

# VIVA THEMES

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## PROSPECTUM 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](#)

If you like this theme you might consider switching to the ALL THEMES PACKAGE. Please [click here for details](#)

## THEME OVERVIEW

The design is created to immediately create a sense of confidence to the visitor of the site. Not too crowded with content, but just enough.

- Theme compatible with latest WordPress version.
- 100% tableless css design.
- Very lightweight and fast loading theme.
- Post Thumbnail feature.
- WP 3.x menu navigation system
- WP 3.x background customization panel.
- Advanced theme options panel.
- Attractive front page slideshow, fully customizable.
- 4 level dropdown navigation.
- Threaded comments.
- Integrated blog pagination.
- Custom shortcodes
- CSS & XHTML valid.
- Cross-browser compatible.
- Additional full width page template.
- Delivered with .png source files (.psd files available in the forum)

## HOW TO INSTALL THE THEME

Please unzip the '[prospectum\\_unzip\\_first.zip](#)' file that you received.

The theme is the '[prospectum.zip](#)' file inside the folder. As you might be aware, starting from WordPress 2.8 version you can actually install the themes from your administration area. To do so, 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 '[prospectum.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 '[prospectum.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 different aspects of the theme without touching code. To access the options panel, in your WordPress administration area go to '[Appearance – Prospectum 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 MENUS

The theme uses in full the custom menu navigation system introduced in WordPress 3.0. There is one menu location in this theme: the 'Main Menu'.

You need to go to '[Appearance – Menus](#)' in your WordPress admin to start configuring your menu. 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 the menu. Don't forget to click 'Save Menu' after you add the items.

In the left you will see the active menu location and you need to assign the menu you created to the 'Main Menu' location using the dropdown selection.

To make it look with two level list like in our demo, in the menu interface, you have to drag the menu items below another menu item (child item).

## THE FRONT PAGE CONFIGURATION

The front page slideshow is managed from the theme panel. Please go to 'Appearance – Prospectum Options' to edit it. To change the images you need to upload your own images somewhere (better in your website) and then in the corresponding fields change the image url with your own.

Please make sure that the images size is **620x250px**. You can link each of the slides to an interior page/post and also add a caption to each of the slides using the theme panel.

Below the slideshow you have a widget area the '**SIDEBAR2**'.

This theme has another widget ready area. The **SIDEBAR** which is the right bar in the interior pages. You can add widgets to both areas by going into 'Appearance – Widgets' in your WordPress administration and dragging & dropping widgets into each bar.

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/>

## USING THE THUMBNAIL FUNCTION

When you edit a post, 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.

In this theme we have already set the thumbnail sizes, so you need to do nothing about it.

## 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 navigation. 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. Select the page you want and don't forget to include it in the menu. The 'Reading Settings' will ask you also to enable a static page to show as your front page, you can select any of your pages as we have disabled this in the theme so whatever you select, the slider will show up in the front.

## 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 to '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://demos.vivathemes.com/horizons/?page\\_id=61](http://demos.vivathemes.com/horizons/?page_id=61)

Sample usages:

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

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

Boxes: `[download]some text[/download]`

Columns: `[halfcolumn] some text [/halfcolumn]`

Best regards,

The Viva Themes Team