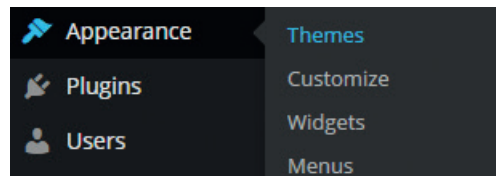


# Uploading a Theme

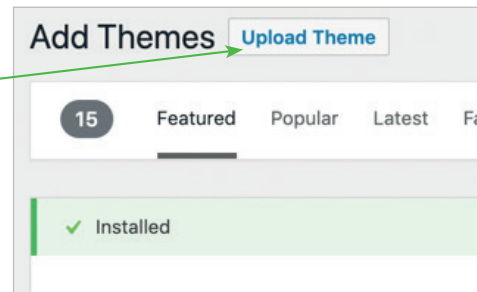
Apart from installing built-in themes from WordPress.org, you can also buy themes from other vendors. WordPress has a huge developer community and there are thousands of developers developing extremely cool and fascinating themes. Besides, you can also develop your own WordPress themes if you have sufficient programming skills in PHP and client-side web development languages.

When you buy or develop a theme, what you get is a simple zip file that contains all the necessary files that make up a theme. This zip file is then uploaded to your WordPress blog or site. To upload a new theme to WordPress:

- 1 Log in to the dashboard of your WordPress blog or website
- 2 From the menu in the dashboard, click **Appearance > Themes**

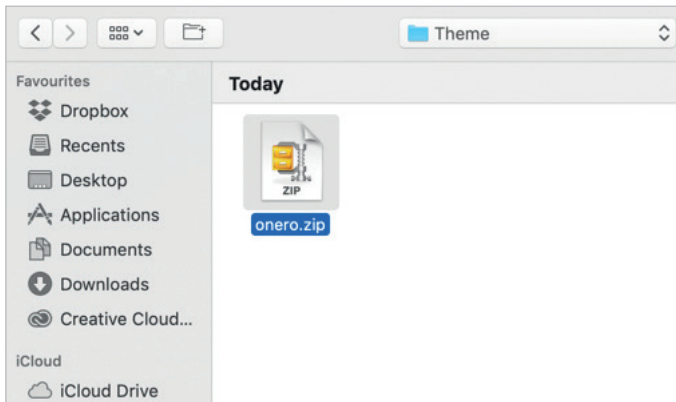
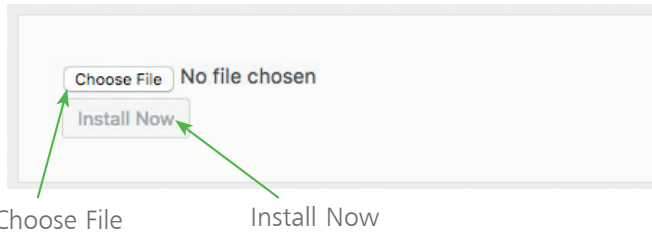


- 3 Click **Add New**
- 4 Click **Upload Theme** instead of selecting from any of the WordPress.org themes

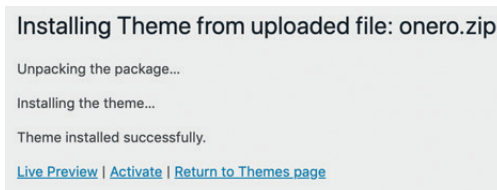


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- 5 Click on the **Choose File** button. A new file dialog will open for you to locate the zip file that includes your theme. Once you have located the file, click the **Open** button from the file dialog



- 6 Once you click the **Install Now** button, the theme will begin uploading (this may take a few minutes). Once installation is complete, you will see the following screen:



You will get three options – **Live Preview**, **Activate** and **Return to Themes page**. You simply have to click the **Activate** button to make the theme go live.