

Checklist:

What to Check When Changing Your WordPress Theme

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Before Deactivating Your Old Theme

Look for functions that are built into your theme, i.e. things that will go away when you deactivate the theme. Make note of them so you can replace those functions when the new theme is active.

Here are some possibilities:

- Custom widgets
- Social media
- SEO
- Page templates
- Sliders
- Galleries
- Buttons
- Pricing tables
- Ad sections
- Testimonials
- Contact forms
- Email optin forms
- Portfolio sections (and other Custom Post Types)
- Columns Shortcodes
- Bar counters, number counters, etc.

Make note of any styling options you want to keep – e.g. colors, fonts, etc.

Check for any custom CSS code or custom functions you may have added to your theme.

After Activating Your New Theme

After activating your new theme, these are some possible areas you will need to check.

- Settings:** Set up your new theme with your basic configurations: logo, site colors, fonts, layouts, etc.
- Plugins:** Check to make sure all your plugins are working as they should with your new theme.
- Widgets:** Check that all your widget are working properly.
- Templates:** Also make sure to use any templates your new theme provides that will give you the look you want.
- SEO:** Check your SEO, even if you're using the same SEO plugin you used before. Check page titles, nofollowing, site maps, etc. Also check your new theme's speed.
- Analytics:** Unless you were using a plugin in order to enable stats tracking, you will probably need to reinstall your stats code.

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