

my wishful thoughts

Textpattern CMS Template

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User's Manual

Introduction

The 'my wishful thoughts' is a web page template. It is designed mainly for female blog web sites but it can be easily adapted for other kinds of web pages.

The template should be used with a Textpattern Content Management System (visit: <http://www.textpattern.com>).

Installation

The installation process requires several 'copy-and-paste' actions. You will have to open a few text files, copy their contents and paste them into particular places in the Textpattern administration site.

Also, you will have to copy some files (images, scripts) on the server.

At the end you will set up your Textpattern to work well with 'my wishful thoughts' template.

It is recommended that you set up the template on the fresh installation of Textpattern. Although other cases are out of scope of this manual, it should not be difficult to set up the 'my wishful thoughts' template in existing Textpattern installations.

Uploading the Images

Copy the `layout` directory from the template package to the `images` directory on your server.

Uploading the Scripts

Copy the `scripts` directory to the main Textpattern directory (the `scripts` directory should be in the same directory as `images`, `files` and `textpattern`).

Setting Up the Pages

Open the `pages` directory in the template package. Every text file residing in this directory corresponds to the page template in the Textpattern. The name of each file consists of `page_` prefix and the name of the template. Some of these names are the same as those of the existing page templates in your TXP installation (you can find them in the `Presentation->Pages` tab in the administration interface), the other ones you will have to create yourself.

Open each text file and copy its content. If a given page template already exists in TXP, simply replace its content with a new one. If there is no template page in your TXP corresponding to the one you have just copied, create it in the administration interface and then paste the new content.

Setting Up the Forms

Open the `forms` directory in the template package. Every text file residing in this directory corresponds to the form template in the Textpattern. The name of each file consists of `form_` prefix and the name of the template. The last part of the file name is a form type name and it can be one of those: `_article`, `_comment`, `_link` or `_misc`.

Go to the `Presentation->Forms` tab in the TXP administration interface and repeat the same procedure as with the pages templates (open each text file, copy its contents and replace the content of existing form template or create new form template according to the text file name; **use the last part of the text file name to assign a proper form type to new form templates**).

Setting Up the CSS Style Sheets

Replace the contents of the *default* style in your Textpattern installation (`Presentation->Styles` tab) with the contents of the `style_default.txt` file (it is located under `styles` directory in the template package).

Create two new style sheets: *undohtml* and *ielt7* and fill them with the contents of the corresponding `style_undohtml.txt` and `style_ielt7.txt` files in the `styles` directory.

Setting Up the Sections

Open the `Presentation->Sections` tab in the Textpattern administration interface and create two new sections: *Archive* and *Videos*. Make sure the name property of each section is in lower case.

Make sure all of the settings are as follows:

about:

- Uses page: *about*
- Uses style: *default*
- Selected by default: *no*
- On front page: *no*
- Syndicate: *no*
- Include in site search: *yes*

archive:

- Uses page: *archive*
- Uses style: *default*
- Selected by default: *no*
- On front page: *no*
- Syndicate: *no*
- Include in site search: *no*

article:

- Uses page: *article*
- Uses style: *default*
- Selected by default: *yes*
- On front page: *yes*
- Syndicate: *yes*
- Include in site search: *yes*

videos:

- Uses page: *videos*
- Uses style: *default*
- Selected by default: *no*
- On front page: *no*
- Syndicate: *yes*
- Include in site search: *yes*

Installation of the Plug-in

Open the Admin->Plugins tab in the Textpattern administration interface and install plug-in located in the `plugins` directory in the template package. It is:

- `rss_auto_excerpt-0.5.txt`
(<http://www.wilshireone.com/>
↳ `textpattern-plugins/rss_auto_excerpt`)

To install a plug-in open a text file, copy its contents and then paste it in the text field in Admin->Plugins tab. Then push Upload and next Install button. Finally, activate the plug-in by clicking on the No link in the plug-ins list.

Setting Up the Preferences

Go to the Admin->Preferences and set the *Production Status* to *Live*. Set the *Automatically append comments to articles* and *Present comments as a numbered list* properties to *No*. Then press Save and go to the Advanced preferences. Replace the *Custom field 1 name* with `youtube_id` and save changes.

Usage

The ‘my wishful thoughts’ template is ready to use directly after installation.

Additionally, if you are familiar with XHTML and CSS basics as well as with Textpattern tags, you can customize the template to some extent.

For example, you can change the number of *Recent articles*, *Recent videos* etc. in lists displayed all over the page. Furthermore, you can change the placement of each box on the page by simply copying and pasting operation.

Let’s say you want to swap the *Recent articles* box with the link list (*Places Worth Visiting*) on the *About* page. All you have to do is to localize the `<div id="recent_articles"> ... </div>` and the `<div id="links"> ... </div>` in the *about* template page. Then simply exchange them and you’re done!

The About Page

The *About* page is used to display information about you and your page. It can contain many articles, but by default it should consist of only two articles.

You should set the *status* of the one of them to *sticky* in order to display its contents on the home page.

It is quite important to provide an excerpt to the sticky article because only the excerpt will be displayed on the home page (in lack of the excerpt it will not be automatically generated as in normal articles).

A Few Words About Videos

The Videos section is designed to provide you an easy way to post your favourite videos found on the YouTube.

When you want to attach a clip you have to get its id number. The id number is the one of the form similar to this: `MQvYY0KEr74`. It can be found in a few places on the YouTube page. It is displayed in the address bar: `http://www.youtube.com/v/MQvYY0KEr74` or in the URL textfield: `http://pl.youtube.com/watch?v=MQvYY0KEr74`.

The id number should be pasted in the custom field named `youtube_id` in the Content->Write tab in Advanced Options section.

You should provide some title and short body text to the clip. Also remember to set the Section of the video post to the *videos*.

Flickr Photos Bar

The 'my wishful thoughts' template has a built-in Flickr photos displaying bar. Unfortunately, it does not use any of the plug-ins available on the web because they often require additional PHP modules which may not be present on your server. Thus the set up and usage of the Flickr bar may be a bit difficult.

All instructions needed to set up the bar are placed inside the `flickr.misc` form.

If you do not wish to use the Flickr bar, edit each page template in which the bar is present (by default only on the `default` and `about` pages) and find there and delete (or comment out) every occurrence of the code:

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<div class="col[some number]">
    <txp:output_form form="flickr" />
</div>
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From this point the Flickr bar will not be displayed on your web page.

That's the end of the installation and setting up process. I hope you'll like my template!

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