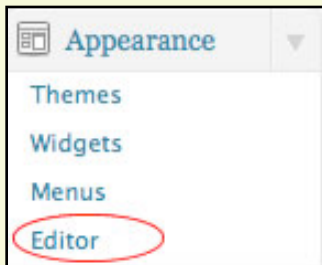
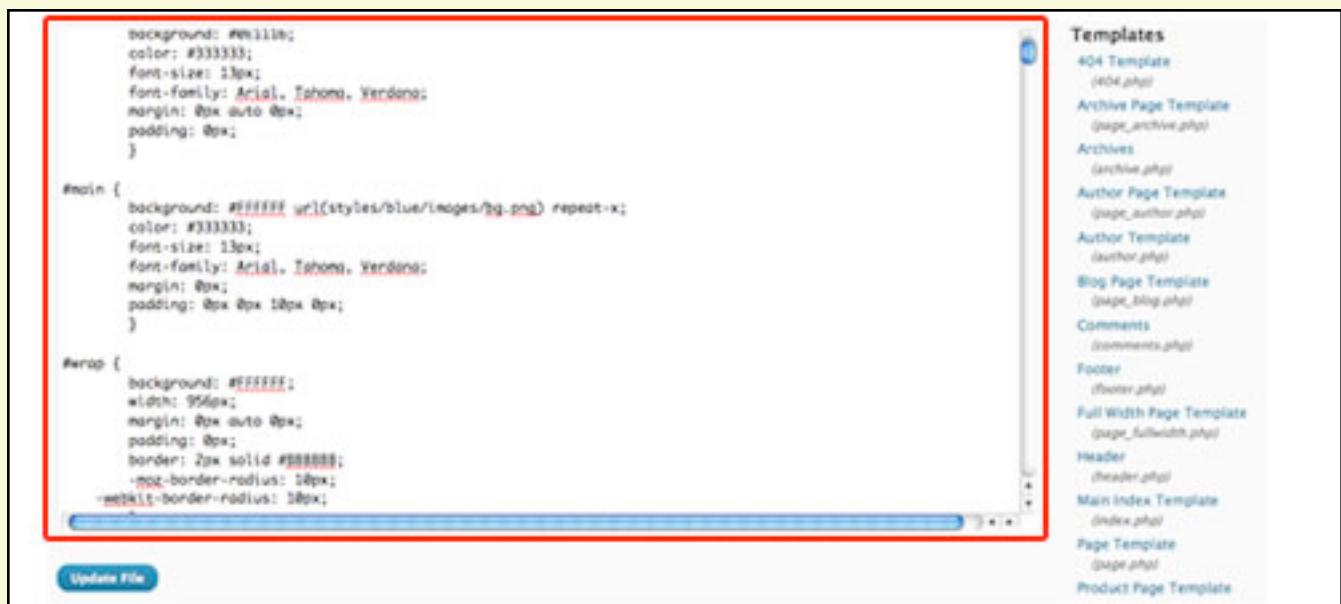


How to do basic customizations to your WordPress theme AND How to use the Firefox browser and Firebug add-on



One of the most intimidating steps to take when getting in depth with WordPress is tackling the Theme Editor. The Theme editor is found underneath the Appearance heading in the WordPress dashboard menu.

From this area you can edit the actual files that create your theme. You can also completely break your site so you have to be very careful.



The above picture is what you will see when you enter the editor. The red area is where you can actually edit the code. To the right of that area are the different templates that control the different aspects of your WordPress site (i.e. header, footer etc..) Below the red area is an Update File button, this button will make your changes official.

Firefox is not the fastest browser out there (Chrome may be), but it has many add-ons that can make the life of blogger and/or internet marketer much easier.

This is a very sensitive area, especially if you don't know any PHP or HTML code. You can certainly break your website messing around in this area. Every time I edit a file in the Editor I first copy everything in the red window from above, and paste it into a text file (don't use Word, use a plain text editor). This way, if I do break my blog, I can simply paste the code from the text file and then hit Update File to fix it.

The most common use for this area will be to add code to your header or footer (analytics, webmaster tools etc...). You simply choose the header or footer file from the list on the right of that page, and then insert the code where you are told.

The second most common use will be changing style aspects of your site like font size, font color, heading size, bullet margins etc... In almost cases this will be controlled by a CSS file. On that right hand list, usually near the bottom you will find a file named something like stylesheet.css. Regardless of what it is called it will end in .css. If you check out this file you will see all of the page elements listed with different variables. The problem is how do you know which element to change?

If you look at your webpage and see some text you want to change, how do you know what text that is? Is it body, heading, link, list? You might be able to tell just by looking, but there is a plugin for the Firefox web browser (firebug) that makes this simple:

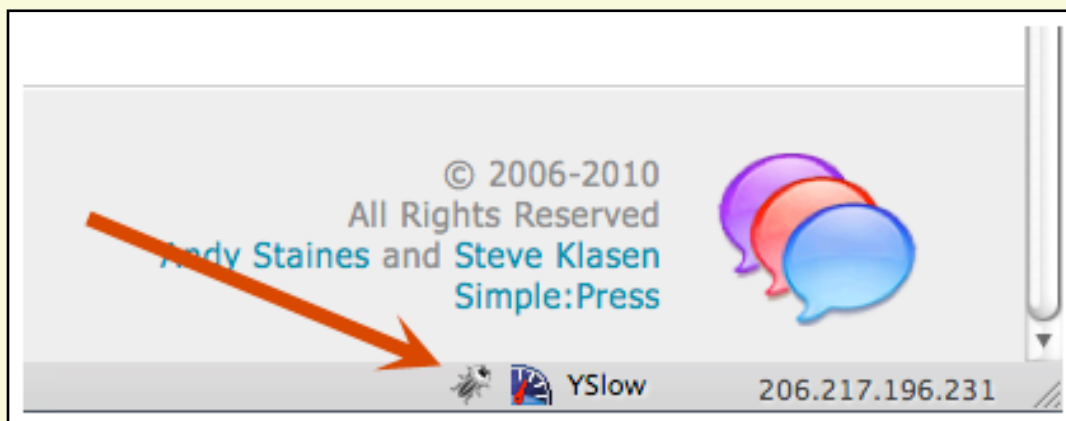
Firefox: <http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/>

Firebug Addon: <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/firebug/>

The first link above is for the Firefox browser, it is free and a significant upgrade from Internet Explorer, especially for the website owner or blogger. It might not be the fastest web browser out there but it has a ton of add-ons that give it a real edge.

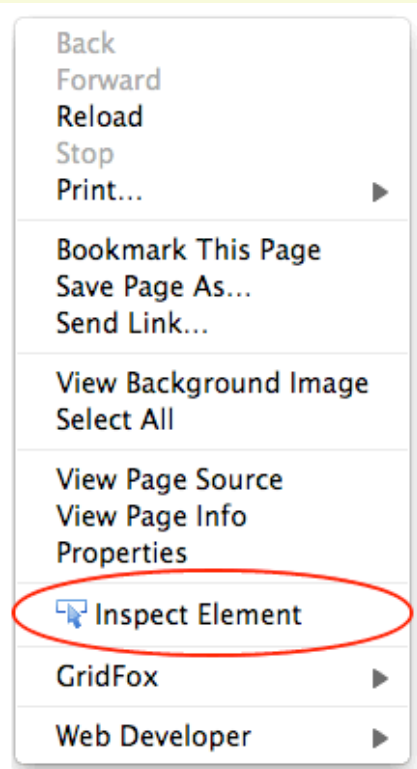
The second link is for the Firebug add-on for Firefox. This is a web development tool with many uses, but later on we will focus on just one very useful tool it provides.

Once you have downloaded and installed Firefox, use it to navigate to the add-on link. Follow the on screen instructions to install the add-on. Once installed the firebug icon will appear at the bottom of your browser, in the status bar:



As you can see, a small bug like icon is added, and you can click on this to turn Firebug off and on. For our purposes we won't need to click this on or off. In fact for now, just keep it off. It will be grayed out when off.

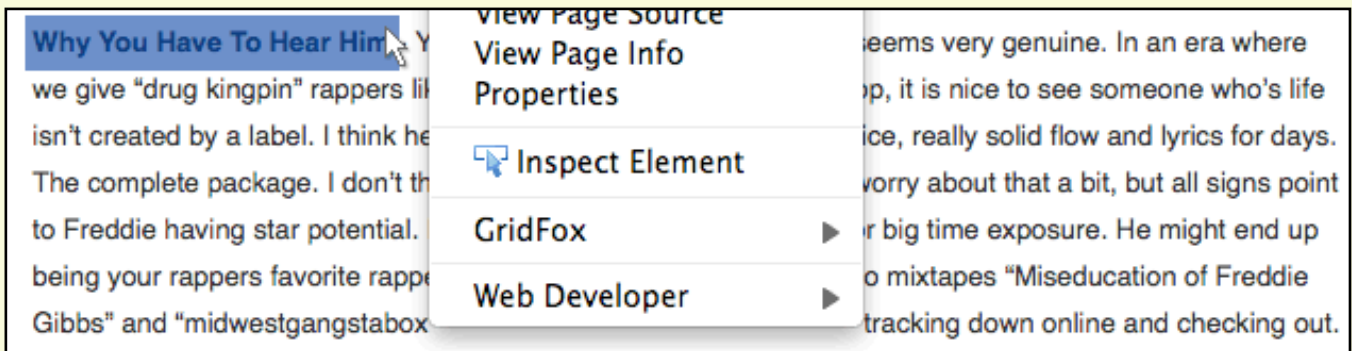
Besides the icon in the status bar, you also get an addition in your "right click" menu. Now when you right click on a webpage you get an "inspect element" addition to the menu.



When you right click anything on a web page the circled option will appear.

The menu on the left is from a Mac based computer, but a Windows right click menu will also have this new option.

This option will inspect elements of your website. So if you find a an element you want to change, say for example a subtitle on your webpage, then just highlight it with you mouse and right click on the highlighted area:



Once you have the right click menu up, just click on Inspect Element and a new window will open up taking up the bottom third of your web browser.

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Gibbs – first time I heard this guy I thought "Wow welcome real back to rap". A very r from everything I have read. He comes from the beautiful scenic...Gary, Indiana.

e To Hear Him - You gotta here Freddie because he seems very genuine. In an era where kingpin" rappers like Rick Ross a pass for...being a cop, it is nice to see someone who's life v a label. I think he has a chance to blow up. Great voice. reallv solid flow and lvrics for davs.

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<p>
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Death) </h2>
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5. INNER CIRCLE - f...
6. ...JONES - feat P.O.

Style Computed Layout DOM

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font-family: "century gothic", sans-serif;
font-size: 22px;
font-style: normal;
font-variant: normal;
font-weight: normal;
letter-spacing: 0;
line-height: 100%;
text-decoration: none;
text-transform: none;
}
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entry-content h2, entry-www.ted-payne.com (line 570)

This window is where you can figure out what element you are dealing with.

In the above picture, I highlighted a heading, right clicked on it and then chose inspect element (area highlighted is shown by horizontal arrow at top of screen).

All the information about that heading is found in the bottom left of the webpage, where firebug opened. There is an arrow pointing to this area as well. The arrow is pointing right at the name of the element. I now know this is "h2". Below that is all of the style rules for that element. You can actually change these values to test what it will look like. Only you will see the changes not your web visitors.

Now that you know what the name of the element is, you can head back to your WordPress theme editor, choose the CSS file (most likely) and search for "h2". Here you can change things like the font etc...

Make sure you back up before you make any changes, and click update file to make your changes live.