

* BASIC JOOMLA! 1.5 TEMPLATE

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Home

Welcome to the Frontpage

Welcome to Joomla!

Written by Administrator
Thursday, 12 October 2006 12:00

Joomla! is a free open source framework and content publishing system designed for quick creating highly interactive multi-language Web sites, online communities, media portals, blogs and eCommerce applications.

Joomla! provides an easy-to-use graphical user interface that simplifies the management and publishing of large volumes of content including HTML, documents, and rich media. Joomla! is used by organisations of all sizes for Public Websites, Intranets and Extranets and is supported by a community of thousands of users.

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We are Volunteers

Written by Administrator
Wednesday, 07 July 2004 11:54

The Joomla! Core Team consists of volunteer developers, creatives, administrators and managers. This well-oiled machine is often copied but never surpassed. Joomla! has some wonderfully talented people taking open source concepts to the forefront of industry standards. Joomla! 1.5 is a major leap forward and represents the most exciting Joomla! release in the history of the project.

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Stick to the Code!

Written by Administrator
Wednesday, 07 July 2004 12:00

To ensure this code release, Wilco Jansen resorted to sending rum to joint lead developer Johan Janssens. Johan, who's had a penchant for rum ever since the first Pirate's of the Caribbean movie screened, took the bait mixed it with Cola and here we are with our latest 1.5 release. It looks like pirate talk will figure quite a lot in future Joomla! development ?? as long as the rum lasts.

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What is the FTP layer for?

Written by Administrator
Friday, 06 October 2006 21:27

This allows file operations (such installing extensions or updating the main configuration) without having to make all the folders and files writeable. This makes the site admin's life a lot easier and increases security of the site

You can check the write status of relevant folders by going to "Help->System Info" and then in the sub-menu to "Directory Permissions". With FTP even if all directories are red, Joomla! will operate smoothly.

NOTE: the FTP layer is not required on a Windows host.

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Only one edit window! How do I create "Read more..."?

Written by Administrator
Friday, 06 October 2006 21:29

This is now implemented by inserting a tag (button is in the editor area) a dotted line appears in the edited text showing the split location for the "Read more...". A new bot takes care of the rest.

It is worth mentioning that this does not have a negative effect on migrated data from older sites. The new implementation is fully backward compatible.

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Polls

Joomla! is used for?

- Community Sites
- Public Brand Sites
- eCommerce
- Blogs
- Intranets
- Photo and Media Sites
- All of the Above!

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We have 1 guest online

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Powered by Joomla! Valid XHTML and CSS.

Joomla 1.5 Core Template Files

- `templateName/index.php`
- `templateName/templateDetails.xml`
- `templateName/template_thumbnail.png`
- `templateName/images/...` /* template images go in here
- `templateName/css/...` /* template stylesheets go in here

templateDetails.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<install version="1.5.1" type="template">
<name>templateName</name>
<creationDate>Month Date Year</creationDate>
<author>Authors Name</author>
<copyright>GPL</copyright>
<authorEmail>name@mySite.com</authorEmail>
<authorUrl>www.mySite.ca</authorUrl>
<version>1.0</version>
<description>Brief description of template design here</description>
<files>
<filename>index.php</filename>
<filename>templateDetails.xml</filename>
<filename>template_thumbnail.png</filename>
<filename>images/logo.gif</filename>
<filename>images/header.jpg</filename>
<filename>css/layout.css</filename>
<filename>css/template.css</filename>
<filename>js/somejsfile.js</filename>
</files>
<positions>
<position>user1</position>
<position>top</position>
<position>left</position>
<position>banner</position>
<position>right</position>
<position>footer</position>
</positions>
</install>
```

Template Modules (& code to call modules)

```
<jdoc:include type="modules" name="user1" style="xhtml" /> <!-- Latest News -->
<jdoc:include type="modules" name="user2" style="xhtml" /> <!-- Popular News -->
<jdoc:include type="modules" name="user3" style="xhtml" /> <!-- Top Menu -->
<jdoc:include type="modules" name="user4" style="none" /> <!-- Search Box -->
<jdoc:include type="modules" name="top" style="xhtml" /> <!-- News Flash -->
<jdoc:include type="modules" name="left" style="xhtml" /> <!-- Left Menu Modules -->
<jdoc:include type="module" name="breadcrumbs" style="none" /> <!-- Breadcrumbs -->
<jdoc:include type="component" /> <!-- Main Content -->
<jdoc:include type="modules" name="right" style="xhtml" /> <!-- Right Menu Modules -->
<jdoc:include type="modules" name="syndicate" style="none" /> <!-- RSS Feed -->
<jdoc:include type="modules" name="footer" style="none" /> <!-- Footer -->
```

Options (style=displayChoice)

OPTION="table" (default display) modules are displayed in a column. The following shows an example of the output:

```
<table cellpadding="0" cellspacing="0" class="moduletable<?php echo $params->get('moduleclass_sfx');
?>">
<?php if ($module->showtitle != 0) : ?>
<tr>
<th valign="top">
<?php echo $module->title; ?>
</th>
</tr>
<?php endif; ?>
<tr>
<td>
<?php echo $module->content; ?>
</td>
</tr>
</table>
```

OPTION="horz" makes the modules appear horizontally. Each module is output in the cell of a wrapper table. The following shows an example of the output:

```
<table cellspacing="1" cellpadding="0" border="0" width="100%">
<tr>
<td valign="top">
<?php modChrome_table($module, $params, $attribs); ?>
</td>
</tr>
</table>
```

OPTION="xhtml" makes modules appear as a simple div element. The following shows an example of the output:

```
<div class="moduletable"><?php echo $params->get('moduleclass_sfx'); ?>>
<?php if ($module->showtitle != 0) : ?>
<h3><?php echo $module->title; ?></h3>
<?php endif; ?>
<?php echo $module->content; ?>
</div>
```

OPTION="rounded" makes modules appear in a format that allows, for example, stretchable rounded corners. If this \$style is used, the name of the <div> changes from moduletable to module. The following shows an example of the output:

```
<div class="module"><?php echo $params->get('moduleclass_sfx'); ?>>
<div>
<div>
<div>
<?php if ($module->showtitle != 0) : ?>
<h3><?php echo $module->title; ?></h3>
<?php endif; ?>
<?php echo $module->content; ?>
</div>
</div>
</div>
</div>
```

OPTION="none" makes modules appear as raw output containing no element and no title. Here is an example:

```
echo $module->content;
```

index.php

```
<?php
/**
 * @copyright Copyright (C) 2005 - 2008 Open Source Matters. All rights reserved.
 * @license GNU/GPL, see LICENSE.php
 * Joomla! is free software. This version may have been modified pursuant
 * to the GNU General Public License, and as distributed it includes or
 * is derivative of works licensed under the GNU General Public License or
 * other free or open source software licenses.
 * See COPYRIGHT.php for copyright notices and details.
 */
// no direct access
defined( '_JEXEC' ) or die( 'Restricted access' );
?>
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="<?php echo $this->language; ?>"
lang="<?php echo $this->language; ?>" >
<head>

<!-- displays header information related to that page like title, meta, favicon etc. -->
<jdoc:include type="head" />

<!-- Then insert links to your style sheets and javascript files -->
<link rel="stylesheet" href="<?php echo $this->baseurl ?>/templates/system/css/system.css"
type="text/css" />
<link rel="stylesheet" href="<?php echo $this->baseurl ?>/templates/system/css/general.css"
type="text/css" />
<link rel="stylesheet" href="<?php echo $this->baseurl ?>/templates/<?php echo $this->template
?>/css/template.css" type="text/css" />

<!-- if later than or equal to IE 6 use this style sheet -->

<!--[if lte IE 6]>
<link href="<?php echo $this->baseurl ?>/templates/<?php echo $this->template ?>/css/ieonly.css"
rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />
<![endif]-->

<!-- used to count modules and adjust main content width accordingly done in layout.css –
must be coded after the main style sheets!! -->

<?php

if($this->countModules('left and right') == 0) $contentwidth = "100";

if($this->countModules('left or right') == 1) $contentwidth = "80";

if($this->countModules('left and right') == 1) $contentwidth = "60";

?>

<!-- End of head section -->
</head>
```

```

<!-- Template Body -->
<body>
<div id="wrap">
  <div id="header">
    <div class="inside">
      <h1><?php echo $mainframe->getCfg('sitename');?></h1> <!-- site name -->
      <jdoc:include type="modules" name="top" style="xhtml" /> <!-- newsflash -->
    </div>
  </div>

  <?php if($this->countModules('left')) : ?>
  <div id="sidebar">
    <div class="inside">
      <jdoc:include type="modules" name="left" style="xhtml" /> <!-- left menu -->
    </div>
  </div>
  <?php endif; ?>

<div id="content"<?php echo $contentwidth; ?>">
  <div class="inside">
    <jdoc:include type="module" name="breadcrumbs" style="none" /> <!-- breadcrumbs -->
    <jdoc:include type="component" /> <!-- maincontent -->
  </div>
</div>

<?php if($this->countModules('right')) : ?>
<div id="sidebar-2">
  <div class="inside">
    <jdoc:include type="modules" name="right" style="xhtml" /> <!-- right menu -->
  </div>
</div>
<?php endif; ?>

<?php if($this->countModules('footer')) : ?>
<div id="footer">
  <div class="inside">
    <jdoc:include type="modules" name="footer" style="xhtml" /> <!-- footer -->
  </div>
</div>
<?php endif; ?>
</div>

<!--end of wrap-->
</body>
</html>

```

```
/* CSS files */
```

```
/* layout.css CSS file – layout */
```

```
body {  
text-align:center; /*center hack*/  
}  
#wrap {  
min-width: 760px;  
max-width: 960px;  
width: auto !important; /*IE6 hack*/  
width: 960px; /*IE6 hack*/  
margin: 0 auto; /*center hack*/  
text-align: left; /*center hack*/  
}  
#header {}  
#sidebar {float: left; width: 20%; overflow: hidden; }  
#content60 {float: left; width: 60%; overflow: hidden; }  
#content80 {float: left; width: 80%; overflow: hidden; }  
#content100 {float: left; width: 100%; overflow: hidden; }  
#sidebar-2 {float: left; width: 20%; overflow: hidden; }  
#footer {clear: both; }  
.inside {padding: 10px; }
```

```
/* template.css CSS file - styles */
```

```
* {  
margin: 0;  
padding: 0;  
}  
h1, h2, h3, h4, h5, h6, p, blockquote, form, label, ul, ol, dl, fieldset, address {  
margin: 0.5em 0;  
}  
li, dd {  
margin-left: 1em;  
}  
fieldset {  
padding: .5em;  
}  
body {  
font-size: 76%;  
font-family: Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;  
line-height: 1.3;  
margin: 1em 0;  
}  
#wrap {  
border: 1px solid #999;  
}  
#header {  
border-bottom: 1px solid #999;  
}  
#footer {  
border-top: 1px solid #999;  
}
```

```

/* typography */
a{
text-decoration: none;
}
a: hover{
text-decoration: underline;
}
h1, .componentheading{
font-size: 1.7em;
}
h2, .contentheading{
font-size: 1.5em;
}
h3{
font-size: 1.3em;
}
h4{
font-size: 1.2em;
}
h5{
font-size: 1.1em;
}
h6{
font-size: 1em;
font-weight: bold;
}
#footer, .small, .createdate, .modifydate, .mosimage_caption{
font: 0.8em Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
color: #999;
}

/* modules */
.moduletable{
margin-bottom: 1em;
padding: 0 10px; /*padding for inside text*/ border: 1px #CCC solid;
}

.moduletable h3{
background: #666;
color: #fff;
padding: 0.25em 0;
text-align: center;
font-size: 1.1em;
margin: 0 -10px 0.5em -10px;
/*negative padding to pull h3 back out from .moduletable padding*/ }

```