

# Update theme

To keep your site running smoothly and securely, we recommend that you always use the most recent theme version. The latest update includes compatibility with the newest Ghost version, as well as performance enhancements and bug fixes.

Any custom code in your theme will be erased if you update it to the latest versions.

**Important:** Use the same file name of your current theme to preserve your custom settings.

## To update the theme:

1. Download the latest version of the theme that is **compatible with your Ghost version**.
2. Navigate to '**Design & branding**' settings in the Ghost Admin.
3. In the top right corner, identify the "**Upload theme**" button and click it.
4. Upon successful upload, an "**Activate**" button will be available. Clicking this activates the uploaded theme for your publication.

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