

# Mural

## BUSINESS & PORTFOLIO WORDPRESS THEME

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# A Theme For Everyone

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced WordPress professional, Mural was built with you in mind. Powerful and at the same time easy to use tools, make it easy for everyone to build a website. The build-in custom admin panel has all the options you'll ever need to customize your website in a few minutes, be it changing colors, background images, fonts or image sizes, Mural has got you covered. Uploading your own Cufon fonts, creating new skins and sharing them with other Users are some of the easy and fun tools you'll find inside Mural, start having fun today.

## General Features

- Powerful and easy to use custom admin panel (CMS) for setting the theme options.
- Complete documentation and amazing support.
- Fully responsive from Desktop to Mobile.
- Unobtrusive JavaScript that gracefully degrades when it's disabled.
- WordPress built in automatic thumbnail generation and image resizing.
- Translation ready, theme comes with a .PO file with English localization.
- WPML ready, all dynamic fields from the custom admin panel are provided to WPML for translation.
- WooCommerce ready.
- SublimeVideo player fully integrated with the Slider allowing HTML5 video playback as well as integration with the [video] shortcode.
- CSS and jQuery Drop Down Menu.
- Full page backgrounds: every page, post, portfolio item and WooCommerce product can have a full page background image that centers itself and fills the entire browser screen even when the browser is resized.
- Customizable Sub-headers: every page, post, portfolio item and WooCommerce product can have a sub-header bar that is capable of displaying a title and description, as well as setting a particular sub-header height and background color or image.
- 2 Sliders: Normal Slider and Full Width Slider supporting images up to 1920px width and have Video support (YouTube, Vimeo, FLV and MP4). every page, post, portfolio item and WooCommerce product can have a sub-header slider that is capable of displaying images and/or videos of a specific slider item category or categories. This enables you to add a slider pretty much anywhere you want, be it for showcasing an item of your portfolio, your home page, or even a WooCommerce product if you have the plugin installed.
- Multiple Blogs: create completely independent blog pages that display different categories in each page, and the theme includes 3 different blog page templates (2 of them can hide the sidebar and be full width).
- Post detail page with sidebar or full width.
- Multiple Portfolios: create completely independent portfolio pages that display different portfolio categories in each page, and the theme includes 13 different portfolio page templates.
- Portfolio item detail page with sidebar or full width.

- Full Width page template.
- Left and Right Sidebar page template.
- Sitemap template.
- Contact page with validation and fully functional Ajax contact form (3 layers of SPAM protection).
- WordPress post formats support (gallery, image, link, chat, quote, status, video).
- Customizable Image Sizes: the Image sizes section of the admin panel is a very powerful tool because it lets you set the image height of pretty much any image you see in the theme. For example, you can easily set the height of the images in a portfolio template with 4 columns, or the blog detail page, all of this without touching a single line of code or asking for support.
- Skin Manager: change any color, background image and font of a specific skin. This tool also enables you to create a new skin by copying an existing one, export it and share it, and download more skins that I'll be adding over time without having to re-download the theme from ThemeForest and update the theme's files.
- Fonts Manager: quickly update the Google Web Fonts list of available fonts that the Google Web Font Directory keeps adding and updating, select which font subsets will be included if the current skin is using any Google Web Font and upload new Cufon fonts that you generate.
- Lots of different shortcodes for you to use: Call-to-action, Titles, Column Layouts, Slider, Buttons, Info Boxes, Dropcaps, List Styles, Price Tables, Lightbox, Video, Testimonials, Maps and more.
- Shortcode Manager: the theme includes an incredibly easy to use shortcode manager in the rich text editor inside WordPress, you just need to click on the Mural logo and select which shortcode you want to add to your content.
- Awesome page examples to get you started.
- WordPress Gallery with Lightbox.
- 9 widgetized areas that can be hidden or replaced with your own custom created sidebars. This is possible for every page, post, portfolio item and WooCommerce product.
- Complete separation from the portfolio and blog.
- Custom widgets for displaying Popular Posts, Recent Posts, Popular Portfolio Items, Recent Portfolio Items, Twitter, Flickr, Contact Form, Small Ad, Social Icons and a Sub-pages menu of top parent page.
- Seamless out of the box Twitter, Google+ and Facebook button integration.
- Works in all major browsers (not IE6 compatible and CSS3 features not supported by IE7 and IE8).
- Styled and built in wp-pagenavi plugin used for pagination.
- Valid HTML and CSS code

# I've got the theme, where do I start?

After you download the ZIP file from ThemeForest, you'll notice it has several files and folders:

- **mural** folder: this is the folder which contains the theme files and that you need to upload to your WordPress installation in /wp-content/themes/;
- **mural.import.xml** file: this file provides demo data ready to be imported to your WordPress installation as a starting point;
- **Documentation.pdf** file: the same file you are reading right now.

## Installation instructions

- Either upload the theme folder “mural” via FTP to your WordPress installation “theme” folder (/wp-content/themes/) or use the built in WordPress theme installer but make sure to create a new zip file only with the “mural” folder, don't upload the whole zip file you've downloaded from ThemeForest (for common issues during installation please take a look at this video <http://support.envato.com/index.php?/Knowledgebase/Article/View/269/0/my-wordpress-theme-isnt-working-what-should-i-do>);
- Login to the WordPress administration area and activate the theme by going to *Appearance » Themes* and activate the *Mural* theme.

## Importing the demo data

As stated above, the zip file you downloaded contains an xml file that can be used to import demo data to your WordPress installation. Some users prefer this approach as it gives them a good starting point and the ability to easily change the data to their needs without having to create all the pages by hand.

NOTE: importing the demo data in existing WordPress installations with some data already can cause problems so make sure you have a clean WordPress installation before doing this.

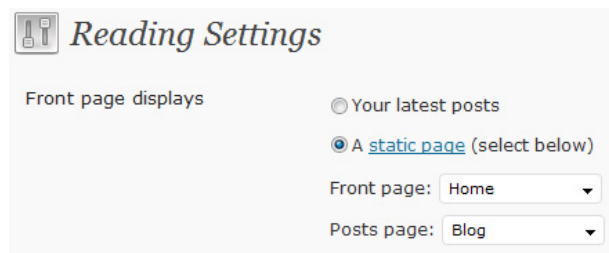
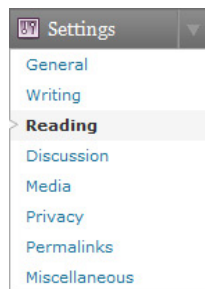
Importing the data is an easy process:

- Delete all the pages and posts as well as any categories other than the default “Uncategorized” category;
- Go to *Tools » Import* and select the option “WordPress” (at this point WordPress might ask you to install the Import Plugin);
- Click the “browse” button and select the file “mural.import.xml” contained in the downloaded zip;
- Click the button “Upload file and import”;
- Check the option “Download and import file attachments”;

- Click the button “Submit”, wait a few minutes, and all the demo data should be imported.

## Setting a “Static home page” and a “Posts page”

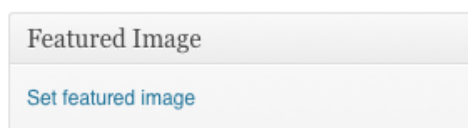
By default WordPress displays the blog on the home page of your site. While this may be desired in some cases, most cases where a User purchases a template requires a particular page to be the “Home” page so that it can be customized. In order to set a page as the home page and the blog as another separate page you need to **set a static home page**. To do this you’ll just need to go to the option [Settings » Reading](#) and set your home page as the *Front page* and the blog page as the *Posts page*:



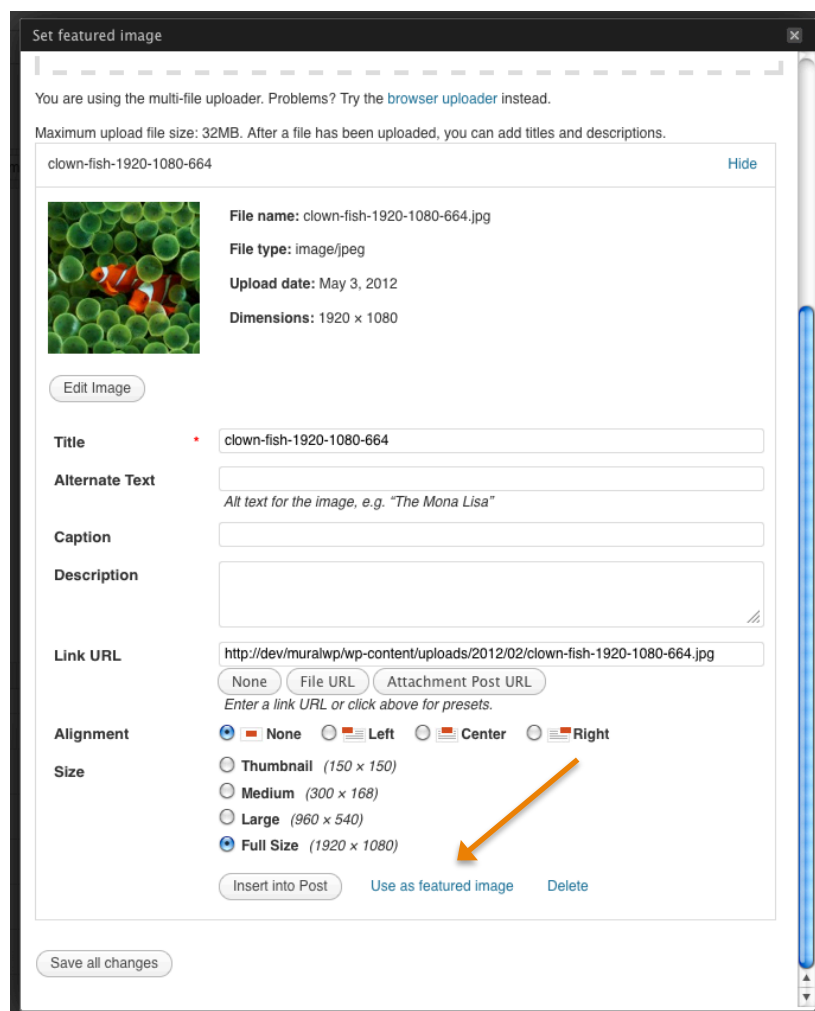
# Setting featured images in posts, slider items and portfolio items

Mural supports the built-in image-resizing feature introduced in WordPress 3.0. What this means is that there is no need to use any sort of auto image resize script like TimThumb, WordPress does this out of the box.

In Mural, adding an image to be displayed as a thumbnail in a post, slider item or portfolio item is very easy. When adding or editing a post for example, notice an option in the lower right section of the post admin page:



Click [Set featured image](#), upload the image and click the option [Use as featured image](#).

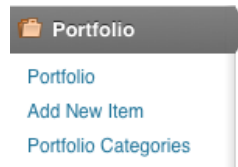


If you set a thumbnail like explained above when adding a blog post, portfolio item or slider item, you won't have to set any custom fields, it's that easy (although you can override the thumbs generated by WordPress by setting the custom fields provided).



# Creating portfolio categories and adding portfolio items

Before adding portfolio items you should create at least one portfolio category. The process of creating a portfolio category is similar to creating a regular WordPress post category, just click on [Portfolio » Portfolio Categories](#) and add a new portfolio category.



This is a very important step since your portfolio items will need to be assigned to at least one category in order to be displayed on a page.

To add a new portfolio item click on the option [Portfolio » Add New Item](#) and take a look at the *Mural Portfolio Settings*:

Mural Portfolio Settings
<div>- Portfolio Item Settings</div>
<div><b>How to display images in detail page?</b><div>Don't display</div></div>
<div><b>Exclude the thumbnail (featured image) from the image listing in the Portfolio Item detail page?</b><div><input type="checkbox"/> Check this if you want to exclude the thumbnail (featured image) from the listing in the portfolio item detail page</div></div>
<div><b>Thumbnail links to Portfolio Item Detail?</b><div><input type="checkbox"/> Check this if you want the thumbnail to link directly to the portfolio item detail or your custom defined URL below instead of opening the full image in the lightbox</div></div>
<div><b>Portfolio Item custom destination URL</b><div></div><div>Set the destination link of the Portfolio Item when a user clicks it, leave blank to link to the default Portfolio Item detail page. Example: <a href="http://www.google.com/">http://www.google.com/</a></div></div>
<div><b>Portfolio Video</b><div>Don't display</div></div>

- Set the *title* of the portfolio item;
- I recommend filling out the *excerpt* field with a brief description of the portfolio item;
- Click the option **Set featured image** (bottom right) and make sure to select the option **Use as featured image**;
- Choose how you want to display images in the item detail page by selecting your preferred option in the custom field “*How to display images in detail page?*”;
- If you don’t want the thumbnail image that appears on your portfolio page list to appear as an image in the portfolio detail page, make sure to check the custom field “*Exclude the thumbnail (featured image) from the image listing in the Portfolio Item detail page?*”;
- If you want the thumbnail to link directly to the detail page instead of opening a lightbox then make sure to check the custom field “*Thumbnail links to Portfolio Item Detail?*”;
- If you want the portfolio item to link to another page, make sure to set the custom field “*Portfolio Item custom destination URL*” with the destination URL. Leave it blank if you don’t want to link anywhere;
- If you want to add a video to a portfolio item, make sure to set the custom field “*Portfolio Video*” (YouTube, Vimeo and HTML5/FLV supported).

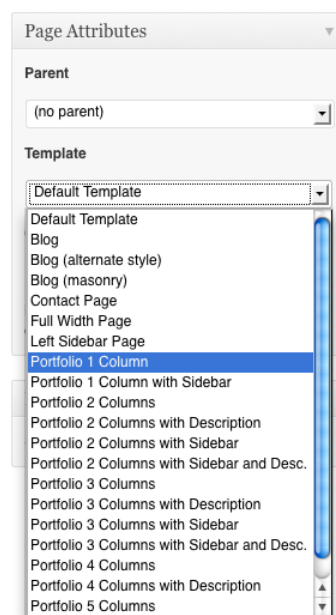
To hide the sidebar from a portfolio item detail page see the section “*Customizing the sidebars of pages, posts and portfolio items*” further down in this document.

# Creating a portfolio page

Mural comes with quite a few different portfolio page templates. To add a portfolio page just add a new page in WordPress and select one of the available portfolio page templates (image to the right):

At this point if you navigate to this page in the frontend you'll see that it doesn't list any portfolio items. You now have the ability to set the categories you want to display in each portfolio page as well as the number of portfolio items you want to show per page (leave blank if you don't want to paginate the records).

Set it like in the following screenshot (this screenshot displays the *Portfolio* section of the *Mural Page Settings*):



**Mural Page Settings**

[+ Sub-header Bar](#)

[+ Sub-header Slider](#)

[- Portfolio](#)

**Portfolio Categories**

☐ Logo

☐ Print

☐ Typography

☐ Webdesign

If this page uses a Portfolio page template, then set the categories to be displayed

**Number of Portfolio Items per Page**

If this page uses a Portfolio page template, you can set the number of items displayed per page and the template will paginate the items  
Leave blank if you don't want to paginate the portfolio items

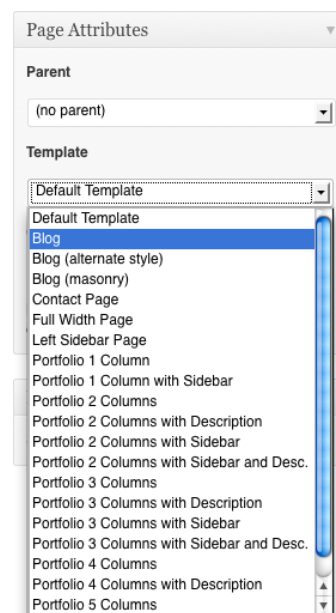
To set the order in which the portfolio categories sortable buttons appear in the portfolio page, sort them by dragging and dropping them in the order you want.

# Creating a blog page

Mural comes with 3 different blog page templates (2 of them can hide the sidebar and be full width). To add a blog page just add a new page in WordPress and select one of the available blog page templates (image to the right):

At this point if you navigate to this page in the frontend you'll see that it doesn't list any blog posts. You now have the ability to set the categories you want to display in each blog page as well as the number of blog posts you want to show per page (leave blank if you don't want to paginate the records).

Set it like in the following screenshot (this screenshot displays the *Blog* section of the *Mural Page Settings*):



**Mural Page Settings**

+ Sub-header Bar

+ Sub-header Slider

+ Portfolio

- Blog

**Blog Categories**

☐ Design

☐ Photoshop

☐ Tuts

☐ Work

If this page uses a Blog page template, then set the categories to be displayed

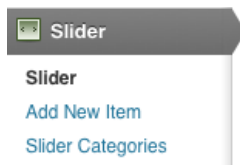
**Number of Blog Posts per Page**

If this page uses a Blog page template, you can set the number of items displayed per page and the template will paginate the posts

To hide the sidebar from a blog page or post, see the section “*Customizing the sidebars of pages, posts and portfolio items*” further down in this document.

# Creating slider categories and adding slider items

Before adding slider items you should create at least one slider category. The process of creating a slider category is similar to creating a regular WordPress post category, just click on [Slider » Slider Categories](#) and add a new slider category.



This is a very important step since your slider items will need to be assigned to at least one category in order to be displayed.

To add a new slider item click on the option [Slider » Add New Item](#) and take a look at the *Mural Slider Settings*:

**Mural Slider Settings**

**Slider Item custom destination URL**  
  
Set the destination link of the slider item when a user clicks it (doesn't work with embedded videos), leave blank if you don't want to link anywhere.  
Example: <http://www.google.com/>

**Show slider title?**  
☐ Check this if you want to show a title in this slider item.

**Show slider description?**  
☐ Check this if you want to show a description in this slider item.

**Display embedded video directly in this Slider Item**

**Full-width slider item background color**  
☐   
If this slider item is used in a full-width slider with images smaller than 1920px, you can set the background color for the slider item so it blends well with your image.

- Set the *title* of the slider item;
- Set the *description* if you want to display a description to the left of the slider item;
- If you want to display an image in the slider item, click the option [Set featured image](#) (bottom right) and make sure to select the option [Use as featured image](#);

- If you want the slider item to link to another page, make sure to set the custom field “*Slider Item custom destination URL*” with the destination URL. Leave it blank if you don’t want to link anywhere. Keep in mind that this custom URL won’t work if you decide to display a video instead of an image;
- Select if you want to display the slider item title by checking the custom field “*Show slider title?*”;
- Select if you want to display the slider item description by checking the custom field “*Show slider description?*”;
- If you want to add a video to the slider item, make sure to set the custom field “*Display embedded video directly in this Slider Item*” (YouTube, Vimeo and HTML5/FLV supported);
  - You have the option to not auto-play the video once it’s displayed in the slider by checking the custom field “*Don’t Autoplay Video?*”;
  - If you choose to display a HTML5 or FLV video without autoplay, you have the option to display a “splash” image by setting the image URL in the custom field “*Set the video splash image when adding a video without autoplay*”.
- When using the full width slider with smaller images than 1920px wide, you can set the background color for the slider item so it blends well with your image. Just select your desired color in the custom field “*Full-width slider item background color*”.

# Adding sub-header sliders to pages, posts and portfolio items

Every page, post, portfolio item and WooCommerce product can have a sub-header slider that is capable of displaying images and/or videos of a specific slider item category or categories. This enables you to add a slider pretty much anywhere you want, be it for showcasing an item of your portfolio, your home page, or even a WooCommerce product if you have the plugin installed.

Adding a sub-header slider to a page, post, portfolio item or WooCommerce product is as easy as editing them and setting the slider categories you want to display.

As an example, to add a sub-header slider to a page just edit a page and click on the option

**Sub-header Slider** in the *Mural Page Settings*:

Mural Page Settings
+ Sub-header Bar
- Sub-header Slider
<b>Show a slider?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this if you want to show a slider in this page.
<b>Choose Slider</b> <div>Normal</div>
<b>Number of items in this slider</b> <div></div>
<b>Slider speed between transitions</b> <div>5000</div> <p>The number of milliseconds between transitions. (1 second equals 1000 milliseconds)</p>
<b>The number of milliseconds of each transition animation. (1 second equals 1000 milliseconds)</b> <div>500</div>
<b>Slider Categories</b> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Home Slider <input type="checkbox"/> About page slider <input type="checkbox"/> Themeforest portfolio slider</div> <p>If you want to display a slider in this page/post, then set the slider categories to be displayed</p>

- Select if you want to display the slider by checking the custom field *“Show a slider?”*;
- Choose the slider type you want to display in the custom field *“Choose slider”* (Normal or Full-width);
- Select the maximum number of items you want the slider to display by filling the custom field *“Number of items in this slider”*;
- Select the slider speed between transitions by filling the custom field *“Slider speed between transitions”* (default: 5000 milliseconds | 1 second = 1000 milliseconds);
- Select the speed of each transition by filling the custom field *“The number of milliseconds of each transition animation”* (default: 500 milliseconds | 1 second = 1000 milliseconds);
- Select the slider category or categories that will be displayed in this slider by checking the categories in the multi-checkbox field *“Slider Categories”*.




# Customizing the sub-header bars of pages, posts and portfolio items

Every page, post, portfolio item and WooCommerce product can have a sub-header bar that is capable of displaying a title and description, as well as setting a particular sub-header height and background color or image. This enables you to show or hide a sub-header bar pretty much anywhere you want.

Adding a sub-header bar to a page, post, portfolio item or WooCommerce product is as easy as editing them and setting a few fields.

As an example, to add a sub-header bar to a page just edit a page and click on the option **Sub-header Bar** in the *Mural Page Settings*:

Mural Page Settings
- Sub-header Bar
<b>Hide the sub-header?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check this if you want to hide the sub-header.
<b>Override the sub-header height</b> <input type="text"/>  It's useful to be able to override this page/post sub-header height in some cases where for example the sub-header title is too big or you want a bigger image. Keep in mind that any images you set as the sub-header background will have this height.
<b>Override default sub-header background</b> <div>Use default ▾</div>
<b>Override the sub-header title</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>Sub-header small description</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>Override default sub-header title/description solid color</b> <div> <input type="text"/></div>
<b>Override default sub-header title/description background</b> <div>Use default ▾</div>

- Select whether or not you want to hide the sub-header bar by checking the custom field “*Hide the sub-header?*”;
- By default the sub-header bar height is globally defined in the *Skins manager* but you can override it in the custom field “*Override the sub-header height*”. This is useful in some cases and provides a higher level of customization;
- By default the sub-header bar background is globally defined in the *Skins manager* but like the height you can override it in the custom field “*Override default sub-header background*”. You are able to set several different options in this field: *transparent, dark, light, solid color, image* or *full-width image*;
- You can override the automatically generated sub-header bar title by filling the field “*Override the sub-header title*”;
- You can set the sub-header bar description by filling the field “*Sub-header small description*”;
- By default the sub-header bar title/description text color is globally defined in the *Skins manager* but you can override it in the custom field “*Override default sub-header title/description solid color*”;
- By default the sub-header bar title/description text background is globally defined in the *Skins manager* but like the text color you can override it in the custom field “*Override default sub-header title/description background*”. You are able to set several different options in this field: *transparent, dark, light, solid color*.

One particular behavior of the sub-header is that on single posts detail pages, it is inherited from the parent blog page but you can always override the settings.

# Adding a full page background image to a page, post or portfolio item

Every page, post, portfolio item and WooCommerce product can have a full page background image that centers itself and fills the entire browser screen even when the browser is resized. This enables you to show a specific background image pretty much anywhere you want.

Adding a full-page background image to a page, post, portfolio item or WooCommerce product is as easy as editing them and setting one field.

As an example, to add a full page background image to a page just edit a page and click on the option **Full page background image** in the *Mural Page Settings*:

Mural Page Settings

+ Sub-header Bar

+ Sub-header Slider

+ Portfolio

+ Blog

+ Sidebar

- Full page background image

Full page background image

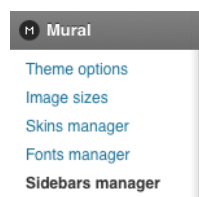
Upload

This image is centered and covers all the page background while maintaining aspect ratio (overlaps the body background image).

By default the full-page background image can be globally defined in the *Skins manager* but you can override it in the custom field “*Full page background image*”. Just click **Upload** and follow the normal steps on inserting images in WordPress.

# Creating custom sidebars using the sidebar manager



Mural allows you to create custom sidebars used to override any widgetized area in a page, post, portfolio item or WooCommerce product. To create a custom sidebar just click the option [Mural » Sidebar manager](#), fill the name of the custom sidebar you want to create and click the [Create](#) button.



## Sidebar Manager

**Create new custom sidebar:**

**Available custom sidebars:**

Name	CSS Class	
Portfolio list page	sidebar-portfolio-list-page	
Home page	sidebar-home-page	

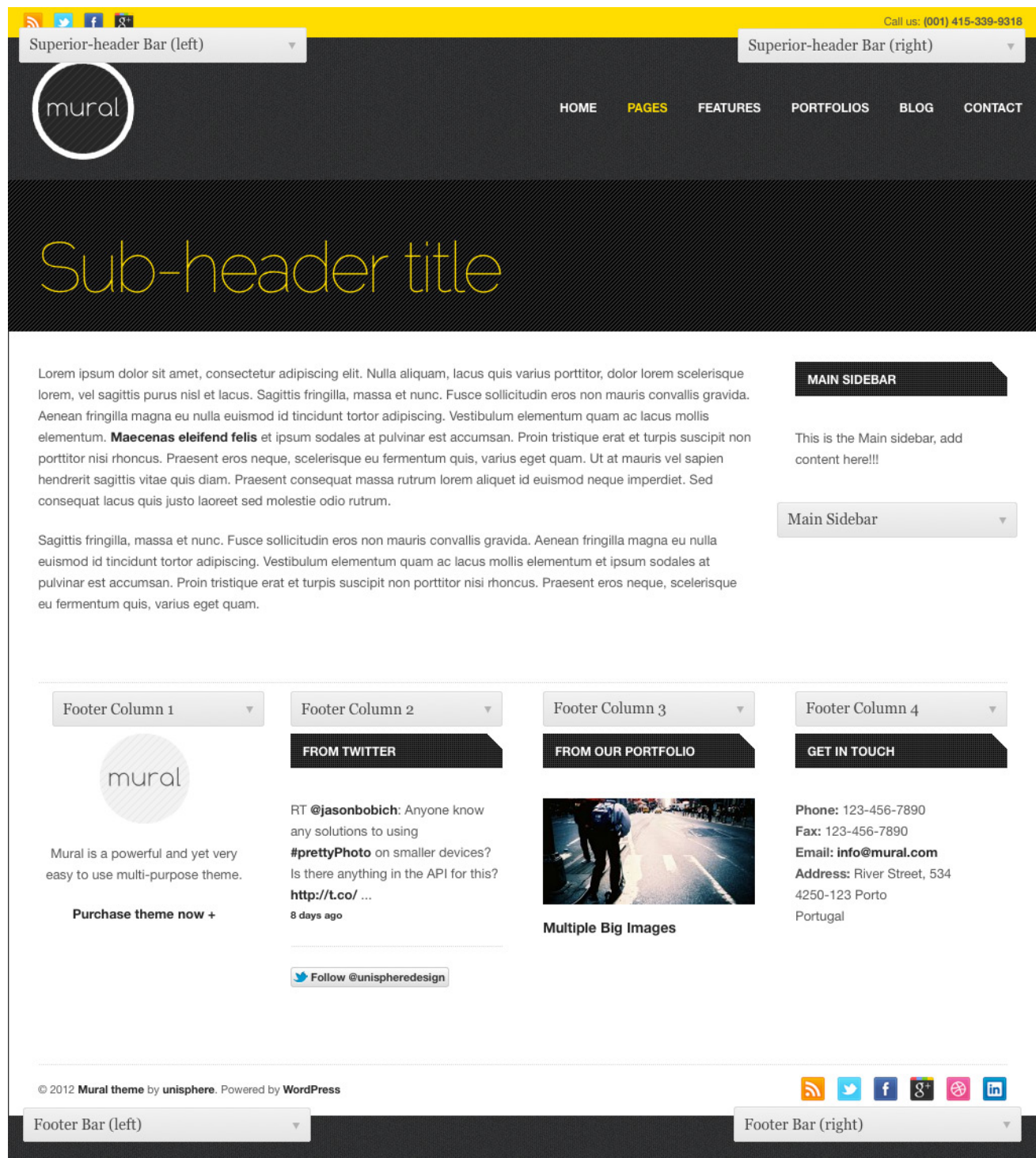
**Save Options**

Once you create a custom sidebar you'll be able to see and add widgets to it when you go to [Appearance » Widgets](#).

Read the next section on how to apply and display these custom sidebars in pages, posts, portfolio items and WooCommerce products.

# Customizing the sidebars of pages, posts and portfolio items

Mural has several widgetized areas where you can add widgets. The following image describes what these areas are and where they are applied:



As you can see in the image above, there are a total of 9 widgetized areas in the theme, and all of them can be hidden or replaced with your own custom created sidebars. This is possible for every page, post, portfolio item and WooCommerce product.

Replacing or hiding a sidebar in a page, post, portfolio item or WooCommerce product is as easy as editing them and customizing a few fields.

As an example, to replace the *main sidebar* with a custom created sidebar and at the same time hide the footer widget columns in a page, just edit the page and click on the option **Sidebar** in the *Mural Page Settings*:

**Mural Page Settings**

[+ Sub-header Bar](#)

[+ Sub-header Slider](#)

[+ Portfolio](#)

[+ Blog](#)

[- Sidebar](#)

**Custom sidebar**

Replace **Main Sidebar** with 

Custom created sidebar

Replace **Superior-header Bar (left)** with 

None

Replace **Superior-header Bar (right)** with 

None

Replace **Footer Column 1** with 

Empty sidebar

Replace **Footer Column 2** with 

Empty sidebar

Replace **Footer Column 3** with 

Empty sidebar

Replace **Footer Column 4** with 

Empty sidebar

Replace **Footer Bar (left)** with 

None


Replace **Footer Bar (right)** with 

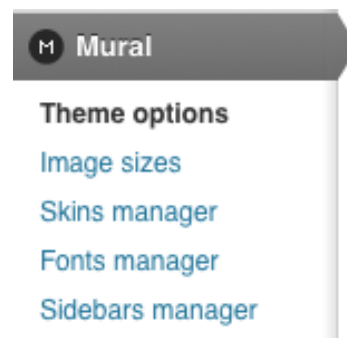
None

Select the sidebar you wish to display on this page, and which sidebar it will replace.  
If you haven't created custom sidebars yet, you can do it now: [create custom sidebar +](#)

# Overview of the custom admin panel

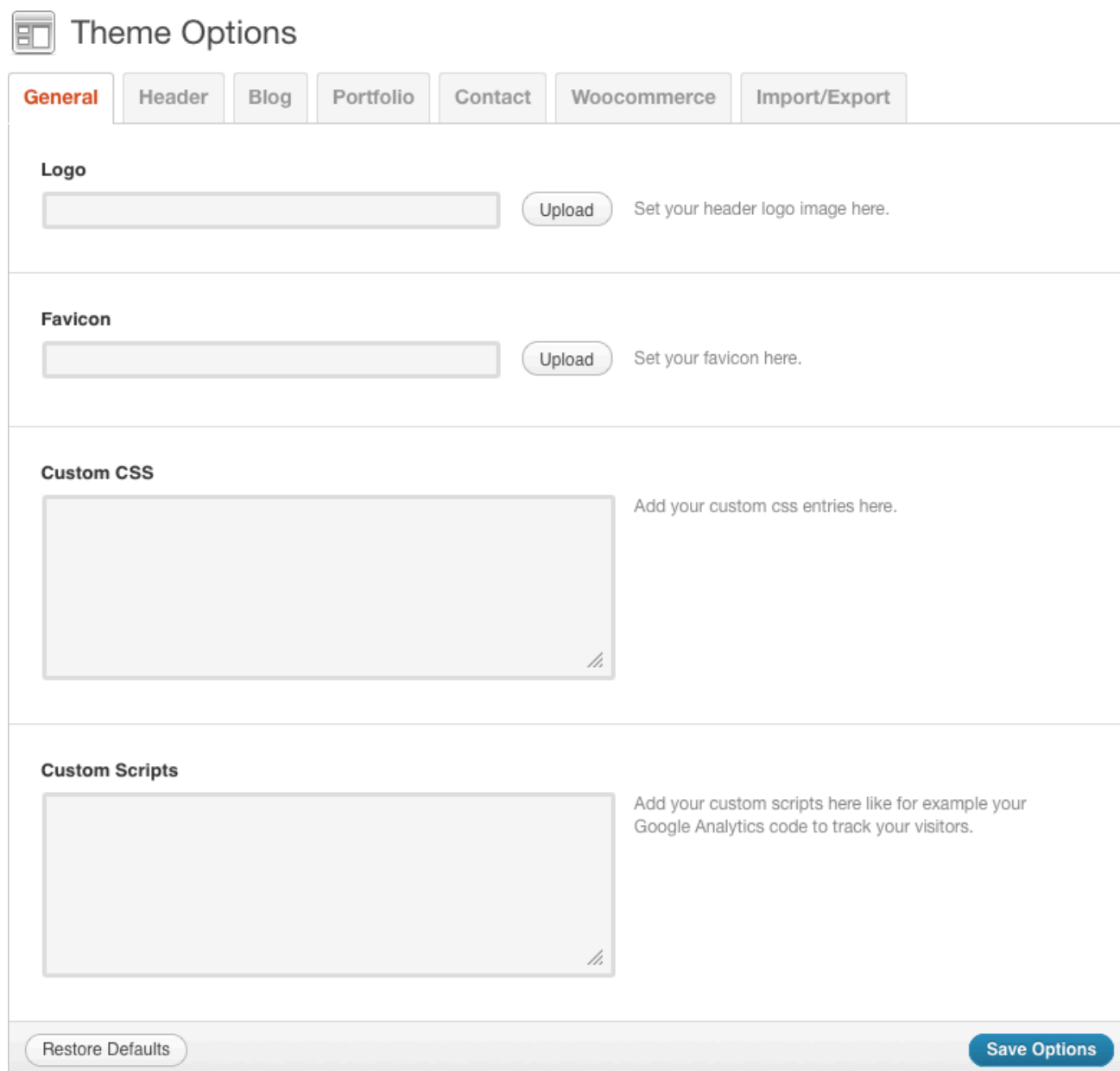
When building the custom admin panel for Mural the main concern was to provide an easy enough experience for Users who are just starting out with the platform but at the same time providing a very powerful tool for the more advanced Users who like to go the extra mile and customize everything.

Getting to the admin panel is very easy, just click on the option  and you'll see 5 different sections that will be described below.



## THEME OPTIONS

This is the first section of the admin panel and it's where you'll customize things like the logo and favicon, hide or show social icon buttons in different templates of the theme, or even import and export the settings to and/or from another theme installation:

A screenshot of the 'Theme Options' admin panel. The panel has a title 'Theme Options' with a small icon. Below the title is a horizontal tab bar with tabs for 'General', 'Header', 'Blog', 'Portfolio', 'Contact', 'Woocommerce', and 'Import/Export'. The 'General' tab is selected. The main content area is divided into four sections: 'Logo' with an image upload field and 'Upload' button; 'Favicon' with an image upload field and 'Upload' button; 'Custom CSS' with a large text area and a 'Save' button; and 'Custom Scripts' with a large text area and a 'Save' button. At the bottom of the panel are two buttons: 'Restore Defaults' and 'Save Options'.

**General:** upload the logo and favicon, and set custom *CSS* code and *JavaScript*.

**Header:** show or hide the search field in the header menu bar and select whether or not you want this search field to display WooCommerce products in the search results.

**Blog:** select which blog template you want to use for the archives page (categories, tags, author and date archives) and whether or not you want to show social buttons, post meta information, author info and related posts.

**Portfolio:** set the portfolio detail page permalink and whether or not you want to show social buttons, portfolio item meta information and related work.

**Contact:** set the destination email where emails are sent to from your contact page as well as success and error messages when the contact form is posted.

**WooCommerce:** show or hide social buttons.

**Import/Export:** here you can export the global theme settings that you set in all the admin panel sections and import them in another installation of the theme (very useful when moving installations to different servers and/or domains).

## IMAGE SIZES

The *Image sizes* section of the admin panel is a very powerful tool because it lets you set the image height of pretty much any image you see in the theme. For example, you can easily set the height of the images in a portfolio template with 4 columns, or the blog detail page, all of this without touching a single line of code or asking for support.

Here's a screenshot of a portion of this section of the admin panel:



### Image Sizes

+ Sub-header slider
+ Sub-header full width slider
+ Sub-header bar
- 1 column portfolio
<b>Image height</b> <input type="text" value="300"/>
<b>Crop the image?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ 1 column portfolio with sidebar
+ 2 column portfolio
+ 2 column portfolio with sidebar
+ 2 column portfolio with description
+ 2 column portfolio with sidebar and description

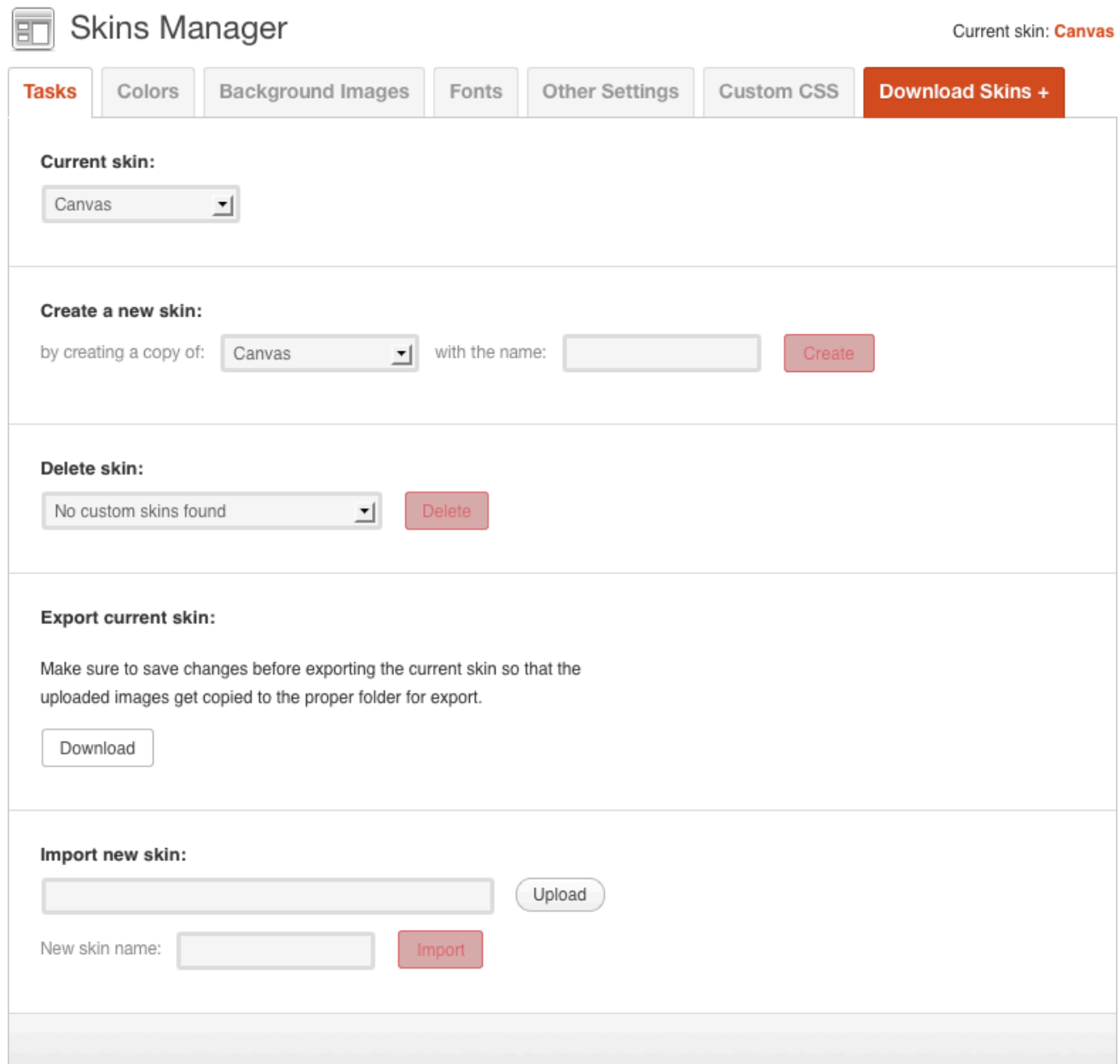


## SKINS MANAGER

The *Skins manager* section of the admin panel is where you can change the currently selected skin, create a copy of it for customization, delete skins and, import and export (download zip file) skins.

The interface tries to be as easy as possible to use and I'm sure you'll appreciate making changes to a skin without ever touching a line of code.

Here's a screenshot of this section of the admin panel:



The screenshot shows the 'Skins Manager' section of an admin panel. At the top right, it says 'Current skin: Canvas'. Below this is a horizontal navigation bar with tabs: 'Tasks' (highlighted in orange), 'Colors', 'Background Images', 'Fonts', 'Other Settings', 'Custom CSS', and 'Download Skins +' (highlighted in orange). The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Current skin:** A dropdown menu showing 'Canvas'.
- Create a new skin:** A section with the text 'by creating a copy of:' followed by a dropdown menu showing 'Canvas', the text 'with the name:' followed by an empty text input field, and a red 'Create' button.
- Delete skin:** A section with a dropdown menu showing 'No custom skins found' and a red 'Delete' button.
- Export current skin:** A section with the text 'Make sure to save changes before exporting the current skin so that the uploaded images get copied to the proper folder for export.' and a 'Download' button.
- Import new skin:** A section with a large empty text input field and an 'Upload' button. Below this, it says 'New skin name:' followed by a smaller empty text input field and a red 'Import' button.


As you can see, in the first tab of the *Skins manager* you'll be able to choose the current skin applied to the theme, create new skins by creating a copy of an existing one, delete skins, export and download the current skin in a zip file and import previously exported skins.

The other tabs allow you to customize colors, background images, fonts, other structural settings and even add a specific custom *CSS* to a skin (separate from the global *Custom CSS* field).

A very awesome feature that I'm absolutely sure you'll love is the **Skin Browser** which gives you the ability to download and customize new skins that I'll be adding to the [Download Skins +](#) tab.

Once I add more skins to the theme you won't need to re-download the theme from ThemeForest and reinstall the theme completely, you'll instead be able to download more skins just like you currently download and activate plugins in WordPress. In other words, you won't even have to leave the WordPress backend to install more skins, the functionality is built into the theme admin panel itself.

Here's what you can expect this section to look like:

 **Skins Manager**

Current skin: **Canvas**

Tasks

Colors

Background Images

Fonts


Other Settings

Custom CSS


Download Skins +

**Skin Browser**


This is a list of extra skins that you can install to your theme without having to re-download the theme zip file from ThemeForest. I will be adding new skins and you can contribute too, just export the skin you've designed, host the file on a server and send me the link by contacting me using my [ThemeForest profile](#) contact form.




**Skin 1 by [unisphere](#)**  
*Released 4 days ago*  
[Preview](#) | [Download and activate](#)



**Skin 2 by [John Doe](#)**  
*Released 7 days ago*  
[Preview](#) | [Download and activate](#)



**Skin 3 by [John Doe](#)**  
*Released 19 days ago*  
[Preview](#) | [Download and activate](#)



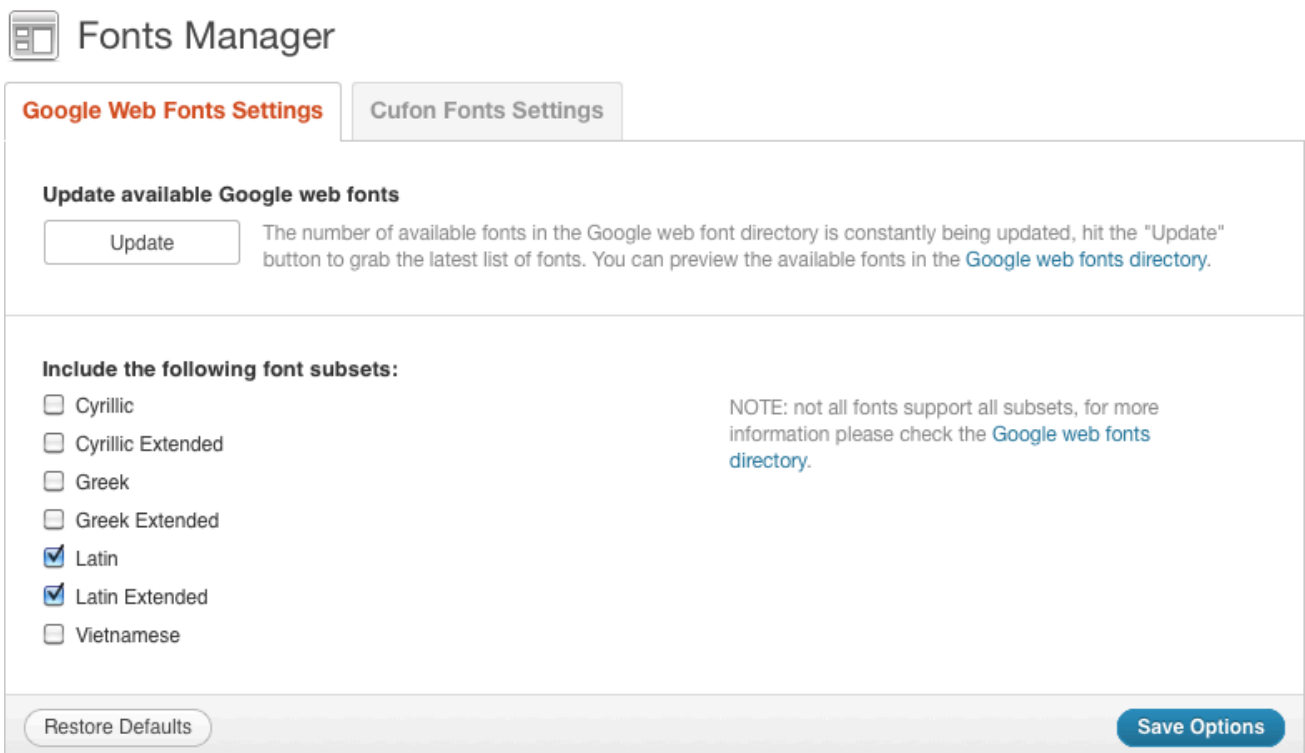
**Skin 4 by [unisphere](#)**  
*Released 2 months ago*  
[Preview](#) | [Download and activate](#)

## FONTS MANAGER

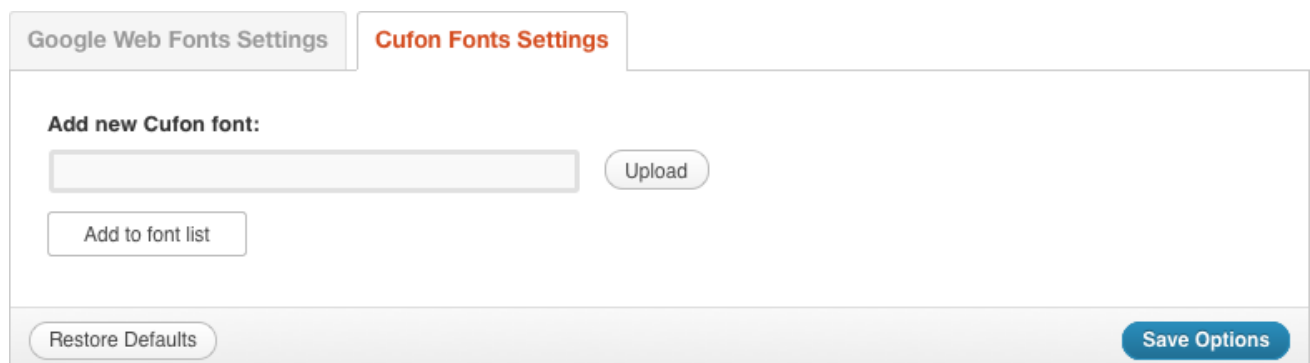
The *Fonts manager* section of the admin panel enables you to do 3 things:

- Quickly update the Google Web Fonts list of available fonts that the Google Web Font Directory keeps adding and updating;
- Select which font subsets will be included if the current skin is using any Google Web Font;
- Finally, upload new Cufon fonts that you generate;

Here are a couple of images displaying this section tabs:



The screenshot shows the 'Fonts Manager' section with the 'Google Web Fonts Settings' tab selected. It features a title bar with a window icon and the text 'Fonts Manager'. Below the title bar are two tabs: 'Google Web Fonts Settings' (active) and 'Cufon Fonts Settings'. The main content area is divided into two sections. The first section, 'Update available Google web fonts', contains an 'Update' button and a text block explaining that the Google web font directory is constantly updated and providing a link to the 'Google web fonts directory'. The second section, 'Include the following font subsets:', contains a list of checkboxes for 'Cyrillic', 'Cyrillic Extended', 'Greek', 'Greek Extended', 'Latin' (checked), 'Latin Extended' (checked), and 'Vietnamese'. A note on the right states: 'NOTE: not all fonts support all subsets, for more information please check the Google web fonts directory.' At the bottom of the settings panel are two buttons: 'Restore Defaults' and 'Save Options'.



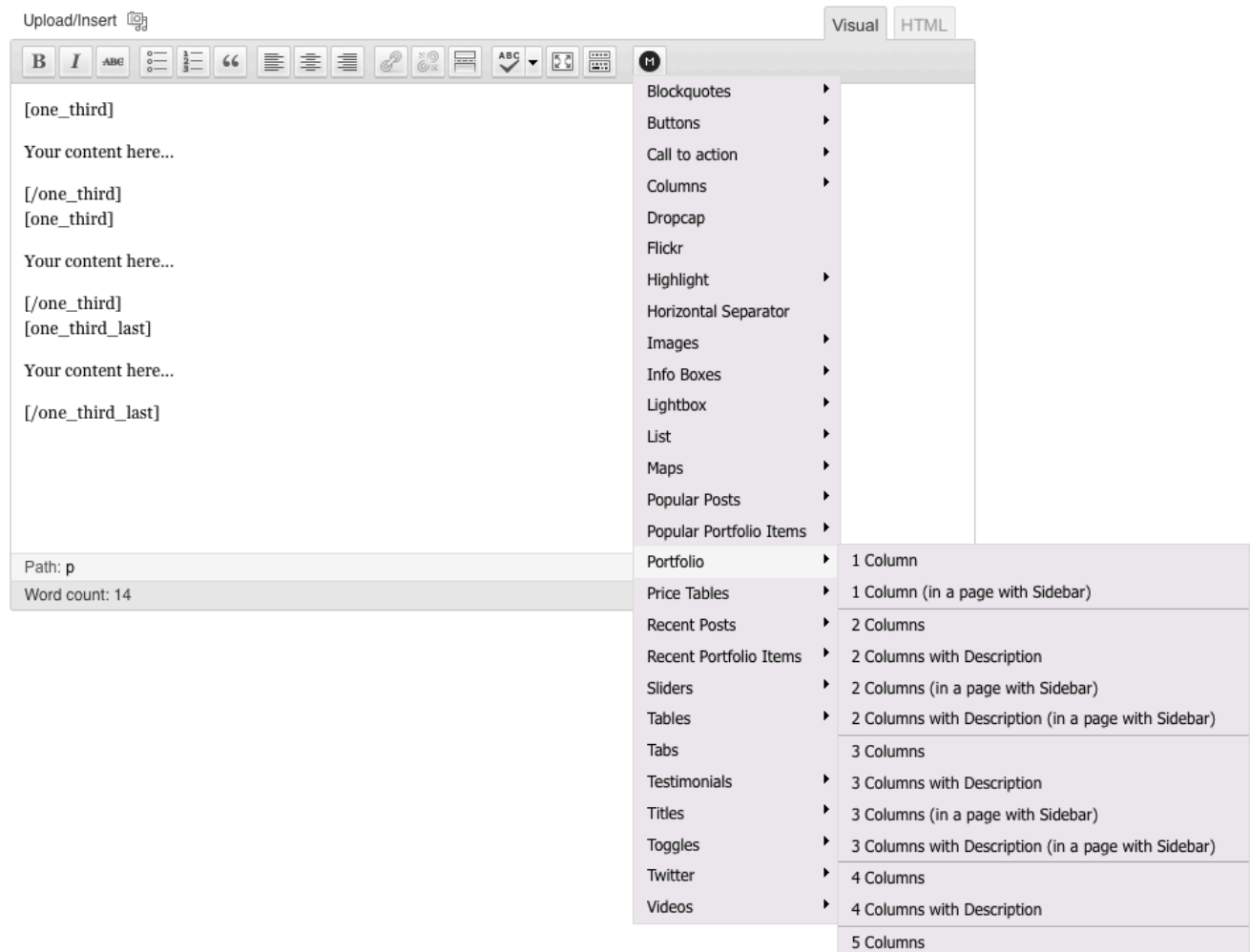
The screenshot shows the 'Fonts Manager' section with the 'Cufon Fonts Settings' tab selected. It features a title bar with a window icon and the text 'Fonts Manager'. Below the title bar are two tabs: 'Google Web Fonts Settings' and 'Cufon Fonts Settings' (active). The main content area is divided into two sections. The first section, 'Add new Cufon font:', contains a text input field, an 'Upload' button, and an 'Add to font list' button. The second section is empty. At the bottom of the settings panel are two buttons: 'Restore Defaults' and 'Save Options'.

## SIDEBARS MANAGER

The sidebars manager was already explained in a few sections above on this document.

# Using the shortcode manager

Mural includes an incredibly easy to use shortcode manager in the rich text editor inside WordPress. You just need to click on the Mural logo and select which shortcode you want to add to your content.



Some shortcodes like the [portfolio], [slider], [recent\_posts], [popular\_posts], [recent\_portfolio] and [popular\_portfolio] allow you to set which categories should be queried and displayed (*cats* parameter). This *cats* parameter accepts a comma separated list of Category ID's and you can see what a specific category ID is like described in this screenshot: <http://screencast.com/t/K6QSsqzzfft>

# Custom theme widgets

## AD WIDGET

**UniSphere Ads**

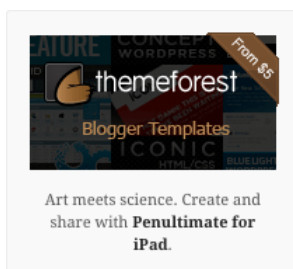
Title:

Image URL:

Destination URL:

Description:

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



This widget lets you place an ad space in a widgetized area of the theme.

Widget parameters:

- Title;
- Image URL;
- Destination URL;
- Description.

## CONTACT FORM WIDGET

**UniSphere Contact Form**

Title:

Destination Email:

Button Text:

Success Message:

Error Message:

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

Name:

Email:

Message:

[Send Message](#)

This widget lets you place a contact form in a widgetized area of the theme.

Widget parameters:

- Title;
- Destination email;
- Button text;
- Success message;
- Error message.

## FLICKR WIDGET

**UniSphere Flickr**

Title:

Flickr ID:

Number of images to show:

☐ Display in Lightbox?

Cache interval in seconds:

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



This widget lets you place Flickr photos in a widgetized area of the theme.

Widget parameters:

- Title;
- The account Flickr ID;
- The number of photos to show;
- Whether or not to display a lightbox when clicking the image;
- The interval in seconds to cache the results in the DB.

## POPULAR PORTFOLIO ITEMS WIDGET

**UniSphere Popular Portfolio Items** ▼

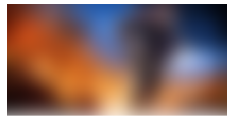
Title:

Number of posts to show:

Number of words to show in the excerpt:

Categories to select from:  
☐ Logo  
☐ Print  
☐ Typography  
☐ Webdesign

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



### Detail with Big Images

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Nam viverra lobortis dapibus.



### Portfolio item 9

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Nam viverra lobortis dapibus.

This widget lets you place popular portfolio items in a widgetized area of the theme.

Widget parameters:

- Title;
- The number of items to show;
- The number of words in the excerpt;
- The portfolio categories to display.

## POPULAR POSTS WIDGET

**UniSphere Popular Posts** ▼

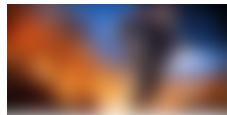
Title:

Number of posts to show:

Number of words to show in the excerpt:

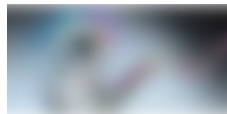
Categories to select from:  
☐ Design  
☐ Photoshop  
☐ Tuts  
☐ Work

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



### Detail with Big Images

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### Portfolio item 9

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This widget lets you place popular posts in a widgetized area of the theme.

Widget parameters:

- Title;
- The number of posts to show;
- The number of words in the excerpt;
- The blog categories to display.

## RECENT PORTFOLIO ITEMS WIDGET

**UniSphere Recent Portfolio Items** ▼

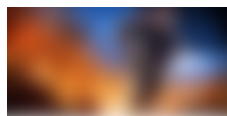
Title:

Number of portfolio items to show:

Number of words to show in the excerpt:

Categories to select from:  
☐ Logo  
☐ Print  
☐ Typography  
☐ Webdesign

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



### Detail with Big Images

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### Portfolio item 9

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This widget lets you place recent portfolio items in a widgetized area of the theme.

Widget parameters:

- Title;
- The number of items to show;
- The number of words in the excerpt;
- The portfolio categories to display.

## RECENT POSTS WIDGET

**UniSphere Recent Posts**

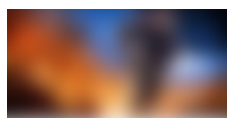
Title:

Number of posts to show:

Number of words to show in the excerpt:

Categories to select from:  
☐ Design  
☐ Photoshop  
☐ Tuts  
☐ Work

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



### Detail with Big Images

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### Portfolio item 9

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This widget lets you place recent posts in a widgetized area of the theme.

Widget parameters:

- Title;
- The number of posts to show;
- The number of words in the excerpt;
- The blog categories to display.

## SOCIAL WIDGET

**UniSphere Social**

Title:

RSS feed:

Twitter:

Facebook:

Google+:

Flickr:

Dribbble:

Forrst:

YouTube:

Vimeo:

LinkedIn:

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

This widget lets you place social icons in a widgetized area of the theme.

Widget parameters:

- Title;
- RSS feed link;
- Twitter profile link;
- Facebook profile link;
- Google+ profile link;
- Flickr profile link;
- Dribbble profile link;
- Forrst profile link;
- YouTube profile link;
- Vimeo profile link;
- LinkedIn profile link.



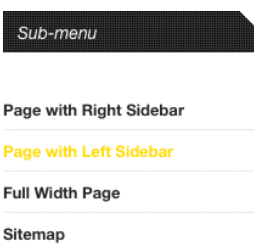
## SUB-PAGES WIDGET

**UniSphere Sub-pages**

A menu displaying sub-pages of the current top parent page.

Title:

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



This widget lets you place a menu displaying sub-pages of the current top parent page in a widgetized area of the theme.

Widget parameters:

- Title.

## TWITTER WIDGET

**UniSphere Twitter** ▼

Title:

Username:

Number of tweets to show:

☐ Exclude replies?

☒ Include native retweets?

Cache interval in seconds:

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

RT **@jasonbobich**: Anyone know any solutions to using **#prettyPhoto** on smaller devices? Is there anything in the API for this? [http://t.co/ ...](http://t.co/...)  
9 days ago

**@kailoon** Thanks for the RTs buddy, appreciate it :)  
16 days ago

[Follow @unispheredesign](#)

This widget lets you display tweets from a Twitter account in a widgetized area of the theme.

Widget parameters:

- Title;
- The Twitter account username;
- The number of tweets to show;
- Whether or not to exclude

replies;

- Whether or not to include native retweets;
- The interval in seconds to cache the results in the DB.



# Translating the theme to another language

Translating Mural to another language is very easy. The theme comes with a GNU Gettext Catalog file (.PO) and you can find it in the folder */language/default.po*.

As an example, say you want to translate the theme's frontend to Portuguese. First thing you need to do is to create a copy of the *default.po* file and name it *pt\_PT.po*. Notice the language tags in the file name and make sure to select your tags correctly. Look at the following examples:

- English: *en\_GB* (British English), *en\_US* (American English), *en\_CA* (Canadian English)
- Spanish: *es\_ES* (Castilian Spanish, Spanish as written and spoken in Spain), *es\_MX* (Mexican Spanish), *es\_AR* (Argentine Spanish), *es\_CO* (Colombian Spanish)
- Portuguese: *pt\_PT* (European Portuguese, Portuguese as written and spoken in Portugal), *pt\_BR* (Brazilian Portuguese)

So now that you have a copy of the original default.po file, you need to open this new file using an application called *Poedit*: <http://www.poedit.net>.

When you install the app and open your file, you'll see a column with the theme's original strings in English and a column for the translation.

Click each individual original string and at the bottom provide a translation for it in your destination language.

When you have all the original strings translated save the file in *Poedit*.

You'll now see that the app has created a new file called *pt\_PT.mo* which contains all your translations compiled. Copy this file to the *languages* folder of the theme in your WordPress installation.

Now that you have a compiled translated file you need to instruct WordPress to use it (if you've already installed WordPress in another language you might have the next step done already). Open the file *wp-config.php* at the root of your WordPress installation and look for the following code:

```
define ('WPLANG', '');
```

In our above example, we are translating to Portuguese so change this line of code to:

```
define ('WPLANG', 'pt_PT');
```

You should now see the frontend of your site using the translated strings.

# Support policy

Once again, thank you so much for purchasing this theme. As I said at the beginning, I'd be glad to help you if you have any questions relating to this theme. No guarantees, but I'll do my best to assist.

## SUPPORT CHANNELS

I only provide theme related support via the ThemeForest discussion system and my support forum (<http://support.unispheredesign.com>). All support via e-mail or Twitter will be redirected to the support forum. When needed I may request you to e-mail me your login details with admin access to your WordPress installation (please don't post your login details publicly on the support forum, use my [ThemeForest profile page contact form](#) instead).

## SUPPORT HOURS

I provide general theme support for free and I go through all the new support questions twice a day from Monday to Friday. If for some reason I haven't answered your support question, please don't post again as it may be a more complex issue or bug that takes more time and I will reply in a maximum 24-hour period.

## EXTENT OF MY SUPPORT

I only cover support for my themes, and can't give general WordPress support that isn't related to my themes as well as to third party plugins. For general WordPress support you will have to use [www.wordpress.org/support](http://www.wordpress.org/support).

## DEFINITION OF CUSTOMIZATION SUPPORT

If you are requesting customization help, which only requires me to publish a couple lines of custom CSS code or replacing a couple of lines of PHP code, I will be glad to assist you. If however your query requires more than that amount of code to be published, I can only provide guidance and will advise you to hire a freelancer if you don't have the skills to implement it yourself.

# Credits

- jQuery (<http://jquery.com/>)
- Superfish Dropdown ([http://users.tpg.com.au/j\\_birch/plugins/superfish/](http://users.tpg.com.au/j_birch/plugins/superfish/))
- prettyPhoto (<http://www.no-margin-for-errors.com/projects/prettyphoto-jquery-lightbox-clone/>)
- Quicksand (<http://razorjack.net/quicksand/>)
- jQuery Cycle (<http://jquery.malsup.com/cycle/>)
- SublimeVideo (<http://sublimevideo.net/>)
- jQuery Touchwipe Plugin (<http://www.netcu.de/jquery-touchwipe-iphone-ipad-library>)
- FitVids (<http://fitvidsjs.com/>)
- jQuery Masonry (<http://masonry.desandro.com/>)
- Cufon (<http://cufon.shoqolate.com/generate/>)
- Options Framework (<http://wptheming.com/options-framework-theme/>)
- Social Media Icons (<http://www.premiumpixels.com/freebies/41-social-media-icons-png/>)