with your audience on different social networks.

- **Title:** Title of the widget.
- **Open links in a new window:** When enabled, this will have the profile links all open in a new window, so that users are not directed away from your site.

Note: Connect with your audience/fans on different social media sites. Just enter the complete URL, e.g. <http://twitter.com/#!/mythemeshopteam>, in the box below the name of the desired social network.

The image shows a sidebar widget titled "MyThemeShop: Social Profile Icons". It contains several configuration options: a "Title:" text input field; a checkbox labeled "Open links in new window?"; an "Icon Border Radius:" input with the value "3" and a "px" unit; an "Icon Color:" input with the value "#999999"; a "Hover Color:" input with the value "#666666"; and five social media URI input fields labeled "Dribbble URI:", "Email URI:", "Facebook URI:", "Google+ URI:", and "LinkedIn URI:". The "LinkedIn URI:" field is partially visible at the bottom.

C.10 MyThemeShop Subscribe Widget:

This widget allows you to add the FeedBurner email subscribe box on your blog.

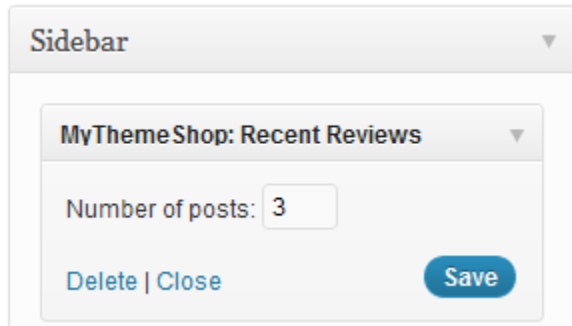
- **Title:** Title of the widget
- **FeedBurner ID:** Just enter your FeedBurners ID, e.g. [mythemeshop](#)

The image shows the "MyThemeShop: Subscribe Widget" settings. It includes a "Title:" text input field. Below it, there is a label "Feedburner id (http://feeds.feedburner.com /mythemeshop):" followed by a text input field containing the value "mythemeshop". At the bottom left, there are links for "Delete" and "Close". At the bottom right, there is a blue "Save" button.

C.11 MyThemeShop Recent Review:

This widget allows you to add the recent review posts in the sidebar/footer section.

Number of posts: This option allows you to control the number of posts that are displayed.



C.12 MyThemeShop Recent Review:

Number of random posts to show: This option allows you to control the number of posts that you want to display.



D) Shortcodes:

Your theme comes pre-packaged with a number of shortcodes, allowing you to add styled content to your site with little effort. For your convenience, the available shortcodes have been included in a one-click menu.

D.1 Adding shortcodes:

When creating a page or post, choose the Visual Editor, and click the green “+” icon to reveal the list of shortcodes. Choose the functionality you wish to include, and click “insert”. This will insert the necessary code for you.

Add New Post

Enter title here

Upload/Insert 

step 2

step 1

Visual HTML

Paragraph

Rich text editor toolbar with various icons for text formatting, alignment, and insertion. A red circle highlights the plus icon (+) in the toolbar, and another red circle highlights the 'Visual' tab in the top right corner.

Visual HTML

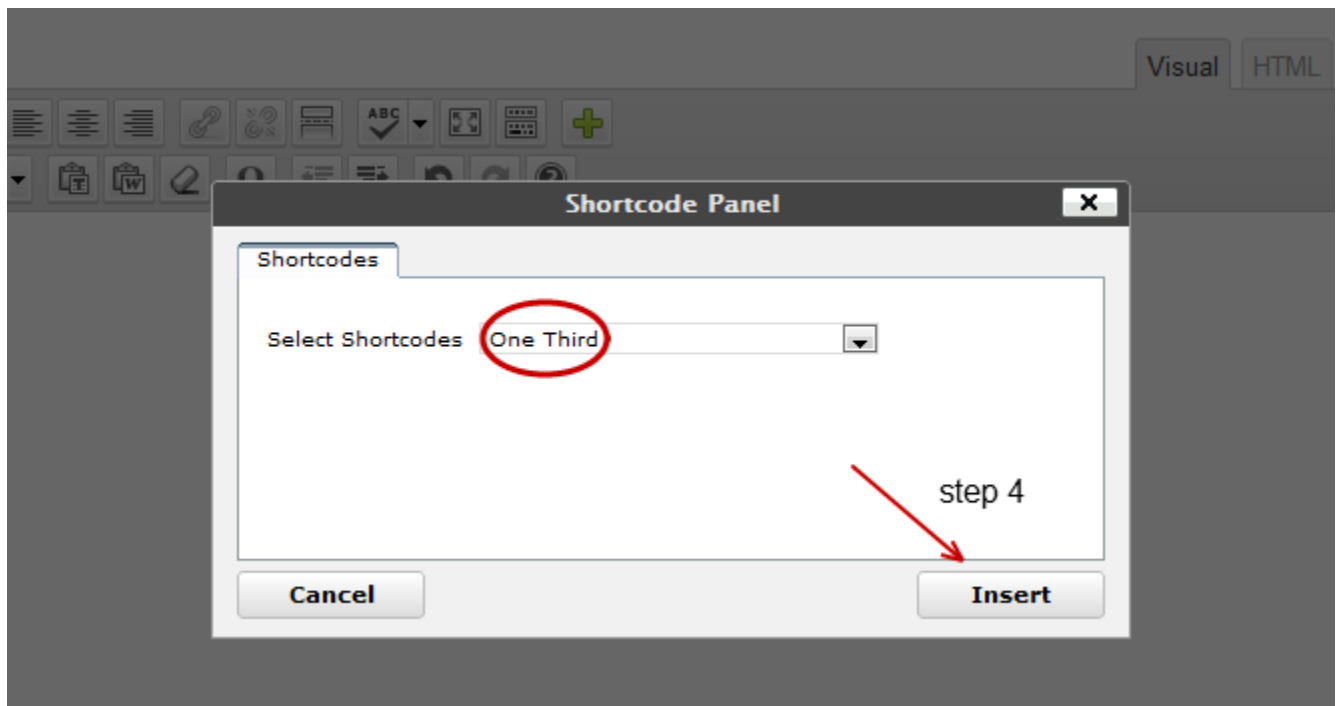
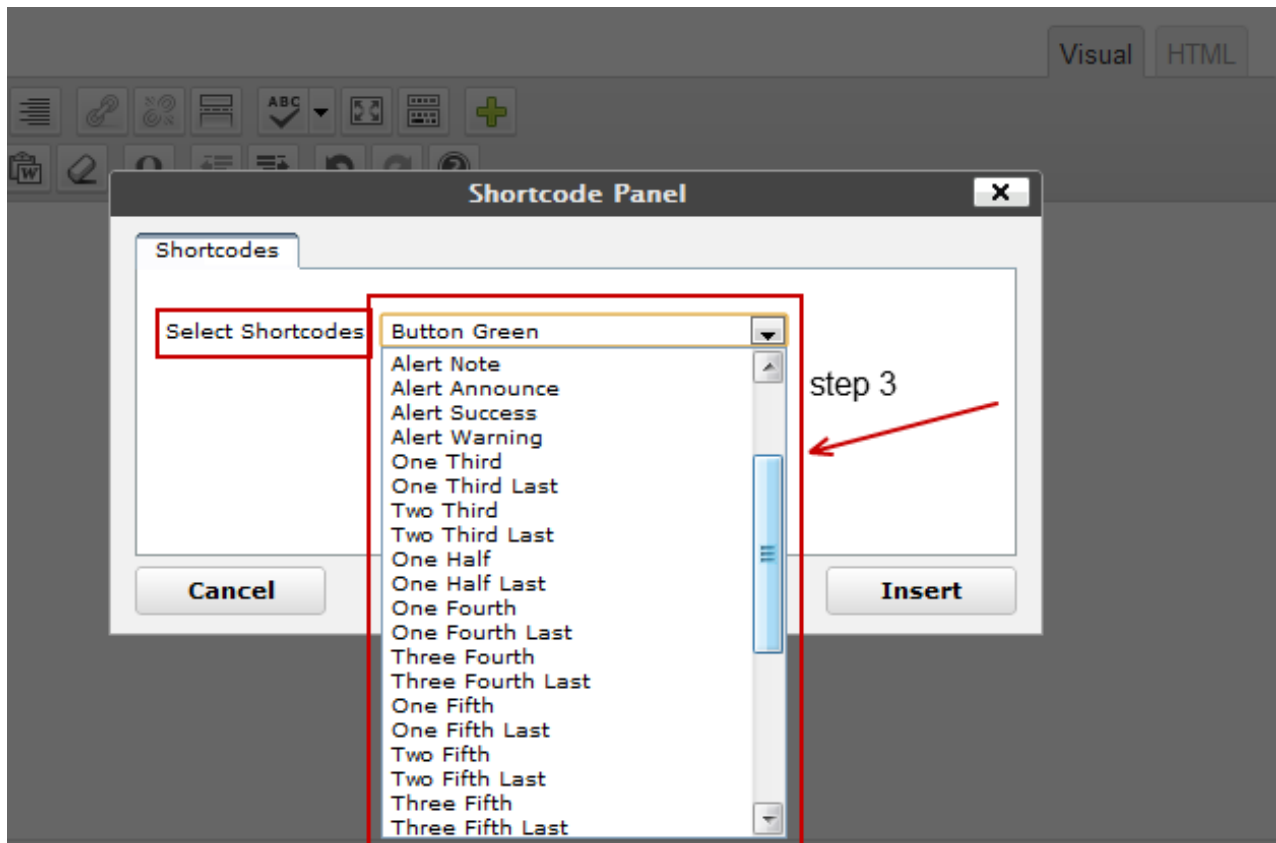
Shortcode Panel

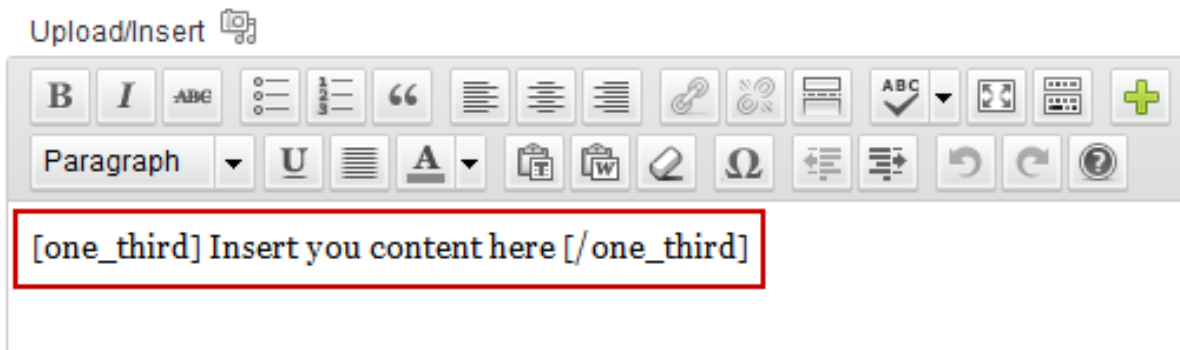
Shortcodes

Select Shortcodes No Style!

Cancel Insert

A screenshot of the 'Shortcode Panel' dialog box. The dialog has a title bar with a close button (X). Inside, there is a tab labeled 'Shortcodes'. Below the tab is a text input field containing 'Select Shortcodes' and a dropdown menu showing 'No Style!'. At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Insert'.



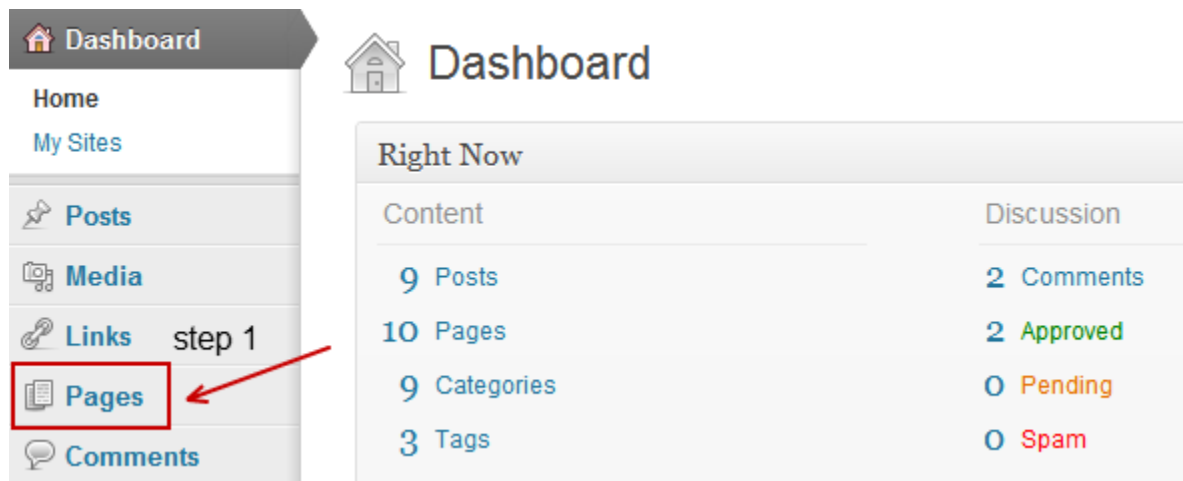


E) Contact Page

Your theme comes with a pre-made contact page template that is very easy to add into the theme.

E.1 Adding the contact page:

Go to your WordPress Admin panel, navigate to Pages > Add New, go to Page Attributes > Template and choose the “Contact” template from the drop-down menu.



Page Attributes

Parent

(no parent) ▼

Template

Default Template ▼

Order

0

Need help? Use the Help tab in the upper right of your screen.

Page Attributes

Parent

(no parent) ▼

Template

Default Template ▼

Order

0

Need help? Use the Help tab in the upper right of your screen.

step 2



Page Attributes

Parent

(no parent) ▼

Template

Default Template ▼

Default Template

Contact

Page Without Sidebar

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Need help? Use the Help tab in the upper right of your screen.

step 3

F) Full-Width Page

Your theme comes with a pre-made “Page without Sidebar” template that is very easy to add into the theme.

F.1 Adding the full width page:

Go to your WordPress Admin panel, navigate to Pages > Add New, go to Page Attributes > Template and choose the “Page without Sidebar” template from the drop-down menu.

Page Attributes

Parent

(no parent) ▼

Template

Page Without Sidebar ▼

Default Template

Contact

Page Without Sidebar

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Need help? Use the Help tab in the upper right of your screen.

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Contact Support: <http://community.mythemeshop.com/>

If you have any questions about the features of your theme, issues with your installation, or just want to tell us how much you like your new theme, please feel free to contact us.