

Meteor Galleries – Site Configuration

The settings.php File:

As of version 2.0, the settings.php file is no longer editable manually. It will also receive updates with the rest of the files for MG with each upgrade. All of your site configuration settings are now stored in your Meteor Galleries site database itself. This document will describe each setting in more detail:

GENERAL SETTINGS

of items per row: the number of items to display per row on each page. This DOES NOT include the index page OR the series list page. *As of v3.0, this setting has been deprecated to the default setting for new series. This value should be set for each series from within the “Manage Artwork” area.

of rows per page: the number of rows of items to display on each page. Again, this DOES NOT include the index page or the series list page. *As of v3.0, this setting has been deprecated to the default setting for new series. This value should be set for each series from within the “Manage Artwork” area.

of categories per row: the number of categories to display per row on the index page.

Allow the series list to span multiple pages? Do you want your serieslist.php page to span multiple pages? (As in, you set a number of items per row and rows per page, and allow multiple pages to be generated if the number of series’ exceeds the number allowed per page). This options takes a y for yes, and n for no.

of series per row (serieslist page): number of series to display per row on the serieslist.php page. This setting is used even if the span multiple pages option is set to no.

of rows per page (serieslist page): number of rows per page for the serieslist page. This is only used if the serieslist page is allowed to span multiple pages.

Item thumbnail width: width of thumbnails (in pixels!). This is used when thumbnails are generated by MG when new items are added as well as when sketches are added.

Screenshot image width: this is used by the new screenshot addition process (upload via browser, as opposed to FTP). This sets the width of your screenshot images (they are re-sized by MG for page display).

Screenshot image directory: folder where you want your screenshot images to reside. This folder MUST already exist! Default is set to images/screenshots/

Browser uploaded image directory: folder where you want your browser uploaded item images to reside. This folder MUST already exist! Default is set to images/browse/

Browser uploaded additional images directory: folder where you want your browser uploaded additional item images to reside. This folder MUST already exist! Default is set to images/sketches/

Display section item counts? Another yes or no option, this allows you to show how many items are in each category and series on their respective pages. Default is y for yes.

Display series description on serieslist page? Another yes or no option, this one allows you to turn the series descriptions on or off on the serieslist.php page. (These are the descriptions given below the thumbnail images).

Display series description on thumbnails page? This allows you to show the series description on the thumbnails pages as well or rather than on the serieslist page. Takes y for yes, or n for no.

Display category description on serieslist page? Allows you to show or hide the category description on the serieslist.php page (very similar to the series description on the thumbnails page).

Display category descriptions on index page? Allows you to show or hide category descriptions on the index page (similar to the series descriptions on the serieslist page).

Display recent news on index page? This allows you to toggle display of the recent news item on the index page.

Make category list text-only? Allows you to make the category list on the index page into a text only list rather than thumbnail images – note that this requires an additional style set in the style sheet for proper display.

Make series list text-only? This option is identical to the category text-only option, but for the serieslist page.

Enable visitor statistics monitoring? This option allows you to turn stats monitoring on or off. This is ON by default, and the site will log every visit into text-based log files available for your viewing and analysis in the Admin area (Advanced Statistics button on the Admin page). These files can add up to a lot of storage space usage, so it is recommended that you use the File Manager to zip and download them if you wish to keep them, and then delete them from the server. *Data logged includes:* visitor IP address, pages viewed, reverse DNS (if available), and browser data.

Contact page Text: The text to be displayed at the top of your contact page form.

Wishlist page text: This is text to be displayed at the top of your wishlist page.

TEMPLATE SETTINGS

Template: The template you wish to use. Simply select the template name from the drop-down menu – new templates created with the template editor will automatically be displayed here, as well as templates created by uploading files manually. All templates must reside within the “templates folder”.

Template editor: Click the bottom button to go to the new Template Editor. This allows you to create new templates with ease! See the Template Editor document for more details on how to use this tool.

LAST ADDED OPTIONS

From (date) & To (date): The from date and To date on the last added options page set the starting date and ending date for the last added page content. In the past, the last added page only displayed items added in a 24 hour period the last time your MG site was updated. It now allows you to specify the date range instead! If you wish to keep that old 24 hour format, just make sure you input two dates that are the same on this page (any two dates that are the same will trigger the old style page to display).

MAINTENANCE SETTINGS

Enable maintenance mode? When set to (y) yes, this will cause all visitors to ANY page on your site to see a message that indicates that your site is down for maintenance. The only one who will be able to view anything on the site is the admin when logged in. Do NOT forget to set this back to (n) no when you are finished with your updates!

USER MANAGEMENT

Current admin username: This simply displays the current admin username for you.

New admin username: Fill this field in ONLY if you wish to change the admin username!

Current admin password: If you wish to make any changes to the user accounts via this page, you will need to fill in the current admin password. This is just for security purposes.

New admin password: Fill this in ONLY if you wish to change the admin password!

Current Admin email: Displays the current admin email address. This is where all messages sent via the contact form will go.

New Admin email: Fill in if you wish to update the admin email address.

New Guest Password: If you wish to change the guest account password, use this field to do it.