

Podcast Script: Themes

Welcome to this 60 second Sugar snippet. My name is Susie Williams. Today we're going to talk about Sugar Themes.

Sugar Themes are those color schemes and graphics you can choose when logging onto your Sugar system. Themes also may modify the layout of your application; "Last Viewed Items" may be along the left side instead of across the top, for example.

To select a different scheme, click on the Options link on the login page, then select the theme you want from the dropdown list. Log onto the system and your new theme will appear. You can also select a different theme while you're in the application by selecting from the Theme dropdown list located at the bottom of each page.

You can download more themes for your Sugar installation by visiting SugarForge.org and clicking on the Themes link on the left hand side of the page. Installing a theme is easy! Just log in as an administrator, go to the Admin section, click on the Module Loader, then select "Install from Local File". Select the file you downloaded previously and load it.

Some themes are specialized for "Right to Left" ("RTL") languages. On SugarForge.org there are several RTL themes that are based on the standard Sugar themes, like the Love theme or the Golf theme. Some enterprising customers use themes to carry their corporate branding look and feel to the Sugar application, so the same colors and fonts are used throughout the company.

There's one other reason to use a particular theme—certain themes actually increase the performance of the system. The Sugar Lite theme is a very compact theme that uses minimal graphics and CSS. Choose this theme if you have limited bandwidth or are having performance issues.

So what's your favorite Sugar theme? Paradise? Retro? Final Frontier?

And that's your 60 second Sugar snippet. Goodbye!