



Installation

To install your new theme, double-click the theme icon, titled **Dashing.rwtheme**. Rapidweaver will install the theme and then pop-up a dialog box informing you that the theme is installed and that you now need to quit and restart RapidWeaver.

After exiting and then restarting RapidWeaver you will find your theme installed and ready to use inside the theme drawer.

Upgrades and updates

If you're upgrading from a previous version of a theme you will need to delete your old version before installing the new one. To do so, right-click (or ctrl-click) on the theme in the theme drawer and select delete. After deleting the previous version follow the above steps to install the new version.

** Be warned, deleting your theme will get rid of any data stored in it, such as custom headers, modified code, customized graphics, etc. Be sure to back up the data before deleting your old theme, if necessary.*

Professional and well, dashing!

Our Dashing theme is a great choice for designing a business site, large or small, as well as a portfolio, blog, family site and much, much more.



Header

Our Dashing theme has 25 different professionally designed headers built-in. It also features 5 additional blank headers that can be manipulated and customized with RWMultitool. For more information on RWMultitool visit their product page at <http://rwmultitool.com>

Background

Dashing offers you 4 background styles to choose from. The theme gives you the ability to use the RapidWeaver Color Picker to choose a solid color background of any color you'd like.



Width

Dashing allows you to choose from seven different widths. You can choose from 500px, 600px, 700px (*the default*), 850px, 950px, 1050px and 1150px.

The sidebar itself, when placed on either the right or the left, is 240px wide.



Sidebar

In this theme you're able to place the sidebar in 3 different locations, left, right or above content. The sub-menu system for the Dashing theme resides in the sidebar. If you place the sidebar above the content, or hide it altogether, the sub-menu system will not be available on that particular page.



Site logo

When placing a logo in the Site Setup pane in RapidWeaver your logo will appear in the header of the site alongside the site title and slogan. Its placement is to the right right by default, but can also be moved to the left, or toggled off on a page-by-page basis.

Breadcrumb

The breadcrumb is a polished, stylish design that helps users easily navigate their way through your site. To use it you must toggle the breadcrumb on in the site setup.

Blog archives and feeds

The archives in the Dashing theme are special. We have designed the Archives to collapse into a compressed list. This gives a clean appearance to the sidebar of your Weblog page(s).

Since there is not a field in RW to change the header for the archives section we've added a javascript variable to the theme to allow you to change this header. The piece of code is:

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var archivesTitle = "Archives";
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This is the default code that resides within the theme, but you're able to change it by placing it in the custom Javascript field within the Page Inspector on your Weblog page. You can watch this video to see how to accomplish this.

The Archives is hidden by default and must be toggled on via the variations pane to be visible for a blog page.

Menu

We've included the ability to change the style of both the horizontal and vertical (or sub-menu) navigation systems. You can choose from eight different horizontal menu styles. Everything from gray glass and black HUD styles to metallic options in green, blue, pink, silver and orange, similar to the iPod mini and shuffle colors.

The vertical menu has a rounded appearance in Safari and Firefox. These rounded corners can be adjusted to make them more, or less, rounded. The corner radius can be 3px, 6px, 12px, 20px, or 0px making the menu items squared off.



Colors

This theme integrates RapidWeaver's color picker. Using the color picker, you can easily edit the look and feel of your site. All without ever touching any code! You can edit these parts of the theme with the color picker:

- Site Background
- Site Title
- Site Slogan
- Body Text
- Links
- Links (hover state)
- Blog Entry Titles
- Sidebar Titles (sidebar headers)
- File Sharing Item Background
- File Sharing Item Text

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Font selection

The Dashing theme allows you to modify the font style for your site.

You're given the option of choosing from Lucidia, Helvetica, Georgia, Times and Verdana for your Site Title & Slogan as well as Blog Entry Titles.

Note: Fonts display differently across different operating systems and browsers. Compatible fonts have been chosen for other browsers. For instance, in Windows your users will see Arial instead of Helvetica, two fonts which are very similar.

Back to the future

Recently Microsoft released Internet Explorer 8, which is a huge improvement over both previous versions (6 and 7). In doing so they've also announced that update notices for users of both IE 6 and IE 7 will be sent out via Windows' updater, helping to get these people using a modern browser.

Being that Internet Explorer 6 is about 6 years old now and no longer supported by Microsoft, we're dropping support for this browser with the release of this theme. What does this mean for sites designed with this theme? It means that the sites you design with this theme will display in IE 6, but will not look identical to the way the site displays in other browsers. It also means that PNG images with transparent backgrounds will look slightly odd, with a tinted blue background. Other than this the site will not look messed up or disfigured in IE 6.

We have been using Internet Explorer 8 in our testing of this theme and find it to be a huge leap forward for Microsoft, and we encourage all PC users to upgrade. You won't regret it.

Support

You can find help if you need it by going to <http://elixirgraphics.com/helpdesk> where you will find a Frequently Asked Questions page, tutorial videos, a link to the RapidWeaver support forums and our contact form.

FAQ

(Q.) Is the width of the Dashing theme adjustable?

(A.) The Dashing theme does provide several different content widths. See the product page's variation's tab for more information on the available sizes. Click the Eye Dropper icon above.

(Q.) I'm interested in building my own custom header for my site. What are the dimensions for the header images so I can create my own?

(A.) The headers for Dashing are editable in RWMultitool. They are built at 2000px by 233 px to allow for edge to edge display in the browser window. For more information on RWMultitool, visit their site at <http://www.rwmultitool.com>. A free trial copy of RWMultitool is included with your purchase.

(Q.) What is a good way to make my own custom headers?

(A.) If you're a pro you can open up the theme itself and edit the theme headers in PhotoShop. Most people will however opt for the easier method. We recommend using RWMultitool to edit your headers. It is a simple tool made for this specific purpose. We've added in support for this tool in the Dashing theme.

(Q.) I don't see the breadcrumb container text displaying. How do I turn it on?

(A.) To use it you must toggle the breadcrumb on in the site setup.

(Q.) How do I use my logo with the Dashing theme?

(A.) You must place your logo in the graphics well in the Site Setup pane of RW for it to display in the theme. The logo can be no taller than 233px in height. Anything larger will simply be cropped off.

(Q.) Once I've purchased my theme and downloaded it, how do I install it in RapidWeaver?

(A.) To install your new theme, double-click the theme icon. In this case the name of the theme icon will be Dashing.rwtheme. RapidWeaver will install the theme and then pop up a dialog box informing you that the theme is installed and that you now need to quit and restart RapidWeaver.

After exiting and then restarting RapidWeaver, you will find your theme installed and ready to use inside the theme drawer. Press Option-Command-T to bring up the theme drawer.

(Q.) What browsers are compatible with sites built using this theme?

(A.) We pride ourselves on being compatible with many browsers, especially the modern browsers that your visitors are using. We fully support Safari, FireFox, Cruz, Opera and Windows Internet Explorer. There are some options that work only in the more modern, standards compliant browsers. We outline any of these differences in the Variations section.

For further FAQs and their answers, and much, much more, checkout our help desk at <http://elixirgraphics.com/helpdesk>

Technical support

Elixir's themes are provided "as is" without warranty above and beyond updates, bug fixes or repairs. You may alter the appearance of the theme or its graphics, but only for your personal use. Any modifications are at the sole risk of the user and elixir graphics does not guarantee the performance of any package which has been altered or modified. We also can not provide support for modified themes or graphics. You are responsible for adding or editing your website's content. Technical support will be limited to problems specifically associated with unaltered themes in normal conditions. We do not have the resources to offer free Rapidweaver technical support or to provide training on how to use Rapidweaver. A complete Rapidweaver user manual can be located [here](#), and the Rapidweaver forums are a great resource for all sorts of Rapidweaver questions. We do offer support relating to our products and encourage you to report any bugs or problems you have with one of them as well as we welcome any questions you may have about one of our products.

Image usage

Images, photos, and graphics may not be used anywhere other than in sites developed which are related to the theme(s) you have purchased from elixir.

Plug-in compatibility

Our themes work with a variety of third-party Rapidweaver plug-ins. While the themes work with these plug-ins we can not and do not offer technical support for these plug-ins and their use in developing your site.

Browser compatibility

We have tested our products in the latest versions of Safari, IE6, IE7, and Firefox but make no warranties that their performance will be identical in all browsers. The user experience will be such that any difference will hopefully go unnoticed. Please understand that some technologies are beyond our control.

Restrictions

Our themes, style sheets, and images may not be resold, distributed, or added to any type of collection. They may not be offered for download or use from any website nor placed online for promotional purposes. Each template must be used as supplied for its original intended purpose. This simply means you may not select images or code from the themes or style sheets to add to another application.

Modifications and customizations

We do not provide support for making modifications or customizations to themes. We also do not offer support for themes which have been modified or for coding of which you have added to your project either internally to the theme or through RapidWeaver itself.

Thank you

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