

# Author Website Administration

After setting up your author website using the previous tutorial, you will need to take some steps to customize your website. This guide will show you how to customize your website and add pages.

Please note: This will give you a basic-looking website. It will not look highly professional and polished unless you consult with a website designer (or learn those skills for yourself).

## Files

You should only edit these files.

Make a backup before you edit in case something breaks.

- `template.html`  
This file contains the overall layout of the website. Unless you know what you're doing, you should not edit this file.
- `template-navigation.html`  
This file will automatically be populated with a list of all of your pages. Unless you know what you're doing, you should not edit this file.
- `template-footer.html`  
This contains your copyright and whatever other information you want. Feel free to edit this file.
- `template-main_block.html`  
This contains the surrounding HTML for pages. Unless you know what you're doing, you should not edit this file.
- `/pages/home.html`  
This is your homepage. Feel free to edit this file to contain whatever you want when someone first visits your page.
- `/pages/`  
You can create additional html files in this folder. Names of files should be all lowercase with letters, numbers, and dashes only.

Using other characters will make the page not viewable.

- `/public/style.css`  
Edit this file to customize the look and feel of your website. More details below.
- Images  
Upload any images you would like to use on your website to the `/public` folder. They will then be visible at the root of the domain. For example, if my website is `example.com` and I upload `smile.gif` to `/public`, `https://example.com/smile.gif` is how I would view the image (i.e. `public` does not show up in the URL).

## Style

At the top of `/public/style.css`, you will find the basic settings. It is important that you only change the part between the colon and the semicolon or you will break the style of your page. I've colored the editable parts in the basic settings here. The default your site comes with is this:

```
/*
Basic Settings
*/
body {
  background: #f4f0e8;
  font-family: Georgia, Times New Roman, serif;
  font-size: 12pt;
  color: #333;
}
nav>a {
  color: #333;
}
nav>a:hover {
  color: #000;
}
```

Colors can be hex colors (starting with #), named colors (e.g. black, red, green), or any other CSS-valid color. Feel free to change these values to make your site look like you want.

You can add additional style rules or edit the rest of the stylesheet, but this requires more advanced knowledge. Seek out a tutorial on CSS for further assistance.

## Pages

Perhaps the easiest way to create your pages is to upload your images to the `/public` folder and create your layout in a WYSIWYG editor (e.g. <https://summernote.org/>). Once you've created your page, view the source code by clicking the button:



Copy the displayed code into your file for `/pages` and upload it. It will then be available for you to view on your website.

## Conclusion

Use a WYSIWYG editor to compose your content into `.html` files that you upload to `/pages` and customize your `/public/style.css` file for colors and you're able to administer your site.

There are a lot more things you can do on a website, but they are outside the scope of this guide. Feel free to explore the wonderful world of web development to see all that you can do—Google is your friend. 😊