

CSS

CSS stands for Cascading Style Sheets. It is a newer form of HTML coding that is replacing some of the traditional tags (such as the tag). Since we haven't covered HTML yet, we are stepping ahead a bit. But you don't need to know a lot to be able to change the colors in the Motime template, which is now done mostly in CSS.

Colors:

To designate a color in traditional HTML you need a six digit code such as #000000 (black) or #ffffff (white). Check out Lynda's web site (<http://www.lynda.com/hex.html>) and click on either hue or value to get a list of basic hex codes.

Template:

View your template in Motime:

1. Blogs
2. Template
3. Current

CSS:

If you are viewing your blog/template in IE, it should break the code up enough so you can see the different blocks of code that designate style for different elements such as the Links, the Text, and the Tables.

For example:

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a { color:#676C56; background: transparent; text-decoration: underline;}
a:link { color: #676C56; background: transparent;font-weight: normal;}
a:visited { color: #676C56; background: transparent;font-weight: normal;}
a:active { color: #333333; background: transparent;font-weight: normal;text-decoration:
underline;}
```

All you have to do is go in and change the color codes. You can preview your changes with the "Preview" button at the bottom of the template page. Once all the changes look good, you can click the "Save Changes" button to update the template. And don't worry too much about screwing up your page; you can always go back to the default template.

1. Blogs
2. Template
3. New

Links – to change link colors

a – (link, visited link, active link)

Text – to change text colors

paragraph style

#contentleft p

#contentright p

#contentmain p

header style

h2.sectiontitle (links, comments, etc.)

h5.itemtitle (title of blog entries)

main blog title (top)

.blogtitle

.blogdescription

Tables – to change background color in tables

#contentleft

#contentmain

#contentright

#footer

#contentheader (here you can change the link for the top image, if your template has one)