Basic Customisation

A guide to the basic customisation options that can be configured in the template manager with a description of each of the available options and how they affect the presentation of the template.

Default Style

The template is bundled with 10 pre-made style variants that be be easily and quickly chosen from the template configuration.

Colour Chooser Options

If you selected Custom in the Preset Styles option, you will now have a choice of 27 options to customise your sites colour scheme. The options are divided in 3 areas, the name, such as Header Color; an input field with a HEX colour value, such as #fff; and a colour palette box, which, on click, will show a visual colour chooser. Therefore, you can either manually type your desired colour into the input field or select the colour from the popup. The changes will appear live in the preview above all the selections.

The names of the various selections denote the area that they apply to.

> *Click the Custom Styles button in the toolbar to output your custom style configuration into the Custom Config output box, underneath all the params. You will use these values in the styles.php file to customise your own defaults*

Overlay Textures

Choose from 5 varying overlaying texture options that will load onto the Akiraka template.

Fixed Header

Select whether the header always appears, pinned to the top of your website or not.

Fixed Footer

Select whether the footer always appears, pinned to the bottom of your website or not.

Display Frontpage Component

This setting allows you to select whether the frontpage area (where content items are placed) is active or not. This is useful if you wish to have an entirely modular frontpage and no article-based content.

IE6 Warning

Warn your visitors using Internet Explorer 6 to upgrade to a more secure version with this toggle. This option activates a javascript based dropdown in IE6 at the top of the template where a description of why IE6 is a redundant browser is visible. The warning will only appear once as its stored via a cookie.

Font Family

You can choose which font you would like to use for your entire website, these are all web standard fonts.

Template Width

This template configuration option allows you to easily change the width of the template itself, simply change the number to another pixel value.

LeftColumn Width

This template configuration option allows you to easily change the width of the left column, simply change the number to another pixel value.

RightColumn Width

This template configuration option allows you to easily change the width of the right column, simply change the number to another pixel value.

Left Inset Width

This template configuration option allows you to easily change the width of the left inset position, simply change the number to another pixel value.

Right Inset Width

This template configuration option allows you to easily change the width of the right inset position, simply change the number to another pixel value.

Splitmenu Location

One of the template's menu options is splitmenu which displays the first level items in the horizontal menu bar and the 2nd in a side column module. This option allows you to choose between the left column or the right column.

Default Font
This option allows you to choose what the font size will be, you have 3 options to choose from, these are small, default and large.

Show Logo
Choose whether the logo area has the template logo image, or is the logo module position. If this option is set to no and there are no modules assigned to the logo area, it will collapse completely.

Show Copyright
Choose whether the copyright area has the RocketTheme logo image, or is the footer module position. If this option is set to no and there are no modules assigned to the footer area, it will collapse completely.

Show Font Controls
This setting allows you to disable the text size controls in the upper right of the template.

Mootools / Javascript Compatibility
Enable or disable js compatibility mode for better compatibility with non mootools based js libraries. Warning, setting to "true" will cause several js template features to not work properly

Menu Type
Akiraka is bundled with 4 menu options, 3 of which are integrated menu approaches. These are splitmenu, moomenu, suckerfish and module. Splitmenu displays the 1st level menu items in the horizontal bar and the 2nd in the side column; moomenu and suckerfish display the menu items in dropdown lists with moomenu having a javascript powered approach; and the module options turns the menu bar into the toolbar module position so you can insert modules into the area (this will disable the menu however). You can also select none so the entire horizontal menu does not appear.

Menu Name
The following parameter controls which Joomla menu is loaded for the horizontal navigation bar, by default this is mainmenu but you can change it to whatever menu such as othermenu.

Drop Down Rows per Column
The maximum number of menu item rows per a column. Applicable only to MooMenu and Suckerish, as well as second+ menu levels.

Drop Down Columns
The number of columns for a dropdown. Applicable only to MooMenu and Suckerish, as well as second+ menu levels.

Multi-Column Level
The menu level that is affected by the multiple column dropdown affect. Set to 0 to affect all dropdown levels or set a number greater than 0 to specify a particular level with the multiple column function. Applicable only to MooMenu and Suckerfish.