

KCFreedomSite.com Template Builder Guide

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1. Introduction

Welcome to the KCFreedomSite.com's template builder step by step guide. This guide will help simplify the creation of a template that can support the KCFreedomSite.com's website automation software. You can use these steps to create a template for your own personal use, or create templates to resell for profit to KCFreedomSite.com's customers.

KCFreedomSite.com's website software solution allows the novice website owner the ability to easily manage their website along with fully integrated robust software module add-ons such as classifieds, calendar, and more.

2. Template Overview

There are three main templates that are used by KCFreedomSite.com's software package as follows:

gl_home_page.html	Template used only for the home page
gl_sub_page.html	Template used for all additional html based subpages
gl_modules.html	Template used for all KCFreedomSite.com modules (calendar etc.)

3. Creating the Home Page Template

3.1. Step 1: Create Main Website Design

The first step is to create a basic HTML-based template for your website design as shown in the example in Figure 1 below and add the corresponding tags to your template code. You can literally create any design you want so the options are unlimited. Step 3 later in this document will review how to create and save the graphical buttons that will activate these tags.

<code>{{top_menu}}</code>	Horizontal navigation buttons will be dynamically added here by the KCFreedomSite.com software.
<code>{{left_menu}}</code>	Vertical navigation buttons will be dynamically added here by the KCFreedomSite.com software.
<code>{{bottom_menu}}</code>	Bottom navigation buttons will be dynamically added here by the KCFreedomSite.com software.
<code>{{INSERT_BODY_HERE}}</code>	Content (page text) will be dynamically added here by the KCFreedomSite.com software. Make sure your design allows plenty of room for content similar to our sample below.
<code>{{page_title}}</code>	Page names/titles such as “Home”, “Contact Us”, etc. will dynamically be added here by the KCFreedomSite.com software. This is so that the visitor will know which page they are on.

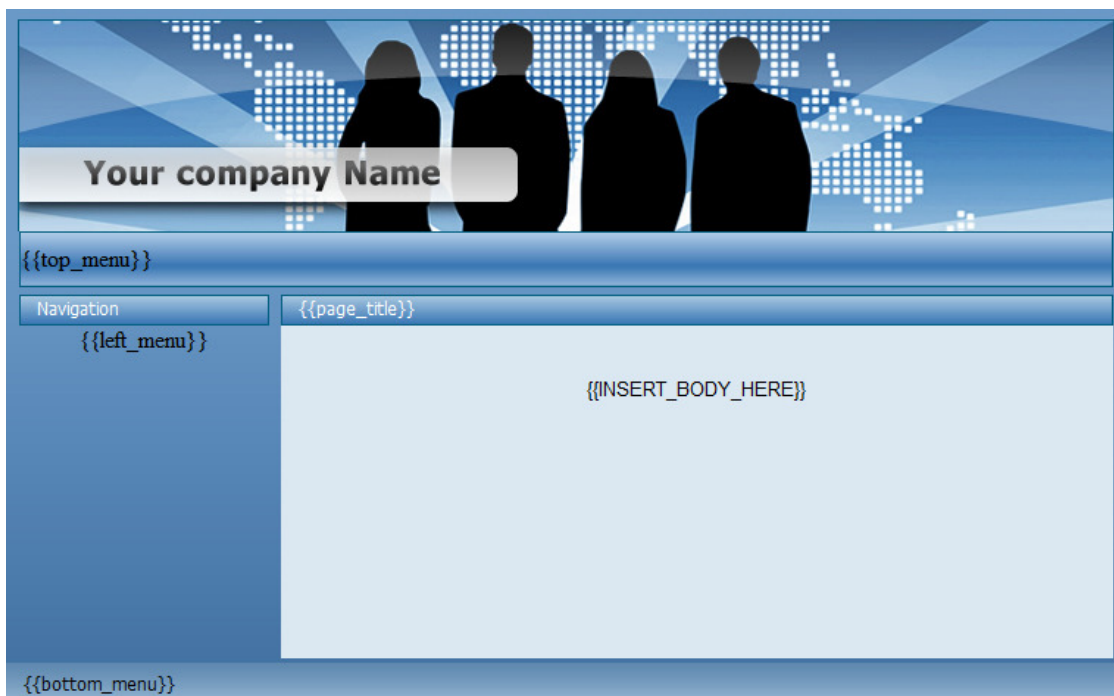


Figure 1. Basic HTML-Based Template.

3.2. Step 2: Adding Required Codes

You'll need to include the following tags into the header area of the html code exactly as shown below:

CSS call tag <link rel="stylesheet" href="{{ template_url_root }}/css/config.css" type="text/css">

{{ menu_header }} supplies the site manager generated styles and javascript

{{ header_extra }} allows the inclusion of the rss feed link for the blog

3.3. Step 3: Creating Default Button Images

The KCFreedomSite.com software dynamically adds navigation buttons to the web pages. You simply need to create the different initial view buttons and the hover view buttons. Do NOT include page names and leave them blank. The KCFreedomSite.com software will dynamically add the page name to the buttons.

3.4. Step 4: Creating Default Button Text Styles

Button text styles determine the font colors, sizes, decoration, etc. for the button text. Each button type (top, left, bottom) can have different button styles in order to match your website template. The css files need to use the same variables created by the KCFreedomSite.com software.

Top Menu Style /css/default_menu_top.css

Left Menu Style /css/default_menu_left.css

Bottom Menu Style /css/default_menu_bottom.css

3.5. Step 5: Setting Image Paths

Template image paths are relative to the folders that they are saved under which could be different between server environments. Therefore we use a path tag to let the KCFreedomSite.com software automatically find the right location for the images. Simply do a find/replace as shown below to update the image paths:

Find: /images/

Replace with: /{{ template_url_root }}/images/

3.6. Step 6: Adding Special Tags

KCFreedomSite.com software provides a variety of optional functions that you can include in your website template to enhance its functionality. The following is a list of tags and their purpose that can be included in your html template files:

Calendar	<code>{{ snippet_calendar }}</code> Shows upcoming calendar events Template: <code>cgi-bin/calendar/cgitpl/listing_template_include.html</code>
Classifieds - Directory	<code>{{ snippet_classifieds_directory }}</code> Shows the classifieds categories list
Classifieds – Featured Ads	<code>{{ snippet_classifieds_featured_ads }}</code> Shows the list of featured ads Template: <code>cgi-bin/classifieds/cgitpl/listing_featured.html</code>
Classifieds – Latest Ads	<code>{{ snippet_classifieds_latest_ads }}</code> Shows the latest (most recent) ads Template: <code>cgi-bin/classifieds/cgitpl/listing_latest.html</code>
Classifieds – Popular Ads	<code>{{ snippet_classifieds_popular_ads }}</code> Shows the most popular (based on views) ads Template: <code>cgi-bin/classifieds/cgitpl/listing_popular.htm</code>
Google Ads	<code>{{ snippet_google_ads }}</code> Shows the google ads Template: <code>cgi-bin/master/cgitpl/snippet_google_ads.html</code>
Mailing List	<code>{{ snippet_mailing_list1 }}</code> Shows the “join” mailing list box Template: <code>cgi-bin/master/cgitpl/snippet_mailing_list1.html</code>
Member Login	<code>{{ snippet_login }}</code> Template: <code>cgi-bin/master/cgitpl/snippet_login.html</code>
News Publisher	<code>{{ snippet_news }}</code> Shows recent news articles Template: <code>cgi-bin/news/cgitpl/listing_template_include.html</code>
Profile Page	<code>{{ snippet_members }}</code> Shows a list of profile pages of those members that created them
Refer A Friend	<code>{{ cgi_url_root }}/refer-a-friend/raf.cgi</code> Link your refer a friend (or tell a friend) button
Site Search	<code>{{ snippet_site_search }}</code> Shows the site search box to your website Template: <code>cgi-bin/master/cgitpl/snippet_site_search.html</code>
Statistics	<code>{{ snippet_stats }}</code> Adds the code to track website visitor statistics. This is usually placed at the bottom of the page and does not display anything to the visitor.
Text Boxes	<code>{{ snippet1 }}</code> through <code>{{ snippet10 }}</code> Shows generic text such as testimonials, etc.

4. Creating the Sub Page Template

Once you've created the Home Page template then creating the subpage template is a snap. Simply duplicate the `gl_home_page.html` template and name it `gl_sub_page.html`. Sub pages typically have more room for content in the main area to have more specific information relative to the page they are on. Most of the time the home might have things such as featured classified ads, etc., however those are typically not on the sub pages.

5. Creating the Modules Template

This is the template that is used for all output pages generated by the KCFreedomSite.com modules such as classifieds, calendar, etc. Simply duplicate the `gl_sub_page.html` page and name it `gl_modules.html`.

6. Creating the `template_config.txt` file

The `template_config.txt` file contains the information regarding the template. When website owners upload your template into their online template manager, the KCFreedomSite.com software will read the information from the `template_config.txt` file and display the information accordingly.

Variables and sample information of what needs to be included in the `template_config.txt` file:

```
template_id=community1
template_name=Community 1
template_description=Template designed for communities.
template_version=1
kcfreedomsite_compatible_version=1
template_author=KCFreedomSite.com Design Staff
template_author_website=kcfreedomsite.com
```

7. Saving the Template Package

You will need to save the template package using specific file paths and file names so that the KCFreedomSite.com software can recognize them correctly by using the following naming conventions:

Home Page Template	gl_home_page.html
Sub Page Template	gl_sub_page.html
Module Template	gl_modules.html
Images	/images/ * all images here
CSS	/css/config.css
Top Menu Style	/css/default_menu_top.css
Left Menu Style	/css/default_menu_left.css
Bottom Menu Style	/css/default_menu_bottom.css
Button Images	/buttons/
Thumbnail image	thumbnail.jpg (150x100)
Preview image	preview.jpg (600x400)
Template Configuration	template_config.txt

8. Creating a Turnkey Website Solution

Creating a turnkey website solution provides a simple way for customers to get their websites up and running fast. The turnkey website solutions would include a collection of web pages as well as sample data.

To get started with a turnkey website solution, follow these steps.

- 1) Login to the KCFreedomSite master admin control panel at `cgi-bin/master/Admin.cgi`
Click on “Templates” and upload your website template.
- 2) Click on the “Edit Site” button. Create all your pages, add sample text, etc. This will automatically create all the necessary pages and files to produce a turnkey solution.
- 3) Copy the following files back to your PC and include them with the website template files you started out with:

New “Turnkey Template” files

HTML Pages	*all html pages located in the root directory
Page text data	/cgi-bin/master/data/site_manager/*all files
Other data	/cgi-bin/master/data/*include data folders relevant to your turnkey solution

- 4) Save and Zip all files including the original template files