THE CREW™

FANSITE KIT

DOCUMENTATION

BEFORE WE START

We strongly recommend using a **fresh install** which has not been modified also use this as **the main site theme.**

Use www.wordpress.org to download your copy and **install it** on your server.

If you have difficulties installing WordPress, we recommend using **WordPress codex.**

After we have completed the installation we can optionally install demo content.

THE THEME

1. UPLOADING THE TEMPLATE

There are two ways of uploading the template once you have the WordPress set-up ready.

- **FTP Upload:** Using your FTP Program, **unzip the "The_Crew_Theme.zip"** and upload the contents into the **/wp-content/themes/** folder on your server

- **WordPress Upload:** Navigate to Appearance › Add New Themes › Upload Go to browse and **select the zipped theme folder**.

Click "Install Now" and the theme will be uploaded and installed.

Once the theme is uploaded, **you need to activate it**. Go to Appearance › Themes and activate your chosen theme.

After you have activated the theme successfully, you can optionally import the supplied dummy data in order to get a feel for things.

2. ADD THE DEFAULT WIDGETS

Next step is to add the **default-widgets.php** to the **wp-include/** location. This has the role of adding a subtitle to the recent post widget.

Before replacing the file do not forget to **back-up your default-widget.php** file to something like **default-widget-backup.php.**

After this step, we are ready to **add the homepage content** to our site. For this, we need to copy the code found in the homepage-layout.txt into a newly created page.

To create a page, go to **Pages → add new**, then we go to **Settings → reading**, and for the "front page displays", choose "**A static page**" and choose the **newly created homepage**.

3. APPEARANCE

After this we can head on to the **Appearance → header**, where we **upload the logo** (png format).

In **Appearance → background**, we can **upload our background image** and choose the options **center / No Repeat / fixed** and a **black background color**.

We also need to **set a menu** to the primary location, for this go to **Appearance → menus** and create your menu. After the menu is finalized, go to **Manage Location** tab up top and **use the new menu** for the position - **Header Menu**

WIDGETS

The theme uses only **three free plug-ins** which are:

- Jwplayer for WordPress
- Lenslider
- Nextgen gallery

The next step is to position them in the right widget location, for this you need to:

- Go to Widgets → main sidebar – ADD/Drag recent post widget – set number of post to 10
- Go to Widgets → right sidebar – ADD/Drag recent post /archives/ categories widget
- Go to widgets → Gallery sidebar – ADD/Drag lenslider widget

For the Lenslider widget, we also have to add a skin. The package name is **TC-linslide-theme.zip**. It must be uploaded **via ftp** and **browse to wp-content\plugins\len-slider\skins.**

Then we go to **wp-content\plugins\len-slider\lib** and **replace the lenslider.class.php** with the one in the archive.

After this, we can continue by creating a **slider using lenslider plugin**, the slider created here will serve as the main slider for the homepage

After the slider has been saved (let's name it Tc-main-slide), go to **widgets → Gallery sidebar** and choose our new slider.

The Nextgen Gallery doesn't requier adding a slider, the options for it are only to check the "recent added" - "show 7 -thumbnails".

For any additional widgets, we recommend using **https://WordPress.org/plugins/** and **always back-up your files** before making important change to the site.

For the Twitter/Facebook area, please check the respective plugins in the WordPress plugin section. To display them we need to edit the homepage page created and add them instead of the reference image.

CLOSING WORDS

The template only uses **two direct modifications**, one on the homepage (page created) and one in the footer.php.

To edit the footer.php file, we recommend using your **WordPress Editor** which can be found in **Appearance → Editor**, from here we can navigate to the footer.php page and make the changes required.

For any additional changes that you would like to do, keep in mind that **you can use the bootstrap 3 site as a base**, which the template uses.

This opens the theme to a huge range of changes possible

Also keep in mind that you should always back-up your work before doing any changes to the template or the core files.