Admin Menu Category: **Design**

Design

In every page in the admin under this section[1], the options available to you will be different depending on if in **advanced mode** or **standard mode**, and also what you currently have selected under Design > Template Sets for **admin editing**. Read below for an overview of the main differences between standard mode and advanced mode.

Differences between Standard and Advanced Mode

The main goal of the **Standard Mode** is to provide enough information and give enough control to do "day to day" design changes, it takes out the information and controls that are not needed by most people when they may need to change the design. Advanced mode gives full control and displays more information, so much so that it can be overwhelming for users still getting used to the design system. Advanced mode is only recommended for those already familiar with the basics of how the design section works, and who may need more control than normal.

Below is an overview of what is different when in standard mode vs. advanced mode. Note that it will not list every single difference here, just the main ones.

Design > Template Sets admin page:

Standard Mode	Advanced Mode
Advanced Settings section **hidden**	Advanced Settings section displayed
Only 1 template set selectable for **admin editing**	Multiple template sets selectable for **admin editing**
default template set hidden	default template set displayed [2]

Design > Manager admin page:

Standard Mode	Advanced Mode
In file list, Size and Attach (template attachment count) columns not displayed	Columns are displayed
Starts at **main_page/** folder for template set currently set to *admin editing*	Start out in base template set folder, displaying all template set folders
Can only view/edit main_page/ and external/ folders since those are "safe" to edit without chance of compatibility problems upon software update.	Can view all folders, even system, module, and addon folders and contents.
Restricted/hidden folders or files not displayed	Restricted/hidden folders or files are "grayed out" - can not modify such files or folders but you can see that they exist. If you click on grayed out folder or file, in most cases it will give brief explanation of why that file/folder is grayed out and what it does.

Design > Page Attachments admin page:

Standard Mode	Advanced Mode
Does not display "page ID"	Displays the "page id" before the page name

Design > Page Attachments > Edit admin page:

Standard Mode	Advanced Mode
Only displays page name	Displays page name and "page ID"
No "Attachment(s) Saved For" [3]	If multiple *admin editing* template sets selected, shows **Attachment(s) Saved For** setting since page attachments can be "saved" in each individual template set.
Template drop-down only shows template name	Template drop-down shows template name, and list of template sets that template was found in

Default Template Set - do not change!

The **default** template set will never be able to be modified in the admin panel, you will be working with another template set.

The reasons for this, and also why you should never edit **geo_templates/default/** manually (using FTP or other means):

- Having the default templates and files un-modified makes for easy restoring templates if an edit ever messes things up. Just click the button to restore the default in the admin panel!
- During the course of troubleshooting, Geo Support may over-write the contents of the default template set. Again, the **default template set is fair game to be over-written** by Geo Support for troubleshooting purposes.
- The default template set will be over-written every time you update.[4]

Instead, make alterations in your own custom template set. When you first view any pages in the Design section[5], there will be a tool to create the starter custom template set, which will be a copy of the main files from the default template set. By default the starter template set is named **my_templates** but you can change the name during creation if you wish.

[1]
Except for **Design > Text Search** page, which will show all search results regardless of in advanced mode or not, and regardless of what template set(s) are set to *admin editing*.
[2]
But not able to be edited, you should only edit your own templates which will over-ride default template set
[3]
Since in standard mode, there can only be one template set edited at a time
[4]
This is the primary reason you cannot edit the default template set from the admin panel, and why we discourage editing it from FTP.
[5]
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