

metro

«Metro» — vBulletin 4 Suite Theme Documentation by [PixelGoose Studio](#)

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Package

“Metro” theme has ten color schemes: Blue, Teal, Green, Lime, Golden, Orange, Red, Violet Red, Purple and Black & White.

The package contains the following four folders: “Metro”, “Metro Plugins”, “Metro PSDs” and “Metro XMLs”.

- “metro” contains the main theme image directory (for uploading);
- “Metro Plugins” contains an XML file necessary for adding footer custom blocks;
- “Metro PSDs” contains the Photoshop files used for creation of the theme (not for uploading);
- “Metro XMLs” contains two folders – e.g. “4.2.0” and “4.2.2” (for vBulletin 4.2.0 and 4.2.2 versions) with XML files to import the theme.

In addition, the “4.2.0” and “4.2.2” folders contain nine folders with extra color scheme XMLs.

Each color scheme has four XML-files to install.

- Metro-*color*-Forum.xml – the main file, it must be installed prior to the others;
- Metro-*color*-Blog.xml – for those who have Blog installed;
- Metro-*color*-CMS.xml – for those who have vB CMS installed;
- Metro-*color*-Fluid.xml – for those who want to install the fluid version of the theme;

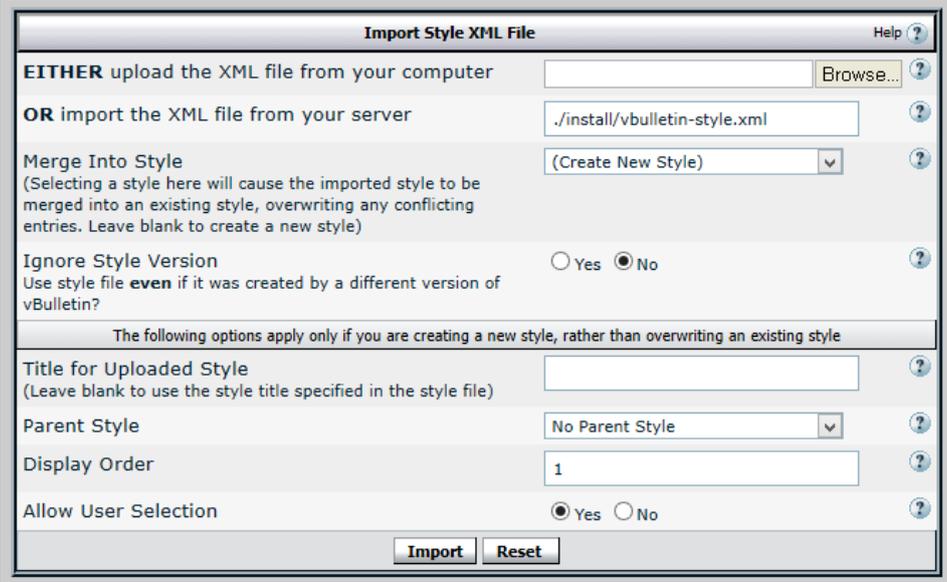
Installation

The theme contains ten color schemes and to install any of them you must follow these steps. It is very important to install the theme as written bellow.

1. Upload the folder "metro" to your web server using an FTP client. The folder must be placed to *yoursite.com/images/*.
2. Log in to your forum administrator control panel and go the Styles & Templates > Download / Upload Styles section.
3. Under the Import Style XML File section, press "Browse", find your main theme XML-file (*Metro-Forum.xml*) in "4.2.0" or "4.2.2" folder (depending on which vBulletin version you use) and import it by pressing "Import" button at the bottom without changing any other settings.

IMPORTANT!

Metro-Forum.xml is the core theme file. You must install this file prior to installing any other color schemes



The screenshot shows the 'Import Style XML File' control panel interface. It features a title bar with 'Import Style XML File' and a 'Help ?' icon. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Source Selection:** Two options are provided: 'EITHER upload the XML file from your computer' with a 'Browse...' button, and 'OR import the XML file from your server' with a text input field containing './install/vbulletin-style.xml'.
- Merge Into Style:** A dropdown menu set to '(Create New Style)'. A note below states: '(Selecting a style here will cause the imported style to be merged into an existing style, overwriting any conflicting entries. Leave blank to create a new style)'. A help icon is present.
- Ignore Style Version:** Radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No', with 'No' selected. A note says: 'Use style file **even** if it was created by a different version of vBulletin?'. A help icon is present.
- Optional Settings (New Style Only):** A shaded header reads 'The following options apply only if you are creating a new style, rather than overwriting an existing style'. Below are:
 - Title for Uploaded Style:** A text input field. Note: '(Leave blank to use the style title specified in the style file)'. A help icon is present.
 - Parent Style:** A dropdown menu set to 'No Parent Style'. A help icon is present.
 - Display Order:** A text input field containing '1'. A help icon is present.
 - Allow User Selection:** Radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No', with 'Yes' selected. A help icon is present.

At the bottom, there are 'Import' and 'Reset' buttons.

4. (OPTIONAL!) For those who want to install the fluid theme.

After installation of the main theme XML file (*Metro-Forum.xml*) go to the Styles & Templates > Download / Upload Styles section again. But this time browse for the *Metro-Forum-Fluid.xml* file, and then choose "Metro" as the parent style in the "Parent Style" section. Finish uploading by pressing "Import" button. When importing is finished go the "Styles & Templates" > "Style Manager" and you'll see the style hierarchy like that below:



5. (OPTIONAL!) For those who have Blog and/or vB CMS installed.

If you have Blog and/or vB CMS installed you need to do the following steps. After installation of the main theme XML file (*Metro-Forum.xml*) go to the Styles & Templates > Download / Upload Styles section again. But this time browse for *Metro-Blog.xml* (for Blog) or *Metro-CMS.xml* (for vB CMS). Then in the "Merge Into Style" section choose the style "Metro", then click "Import".

6. (OPTIONAL!) To install other color schemes make sure you have installed the core theme file (*Metro-Forum.xml*) as described in steps 3-5. Then go to the Styles & Templates > Download / Upload Styles section again. Press "Browse" and find your desired color theme XML-file (*Metro-color-Forum.xml*). Choose "Metro" as the parent style in the "Parent Style" section and press "Import" button.

To install a fluid version of this theme use the uploading section to browse and import corresponding 'fluid' xml-file.

E.g. if you want to add a fluid version of "Metro Violet Red" just import *Metro-VioletRed-Forum-Fluid.xml* and don't forget to set "Metro Violet Red" as the parent style in the "Parent Style" section before you press "Import" button.

To add Blog and vB CMS support to the color theme use the uploading section to import Metro-*color*-Blog.xml or Metro-*color*-CMS.xml. In the "Merge Into Style" section choose the corresponding theme, then click "Import".

When you complete importing you will see theme hierarchy like that in "Styles & Templates" > "Style Manager"

<input type="checkbox"/> Metro	1
-- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Fluid	1
-- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Orange	1
---- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Orange Fluid	1
-- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Green	1
---- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Green Fluid	1
-- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Red	1
---- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Red Fluid	1
-- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Teal	1
---- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Teal Fluid	1
-- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Golden	1
---- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Golden Fluid	1
-- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Violet Red	1
---- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Violet Red Fluid	1
-- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Purple	1
---- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Purple Fluid	1
-- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Lime	1
---- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Lime Fluid	1
-- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Black & White	1
---- <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Black & White Fluid	1

7. (Do not skip this step!) Now go to the "Plugins & Products" > "Manage Products". At the bottom of the page, press [Add/Import Product]. Here under the "Import Product" section, press "Browse" and find *Metro-plugins.xml* (in the "Metro Plugins" folder). Press "Import". This will add additional footer blocks, a social link block and the theme settings page necessary for proper theme work.

Update

To update the theme you must follow these steps.

1. Upload the folder "metro" to your web server using an FTP client rewriting the existing files. The folder must be placed to *yoursite.com/images/*.
2. Log in to your forum administrator control panel and go the Styles & Templates > Download / Upload Styles section.
3. Under the Import Style XML File section, press "Browse", find your main theme XML-file (*Metro-Forum.xml*) and in the "Merge Into Style" section choose the style "Metro", then click "Import".
4. (OPTIONAL!) For those who have Blog and/or vB CMS installed.

If you have Blog and/or vB CMS installed you need to do the following steps for updating the theme. After updating the main theme XML file (*Metro-Forum.xml*) go to the Styles & Templates > Download / Upload Styles section again. But this time browse for *Metro-Blog.xml* (for Blog) or *Metro-CMS.xml* (for vB CMS). Then in the "Merge Into Style" section choose the style "Metro", then click "Import".

5. (OPTIONAL!) To update other color schemes, repeat steps 3-5 for each installed color scheme.
6. To update a fluid version of this theme use the uploading section to browse and import corresponding 'fluid' xml-file.
E.g. if you want to update a fluid version of "Metro Violet Red" just import *Metro-VioletRed-Forum-Fluid.xml* and don't forget to choose "Metro Violet Red Fluid" in the "Merge Into Style" section before you press "Import" button.

Metro Theme Management

After you install *Metro-plugins.xml* (Step 7 of the installation section), you will be able to add four additional blocks to the footer. Here are the available areas/blocks:



You can manage these blocks with “Metro Theme Management” page that can be found in admin control panel under “Settings” – “Options” – “Metro Theme Management”.

Here are all the available options:

1. Allows you to enable or disable all the custom footer blocks at once.

Enable prefooter blocks?	
You can enable and disable the prefooter blocks	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

By default, the blocks are disabled, so choose “Yes” if you want to use the blocks.

2. These options allow you to enable or disable Block 01, set its title and the text. For example, you can use it for adding “About Us” information.

Enable Block 01?	
You can enable and disable Block 01	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Block 01 Title	
Name Block 01. It can be 'About Us' e.g.	<input type="text" value="About us"/>
Block 01 Content	
Enter your own custom content for Block 01. You can use HTML.	<pre><p>PixelGoose Studio is glad to offer you a variety of premium vBulletin 4 themes. All our themes are beautiful and unique. We are constantly working to improve our themes and give them new features and options.</p> <p>If you have any questionas or suggestions, feel free to contact us!</p></pre>
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3. These options allow you to enable or disable Block 02, set its title and the text. For example, you can use it for adding links.

Enable Block 02?	
You can enable and disable Block 02 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Block 02 Title	
Name Block 02. It can be 'Links' e.g.	<input type="text" value="Links"/>
Block 02 Content	
You can add your links here. HTML is allowed.	
<pre> Sample Link 01 Sample Link 02 Sample Link 03 Sample Link 04 Sample Link 05 </pre>	
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4. These options allow you to enable or disable Social Network Links block. After you enable it, you can set links to your preferred Social Networks. Twitter, Facebook, Google Plus, YouTube and Myspace are available. If you keep some field empty, the corresponding icon will not appear in the Social Network Links block.

Enable Social Network Links?	
You can enable and disable the Social Network Links Block. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Twitter Link	
Add your Twitter link here	<input type="text" value="https://twitter.com/PixelGoose"/>
Facebook Link	
Add your Facebook link here	<input type="text"/>
Google Plus Link	
Add your Google Plus link here	<input type="text"/>
YouTube Link	
Add your YouTube link here	<input type="text"/>
Myspace Link	
Add your Myspace link here	<input type="text"/>

5. These options allow you to enable or disable Block 04, and set its title and the text.

Enable Block 04?

You can enable and disable Block 04 Yes No

Block 04 Title

Name Block 04

Block 04 Content

You can add some content here. HTML is allowed.

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PSD Files Description

All icons are in vector format. So they can be easily customized for any color scheme.

- buttons.psd – contains icons from the “buttons” folder;
- cms.psd – contains icons from the “cms” folder;
- logo.psd – the logo
- misc.psd – contains icons from the “misc” folder;
- misc-blog.psd – contains icons from the “misc/blog” folder;
- nav-icons.psd – contains the icons used in tabs in the header menu;
- pagination.psd – contains icons from the “pagination” folder;
- search-button-bg.psd – search button icon;
- search_results.psd – contains icons from the “search_results” folder;
- site_icons.psd – contains icons from the “site_icons” folder;
- social-icons.psd – contains icons for Social Network block;
- statusicons-large.psd – contains icons from the “statusicon” folder;
- statusicons-small.psd – contains icons from the “statusicon” folder;
- tab-collapse.psd – contains ‘close/open’ sidebar button.

Font

The font used in the theme is [Open Sans](#). Only "Book 300", "Normal 400" and "Semi-Bold 600" styles of the font are used.

Thanks for purchasing our theme! If you have any questions that are not answered in this documentation, feel free to contact us via [our profile](#) at themeforest.net, or by email – support@pixelgoose.com

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