Instructions Manual

This template has been specifically designed to be easily customized with all content driven by XML

OVERVIEW

which means you can update content without editing the FLA. This manual will guide you through the process of customizing this template with your own content. For those who wish to 'tweak' the flash, all FLA files are included and all code has been well commented.

GETTING STARTED

can cause problems.

TEMPLATE LOGO AND FOOTER SETTINGS To adjust template setting you need to edit index.xml using a simple text editing program such as Notepad on PC or TextEdit on MAC. NB It's not recommended to use Dreamweaver to edit XML as it

<settings>

<loqo X="10" Y="0">content/logo.png</logo>

<footer><![CDATA[Text here]]></footer> </settings> Between the settings tags you will see a tag for logo. Here you can set the path to the image for the logo and adjust it's X and Y position. The current logo is saved in the "content" folder. In the footer

tag you can set the footer text which appears at the bottom left of the template. This text is HTML

formatted so you can change colour to text and add hyperlinks. **TEMPLATE MENU SETTINGS** Commented in blue below is a description of each of the menu settings that you can set:

Name="SLIDESHOW" (Name in menu and HTML page tab)

<menu Y="20" (Menu vertical position)</pre> MenuSpacing="25" (Horizontal spacing between main menu items) SubMenuHeight="40" (Sub menu height) LinkColour="#FFFFF" (Main menu text select colour)

SubSelectColour="#FFFFFF" (Sub menu text select colour) EasingType="Elastic" (Hover tab easying, either Regular, Strong, Bounce, Elastic) EasingSpeed="20" (Hover tab easying speed)

To add a video module see the following options in the entry: <main TopLeft="true" (Alignment, either true or false - video player must always be true)</p> Name="SHOWREEL" (Name in menu and HTML page tab)

Link="video_player.swf" (Load video module) toLoad="showreel/video.flv" (Path to video to load)

Width="840" Height="472" (Default width and height of video) goingTo="1" (Page to go to once video has finished playing, 0 = first page, 1 = second page, 2 = third page etc.) bgID="0" (Background to load if bg slideshow disabled 0 = first bg, 1 = second bg, 2 = third bg etc) SWFAddressURL="Showreel" (Deeplink name, NB must be a unique name ie not match any other page)

To add a standard module, such as Slideshow, News etc see the following options in the entry: <main TopLeft="false" (Alignment, either true or false - standard modules must always be true)</p>

Link="slideshow.swf" (Load module) toLoad="slideshow/content.xml" (Path to XML to load) bgID="0" (Background to load if bg slideshow disabled 0 = first bg, 1 = second bg, 2 = third bg etc) SWFAddressURL="Home" (Deeplink name, NB must be a unique name ie not match any other page)

<main TopLeft="" Name="" Link="" toLoad="" bgID="" SWFAddressURL=""/>

To create a submenu use the following structure in blue (values omitted for clarity)

<main TopLeft="" Name="" Link="" toLoad="" bgID="" SWFAddressURL=""/> <main TopLeft="" Name="" Link="" toLoad="" SWFAddressURL=""/> <sub TopLeft="" Name="" Link="" toLoad="" bgID="" SWFAddressURL=""/> <sub TopLeft="" Name="" Link="" toLoad="" bgID="" SWFAddressURL=""/> <sub TopLeft="" Name="" Link="" toLoad="" bgID="" SWFAddressURL=""/> </main>

USING TOLOAD TO CREATE MULTIPLE INSTANCES OF A MODULE With the toLoad option you can use multiple instances of the same module in the template. All you need to do is create a new folder with content and edit content.xml. Then link it in index.xml

Link="slideshow.swf" toLoad="slideshow2/content.xml" **NB DEEPLINKING** When you create new content pages make sure you always give a unique name for the

SWFAddressURL, ie no other page must have that name. Otherwise the menu navigation won't function correctly. Also try not to use spaces in the name, use or - to seperate words. SWFAddressURL="My-portfolio"

<background>
<bg Image="backgrounds/image1.jpg"/>
<bg Image="backgrounds/image2.jpg"/>
<bg Image="backgrounds/image3.jpg"/>

2=third bg etc. See Image attribute to set path to load the background image.

To set a background per section use bgID attribute in content page entries 0=first bg, 1=second bg,

See DefaultVolume attribute to set default music volume. See Thumb attribute to set path to load the album art. See Artist attribute to set name of artist. See Title attribute to set name of title of track. See

<music DefaultVolume="100"> <mp3 Thumb="playlist/thumb1.jpg" Artist="BRANDTZ" Title="EAVES DROP" Path="playlist/track1.mp3"/> <mp3 Thumb="playlist/thumb2.jpg" Artist="BRANDTZ" Title="DISTANT" Path="playlist/track2.mp3"/><mp3 Thumb="playlist/thumb3.jpg" Artist="BRANDTZ" Title="MEDITARI" Path="playlist/track3.mp3"/><mp3 Thumb="playlist/thumb4.jpg" Artist="BRANDTZ" Title="DISPERSE" Path="playlist/track4.mp3"/>

TEMPLATE BACKGROUNDS

</background>

</music>

TEMPLATE MUSIC

Below is XML the entry for the music

Path attribute to set path to load the MP3.

Below is XML the entry for the background.

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS Below is XML the entry for the social media links <social Target="_blank">

To add content, first add your images to the "slideshow" folder. Then you need to edit content.xml the slideshow folder to set the image paths, copy text and other settings. Here is the XML structure: SlideShow="true" (Set slideshow mode on/off, either "true" or "false") TitleSpace="1" (Spacing between titles) LinkColour="#00FFFF" (Hyperlink colour) HoverColour="#00FFFF" (Hyperlink hover colour)

See above in blue text is an explaination of the various settings to customise this component via XML. If you change the size of your thumbnail images, set attributes ThumbWidth and ThumbHeight.

To set the title of each entry, see Name attribute in the <item> tags. See Thumb and Large attributes to set the path to the images. To set the delay between each image in slideshow mode, see Delay

If you change the size of your large images, set attributes ImageWidth and ImageHeight.

attribute (millisecond based). To add an external link on the large image, see attribute Link or leave blank for no link. In the <copy> tags you can set your copy which in the info panel on large image rollover. This copy is HTML formatted so you can set text colour, size and decoration and add hyperlinks using standard HTML tags.

NEWS / TEAM MODULE

TitleColour="#FFFFFF" (News main title text colour)

Title="NEWS" (Main title text)

ImageTop="yes" (Set article image top or side, either"yes" or "no")

<copy_full><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy_full>

<copy_intro><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy_intro> <copy_full><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy_full>

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<copy_intro><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy_intro> <copy_full><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy_full>

<copy><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy>

EDITING XML CONTENT

<text Alpha="80" Colour="#00FFFF"><![CDATA[Text here]]></text>

EDITING THE FLA If you want to change code or elements in the FLA open slideshow.fla Inside movieclip "content mc" you will see the code in the Actions layer. See comments in the code for further help.

To add content, first add your images to the news folder. Then you need to edit content.xml in the news OR team folder to set the image paths, copy text and other settings. Here is the XML structure:

SummaryHeight="110" (Height of the summary text area) SummaryBorder="10" (Border around summary text area) SummaryBgAlpha="60" (Background alpha of summary text) PageBttnSpace="20" (Horizontal spacing of next and back buttons) ImageWidth="500" (Set the width of your large image here) ImageHeight="160" (Set the height of your large image here) ImageBorder="10" (Border around large image) ImageBgAlpha="70" (Background alpha of large image) ArticleHeight="300" (Height of article text area) ArticleBorder="10" (Border around article text) ArticleBgAlpha="60" (Background alpha of large image) ScrollBttnColour="#00FFFF" (Article scroll button colour) ScrollBarColour="#FFFFF" (Article scroll bar colour) ScrollBarAlpha="10" (Article scroll bar alpha) <article Thumb="content/thumb1.jpg" Large ="content/large1.jpg" LinkThumb="" LinkLarge="http://activeden.net"</pre> LinkBttn="READ MORE"> <copy_intro><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy_intro>

<article Thumb="content/thumb2.jpg" Large ="content/large2.jpg" LinkThumb="" LinkLarge="http://activeden.net"</pre>

<article Thumb="content/thumb3.jpg" Large ="content/large3.jpg" LinkThumb="" LinkLarge="http://activeden.net"</pre>

<article Thumb="content/thumb4.jpg" Large ="content/large4.jpg" LinkThumb="" LinkLarge="http://activeden.net"</pre>

<article Thumb="content/thumb5.jpg" Large ="content/large5.jpg" LinkThumb="" LinkLarge="http://activeden.net"

can set text colour, size and decoration and add hyperlinks using standard HTML tags. **EDITING THE FLA** If you want to change code or elements in the FLA open news.fla OR team.fla Inside movieclip "content_mc" you will see the code in the Actions layer for the news items. Inside movieclip

SlideShow="true" (Set slideshow mode, either true or false)

HoverColour="#00FFFF" (Set hyperlink rollover colour)

ImageBgColour="#111111" (Set image background colour) ImageBgAlpha="70" (Set image background alpha)

Title="SERVICES" (Set main title) TitleColour="#FFFFFF" (Set title colour) TitleYPos="-40" (Set titile vertical positioning) LinkColour="#00FFFF" (Set hyperlink colour)

ImageWidth="820" (Set image width) ImageHeight="300" (Set image height) ImageBorder="10" (Set border around image)

CONTENT MODULE To add content, first add your images to the content folder. Then you need to edit content.xml in the content folder to set the image paths, copy text and other settings. Here is the XML structure:

 </image> <article> <copy_full><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy_full> </article> </content> XML SETTINGS See above in blue text is an explaination of the various settings to customise this component via XML. If you change the size of your large images, set attributes ImageWidth and ImageHeight. **EDITING XML CONTENT** For each entry see Large attributes to set the path to the images. To add an external link on the large

image, see attribute LinkLarge OR leave blank to have no link. In the copy tags you can set your copy which appears above the form and map. This copy is HTML formatted so you can set text

If you want to change code or elements in the FLA open content.fla Inside movieclip "content mc"

To add content, first add your images to the media_gallery folder. Then you need to edit content.xml in the media_gallery folder to set the image paths, copy text and other settings. Here is the XML

colour, size and decoration and add hyperlinks using standard HTML tags.

you will see the code in the Actions layer for the news items.

MEDIA GALLERY MODULE

<category Title="IMAGE"> <item Title="IMAGE 1" Thumb="media_gallery/image/thumb1.jpg" LinkThumb="" Content="media_gallery/image/image1.jpg"> <copy><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy> </category>

<category Title="AUDIO">

<category Title="VIDEO">

<category Title="SWF">

</category>

</category>

</category> </content>

XML SETTINGS

ScrollBarAlpha="10" (Set scoll button transparency)

<copy><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy>

<copy><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy>

<copy><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy>

ADDING IMAGES (JPG, PNG, GIF)

ADDING AUDIO (MP3, WAV)

EDITING THE FLA

</content>

XML SETTINGS

EDITING XML CONTENT

comments in the code for further help.

EDITING THE FLA

HoverColour

CONTACT MODULE

<copy><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy> <copy><![CDATA[Text here]]></copy> <map Image="contact/map.jpg"/>

<email SendTo="yourcompany@domain.com"/>

Content="media_gallery/video/video1.flv" Width="600" Height="450">

Content="media_gallery/swf/flash1.swf" Width="590" Height="300">

and decoration and add hyperlinks using standard HTML tags.

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ADDING AUDIO (FLV, F4V, MP4, MOV) See Title attribute to set title of the video. See Thumb attribute to set the path to thumb. To add an external link on the thumbnail and by-pass the content page, see attribute LinkThumb OR leave blank to link to the article page. See Content attribute to set the path to load the video file. See Width and Height attributes to set the default size of the video. In the copy tags you can set your copy

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If you SWF uses "TL" alignment, make sure to set TopLeft="true" otherwise set it to false.
INTERNAL LINKS
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EXTERNAL LINKS

global.unmuteVolume() HYPERLINK INTERNAL LINKS

PHP FORM DOES NOT SEND MESSAGE TO MY EMAIL This might be because your server does not support PHP scripts or it has not been enabled or configured correctly. To check if your server supports PHP scripts, go to the contact folder in the

SummaryBgAlpha="60" (Set summary transparency) PageBttnSpace="30" (Set page button spacing) InfoWidth="500" (Set default width of info window) InfoHeight="300" (Set default height of info window) InfoBorder="10" (Set info window border size) InfoBgColour="0x111111" (Set info window background colour) InfoBgAlpha="90" (Set info window background alpha) ScrollBttnColour="0x00FFFF" (Set scoll button colour) ScrollBarColour="0xFFFFFF" (Set scoll bar colour)

<item Title="AUDIO 1" Artist="ARTIST 1" Thumb="media_gallery/audio/thumb1.jpg" AlbumArt="media_gallery/audio/image1.jpg" LinkThumb="" Content="media_gallery/audio/track1.mp3">

<item Title="4:3 VIDEO" Thumb="media_gallery/video/thumb1.jpg" LinkThumb=""

<item Title="FLASH SWF 1" Thumb="media_gallery/swf/thumb1.jpg" LinkThumb=""

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To see Title attribute to set name of each entry. See Thumb and Content attributes to set the path to thumb and large images. To add an external link on the thumbnail and by-pass the content page, see attribute LinkThumb OR leave blank to link to the article page. In the copy tags you can set your copy which appears above the form and map. This copy is HTML formatted so you can set text colour, size

which appears above the form and map. This copy is HTML formatted so you can set text colour, size and decoration and add hyperlinks using standard HTML tags. ADDING FLASH (SWF) See Title attribute to set title of the Flash file. See Thumb attribute to set the path to thumb. To add an external link on the thumbnail and by-pass the content page, see attribute LinkThumb OR leave blank to link to the article page. See Content attribute to set the path to load the flash file. See Width and Height attributes to set the size of the flash file. In the copy tags you can set your copy which appears above the form and map. This copy is HTML formatted so you can set text colour, size and

If you want to change code or elements in the FLA open media gallery.fla Inside movieclip

<content FormName="Contact Us" MapName="Find Us" LinkColour="#00FFFF" HoverColour="#00FFFF">

hyperlink colour, see attribute LinkColour To set the hyperlink hover colour, see attribute

can set the email address the form submits to, see attribute SendTo

_global.internalLink("4"); (This will go to the 5th page in the menu)

NB Make sure SWFAddressURL="EMPTY" otherwise it will cause issues.

global.internalLink("5-3"); (This will go to the 4th submenu in the the 6th section)

To add an exernal link in the main menu, open index.xml and the XML entry will be as follows:

<main TopLeft="true" Name="LINK" Link="http://www.flashden.net" bgID="1" SWFAddressURL="EMPTY"/>

To add content, first add your map image the to "contact" folder. Then you need to edit content.xml to

To set the form title, see attribute FormName To set the map title, see attribute MapName To set the

In the copy tags you can set your copy which appears above the form and map. This copy is HTML formatted so you can set text colour, size and decoration and add hyperlinks using standard HTML tags. In the map tag you can set the path to the map image, see attribute Image In the email tag you

If you want to change code or elements in the FLA open contact.fla Inside movieclip "content mc" you will see code in the Actions layer for the form. Inside movieclip "map mc" you will see code in the Actions layer for the map. There are some settings you can change in the inital settings. See

This might be because your server does not support PHP scripts or it has not been enabled or configured correctly. To check if your server supports PHP scripts, go to the contact folder in the

supplied files upload "phpInfo.php" to your server. If PHP is enabled and working correctly you should see your server's PHP information when you access "phpInfo.php" on your server. If you get an error

TROUBLESHOOTING: PHP FORM DOES NOT SEND MESSAGE TO MY EMAIL

"content mc" you will see the code in the Actions layer for the news items.

set the map image path, copy text and other settings. Here is the XML structure:

you'll need to contact your hosting provider to enable PHP before your flash PHP contact form will work. ADDING YOUR OWN SWF To add your own swf to the template, open index.xml and the XML entry will be as follows: <main TopLeft="false" Name="OWN SWF" Link="home.swf" bgID="0" SWFAddressURL="HOME"/>

If you are adding content which has audio you can mute the music volume by calling the following global command: _global.muteVolume();

TOGGELING PLAYLIST MUSIC MUTE ON/OFF

You can see an example of internal links in XML text by viewing the slideshow content.xml file. TROUBLESHOOTING

you'll need to contact your hosting provider to enable PHP before your flash PHP contact form will Also double check that your email address is correct in your in XML.

work.

Below is an example of how to insert a hyperlink in the XML text to link to an internal content page which does not use the toLoad variable in the XML text: Internal Link

supplied files upload "phpInfo.php" to your server. If PHP is enabled and working correctly you should see your server's PHP information when you access "phpInfo.php" on your server. If you get an error

Most likely there is an error in your XML file after editing. To debug errors, an easy way is to open the XML in a browser window. If there is an error it will tell you. Fix the error in the XML, save and reopen the XML in the browser window again to see if there are any more errors. Once all the errors have been fixed you should see the XML tree in the browser window. When you save the XML

always choose 'save as' and set the encoding type to UTF -8 before saving the XML. GENERAL FILE FAQ

FLASH DOES NOT DISPLAY CONTENT AFTER EDITING THE XML

For solutions to common issues please read my General File FAQ on the link below:

http://activeden.net/user/digitalscience

<icon Icon="1" Title="RSS" Link="http://activeden.net"/> <icon Icon="2" Title="TWITTER" Link="http://activeden.net"/> <icon Icon="3" Title="FACEBOOK" Link="http://activeden.net"/> <icon Icon="4" Title="LINKDIN" Link="http://activeden.net"/> </social> See Target attribute to set same window or new window for the links, either "_blank" or "_self". See Title attribute to set name of link appearing in hover caption. See Link attribute to set URL path for each link. SLIDESHOW MODULE

MaxThumbs="5" (Maximum number of thumbnails to be displayed at a time) ThumbSpace="10" (Set spacing between thumbnails images) ThumbWidth="160" (Set thumbnail image width here) ThumbHeight="90" (Set thumbnail image height here) ThumbBgAlpha="25" (Set thumbnail background alpha here) ThumbBorder="10" (Set thumbnail border here) ThumbMenuAlpha="50" (Set thumbnail menu background alpha here) ImageWidth="840" (Set large image width here) ImageHeight="473" (Set large image height here) ImageY="60" (Set large image vertical position here) ImageBgAlpha="70" (Set image background alpha) ImageBorder="10"> (Set image border here) <item Name="PROJECT 1" Thumb="slideshow/thumb1.jpg" Image="slideshow/image1.jpg" Delay="5000" Link="http://activeden.net"> <title X="20" Y="150" Align="left"> <text Alpha="100" Colour="#FFFFFF"><![CDATA[Text here]]></text>

</item> </content>

XML SETTINGS

For the title text you can have one or multiple titles by adding or removing title entries. X and Y attributes are for the title positioning. Align attributes are for alignment, either set to "left", "centre" or "right". Alpha attribute is for title background transparency. Colour attribute is for the title background colour. You can set the text colour using HTML tag between the CDATA tags.

TitleYPos="-40" (Title vertical positioning) CategoryLinkColour="#00FFFF" (Catefory link colour) CategorySelectColour="#FFFFF" (Catefory select colour) LinkColour="#00FFFF" (Hyperlink colour) HoverColour="#00FFFF" (Hyperlink hover colour) MaxItems="3" (Maximum number of summary items to appear at a time) ItemSpace="10" (Spacing between summary items) ThumbWidth="260" (Set the width of your thumbnail image here) ThumbHeight="160" (Set the height of your thumbnail image here) ThumbBorder="10" (Border around thumbnail) ThumbBgAlpha="80" (Background alpha of thumbnail) ThumbZoomAmount="120" (Zoom amount on thumbnail image rollover) ThumbZoomSpeed="20" (Zoom speed amount on thumbnail image rollover)

LinkBttn="READ MORE"> LinkBttn="READ MORE"> LinkBttn="READ MORE"> LinkBttn="READ MORE">

</article>

</article>

</article>

</content> XML SETTINGS See above in blue text is an explaination of the various settings to customise this component via XML. If you change the size of your thumbnail images, set attributes ThumbWidth and ThumbHeight. If you change the size of your large images, set attributes ImageWidth and ImageHeight. **EDITING XML CONTENT** For each entry see Thumb and Large attributes to set the path to the images. To add an external link on the thumbnail and by-pass the article page, see attribute LinkThumb OR leave blank to link to the article page. To add an external link on the large image, see attribute LinkLarge OR leave blank to have no link. See attribute LinkBttn to set the name of the button for each article. In the copy tags you can set your copy which appears above the form and map. This copy is HTML formatted so you "window_mc" you will see code in the Actions layer for the article window. See comments in the code for further help.

ArticleWidth="840" (Set width of article) ArticleBorder="10" (Set article border) ArticleBgColour="#090909" (Set article background colour) ArticleBgAlpha="60" (Set article background alpha) ScrollBttnColour="#00FFFF" (Set scroll button colour) ScrollBarColour="#FFFFFF" (Set scroll bar colour) ScrollBarAlpha="10" (Set scroll bar alpha) <image>

EDITING THE FLA

structure:

<content

<content Title="MEDIA GALLERY" (Set main title) TitleColour="#FFFFFF" (Set title colour) CategoryLinkColour="#00FFFF" (Set category link colour) CategorySelectColour="#FFFFFF" (Set category select colour) LinkColour="#00FFFF" (Set hyperlink colour) HoverColour="#00FFFF" (Set hover hyperlink colour) MaxRows="3" (Set max number of thumbnail rows) MaxColumns="4" (Set max number of thumbnail columns) ItemSpace="13" (Set spacing between thumbs) ThumbWidth="190" (Set thumbnail width) ThumbHeight="107" (Set thumbnail height) ThumbBord er="5" (Set thumbnail border) ThumbBgAlpha="100" (Set thumbail background transparency) ThumbZoomAmount="120" (Set the amount thumb scales on rollover) ThumbZoomSpeed="20" (Set the speed thumb scales on rollover) SummaryHeight="30" (Set summary height below thumbnail) SummaryBorder="10" (Set summary border size) SummaryBorderColour="#000000" (Set summary border colour)

To see Artist attribute to set artist of the track. See Title attribute to set title of track. See Thumb attribute to set the path to thumb. To add an external link on the thumbnail and by-pass the content page, see attribute LinkThumb OR leave blank to link to the article page. See AlbumArt attribute to set the path to album art. See Content attribute to set the path to load the music file. In the copy tags you can set your copy which appears above the form and map. This copy is HTML formatted so you can set text colour, size and decoration and add hyperlinks using standard HTML tags.

To add an internal link on a button from your SWF to navigate to a page in your template, call the following function

To add an internal link to a sub menu section, use the following: Internal Link