

# SVG Logo and Text Effects Title Replacement extension 1.0.2 quickstart guide

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## Abstract

This document will get you started with using your new SLATE extension, SVG Logo and Text Effects Title Replacement extension.

## Introduction

*Extends the WordPress SLATE plugin to allow replacing the site title and page / post titles with SVG text.*

## Thanks!

Thank you for downloading the **SVG Logo and Text Effects Title Replacement extension** plugin, version **1.0.2** for *WordPress*.

This plugin extends the functionality of the *SVG Logo and Text Effects for WordPress* plugin.

Use the WordPress **Customizer** feature to tweak the appearance of the *site title* and *page and post titles*, wherever they may appear in your theme.

## Disclaimer




This plugin may not work with the theme you are using. However, you may be able to fix your theme, so that it works with this plugin, with very little effort. This document provides troubleshooting instructions.

## Quick Start

### Installation from a .zip file via the WordPress admin interface

The installation procedure for this plugin is the same as for any *WordPress* plugin. What follows is step-by-step instructions:

For more information on installing plugins, you can also consult the relevant WordPress documentation.

1. **Make sure that you have at least WordPress version 4.0 installed, and that you are running on at least PHP 5.3.**
2. **Log in to your WordPress site** as Administrator. Your account will need to have the necessary permissions to install plugins.
3. **Navigate to the  Plugins page**, found on the menu on the left.
4. **Click on the *Add Plugin* button.** If you cannot find the *Add Plugin* button, you might have a *Multisite* (aka *Network*) WordPress installation. If that is the case, navigate to  *My Sites* → *Network Admin* →  *Plugins*. The *My Sites* menu is located at the top left of the screen.
5. Once on the *Add Plugins* page, **click on the *Upload Plugin* button.**
6. **Click *Browse* and locate the following file** on your computer:  
SVG\_Logo\_and\_Text\_Effects\_Title\_Replacement\_extension-1.0.2-wordpress-plugin.zip
7. Click *Install Now*. You should get the message *Plugin installed successfully*.
8. Click on *Activate* or *Network Activate*.


## Using the plugin

You can use *SVG Logo and Text Effects Title Replacement extension* to modify:

- your **site's title** text, as it is shown in any headers or footers, and
- any **post** and **page titles**, as they appear in articles, archive listings, menus, etc.

This is a very a powerful way to **augmenting existing themes** to render the **site title**, as well as the **page** and **post titles** with SVG text. Use the intuitive UI of the *WordPress Customizer* to set your SVG text attributes for the site title, and for the page/post titles.

**WARNING:** There is currently a known bug in WordPress where **the WordPress Customizer cannot correctly show SVG content**. For that reason, when viewing the customizer preview, the plugin will show you a raster or HTML fallback instead. Fallbacks are not exactly the same as SVG: You will have to click the *Save & Publish* button, and then double-check your page without the customizer, to make sure that the end result is exactly what you want it to be.

1. First **navigate to the**  **Customizer** view.
2. **Navigate to the Site SVG Title or Page/Post SVG title panel.**
3. **Navigate to Shape .**
4. **Choose a shape template from the dropdown**, such as `plain`. Selecting a shape template enables SVG rendering. If you later wish to disable SVG rendering for titles, clear the dropdown (`none`).
5. After a shape template is selected, any attributes that are specific to that template will show. **You can now tweak these.**
6. **Navigate back and choose Text .** Here you can **set text parameters** such as a font family and size. The parameters are the same as when inserting shortcodes into the text (described in the main SLATE plugin documentation `slate-manual.pdf`).
7. **Navigate back and choose Fill .** Here you can optionally **select a fill pattern** for your text. The simplest pattern is `color`, a single color. Choose a pattern and its attributes will show. **Tweak the available parameters** to control the pattern.
8. **Navigate back and choose 'glow' Filter or 'shadow' Filter** to control the attributes of these SVG filters. Leaving the default values disables an SVG filter.
9. Depending on how your theme works, the title features might or might not work. (The reason is that there are inconsistencies in how developers use WordPress core functions such as `bloginfo()` and `the_title`, as well as the fact that `esc_attr()` and `strip_tags()` are not always used where needed.) If something doesn't look right, try visiting **Theme Integration** settings. Here you can enable or disable various WordPress filters that exist to modify the text. If none of the options work, *SVG Logo and Text Effects Title Replacement extension* provides you
10. You should be able to see most of the changes as you enter them (but see warning below). When you are happy with the result, don't forget to click *Save & Publish*.

## Limitations

### Theme incompatibilities and troubleshooting

This extension can significantly improve the look of existing themes, but also comes with some limitations, due to inconsistencies between how themes are developed. Continue reading this section to find out more.

These title replacement features **will work out-of-the-box for many, but not all themes**. If you discover an incompatibility with your theme, you might need to do some tweaking:

Using the *Customizer* UI, you can easily experiment with hooking into different *WordPress* filters. In most cases one of the available filter hooks will work.

In cases where none of the available filter hooks works, or if the SVG titles show correctly but something else in the theme breaks, there is a manual solution you can apply. It requires some basic knowledge of HTML, because you will need to edit your theme and replace some function calls with the ones provided by the plugin.

1. In Customizer, **disable all filter hooks** from the *Theme Integration* menu.
2. **Locate the code in your theme's template** responsible for printing out the title you wish to render with SVG. For page and post titles, this might be one of: `single_post_title()`, `the_title()`, or `get_the_title()`.  
For the site title it will most probably be the call `bloginfo( 'name' )`. Make sure that you only modify the function call that prints titles for **display** purposes. Do not modify code that prints out HTML attributes, RSS content, or any place where the title must be machine-readable.
3. Edit the template and **replace any code that prints out titles** with the provided special tag functions: `slate_single_post_title()`, `slate_the_title()`, `slate_get_the_title()`, `slate_bloginfo( "name" )`. These correspond to the same functions from WordPress core without the `slate_` prefix. Because the arguments are the same, **you can simply append the `slate_` prefix** to the function you located in the previous step.

## Support

To submit any issue, bug, question, feature suggestion, etc please use the issue tracker.