

Change colors, fonts and spacing

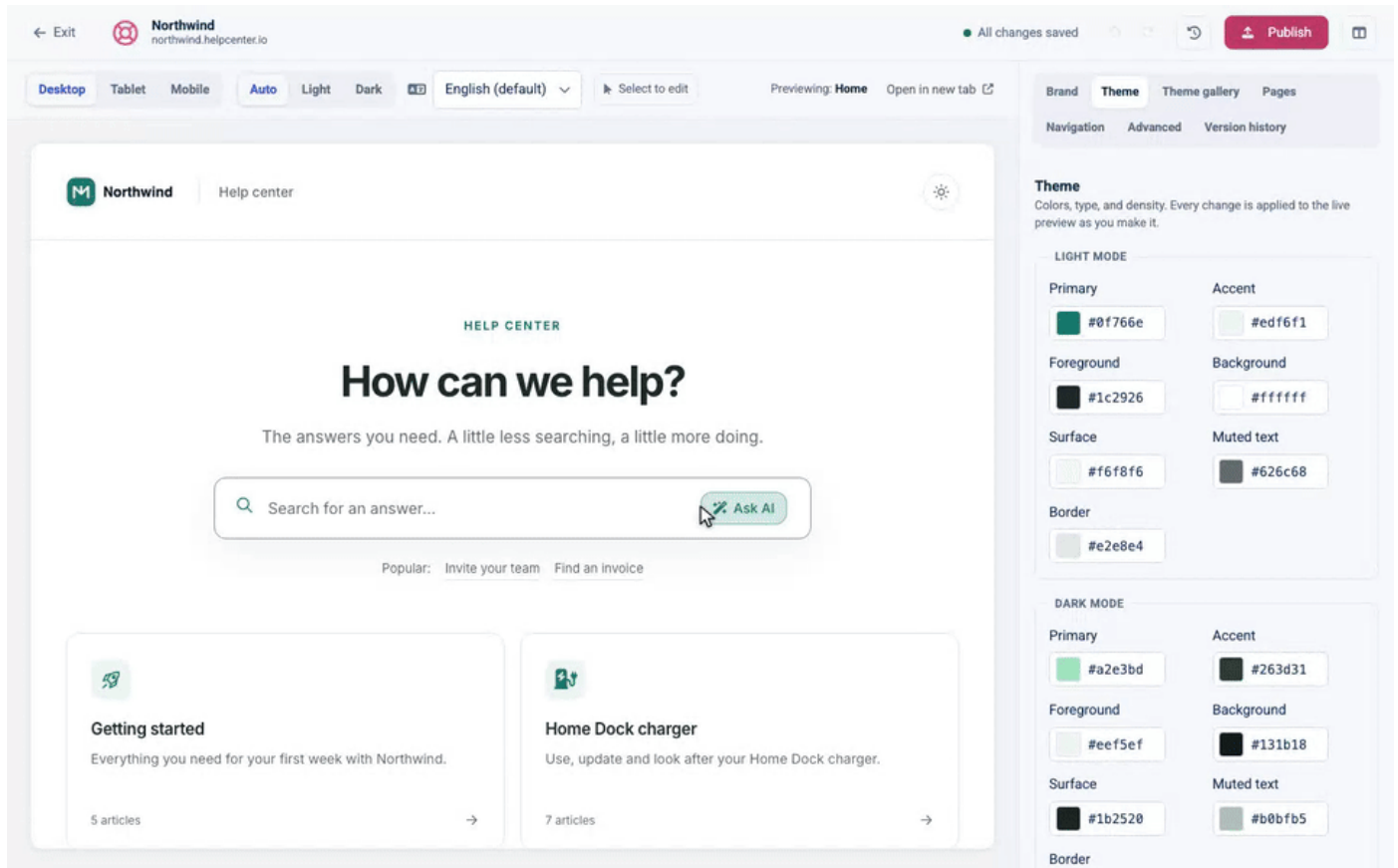
Design and templates

Make your help center feel like your brand: set its colors for light and dark mode, pick the fonts, and choose how roomy the layout is. The preview updates as you go, and visitors see the result once you publish.

Who can do this: Owners and Admins (Editors through **Customize** on your help center) · **Plans:** All plans

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1. In the template editor, open the **Theme** tab (⌘2).
2. Under **Light mode**, click the swatch next to **Primary** and pick a color, or type a hex code such as #24644f.
3. Under **Typography**, choose a **Heading font**.
4. Under **Layout**, set **Density** to **Compact**, **Comfortable** or **Spacious**.
5. Check the preview in both **Light** and **Dark** appearance, then click **Publish**.



1 In Theme, type a new **Primary** colour or click the swatch

A new primary color, heading font and density in a few clicks.

Your colors

Light mode and **Dark mode** each have their own set of seven colors. Visitors see the dark set when they view your help center in dark mode.

Color

Where it's used

Primary

Your main brand color: buttons, links, highlights and the hero background.

Accent	A second brand color. The hero's default gradient runs from Primary to Accent, and a few small labels use it.
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Foreground	The main text color.
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Background	The page background.
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Surface	Cards, panels and other raised areas.
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Muted text	Secondary text such as breadcrumbs, dates, descriptions and footer text.
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Border	Dividers and outlines.
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Colors stay readable automatically

Your colors are used exactly as you pick them for buttons, bands and backgrounds. Where a color is used for text, HelpCenter.io checks that it's readable and, if it isn't, makes it only as much darker or lighter as needed:

- **Muted text** is kept readable on your background and surface colors.
- Text on buttons filled with your primary color turns black or white, whichever reads better.

- Links and labels in your primary or accent color are adjusted when they'd be too faint as text.
- Outlines of text fields are kept clearly visible.

So if a text color on your live site looks slightly different from the one you typed, that's why. See [How accessible is my help center?](#) for more.

Your fonts

Under **Typography**, set three fonts:

- **Body font** for your articles and most text.
- **Heading font** for titles and headings.
- **Monospace font** for code.

Each list starts with popular fonts such as Inter, Roboto, Lora and Merriweather. For more, click **Browse all...**, search by name or filter by **Sans-Serif**, **Serif**, **Display**, **Mono** or **Handwriting**, and click **Use** on the font you want.

Fonts load from Bunny Fonts (fonts.bunny.net). On a slow connection, text can show in a fallback font for a moment while your font loads. That's normal.

Upload your own font

Have a brand font? Owners and Admins can upload it and use it like any other font.

1. In the **Theme** tab, find **Custom fonts** and click **+ Add custom font**.
2. Enter a **Font name**, for example the name of your brand font.

3. Under **Styles**, pick the weight and whether the style is **Normal** or **Italic**, then click **Choose files** and select its font file.
4. For each further weight or italic, click **+ Add another style** and do the same.
5. Click **Upload font**.
6. Under **Typography**, open **Body font**, **Heading font** or **Monospace font** and pick your font from the **Your fonts** group. It's also at the top of **Browse all...**

The preview shows your font right away, and readers see it once you publish.

- **Files:** .woff2, .woff, .ttf or .otf, up to 2 MB each.
- **One style per weight and slant.** Upload at least the weights your text uses, usually a regular and a bold. To cover older browsers, add a .woff2 and a .woff of the same style together.
- **Where it's used:** each font in the list shows its styles and whether it's used for Body, Heading or Monospace.

To delete a font, click **Remove font** next to it and confirm. Its files are deleted, so any text that still uses it falls back to a system font, on your published help center too. Pick another font first, and publish.

Spacing and corners

- **Density** sets the space between and inside sections and cards, and the size of page titles. **Compact** fits more on the screen; **Spacious** gives everything more room.
- **Radius small**, **Radius medium** and **Radius large** set how round the corners of fields, buttons, cards and panels are. Enter a size such as 8px, or 0px for square

corners.

Planning to try other themes? Do that first. Applying a theme replaces your colors, fonts, corners and density unless you untick them. See [Choose a theme](#).

Troubleshooting

My help center still shows the old colors. Your changes are in the draft. Click **Publish**, then refresh your help center.

Dark mode looks wrong. Dark mode uses its own colors. Set them under **Dark mode**, and switch the preview's **Appearance** to **Dark** to check them. See [Light and dark mode](#).

"Each font file must be 2 MB or smaller." Use the .woff2 version of the font, which is the smallest.

I can't add a custom font. You see "Only site admins can upload or remove custom fonts." Ask an Owner or Admin to upload it and set it under **Typography**.

My logo disappears on the dark background. Upload a light version as your dark-mode logo. See [Add your logo, favicon and brand name](#).

Related articles

- [Add your logo, favicon and brand name](#)
- [Light and dark mode](#)
- [How accessible is my help center?](#)