

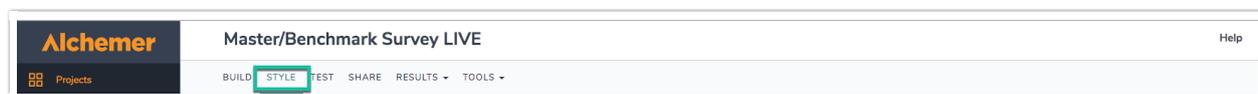
Style Your Survey

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The look and feel of your survey can be just as important as the questions you ask. We have selected a default pre-built theme that will give your survey a nice, clean look and feel so you can send out your survey without bothering with our style options. But, with all these options, we dare you to ignore the possibilities!

To get started customizing your survey's look and feel, head over the **Style** tab!



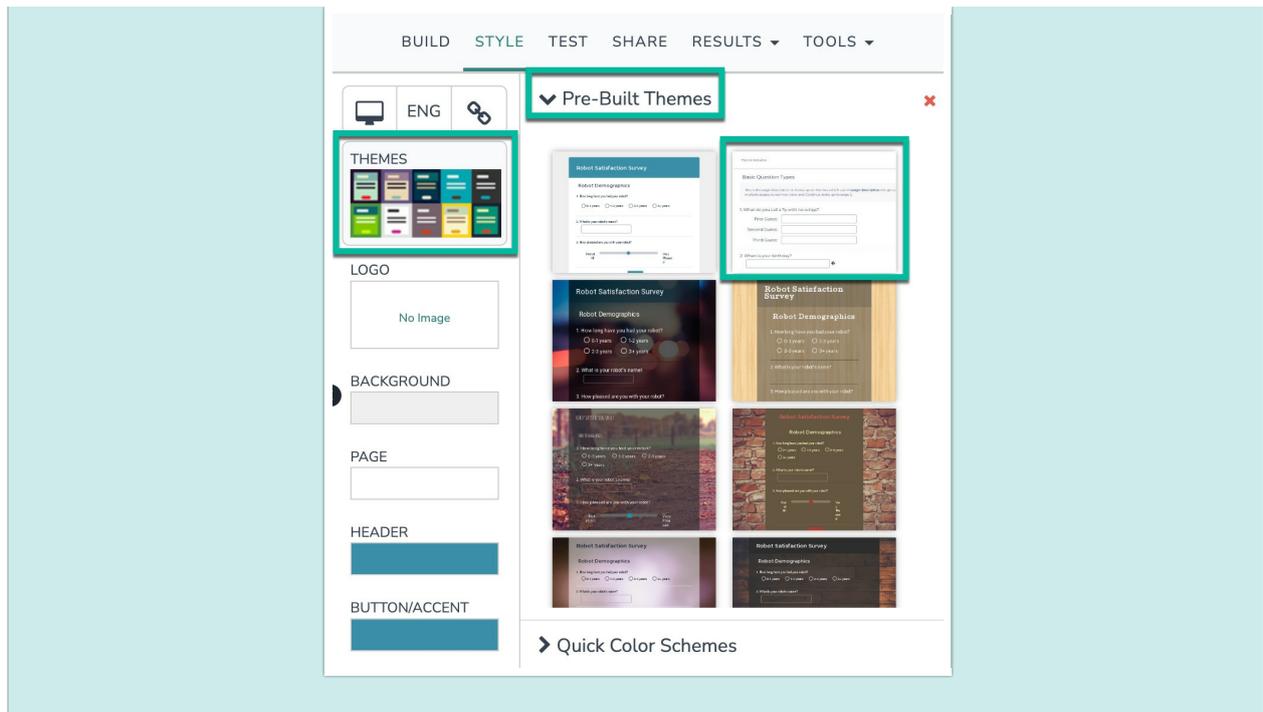
Step 1: Choose a Theme

Click the **Themes** thumbnails to get started. You can choose:

- **Pre-Built Themes**
- **Quick Color Schemes**
- **Your Theme Library** - if you have saved any of your previously created themes, these will be available here.

New Modernized Survey Theme

In the Pre-Built Themes section, we have a new survey theme that features updated survey look, feel, and functionality, especially on mobile devices. The new theme is located to the right of the default survey theme.

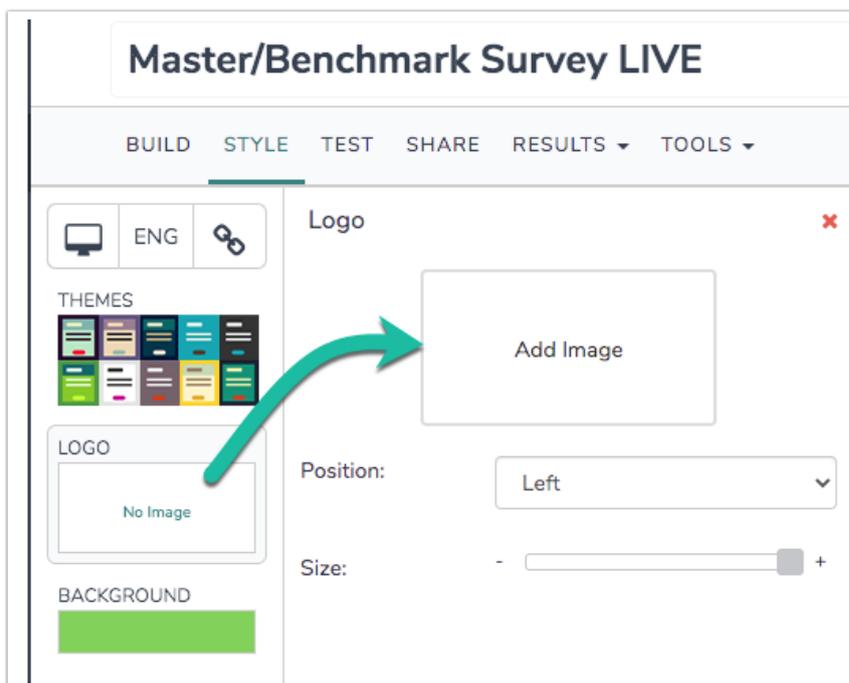


You can also skip this step altogether and just jump in and style your survey from scratch.

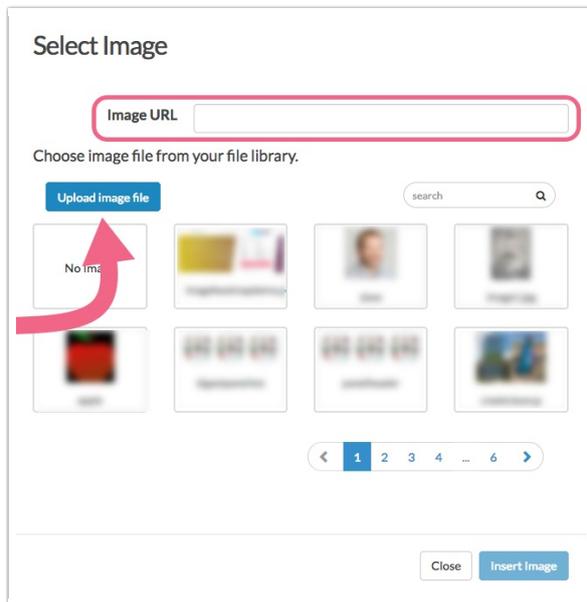
Step 2: Add a Logo

Looking to add your logo to the top of your survey?

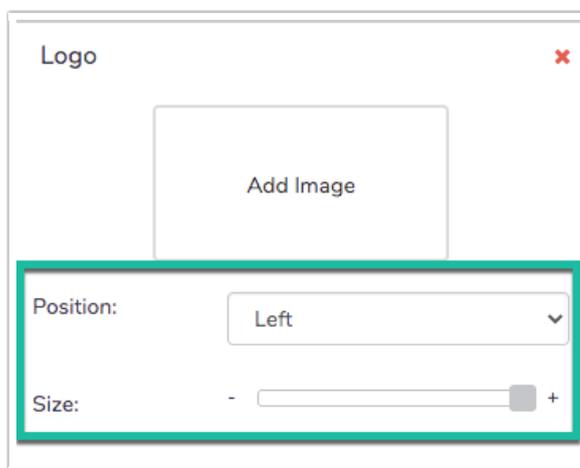
1. Click the Logo thumbnail to get started.
2. Next, click the Add Image link.



- From here you can select an image from your Alchemer [File Library](#), click **Upload image file** to upload a new image from your computer, or paste an image link into the **Image URL** field (if the image is hosted externally).



- Use the **Position** and **Size** controls as needed.
 - Position** can be set as Left (default), Center, and Right.
 - Use the **Size** slider to make the image larger (+) or smaller (-).



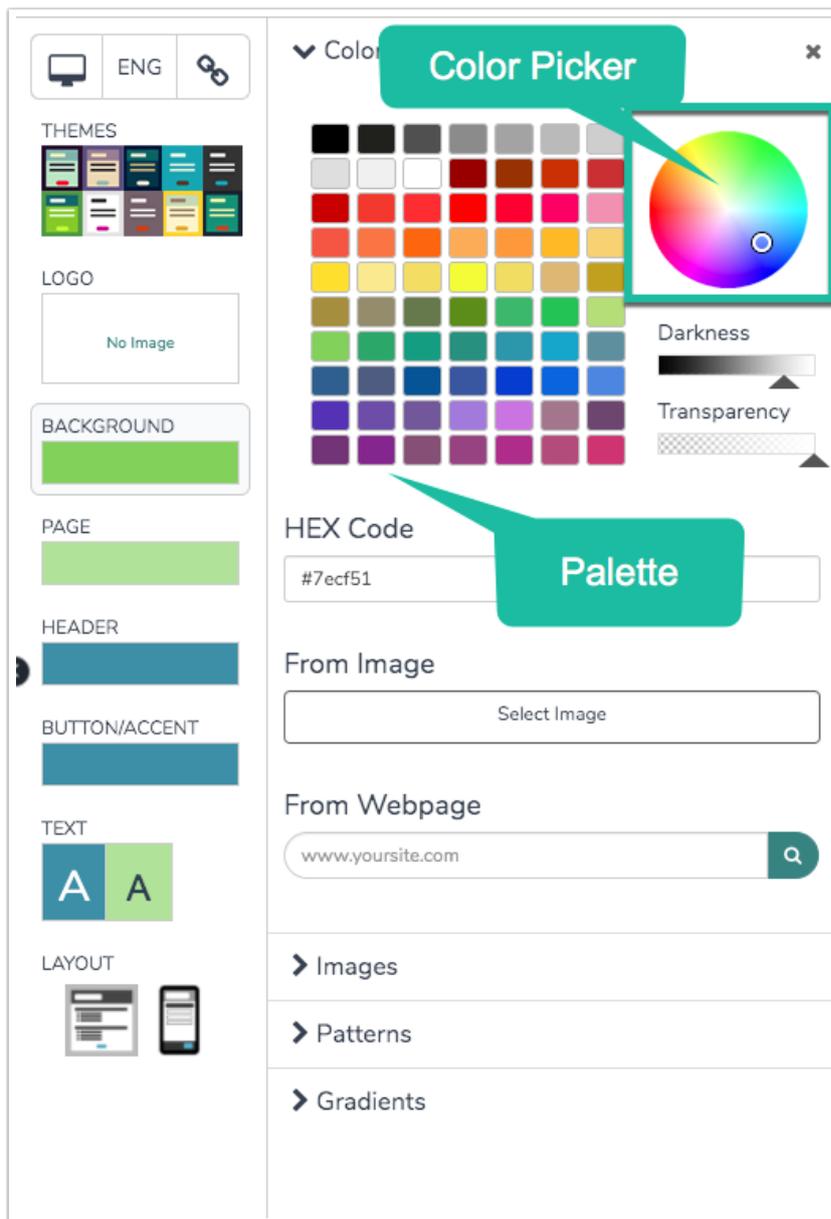
For best results, we recommend header images of up to 750px wide and 200px tall. If you would like your header image to display like a banner that stretches across the entire page, we recommend image files 1000px wide and 200px tall.

Step 3: Tweak Your Colors

The **Background, Page, Header, Button/Accent** and **Text** thumbnails can be used to take your survey theme to the next level using our various color and image options.

Customizing Colors

1. To get started customizing your colors, click on the thumbnail for the area of the survey you wish to modify, **Background, Page, Header** or **Button/Accent**.
2. You can choose from the color palette or use the color picker tools on the right to select a hue then adjust it with the darkness and transparency sliders.



3. Below the color picker, there are additional tools available to get your survey colors just right. If you have the exact HEX Code for the color you wish to use, you can paste it in the **HEX Code** field.

Get Colors From an Image

The option to get colors **From Image** is one of our favorite features! This tool works great when you need to perfectly match the colors of your survey to your logo!

1. Get started by clicking **Select Image**.
2. Next, you can select an image from your Alchemer [File Library](#), click **Upload image file** to upload a new image from your computer, or paste an image link into the **Image URL** field (if the image is hosted externally).
3. Once an image is selected, the primary colors from the image will display as thumbnails below the image. Then, simply click the color thumbnail you wish to use.



Get Colors from a Webpage

Last, you can enter a website URL to extract colors from. Simply enter the URL in the **From Webpage** field and click the magnifying glass. This will fetch the colors from the website and display them as thumbnails. Then, you can simply click on the color you wish to use.

Please note, this feature works by scanning the CSS of the website, so it will not pull colors from images on the website. If you wish to pull the colors from an image on the website, say a logo, use the **Pick from Image** tool instead. In addition, this feature will only pull colors from the first three CSS files on the website so any colors from CSS stylesheets four and greater will not be fetched.



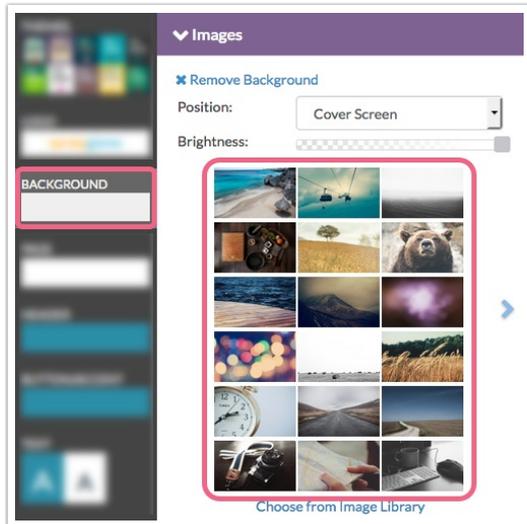
Step 4: Explore Survey Background Options

Looking to add some flair to your survey? Adding a background image is a great way to capture potential respondents' interest from the moment they click your survey link. You can choose from our library of images or upload your own image!

Or, if you are looking for more polish than flair, you can choose from our patterns and gradients to use as a background in your survey.

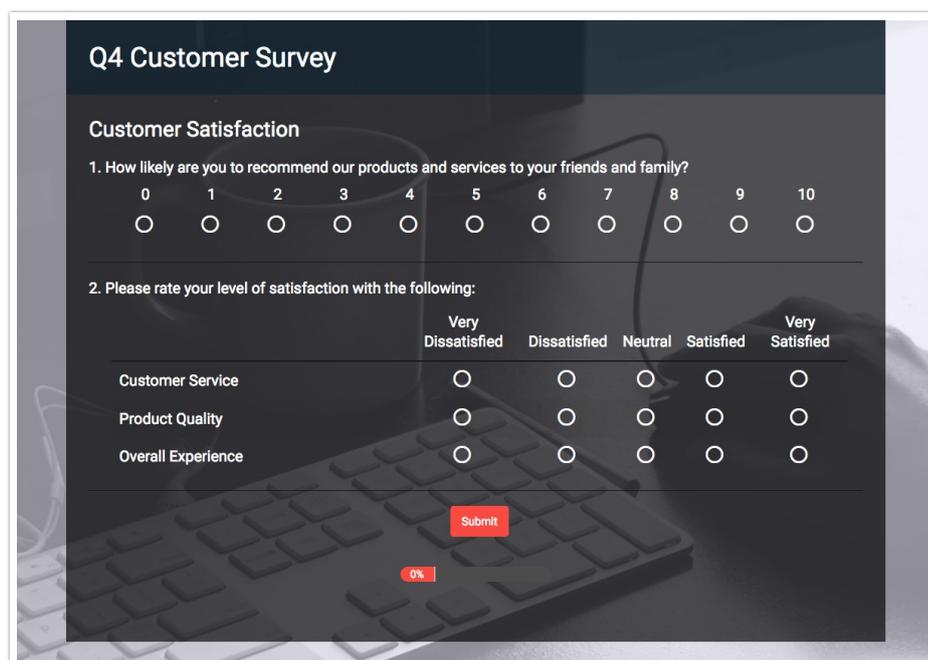
Using a Background Image

1. Go to **Background > Images** and choose from our library of images as your survey background.



2. Alternatively, click the link to **Choose from Image Library** to choose an image from your [Alchemer File Library](#). There is also an option to **Upload image file** as well as the option to paste an **Image URL** (if the image is hosted outside of Alchemer).
3. Once you select an image, select how you wish to display it in the first dropdown menu:

Cover Screen - This option will use the image to fill the background. If it is not big enough it will be stretched to fill the window.



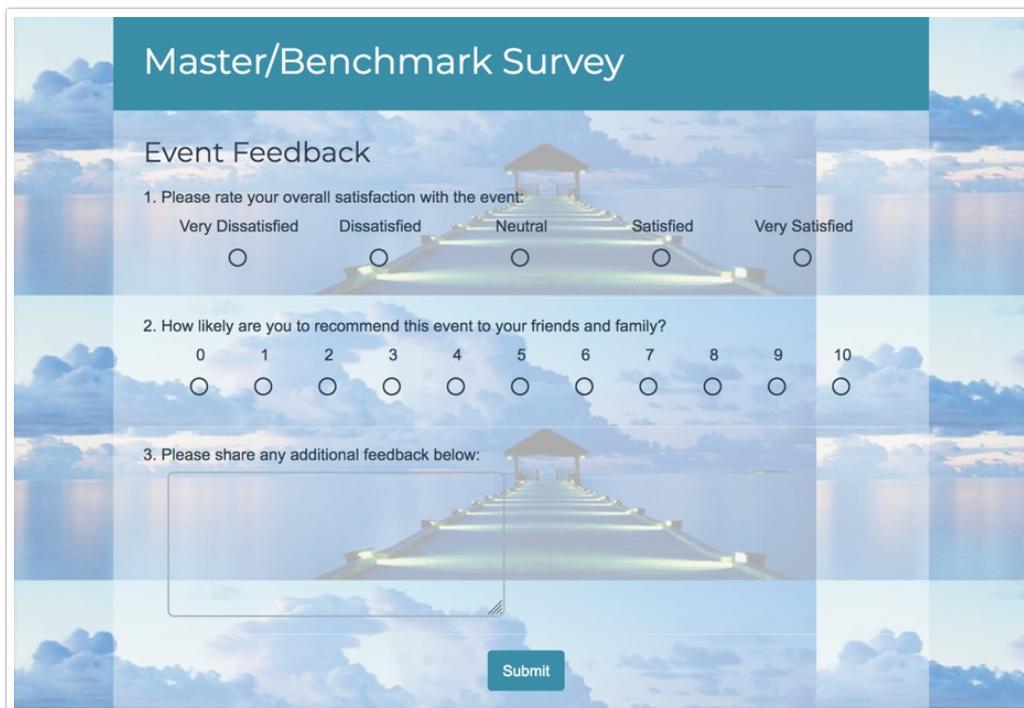
Best Practice Tip: Recommended Background Image Size

For background images you wish to use as a cover screen, we recommend (as a rough guideline) 1920 x 1080px or smaller with the same height-width ratio (1.777 to 1).

For more info on full-screen background images check out this awesome article:

<http://www.webmalama.com/the-best-full-screen-background-image-sizes-for-web-design/>

Tile - This option will repeat the image in tiles to fill the background. This option is best for smaller images.



The image shows a survey form titled "Master/Benchmark Survey" with a sub-section "Event Feedback". The background of the form is a repeating tile pattern of a wooden pier extending into a body of water under a blue sky with clouds. The survey contains three questions:

1. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the event:
Very Dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very Satisfied
2. How likely are you to recommend this event to your friends and family?
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
3. Please share any additional feedback below:

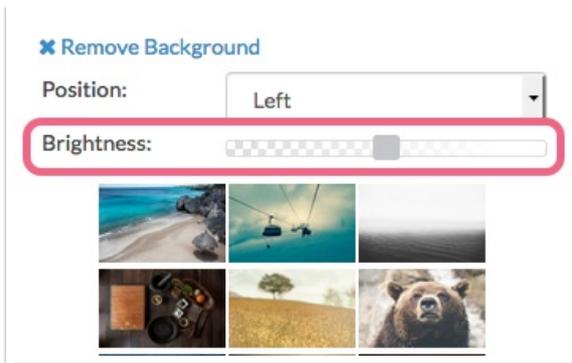
A "Submit" button is located at the bottom center of the form.

Left - This option will display the image to the upper left corner of the background.

Right - This option will display the image to the upper right corner of the background.

Center - This option will display the image in the center top of the background.

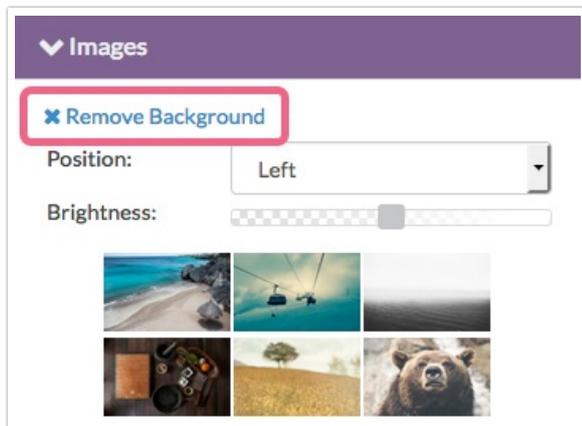
- Once you've selected how you wish to display your image, adjust the image **Brightness** using the slider control.



- If you wish, you can also adjust the transparency of the survey form to show off your image. To do so, click the **Page** thumbnail and adjust the **Transparency**.

Remove a Background Image

If you need to remove a background image, click **Background > Images > Remove Background**.



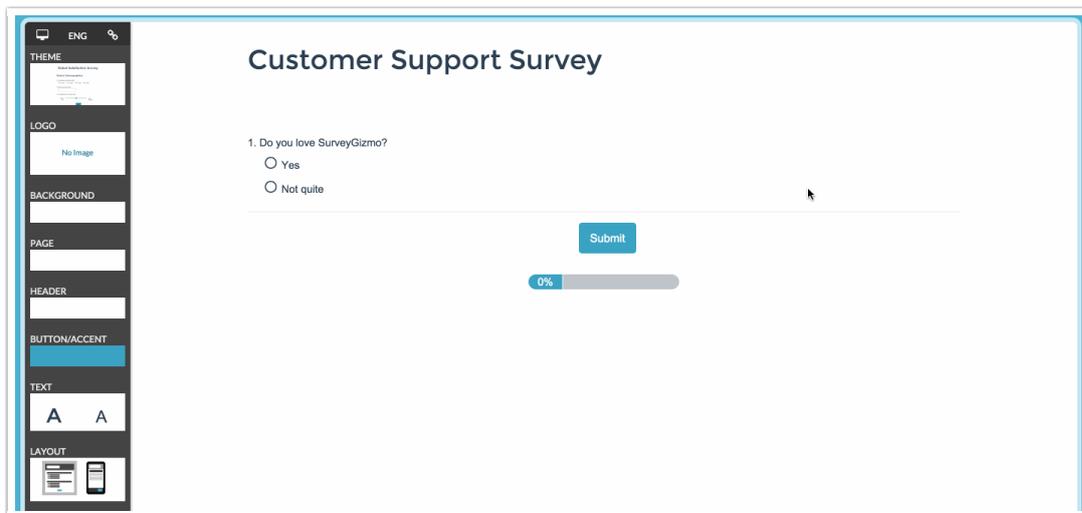
Using a Pattern

1. If you wish to use a pattern as the background of your survey, we recommend starting by selecting a Background color, as this will be combined with the pattern options to create some really cool effects.
2. Next, go to **Background > Patterns** to select a pattern to use in the background of your survey. Adjust your pattern's brightness using the control just above the pattern thumbnails.
3. Finally, in addition to adjusting your pattern's brightness, you can also adjust the transparency of the color that is mixed with your pattern to get that perfect look. To do so, go to **Background > Color picker** and adjust the **Transparency** control to the far right up and down.

Using a Gradient

1. For gradients, start by selecting a gradient that you like and adjust it as you wish.
2. Once you select a gradient to start with, you can change the colors by clicking the arrows below to display a color picker. You can also add a new color to the mix by clicking anywhere on the bar.

3. Last, change the gradient to display **Left to Right** as opposed to **Top to Bottom** if you wish!

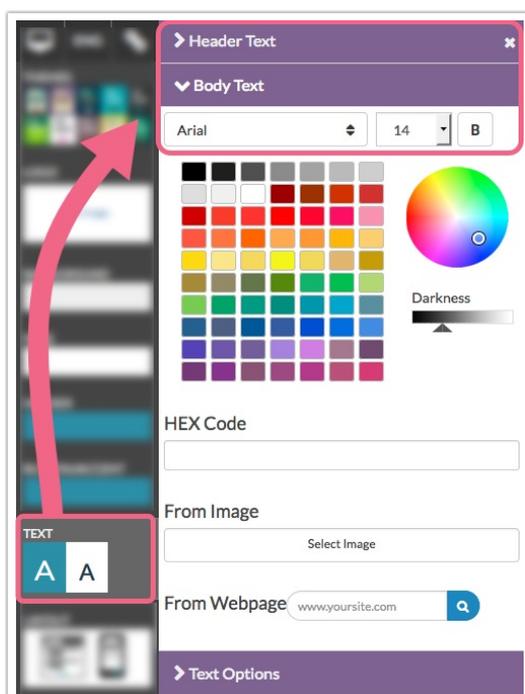


Browser Compatibility

Internet Explorer 8 does not support backgrounds. Backgrounds will display on all other modern browsers.

Step 5: Choose Fonts

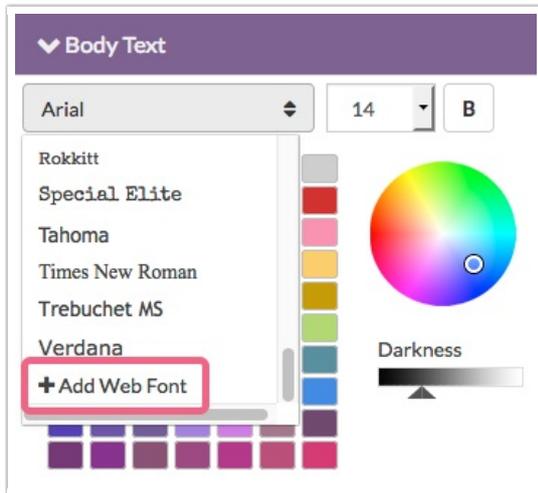
1. To change the font of your survey, go to **Style > Text > Header Text** and/or **Body Text**.
2. Select a font, font size and click the bold button if you wish for your text to display as bold.



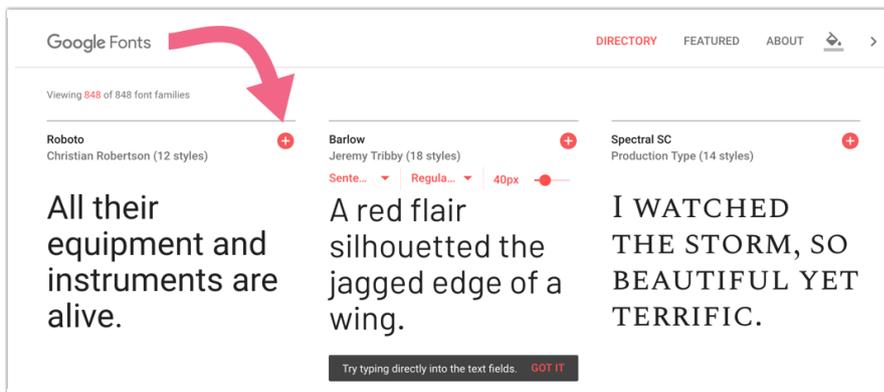
More Fonts Using Google Fonts!

Not seeing a font that matches your particular style? Add one from [Google Fonts!](#)

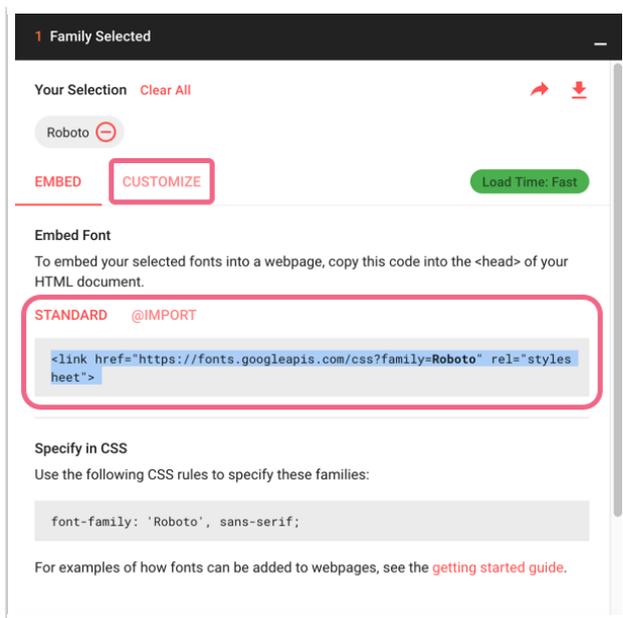
1. At the bottom of both the Header Text and Body Text font dropdown menus, there is an option to **+Add Web Font**. Select this option to utilize the power and variety of Google Fonts in your survey.



2. Next, head over to [Google Fonts](#) and find the typeface that suits your survey. We recommend having your survey in one window/tab and Google Fonts in another. Click the + button once you've made your decision.



3. If needed, choose the appropriate styles/character sets you wish to use, then copy the Standard code to your clipboard.

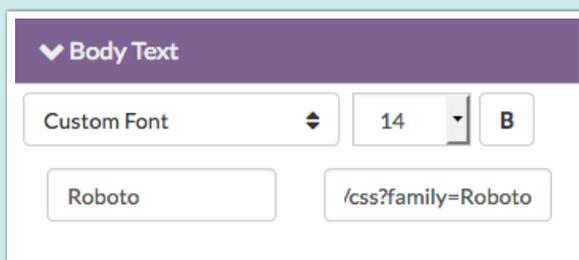


4. Head back over to the **Style** tab of your survey and enter a name for your Google font in the **Font Name** field and paste the code from your clipboard in the **Font URL** field.

The Font Name must be entered as you see it in Google Fonts. You will also need to delete all but the link portions of the code in order for it to work:

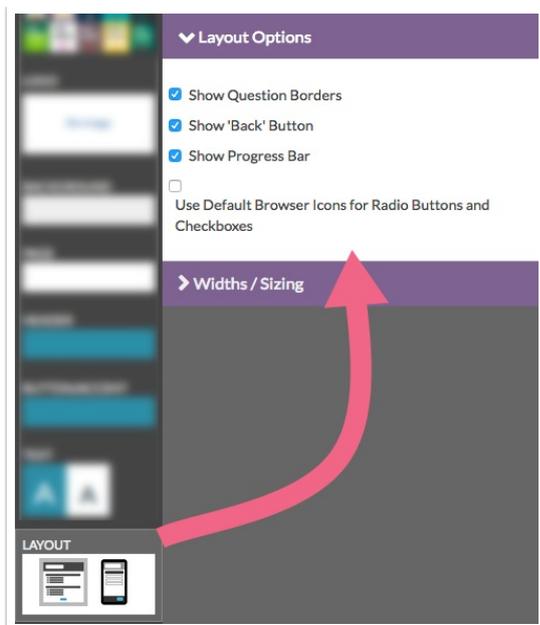
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<link href=""background-color: rgb(247, 218, 100);">//fonts.googleapis.com/css?
family=Roboto" rel="stylesheet">
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The highlighted portion of the Standard embed code is what should be pasted.



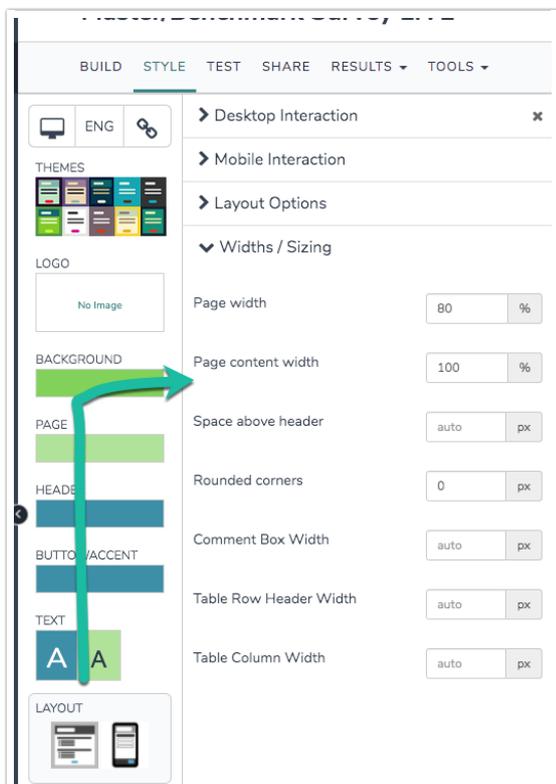
Step 6: Choose Your Layout Options

Under the **Layout** thumbnail, there are a number of options available. Via **Layout Options** you can toggle the following:



- Question Borders
- Back button
- Progress Bar
- Use Default Browser Icons for Radio Buttons and Checkboxes

Via **Widths/Sizing**, you can adjust the following values:



- Page width
- Page content width, a.k.a the survey

- Space above header
- Rounded corners
- [Comment Box Width](#)
- Table Row Header With
- Table Column Width

One of the most important considerations under the Layout thumbnail is your **Desktop Interaction** and **Mobile Interaction**. These determine how survey respondents experience your survey questions and pages. Hover your mouse over each option to see a quick preview. Below we will describe and demo each interaction in a survey.

Desktop Interactions

Standard (default) - Survey respondents will experience your survey much like how it is displayed on your **Build** tab. Check out this survey link on your *desktop* to see it in action:

<http://survey.alchemer.com/s3/1877746/Default-Interactions>

One at a Time - This desktop interaction option will display one question at a time. When the respondent submits the question it will slide to the left and the next question will slide in from the right. Check out this survey link on your *desktop* to see it in action:

<http://survey.alchemer.com/s3/1877760/One-Question-at-a-Time>

Mobile Interactions

Standard - Survey respondents will experience your survey much like how it is displayed on your **Build** tab. Check out this survey link on a *mobile device* to see it in action:

<http://survey.alchemer.com/s3/1877746/Default-Interactions>

One at a Time (default) - Survey respondents will see one question at a time. When the respondent submits the question it will slide to the left and the next question will slide in from the right. Check out this survey link on a *mobile device* to see it in action:

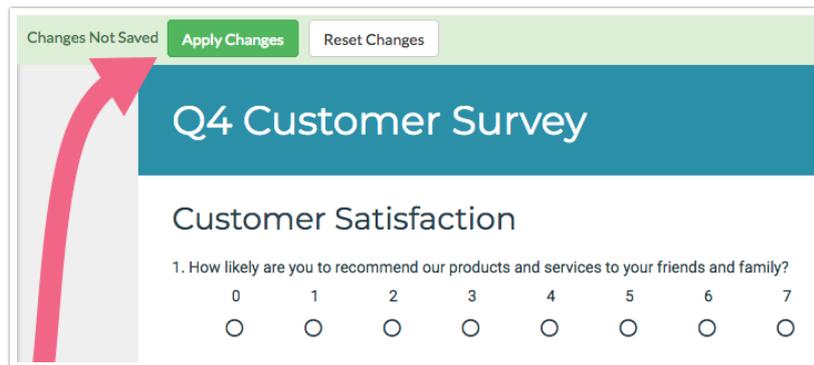
<http://survey.alchemer.com/s3/1877760/Mobile-One-Page-at-a-Time>

Not Mobile Optimized - This option will render the survey as it is designed for desktops on a mobile device.

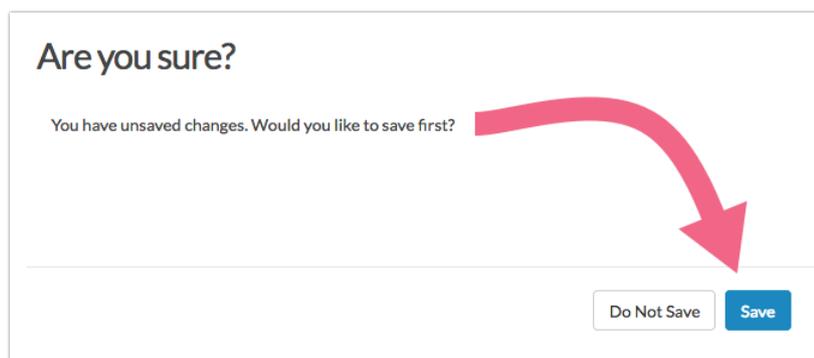
Saving Changes

One of the great things about the way the Style tab works is that you can make a series of

changes and then decide whether you wish to apply them. If you do, simply click the **Apply Changes** button. If not, click the **Reset Changes** button.

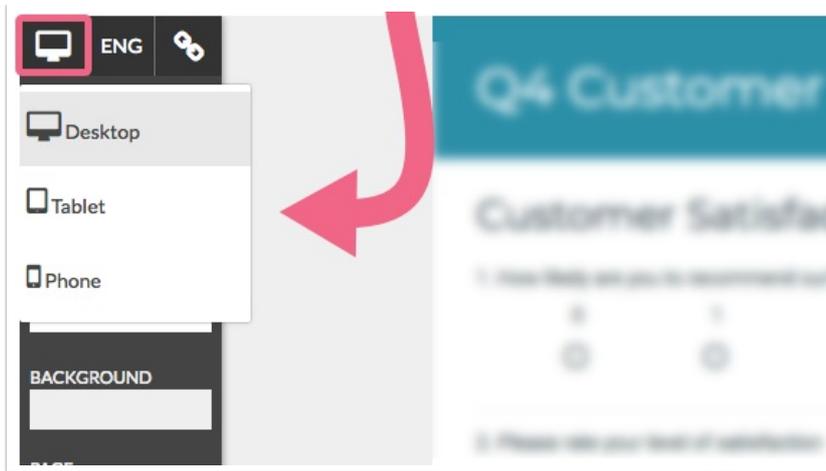


If you try to navigate away from the Style tab without applying your changes, we will warn you that you have unsaved changes. You will have the option to either **Save** or **Do Not Save** before leaving the Style tab.

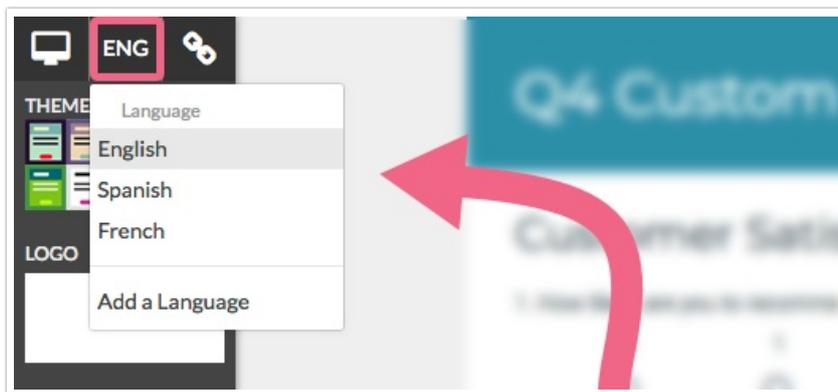


Preview Your Survey Theme Per Device, Language, and Link

Once you've made your styling decisions, you can preview how your survey will look on a desktop, tablet, and mobile device. Click the icon in the upper-left corner to see a rough approximation of how your survey will display. We can't account for all screen sizes and display resolutions but this will give you a good place to start!

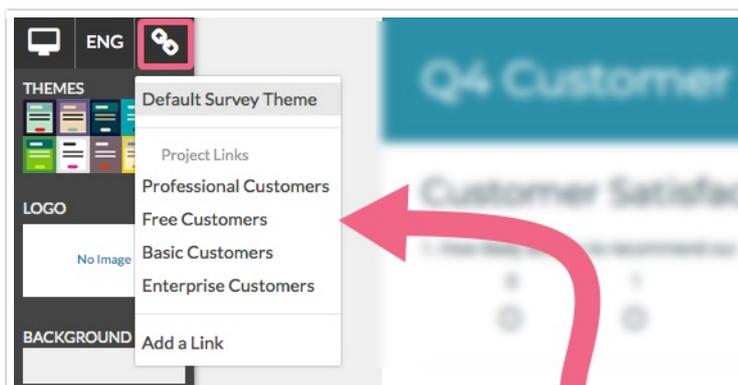


You may also want to check how your survey looks in different languages (assuming that you have [added translations](#)). If you haven't added a language yet, click **Add a Language** to navigate directly to the **Text & Translations** interface.



Last, if you are using multiple share links for your survey, you can set different themes for each link. This is a great way to target certain audiences with your look and feel or to simply [segment responses for tracking purposes](#). If you haven't created additional links yet, click **Add a Link** to navigate directly to the **Share** tab.

Learn more in our [Multiple Themes, One Survey Tutorial](#).



Custom CSS and HTML

You can add custom HTML and/or CSS to your theme by scrolling to the bottom of the survey preview and clicking the link to access the **HTML/CSS Editor**.

- On the **Custom CSS** tab, you can append your custom CSS to the survey theme.
- On the **Custom HTML** tab, you will see the HTML that is included in your survey theme. This can be customized, but use care. If you'd like to learn more about the standard HTML merge codes for surveys visit our [Custom Theme Tutorial](#).
- Finally, we now provide you with a space to append HTML to the head of the survey on the **Custom <HEAD>** tab. For example, if you want to use a special font you can link to it in the head of the survey.

Make sure to **Save Changes** once you're done and then you, good survey friend, are good to go!

Scripting and Other Custom Solutions

We're always happy to help you debug any documented script that is used as is. That said, we do not have the resources to write scripts on demand or to debug a customized script.

If you have customization ideas that you haven't figured out how to tackle, we're happy to be a sounding board for Alchemer features and functionality ideas that might meet your needs. Beyond this, check out our [Professional Services](#); these folks have the scripting chops to help you to achieve what you are looking for!

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