

Wowway Version 2.0

This is a complete guide to help you understand version 2.0 of Wowway

Wowway version 2.0 was launched from the desire to reboot a great theme which was once the best grid portfolio theme on ThemeForest.

This update gets the theme up to the latest **usability & coding** standards, making it more powerful than ever!

Because of the nature of this release (**major release**) and the fact that the initial release was in May 2012, nearly two years ago (at the time of writing), we have to expect a certain level of work to be done in order to make your site support this version.

Some things will totally break, some will continue working, but this is the price which you need to pay if you want to get this awesome version. In this guide, things that may require extra attention **will be written in RED!**

1. Plugins

This theme was developed with everything inside it. The standards on ThemeForest increased recently so now we are trying to separate style from content. For this purpose, you now need two extra plugins which you'll be prompted to install after this update.

Please install the two plugins (Krown Portfolio & Krown Shortcodes) before doing anything else!

2. Media content rewrite

Probably the most vulnerable things in the entire update is this. When *Wowway* was originally released, it included a primitive way to add images to your portfolio or gallery items (pretty used at the time). You had to add each image one by one. While this was ok then, things have evolved and a major updating point was changing this entire process. So now, you will be able to drag&drop your images directly into the projects or galleries, or even choose images that you have previously uploaded through the Media Uploader.

Attention! Because the way images / videos were handled, and the way they are handled now, you need to update the entire media content on your site. This can be done after the update by pressing the big **Update Media** button at the top.

Unfortunately, all videos (self hosted & iframes) will no longer appear on the site!

This is a big inconvenience i know, but i couldn't "save" other content except the images. The videos are now added in a totally different way, by adding an iframe source or a self hosted link attached to an image from the slider. Things like this happen on major releases, so if you have a large portfolio with videos, you'll have to put your site on maintenance mode for a day and go through the projects and redo them.

Even if you weren't using videos, you should go through all projects and galleries at this point and make sure that the old media content is there. If it's not present, you need to put it back again.

3. Theme Options

Most of the Theme Options were moved into the Theme Customizer, which is an awesome tool released with WordPress 3.4 and improved a lot in the latest period of time.

So please look through the manual to read about the available options and **reset your theme options if needed!** Some of them might still be there, but some may be erased. This is a much simpler step than the one above.

Please note that some really cool new options appeared in the Theme Customizer, so make sure that you check them all out and experiment in order to create the site that you wish. You can now control the sidebar colors better, change the theme color with more ease, modify portfolio / gallery thumbnails in terms of opacity, sizes, styles, paginated your portfolio, etc..

Maybe it's a good opportunity to give your entire website a visual refresh!

5. Pages

5.1. Shortcodes

The shortcode engine was moved outside of the theme and replaced with the *Krown Shortcodes Plugin*, to be in line with the latest ThemeForest standards. This doesn't mean that your old shortcodes will not work anymore. The theme offers a fallback and **all shortcodes created in the past will still work.**

However, in the future, i recommend that you use the new plugin for shortcodes.

5.2. Paginated Portfolio

With this release, the paged portfolio page template **was completely removed!** This, because it was replaced by the singular portfolio page and that you can now activate or deactivate portfolio paging any time, from the Theme Customizer. You can even set the number of portfolio items per page from that area.

The old filtering options were kept though. By appending **?filter=slug** to the portfolio page menu item, you'll get a page which only has those items from the given category.

5.3. Contact Page

This page was also completely changed. If before 2.0 you could only have one contact page and the options were set in the Theme Options, you can

now have unlimited contact pages and the options are set individually, in each contact page. So if you were using a contact page, please **revise your settings directly in the contact page template!** You'll have to put everything back again in here.

6. Last Words

A lot has changed! Really! But the theme kept it's original design (improved only a bit in order to make it more up-to-date), so you'll find the same theme you've bought some time ago, but with a much better code, more useful options and better support!

But as i said in the beginning, updating to this major release might mean an extra day or two of work, putting it all up to date. But please see this as an opportunity to make your site better than a drawback.

Also .. PLEASE READ THE NEW MANUAL! in order to understand what's changed and how to use the theme from now on.

7. Complete Changelog

- Complete code rewrite
- Improved portfolio management (drag&drop galleries are now available)
- Improved animations speed
- Added the option to choose modal window size per project
- Added the option to choose gallery resizing per project
- Added high resolution (retina) compatibility
- Added much more flexibility for grid thumbnails, regarding size, opacity and hover style
- Added support for the WP Theme Customizer and increased the number of available customization options
- Replaced the sliders with the awesome Swiper Slider
- Improved support for child themes and multiple portfolios
- Improved project sharing
- Integrated Google Analytics into AJAX portfolio
- Refreshed .po/.mo files
- Multiple categories per project are now supported
- Added more shortcodes
- Added password protected galleries
- Replaced the old hash method with the new History API
- Replaced the embedded shortcodes with Krown Shortcodes Plugin
- Replaced the embedded portfolio with Krown Portfolio Plugin