

VANTAGE DOCUMENTATION

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Thank you for choosing Vantage. We've tried to make things as simple and flexible as possible. The documentation still exists to explain every feature and help you use Vantage in a better way. If you still need any further help, feel free to reach out to us using the [Support Forums](#). Also, while you're at it, why not [Register for Support](#) (*Just takes 1 minute*)

Requirements for Vantage

Basic requirements

- WordPress 4.0 or higher
- PHP 5.4 or higher
- MySQL 5.5 or higher
- Apache mod_rewrite module

Recommended PHP Configurations

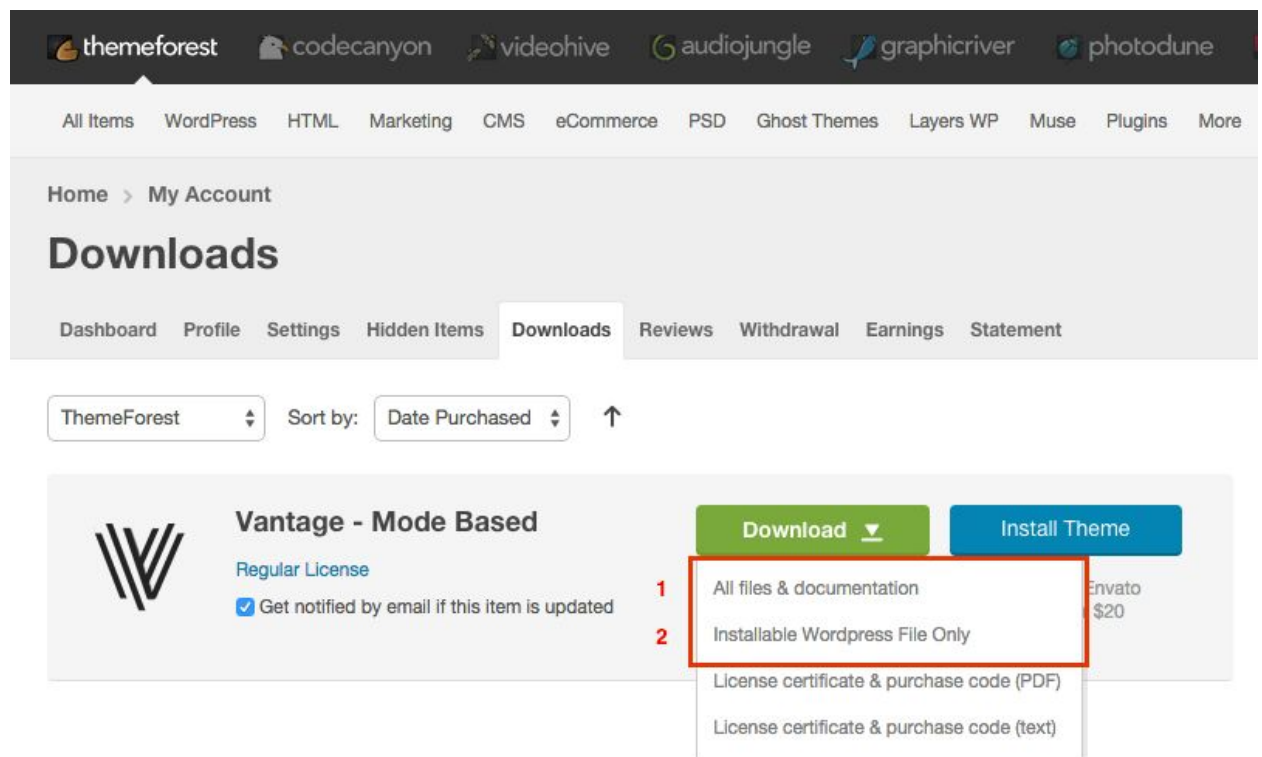
- max_execution_time 180
- memory_limit 128M
- post_max_size 32M
- upload_max_filesize 32M

Pretty much all of the requirements above are offered by a majority of hosts and you would not need to worry about them in most cases.

Installing Vantage

STAGE1: Downloading Package from ThemeForest

- Go to your ThemeForest Downloads Page



- Download Vantage by clicking on 1. All files & documentation or 2. Installable WordPress file only

- *If you downloaded using 1. All files & documentation, continue reading. Downloading this mean you downloaded the complete package which includes:*
 - *Installable Theme (vantage-bb.zip)*
 - *Sample Child Theme (vantage-bb-child.zip)*
 - *Documentation (docs.html)*
- *If you downloaded using 2. Installable WordPress file only, you're good to move to Stage 2 of this article Downloading this means you downloaded just the installable theme which can be directly uploaded to your WordPress Website.*
- *Now that you have downloaded All files and Documentation, unzip the directory and you will find the following files*
 - *vantage-bb.zip*
 - *vantage-bb-child.zip*
 - *docs.html*

STAGE2a: Installing via WordPress Installer

- *Go to Dashboard > Appearance > Themes*
- *Press the “Add New” button on the top of the page.*
- *On the next page you're taken to, press “Upload Theme” on the top of the page.*
- *Choose the file named “vantage-bb.zip” and press “Install Now”*
- *After the upload is complete, press “Activate”.*

STAGE2b: Installing via FTP

- *Unzip the package you downloaded on your computer and you should see a folder named vantage-bb extracted.*

- *Login to your FTP using the FTP details provided by hosting provider and a FTP client.*
- *Upload the supermenu named folder to this location*
/your-wordpress-installation/wp-content/themes/
- *Go to WordPress Dashboard > Appearance > Themes*
- *Activate Vantage*

Mode Selection

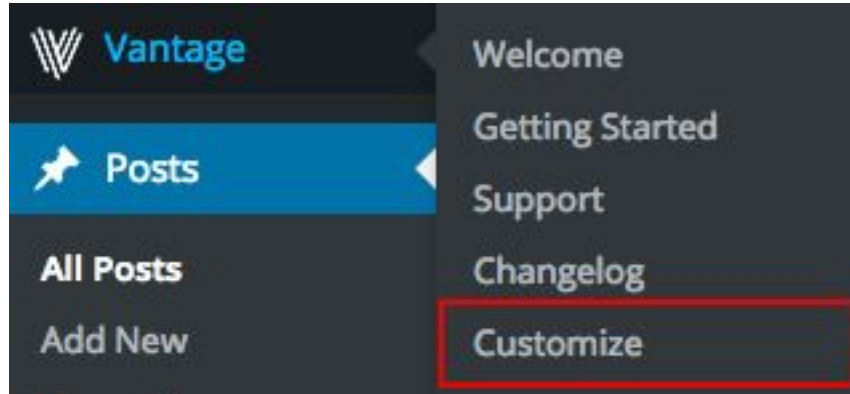
What are Vantage's Modes

Modes are the powerhouse for Vantage. They revamp your website with a new incredible design with just 1 click. These modes allow you to switch from one Website Type/Niche to another with the same options and overall framework. Vantage comes with 4 Modes as of now:

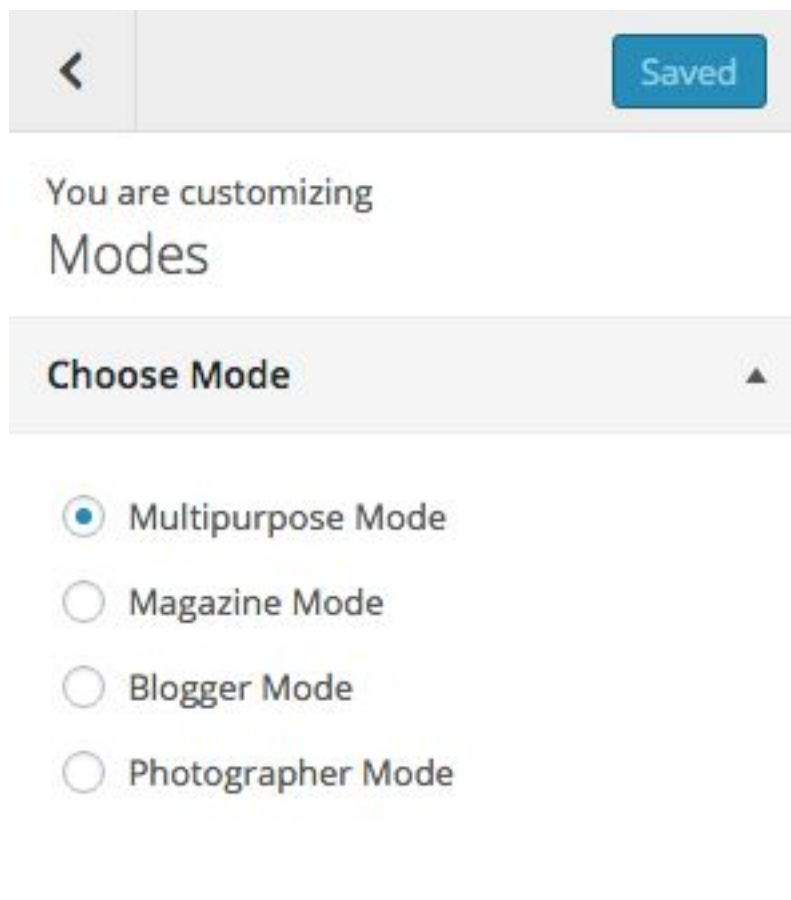
- *Multipurpose Mode*
- *Magazine Mode*
- *Blogger Mode*
- *Photographer Mode*

Choosing a Mode

- Go to Dashboard > Vantage > Customize



- Click on Modes > Choose Mode



- Click on your desired mode

- *You will notice the “Save Changes” button being activated. Click on the “Save Changes” button*

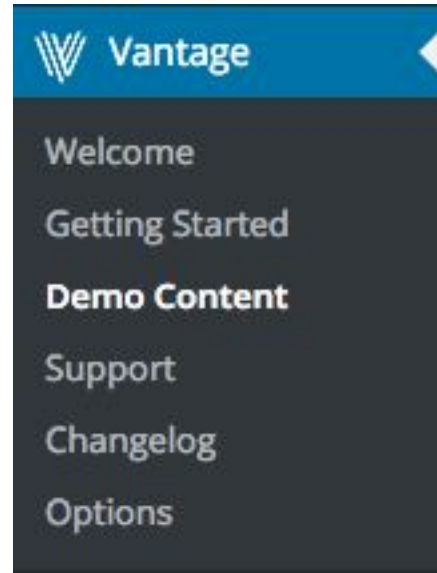
Setup & Demo Data

There are three ways of importing demo data.

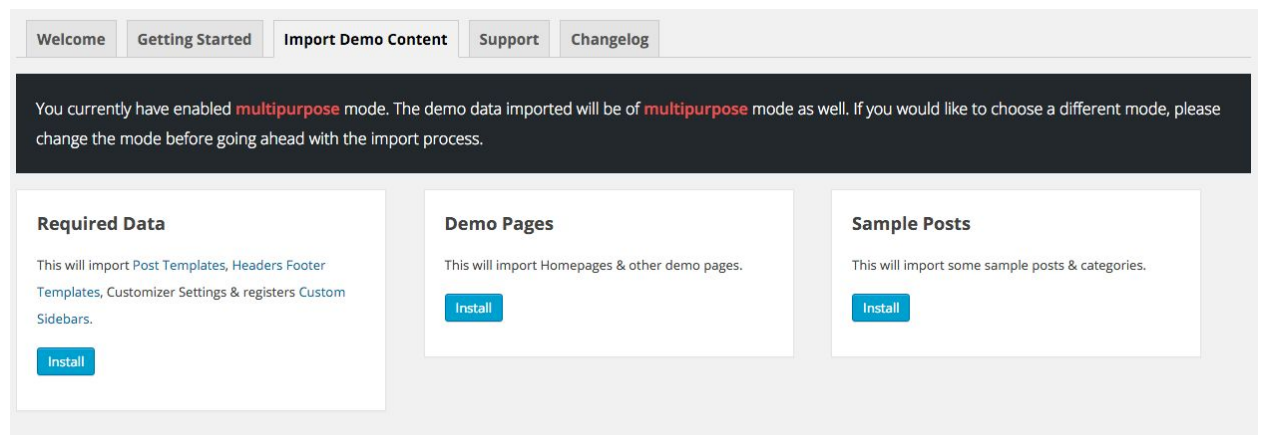
1. One Click Installer
2. XML File Importer
3. One Click Layouts

One Click Installer

Vantage comes with a one click installer which installs Post Templates, Headers, Footers, Homepages, Other Pages, Sample Posts and also imports Customizer Settings. The images shown in the demo are however not included, however you can easily find quality images from one of the links mentioned in our [Credits Article](#). To install demo data, please follow the steps:



1. Go to Dashboard > Vantage > Demo Content
2. Make sure you have enabled the mode you'd like to use, demo data for one mode might not look as good with other modes. (If in doubt, use the Multipurpose Mode)
3. Click on the install button under each of the 3 tabs.



NOTE: Images are not included in the demo content due to licensing issues.

Updating Vantage

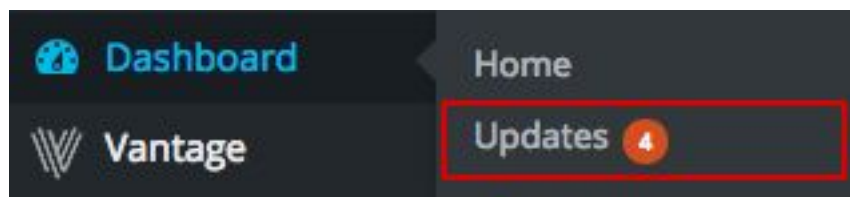
There are two ways you can update Vantage with:

1. Automatic Updates
2. Manual Update

Before proceeding with the update, please check the [changelog](#) for any important notices

Automatic Update

- Go to Dashboard > Updates



- If you were notified about a Vantage update but don't see it in the list of available updates, click on the "Check Now" button at the top of the page.
- If you see an update available for Vantage, click on "Update now" button
- Vantage will now be updated automatically.

Manual Update

- Download the update from ThemeForest (Refer: STAGE1: Downloading Package from ThemeForest)
- Once you have the latest vantage-bb.zip file, go to Dashboard > Appearance > Themes and activate any theme except Vantage.

- Once you have activated another theme, vantage should be deactivated and can be deleted now.
- Click on Vantage and in the popup, on the bottom right corner, you should see a “Delete” button. Press it
- Now that Vantage is deleted, you can proceed to the installation of the latest copy of vantage-bb.zip you downloaded. (Refer: STAGE2a: Installing via WordPress Installer)

What happens to your settings

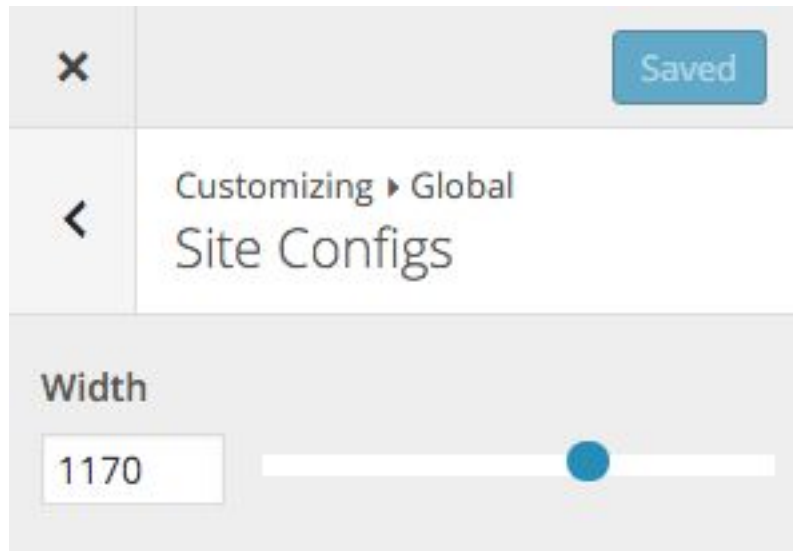
There should not be any data loss under normal circumstances but we still recommend you to take backup of your old vantage installation. You can read about backing up your WordPress site here: https://codex.wordpress.org/WordPress_Backups

Sidenote: I've updated Vantage atleast hundred times by now and no data loss ever, just sayin'

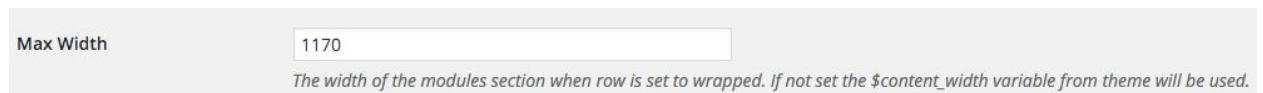
Site Width

There are two places you need to set the width:

1. Go to Dashboard > Appearance > Customize > Global > Site Configs > Width and set it to the width.



2. Go to Dashboard > Live Composer > General Options > Max Width and set it to the required width.



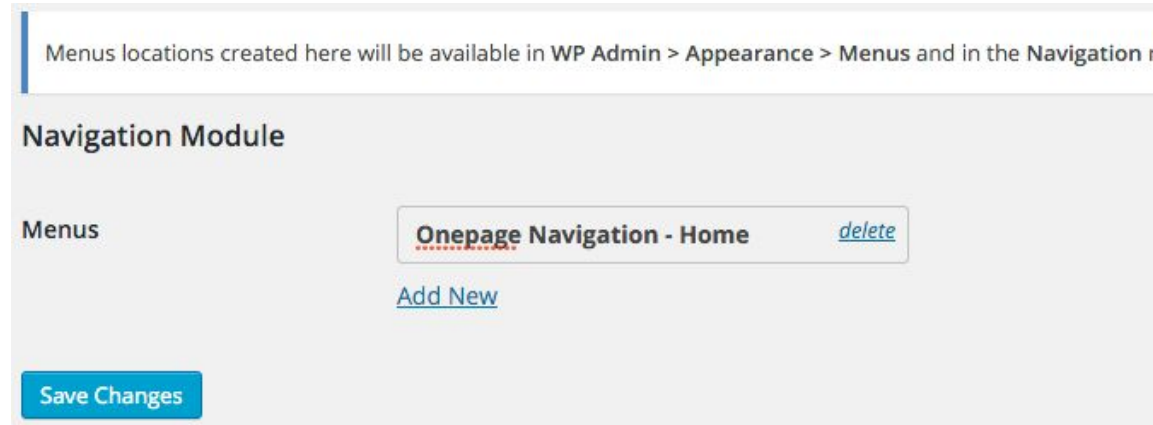
Onepage Layout

Onepage Navigation is needed when you're building a Onepage Website or even a Single Page. You can see Onepage Navigation in action on our [Landing Page](#).

Onepage Navigation in Vantage is built using the Navigation Module. To build a Onepage Navigation, please follow steps:

1. Registering a new Menu Location

- Go to Dashboard > Live Composer > Navigation Module
- Click on “Add New”, then click on “Click to edit” and type in a desired Menu Location name



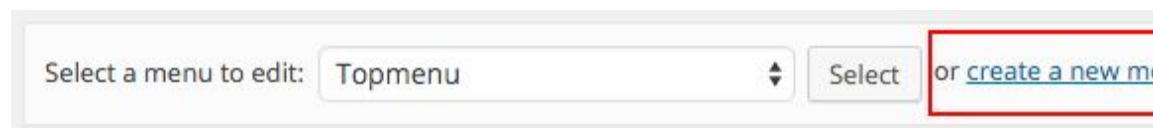
- Click Save Changes

2. Building the Page

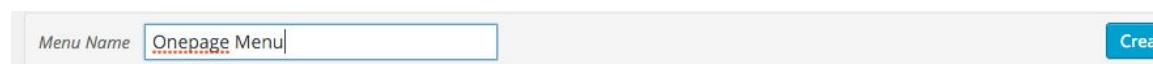
- The page building process is very similar to how you usually create pages. Refer: Building a Page
- The different sections/row you add must have an ID assigned to them. Refer: Add Custom ID to a Section

3. Building a Onepage Menu

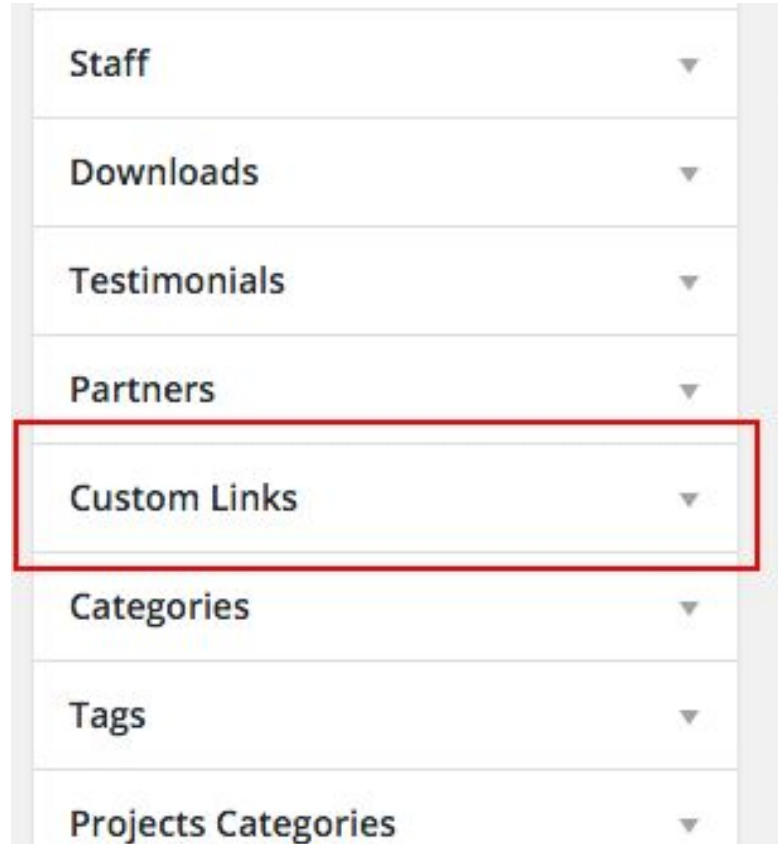
- Go to Dashboard > Appearance > Menus
- Click on “create a new menu”



- Enter the Menu Name and click Create Menu

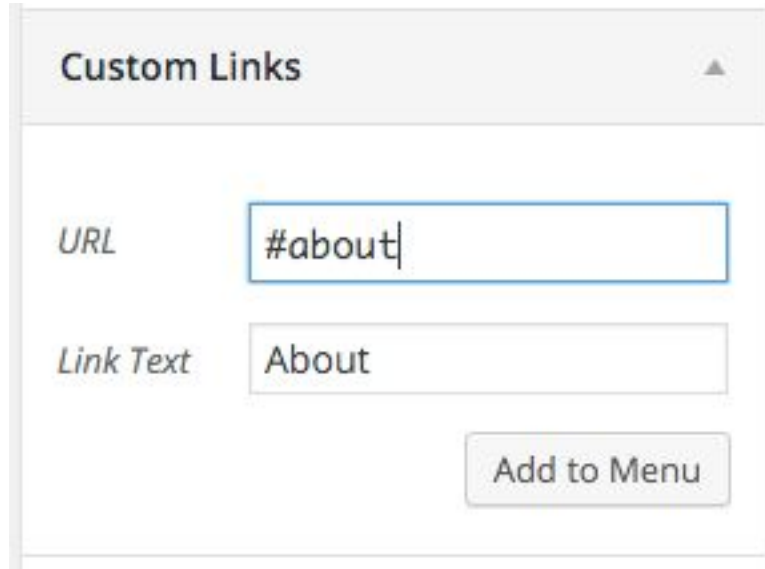


- On the left side, click on the “Custom Links” panel.



- In the URL field, enter the ID of the section you probably created in the previous step. Prepend the ID with a '#'. So if you created an About section with the ID “about” assigned to it, this is the Custom

Link you'd add:



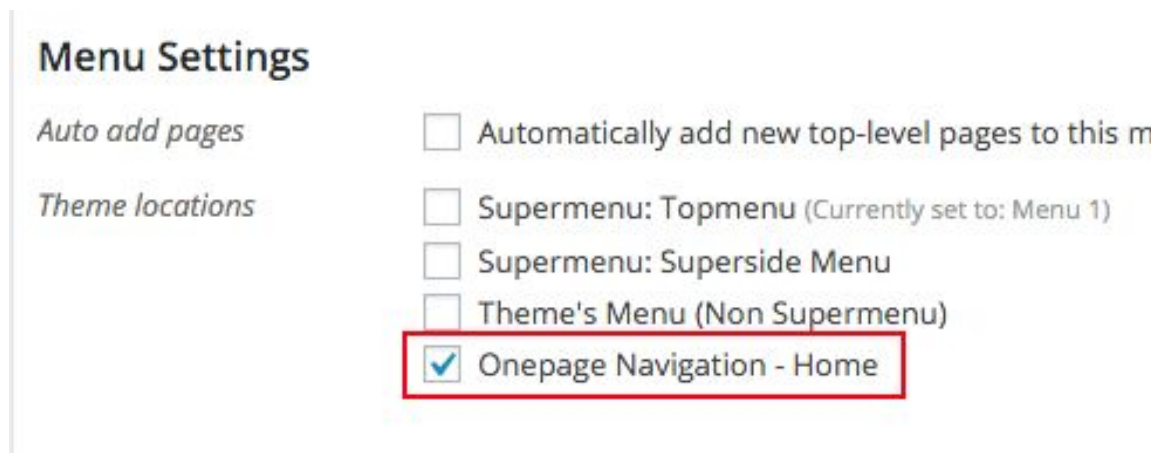
Custom Links

URL

Link Text

Add to Menu

- Click “Add to Menu” and add more Custom Links in a similar fashion for all the sections you build.
- Check the Theme Location checkbox with the Corresponding Menu Location we registered in Step 1.



Menu Settings

Auto add pages ☐ Automatically add new top-level pages to this menu

Theme locations

- ☐ Supernavigation: Topmenu (Currently set to: Menu 1)
- ☐ Supernavigation: Superside Menu
- ☐ Theme's Menu (Non Supernavigation)
- ☒ Onepage Navigation - Home

- Click “Save Menu”.

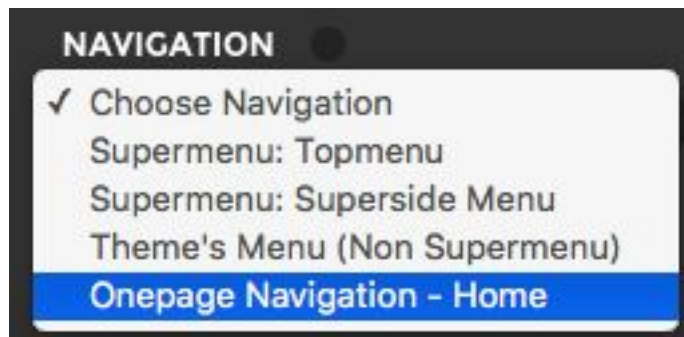
4. Placing the Menu on the Page

- Now that we have the Onepage Menu ready, go to the Onepage you built in Step 2 and click “Activate Editor”.
- Drop the “Navigation” Module wherever you’d like the menu to

appear.



- Click on the **Settings Icon**. In the functionality Tab, click on dropdown under “Navigation Option” and choose the Menu Location we registered in the 1st Step



- You should now have a bunch of unstyled Menu Items.
- Switch to the Styling Tab and configure these options:
 - FIXED THIS AFTER SCROLL [VANTAGE] => Set this to the px height above the Onepage Navigation. So if you have a hero section like we have on this [page](#), you’d set it equal to the height of that hero section. If no hero section, set it to 0.
 - ONE-PAGE NAVIGATION? [VANTAGE] => Yes
 - ONE-PAGE NAVIGATION OFFSET => This should be equal to the height of your menu.
 - AUTO WIDTH ITEMS – VANTAGE => Enabled

- Other Styling options can be configured as well. The above options are necessary for Onepage Navigation to function properly. Once you're done styling, just click confirm and Publish Changes.

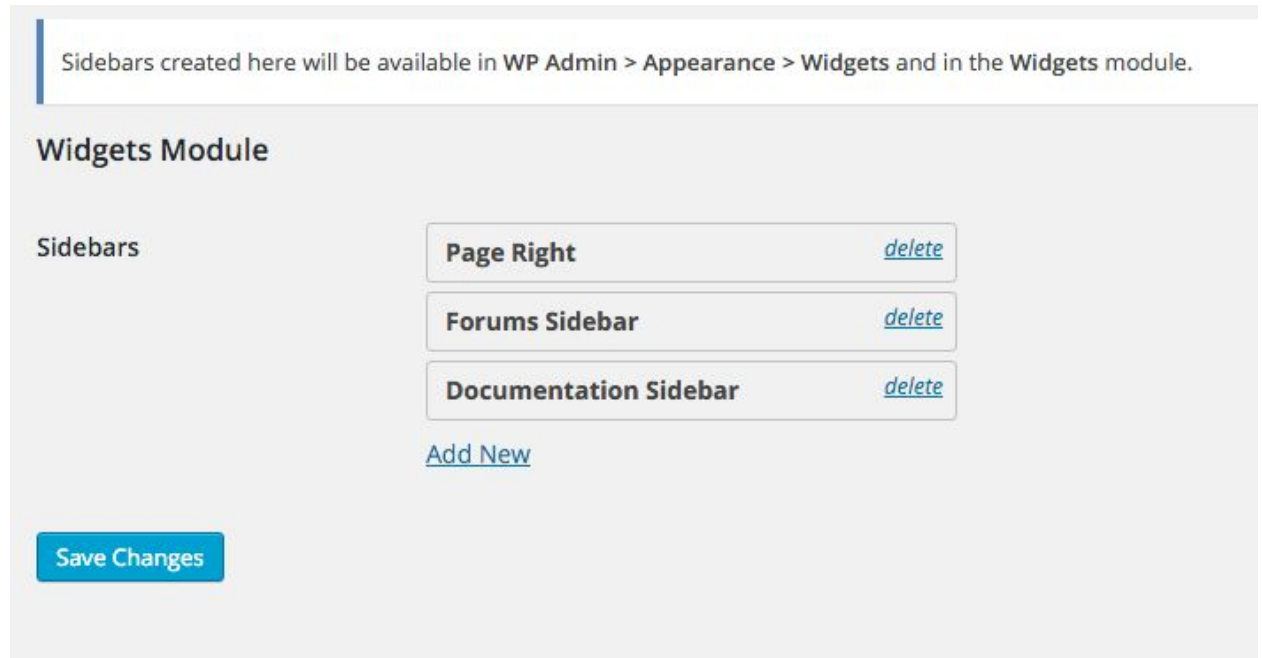
This Article looks big but its all basic stuff really. If you get stuck anywhere, you can always take our assistance on the [Support Forum](#)

Sidebars

Vantage follows a different approach for Sidebars. You can dynamically register sidebars which you can then drag & drop to the pages. To setup a sidebar on any page, please follow these steps:

Registering a new Widget Area/Sidebar

1. Go to *Dashboard > Live Composer > Widget Module > Add New*

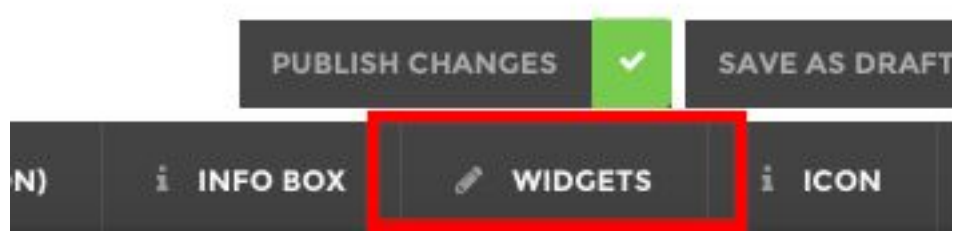


2. Click on “Click to Edit” and type in the name for the widget area
3. Press Save Changes
4. To Confirm that the widget area was registered successfully, go to *Dashboard > Appearance > Widgets* and you should see the new widget area you just registered.

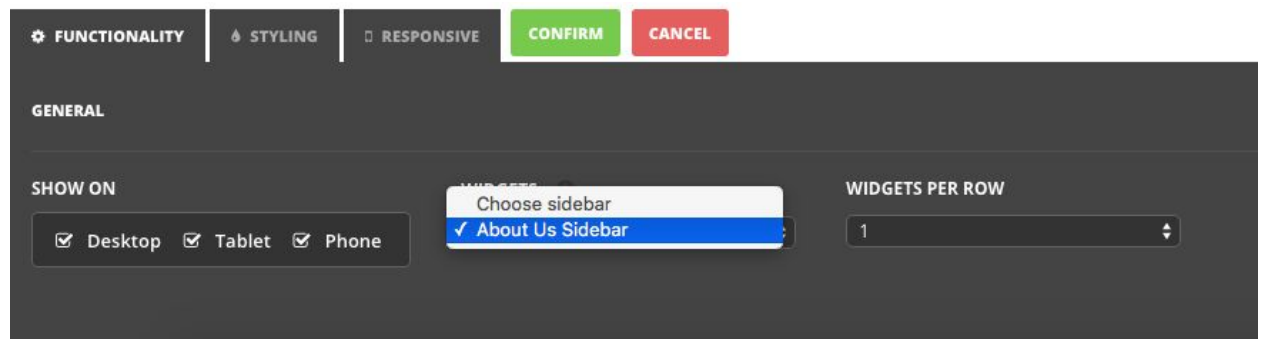
Adding Widgets to a Page

1. Add the widgets you’d like to add newly registered Widget Area/Sidebar.
2. Browse to the page you’d like to show this widget area on, for example if you registered a Widget Area named “About Us Sidebar”, then browse to the About us Page and click “Activate Editor”.

- Drop the module named “Widgets” to the Module Area.



- After dropping the “Widgets” module, open the settings for the Widgets Module by clicking on the cog icon.
- Choose the Widget Area/Sidebar you’d like to display on the page.



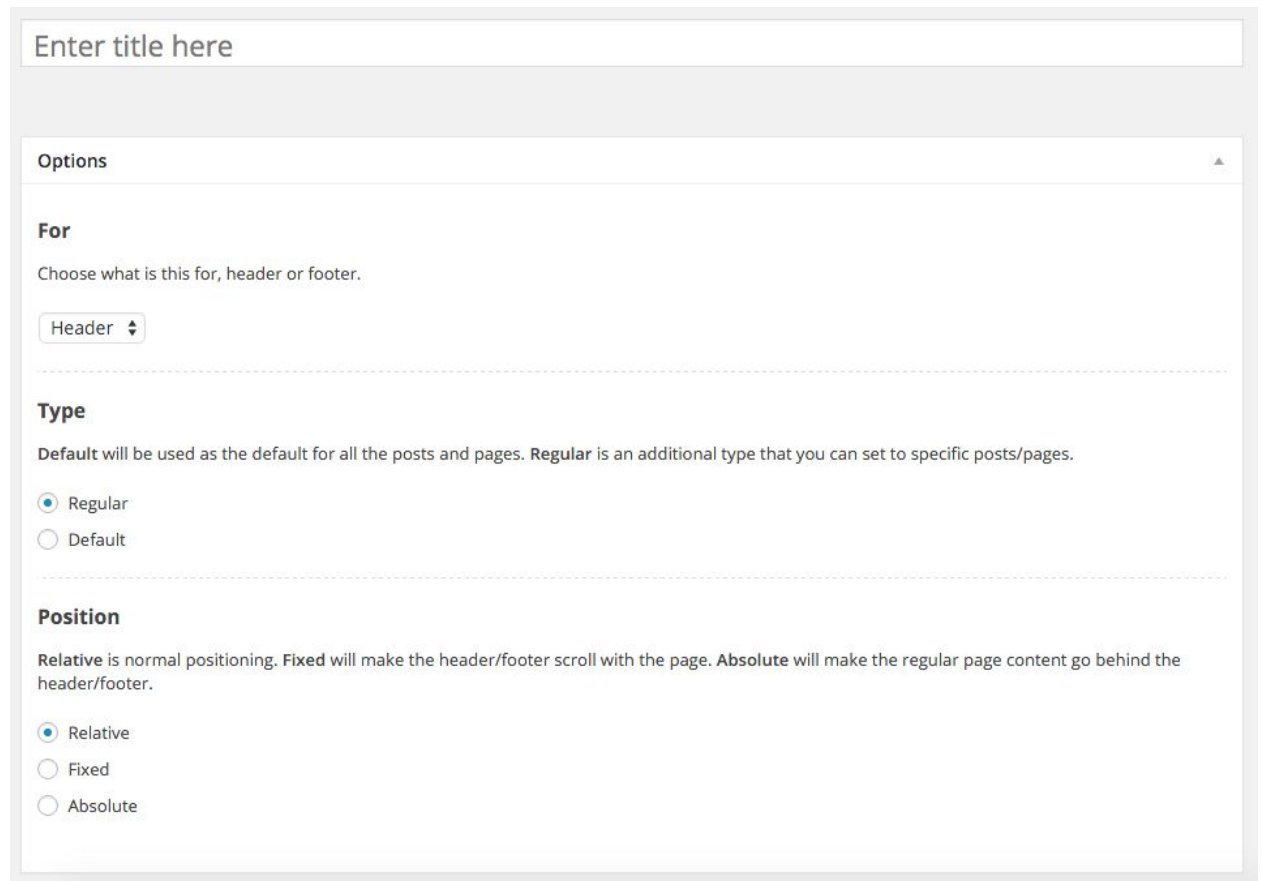
- Click Confirm and then Publish Changes. The widgets you added to the “About Us Sidebar” will be displayed on the page.

Header / Footer

Vantage offers you to register custom Header or Page Title Sections and Footers. You can build these with the page builder and apply to any page or post.

Register a new Header/Footer

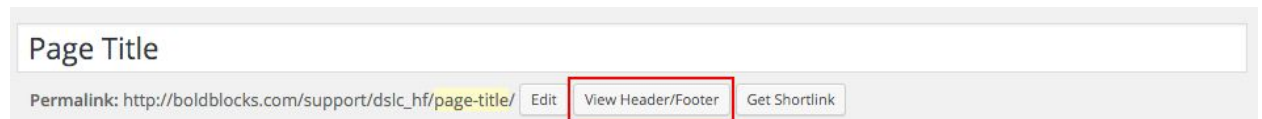
1. Go to Dashboard > Header/Footer > Add Header/Footer



The screenshot shows a form for registering a new header or footer. At the top is a text input field labeled "Enter title here". Below this is a section titled "Options" with a small upward arrow icon. Inside the "Options" section, there are three main sections: "For", "Type", and "Position". The "For" section has a label "For" and a description "Choose what is this for, header or footer.", followed by a dropdown menu currently set to "Header". The "Type" section has a label "Type" and a description "Default will be used as the default for all the posts and pages. Regular is an additional type that you can set to specific posts/pages.", followed by two radio buttons: "Regular" (which is selected) and "Default". The "Position" section has a label "Position" and a description "Relative is normal positioning. Fixed will make the header/footer scroll with the page. Absolute will make the regular page content go behind the header/footer.", followed by three radio buttons: "Relative" (which is selected), "Fixed", and "Absolute".

2. Choose the desired options
 - For: This means if you're creating a Header or Footer

- Type: If you want to manually set the Header or Footer on every Page and Post, choose '*Regular*'. If you want the header or footer to be applied by default of every Page and Post, choose '*Default*'. If you set default, you can still disable the header or footer on a few pages like 404 page etc if you need to.
 - Position: Let this be set to '*Relative*' as it offers the best compatibility for now.
3. Once you've configured these options, click 'Publish'.
 4. After the post is published, click on "View Header/Footer" button



5. You should see a blank page with just the Menu and an "Activate Editor"

button on the bottom right.



Click on it.

6. Now you can simply drag and drop the modules you like. Make sure to Save changes after building the page.

Production Environment

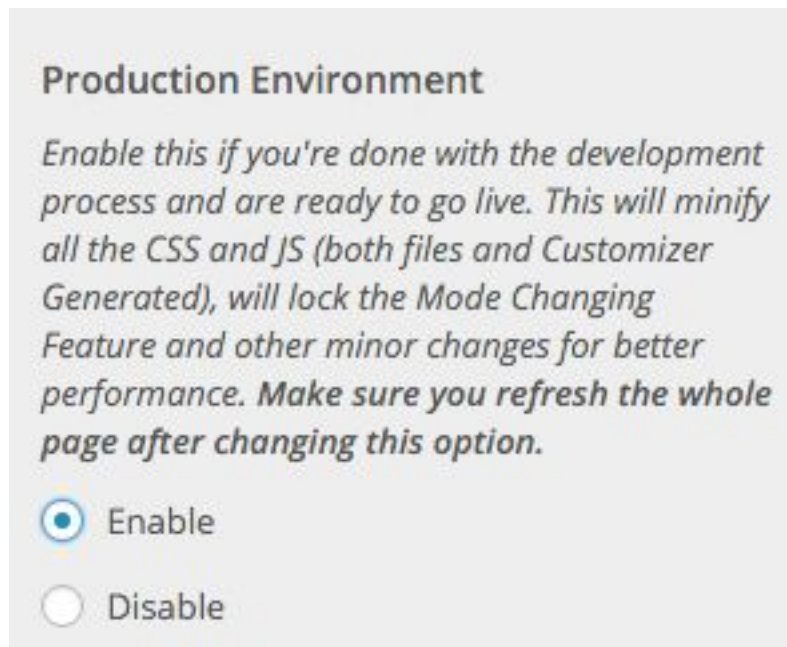
Production Environment is an option offered by Vantage. It basically should be enabled once you're done building your website and are ready to go live. Enabling Production Environment does the following things:

- Loads a minified version of all the scripts and stylesheets
- Disables the Mode Changing feature in Customizer, in case you built the website for a client and you do not want him to change the mode.

- Compresses the Customizer generated dynamic CSS
- Other minor under the hood performance improvements.

Enabling Production Environment


1. Go to Dashboard > Appearance > Customize > Advanced
2. In the Production Environment option, choose Enable.

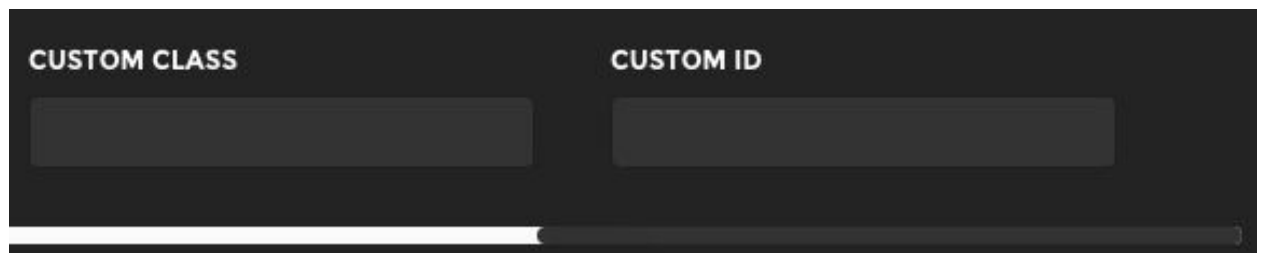


3. Click Save & Publish
4. Refresh the Customizer

Custom ID/Class to a Row

This tutorial will help you add a Custom ID or a Class to any Row on the page you built using Page Builder.

- Activate the Editor and click on the Row Settings Icon 
- Scroll to the Right End to find the Custom Class and Custom ID input fields



The screenshot shows a dark-themed settings panel with two input fields. The first field is labeled 'CUSTOM CLASS' and the second is labeled 'CUSTOM ID'. Both fields are currently empty. A horizontal scrollbar is visible at the bottom of the panel, indicating that the settings are part of a larger, scrollable interface.

- Add your Custom Class or Custom ID in those fields and press confirm.
- Make sure to press the “Publish Changes” button as well.

Page Templates

Page Templates are layout options for the Pages you build in WordPress.

Page Templates Offered By Vantage:

1. Default Template (Right Sidebar)
2. Left & Right Sidebar
3. Left Sidebar
4. Full Width (Used for pages to be built using the Page Builder.)

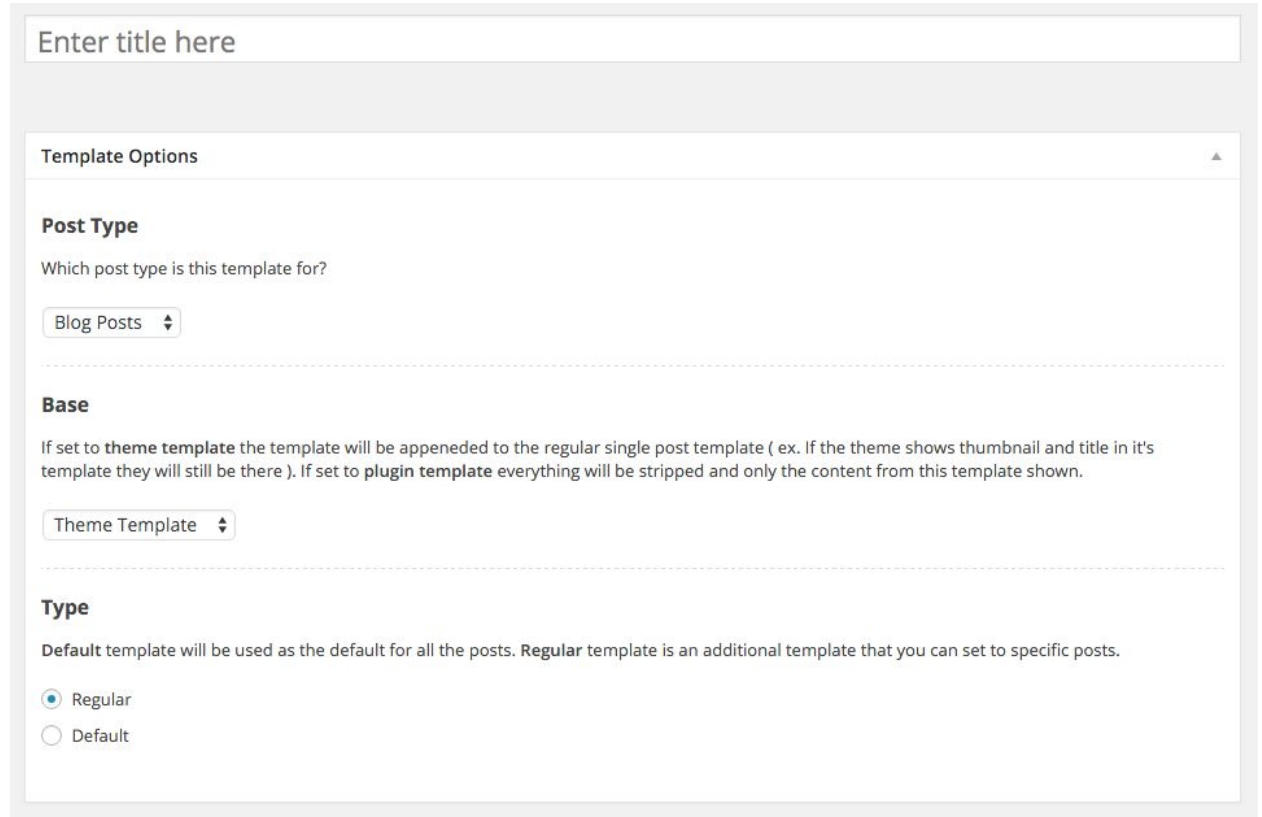
Although Vantage comes with 4 Page Templates but your options of placing sidebars are still unlimited, i.e. you can place sidebars anywhere and of any column width, thanks to our Widgets Module.

Post Templates

Post Templates is an amazing feature offered by Vantage. With a variety of Post Types offered by Vantage, it is simply not possible for us to ensure that users would be satisfied with the layouts we provide our users for each of the post types. For example, for a Single Project Template, some users would need the Project Image above the Content and some would need it on the left of the Content and there are countless situations in a similar fashion. So we decided to provide users with an option build their own Layouts for each Post Type.

Creating a new Post Template

1. Go to Templates > Add New



The screenshot shows the 'Add New Template' form in WordPress. At the top is a text input field labeled 'Enter title here'. Below it is a section titled 'Template Options' with a collapse arrow. Inside this section, there are three sub-sections: 'Post Type' with a dropdown menu currently set to 'Blog Posts'; 'Base' with a dropdown menu currently set to 'Theme Template'; and 'Type' with two radio button options, 'Regular' (which is selected) and 'Default'.

2. Choose the desired options

- Post Type: Out of the various post types offers, what is this template for?
- Base: Optional. Custom Template is recommended
- Type: If set to Regular, you'd have to individually apply these templates to every post you add, if set to Default, the template will be applied to every post. Default is recommended.

3. Once you've configured these options, click 'Publish'.

4. After the post is published, click on "View Post Template" button

5. You should see a blank page with just the Menu and an "Activate Editor"

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Click on it.

6. Now you can simply drag and drop the modules you like. Make sure to Save changes after building the page.

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