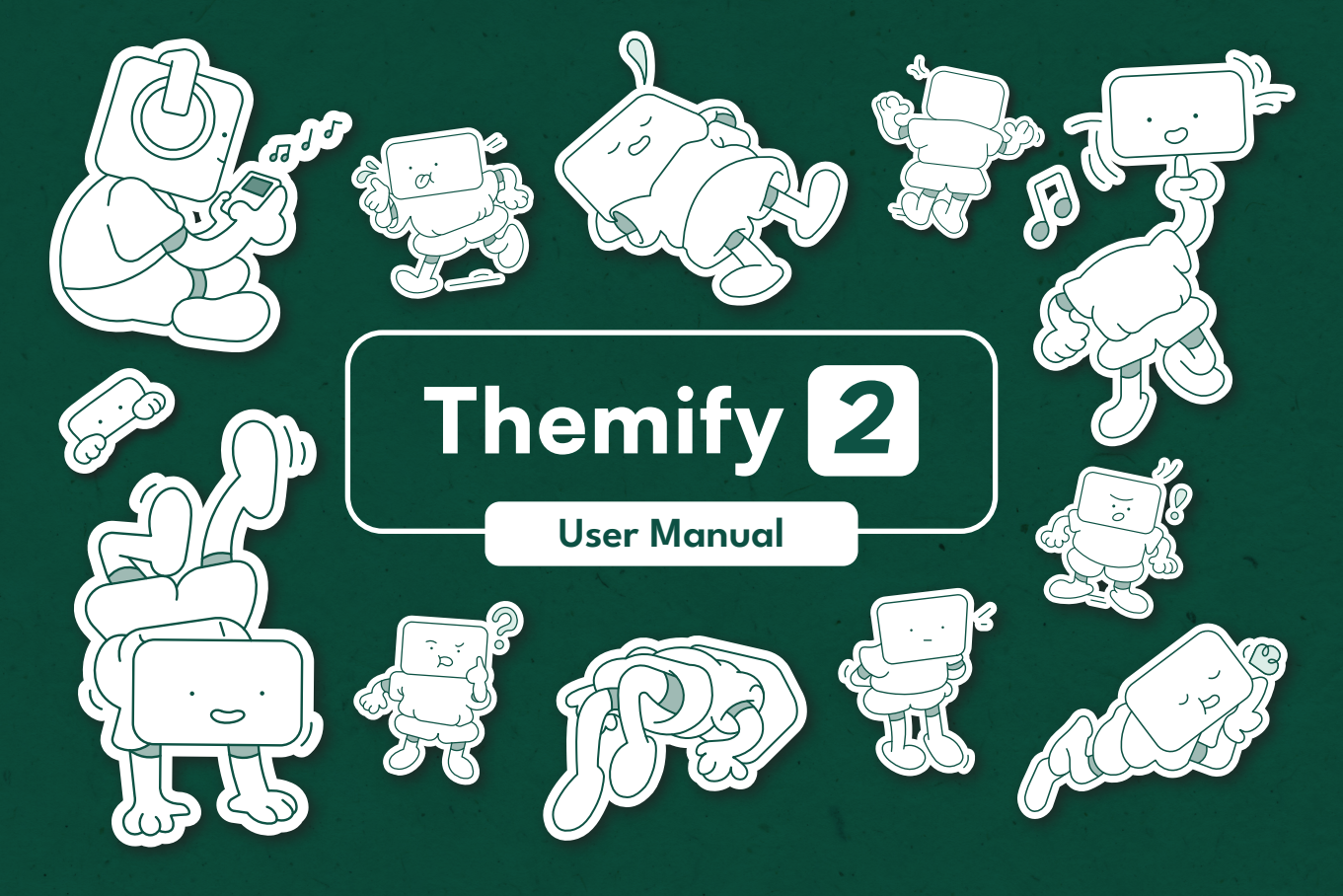
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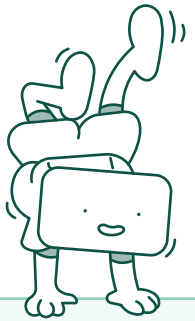

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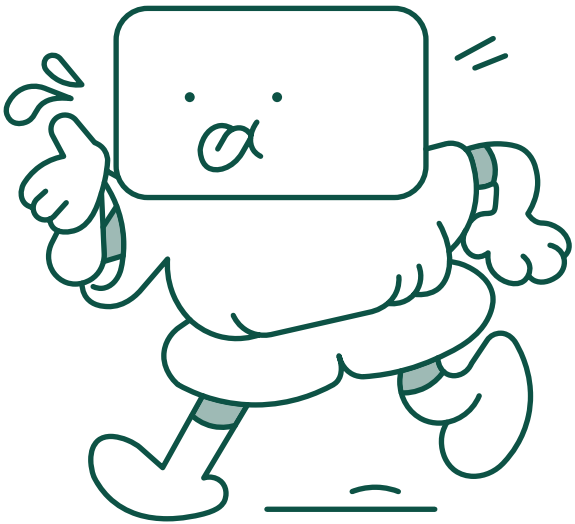
01 Introduction

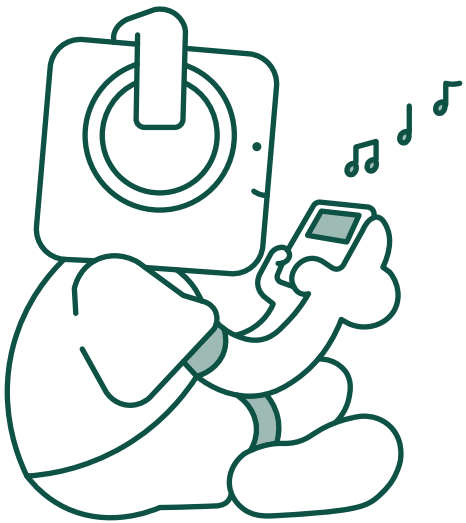


Welcome! And thank you so much for purchasing Themify 2. This has been a project several years in the making and I'm excited to be finally able to share it with you. Themify was made with a simple goal: create a new UI system for the iPod that provides a great experience you control.

This manual serves as your guide through Themify's interface and features, helping you to costomise it exactly to your taste and style.

I hope you enjoy your time with Themify!

Evan, aka. Dook



Installing Themify 2

Themify 2 requires your iPod to have Rockbox version 4.0 or later installed. Please visit rockbox.org for instructions on installing.

Next, to install Themify download the file and extract. Inside the “Themify 2” folder, take the .rockbox folder and place it onto your Pod’s storage. If prompted, select to merge folders.

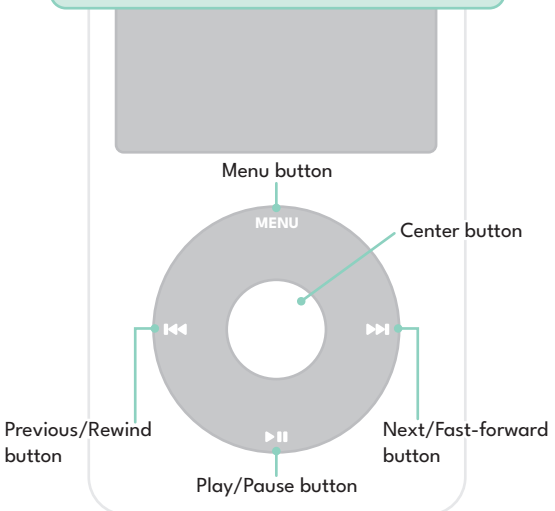
Once complete, eject your iPod from your computer and navigate to:

Settings → **Theme Settings** → **Browse Theme Files**

Select “Themify_2” and you’re ready to go!

02 Interface Guide

Device Controls



Menu Button

Long Press Quicksettings menu (p.6)

Short Press Back to home

Play/Pause Button

Long Press System Shutdown

Short Press Music Player (p.5)/Resume Playback

Previous/Rewind Button

Long Press Rewind

Short Press Previous Page/Song

Next/Fast-forward Button

Long Press Fast-forward

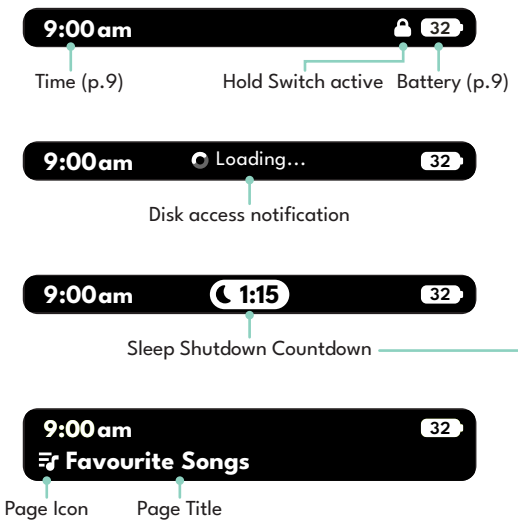
Short Press Select/Next Song

Center Button

Long Press Context Menu

Short Press Select/Current Playlist

Status Bar



The Status Bar appears on every screen except the Now Playing screen. It provides information about the system in a minimal, and non-intrusive way.

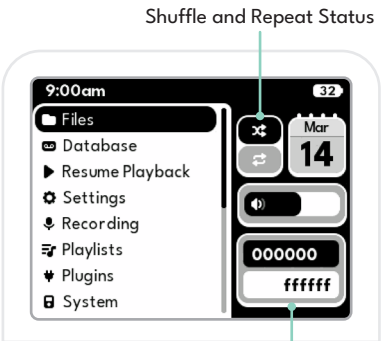
Tip!

Sleep Shutdown can be activated in

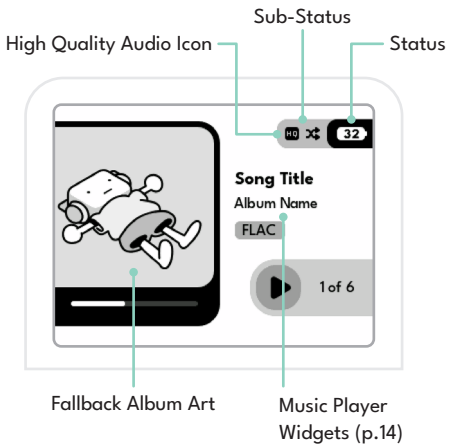
Settings → General Settings →

Startup/Shutdown → Start Sleep Timer

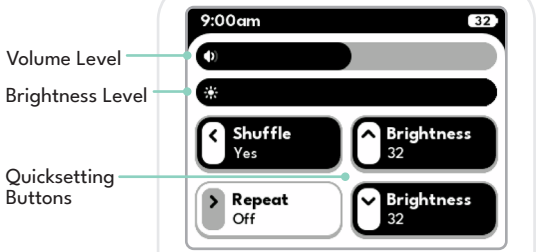
Homescreen and Widgets



Music Player



Quicksettings Screen



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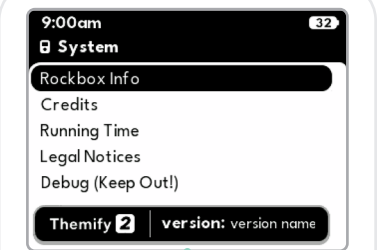
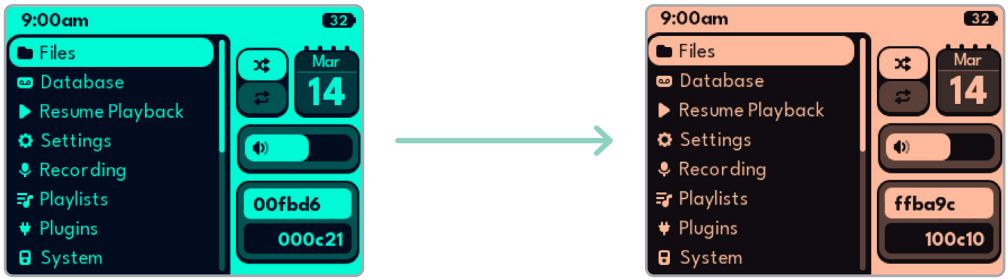


Tip!

In the Settings Menus, you can **Long Press** on Settings like “Brightness” to assign it to one of the four Quicksettings Buttons

03 Customising Themify in Rockbox

Modifying Colours



Before

After

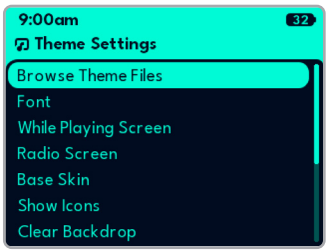
Themify is designed using just two colours that you can freely change any time you want. The Settings to change the colours can be found at:

Settings → **Theme Settings** → **Colours**

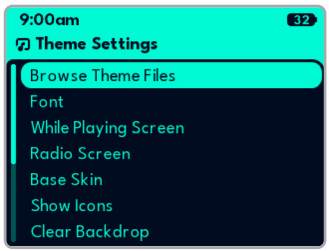
Tip!

Try swapping the Background and Foreground Colours to spice things up!

Moving the Scrollbar



Scrollbar right



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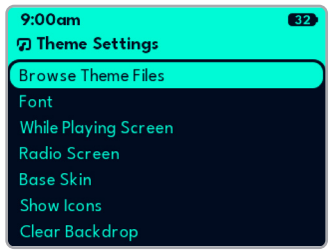
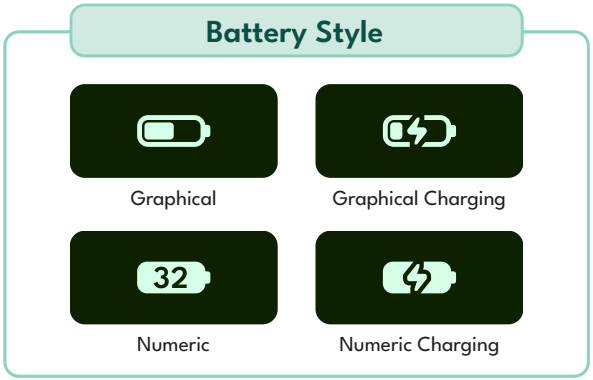


Scrollbar off

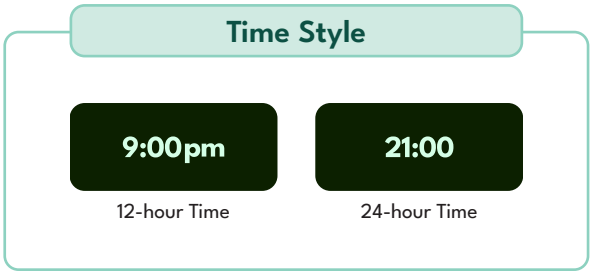
Change the scrollbar to the left or right side. or turn it off entirely. Find the scrollbar setting at:

Settings → **Theme Settings** → **Status-/Scrollbar** → **Scroll bar**



Themify features two different styles of Battery Icons. One with a battery level bar and one with a percentage value. Configure your preferred style with the setting at:

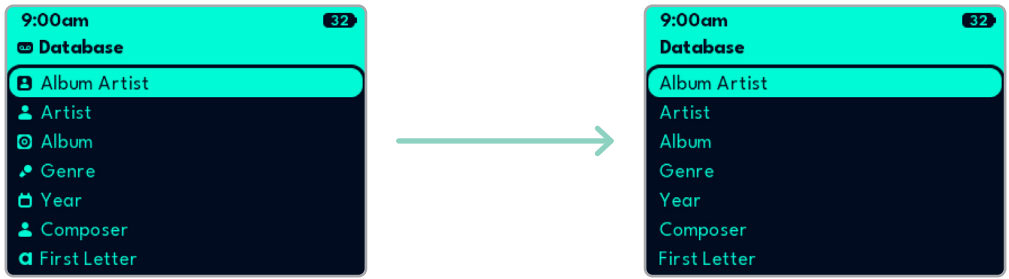
Settings → Theme Settings → Status-/Scrollbar → Battery Display



Rockbox's Time Format Settings are supported by Themify, allowing you to set your preference for 12 or 24 hour time. This is respected by all clocks.

Settings → Time & Date → Time Format

Removing Icons from Menus



Before

After

If you would rather not have icons in the menu system, you can configure this preference at:

Settings → Theme Settings → Show Icons

Disable Text Scrolling

If you do not want text components to scroll when overflowing, Themify 2 contains a custom feature to disable scrolling if Scroll Speed is set to 0.

Settings → General Settings →
Display → Scrolling

Saving your Settings

All your changed Theme Settings can be saved by going to:

Settings → Manage Settings →
Save Theme Settings

Name the config file something and press Play to save. This will place options in the Theme selection screen with your settings for Themify.

Tip!

Make different configs for different moods, or days of the week!

04 Changing User Preferences

The User Preference File open in a text editor

Themify 2 allows you to tweak and change many features of the design using a dedicated .preferences file. Currently, this is best modified using a computer. To change the preferences file, open your iPod's storage on your computer and navigate the following location:

.rockbox → **themes** → **Themify_2.preferences**

From here, you can open up the file in a text editor. Be sure to follow the instructions carefully when changing this file so you don't end up with unintended results. If you mess it up though don't worry, you can reinstall Themify 2 to reset the file.

Tip!

If you can't see the .rockbox folder in your iPod's storage, make sure you have hidden folders set to be visible

Animations Toggle

Disables all animations thoughout the UI.

`animations`	`on/off`

Minimal Player Mode

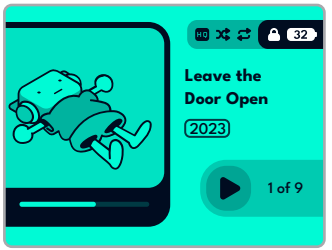
Removes the sub-status bar and playlist position status for a minumal music player set up.

`minimal player mode`	`on/off`

Music Player Widgets

Themify 2's music player hides a series of widgets you can mix and match based on what information you like to see while listening.

There are two series of widgets, one of the sub-line and one for the extra sub-line. Setting the first sub-line to "off" allows for widgets from the extra sub-line series to be displayed in the first sub-line position.



`sub-line mode`

How it looks	Value	Description
susie dawson howe	`artist`	displays the artist's name
underwater	`album`	displays the album title

`sub-line mode`

How it looks	Value	Description
	`genre`	displays the song genre
	`playlist_name`	displays the playlist name or album title
	`bitrate`	displays the file's bitrate
	`volume_meter`	volume_meter, disables extra sub-line
	`song playtime`	shows the current time in song and full duration
	`off`	displays nothing, moves the extra sub-line up if it's not set to off

`extra sub-line mode`

How it looks	Value	Description
susie dawson howe	`artist`	displays the artist's name
underwater	`album`	displays the album title
Indie Folk	`genre`	displays the song genre
Driving Playlist	`playlist_name`	displays the playlist name or album title
1:14 / 3:57	`song playtime`	shows the current time in song and full duration
190kbps	`bitrate`	displays the file's bitrate

`extra sub-line mode`

How it looks	Value	Description
FLAC	`file_format`	displays the file's format
★★★½☆	`rating`	displays user's song rating. Requires "Gather Runtime Data" to be enabled in Settings > General Settings > Database
2023	`year`	displays the year tag of the song
	`off`	set extra sub-line off

05 FAQ

How do I change the buttons on the Quicksettings screen?

Changing Quicksettings buttons is super simple. Navigate in the Settings menus to the setting you want on there and **Long Press** .From there, you can select which direction to place the button.

Themify 2 looks nothing like the screenshots on my iPod!

It's possible Themify isn't loading properly, this can be for a variety of reasons. Firstly, check your iPod is running Rockbox 4.0 or newer, then if that doesn't work try re-installing Themify. If none of these work, reach out to me and we can try fix it together.

Can I make the UI colours change based on Album Art?

Unfortunately not. At least not right now. If you're proficient in C and would like to see this feature in Themify, consider contributing to Rockbox to make it happen!

Help! My Album Art isn't displaying.

Your Album Art might need to be formatted for your iPod. Typically jpg (non-progressive) or BMP at 320x320 is recommended. If it's working with other themes, however, this may be an issue with Rockbox so definitely contact me.

I set my User Preferences, but they aren't showing up correctly.

It's possible you might have made an error changing your preferences. Take a look to see if it's clear what's causing the issue, but if not try reinstalling Themify and try again.

Sometimes I see parts of the UI flash when the screen changes.

This is unfortunately a quirk with Rockbox, while I've attempted to mitigate this as much as possible, some parts of the UI still experience minor lag loading in.

06 Thank You!

Themify 2 would not have been possible without the following amazing people.

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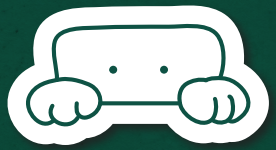

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