# Setting up the Boost theme

Boost is an extremely flexible theme with better navigation, more screen space and convenient editing options. It is a highly recommended theme.

# Preparation

## You will need:

1. A full logo to be used as decoration. This image can be quite high resolution because it will be scaled down for use (and cached for performance). A max width of 600 pixels should be sufficient. Logos that are wider than they are high usually give better results. Formats accepted: PNG and JPG.
2. A compact version of the same logo, such as an emblem, shield or icon. The image should be clear even at small sizes. A max width of 400 pixels should be sufficient. Formats accepted: PNG and JPG.
3. The basic colour for your site
4. A background image if you would like to use one. This image should be very large. We recommend a minimum width of 1200 pixels.

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## Uploading your logo

1. Go to *Administration> Site administration> Appearance> Logos*
2. Upload your logo and a compact version of your logo
3. Save

## Theme customisation

Go to *Administration > Site administration > Appearance > Themes > Boost*

From here you can set Boost-specific theme options.

**Theme preset** – Allows you to select a preset to use. We recommend default.scss. If you have uploaded a theme preset you will need to select it here.

**Additional theme preset files** –This is where you can upload custom theme presets. We recommend ignoring this area unless you feel confident with Moodle theming, CSS and SCSS.

**Background image** – You can set a background image via this setting. The image will cover the entire background of the site but in most cases the majority of the image will be obscured by page content.

**Brand colour** – This setting allows you to set a primary brand colour to be used throughout the site. This colour will be used for buttons, links and for the site header. You can select a colour with the colour picker or add a hex code if you know the code for your colour.

## Advanced settings

In the Boost theme settings available via ***Administration > Site administration > Appearance > Themes > Boost*** there is a tab labelled **Advanced settings**.

Selecting this tab allows you to add custom SCSS to the theme like you would with a theme preset. We recommend ignoring this section unless you feel confident with Moodle theming, CSS and SCSS.

To learn more about SCSS, review this guide: <https://sass-lang.com/guide>

We have prepared a short snippet of SCSS that you can use to customise the core colours of your site. Using it will require basic knowledge of how hex colours work with CSS.

The CSS below must be pasted into the **Raw initial SCSS** section of the advanced Boost settings. A basic description of what each colour changes is included as comments in the snippet.



Note that changing these colours can greatly alter the appearance of your site or change common indicators that are used to provide information to the user. So it’s a good idea to be cautious with your colour selections.

# Check your result

You can check the results of what you have done without affecting your users.

Go to a course

Add **&theme=boost** to the end of your URL, eg

*<your site name>*/course/view.php?id=*999***&theme=boost**

When you are happy with the changes, and your users are ready for a change, then you can implement the theme by:

1. Go to *Administration> Site administration> Appearance> Themes> Theme selector*
2. In the **Default** section, click on **Change theme**
3. Find the **Boost** theme, and click **Use theme**

More information at <https://docs.moodle.org/34/en/Logos>

For admins - <https://youtu.be/1yOlW_II0DA>

For teachers - <https://youtu.be/YjlgrVag6JQ>