

## Step 2. Images(basics)

Now in this section I will cover the basics on where to locate system images and how to edit them...

### Base (or Deodexed Stock Theme Template)

First thing you will need to do is have a Base... "What is a Base?" A base is A stock template or a starting point for your theme... Most theme forum threads will have these posted and ready to download... In SDX they will be posted at the top of the Theme Thread, And should be labeled as Deodexed Stock Theme... some have power widgets or a 1 percent mod... take your pick!...

### Location

Now that you have a Base, lets locate those images... Take your .zip that you just downloaded and place it on your desktop...

You will need 7zip for this next part...

Right click on the .zip file and select "open with"

Open the zip with 7zip...

Now you should see a 7zip window with the following in it...

META-INF and system...

open the system folder...Then open the framework folder...Now double click on framework-res.apk... Then open the res folder

Now you will See all the framework folders... The system images are located in the Drawable, Drawable-mdpi, and Drawable-land-mdpi folders...

## Image Editing

Inside folders listed above you will find images... mostly .png images...

We are going to start with the Drawable folder...

Drag the Drawable folder from 7zip to the desktop

In this folder you will only find a few images... The main one we will change is called default\_background.jpg

This Image will be the Default background for the theme you are Editing(as in your homescreen background!) you can open this image in any photo editing program you want... I use GIMP.. Now change it however you would like and then save it over top of the existing image... make sure you save it as the same height and length so it will stretch correctly on your homescreen... Also make sure not to change the name of the image!!

once this image is saved you can add this back to 7zip...

Go back to your 7zip window and delete the drawable folder...

Now drag the newly edited drawable folder on your desktop into the 7zip window... wait for the prompt and click yes...

Now lets move on to the Drawable-mdpi folder...

use the same method as you did with the drawable folder and drag it to the desktop... now open it up to see the mother load of all images!... this is where most all of the system images are kept... **At this part of the learning process i would be sure not to edit any images that have a .9 in the name!**

After you are done here drag back and vola most of the theme is coming together! finish up the Drawable-land-Mdpi folder and you are done editing basic images.....

now on 7zip after you have replaced all the Drawable folders mentioned above press the up arrow until a command prompt comes up that says..."the Framework-res.apk has been edited, would you like to update now" click yes and it is now updated with your new images and ready to flash to your phone...