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Delicious

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1. Introduction

Delicious is the August 2009 Joomla! template from BonusThemes.com.

BonusThemes presents a Delicious Joomla! template. Delicious has a design far from the ordinary and styling ready to steal your guests' look. It can easily work as an e-commerce template or a presentation website for content that relates to joyful and relaxing thoughts, products or services.

It features a 3 column layout, plenty of module positions, a menu with built-in support for VirtueMart 1.1 and a native or blog styled date tag for articles.

Read the following sections to find detailed information and illustrated examples that explain the ways you can use the template.

2. General information

2.1. Required software

Delicious works with Joomla! 1.5.x and it is recommended to use the latest version available.

Visit <http://www.joomla.org> to find which is the latest available version for Joomla!. If you are not sure which version you are using at the moment, login to the administrator control panel and locate the version number on the top right corner of the page.

2.2. Browser compatibility

Delicious is compatible with:

- Firefox 3.5
- Firefox 3
- Safari 4
- Safari 3
- Chrome 2
- Chrome 1
- MS Internet Explorer 8
- MS Internet Explorer 7
- MS Internet Explorer 6

3. *Template installation*

To install the template you can use the Joomla! installation mechanism:

[Extensions > Install/Uninstall](#)

Alternatively, you may unpack the template in the /template directory.

To activate the template go to

[Extensions > Template Manager](#)

select the template and click the “Default” button.

Read Appendix A for illustrated examples on how to install and activate a template.

4. Layout

The layout of Delicious provides 23 regular module positions and 5 invisible positions for supplementary services.

Delicious implements a technology that makes it really easy to set the width of any position or the main body. Read section 5.10 for more information.

This template uses a collapsible module technology. That makes some positions disappear if there are no published modules in them. This feature gives you the capability to make arrangements for wider space in your pages.

On the top of its layout, Delicious uses CMenu, a menu script that uses a regular Joomla menu as a data source. You have the option of disabling this menu and have a regular module position in its place. This can be set from the Template Manager and the name of the position that replaces CMenu is “header”. Read sections 5.5 and 5.6 for more information.

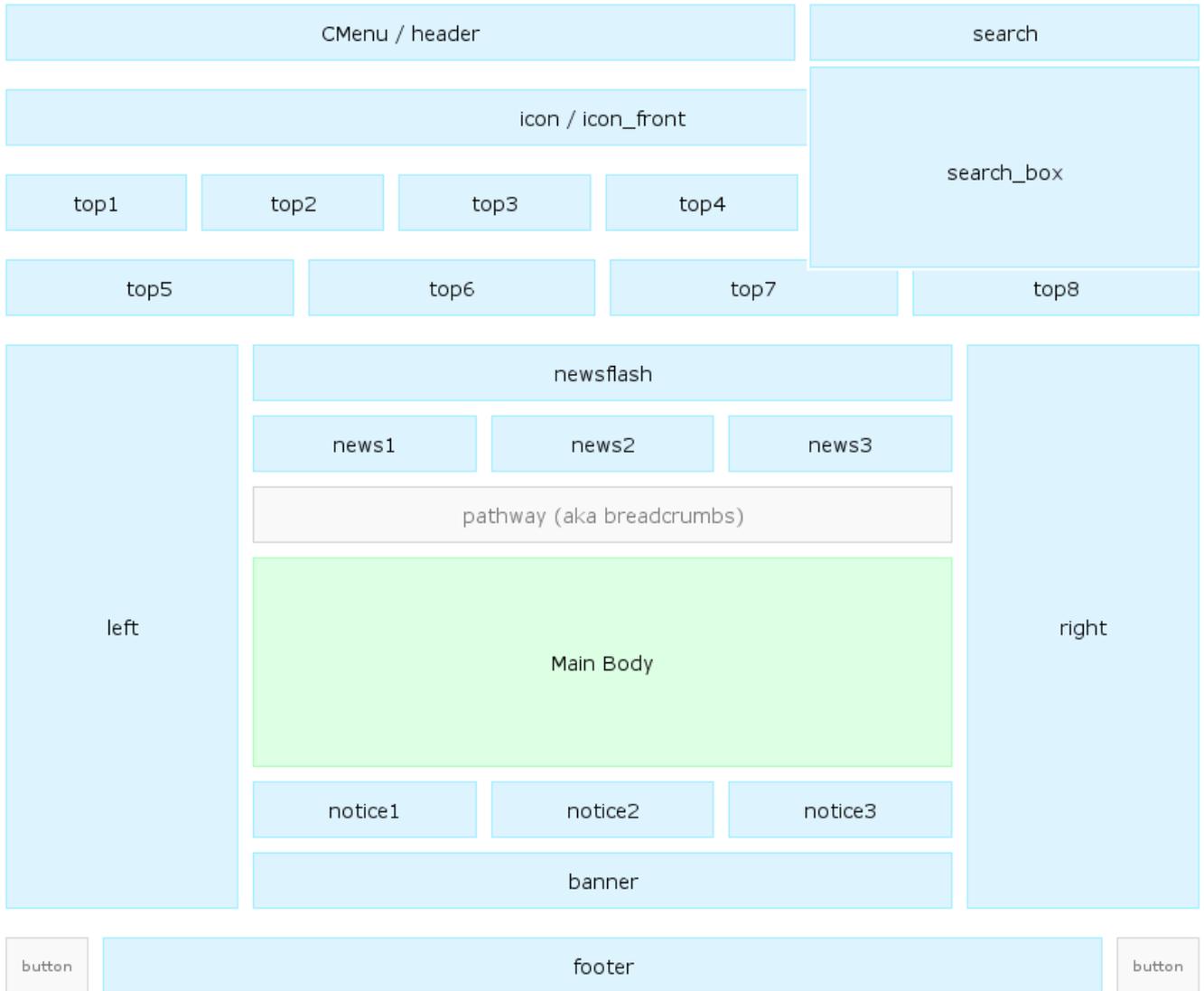
CMenu can also be easily connected with VirtueMart’s products and categories. Read section 5.11 and appendix C for more details.

With this template you have the option to change the way dates for articles appear and give them blog styled date tags. Read section 5.12 for more information.

Delicious has a dual interface mechanism. Read section 5.13 to learn how to control them.

Finally the search module in this template requires you to make certain adjustments. Read section 5.14 for more information. You may also need to read section 5.15 to learn how to handle the position “search_box”.

4.1. Template map



Map of regular module positions for the template Delicious.

Delicious also supports 5 hidden positions for supplementary services. Read section 5.8 for more information.

An alternative way to see this map on your website is to use the URI parameter `tp=1`. For example, if your website is "example.com" you can see the template positions by typing <http://www.example.com/?tp=1>

The module position "search_box" appears only if the position "search" has a published module in it.

If you have a published module in position "search_box" then the widths of positions "top1", "top2", "top3" and "top4" shrink in order to make space for "search_box".

If you have published modules in position "icon_front" the positions "icon", "top1", "top2", "top3" and "top4" do not appear.

4.2. CSS structure

Delicious uses the main Joomla template CSS file for typography and other general styling. That main file is /templates/bt_delicious/css/template.css.

The file /templates/bt_delicious/css/layout.css contains CSS definitions that control the layout.

The file /templates/bt_delicious/css/cmnu.css contains CSS definitions that control the layout of CMenu, the script for the menu on the top area.

Naming system for module positions:

The IDs of the <div> tags that wrap the template positions always start with “pos_”. For example the module position “left” takes the id “pos_left”.

4.3. Module Suffixes

There are 13 regular module styles (or module suffixes) and 2 additional for the search module that match the styling of the template.



mstyle1



mstyle2



mstyle3



mstyle4



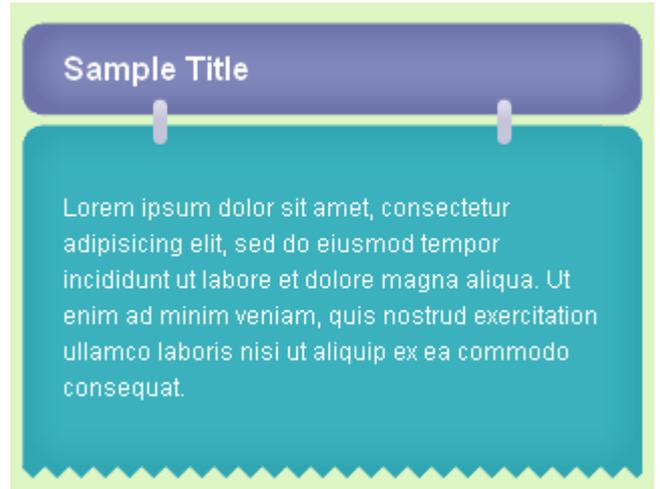
mstyle5



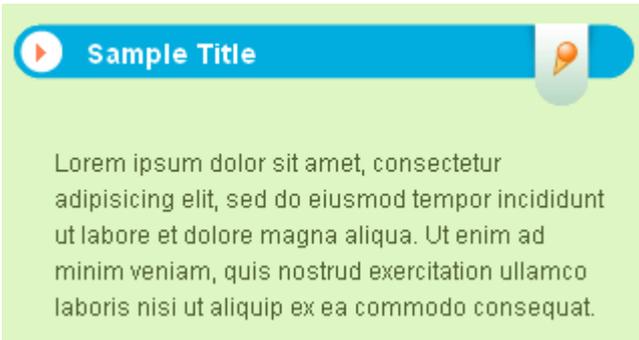
mstyle6



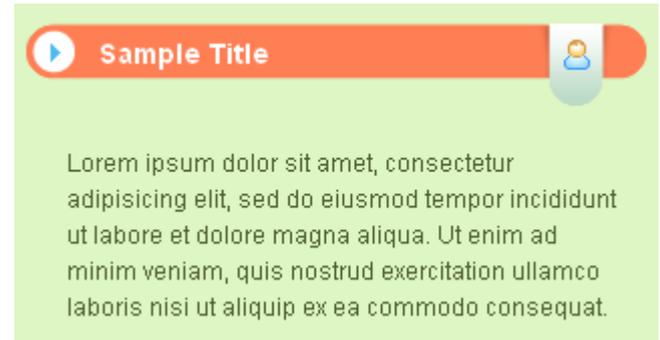
mstyle7



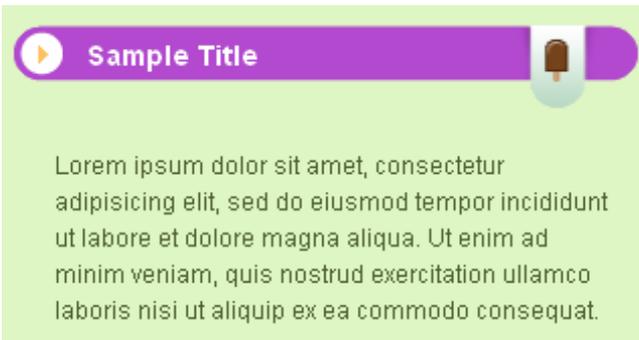
mstyle8



mstyle9



mstyle10



mstyle11



mstyle12

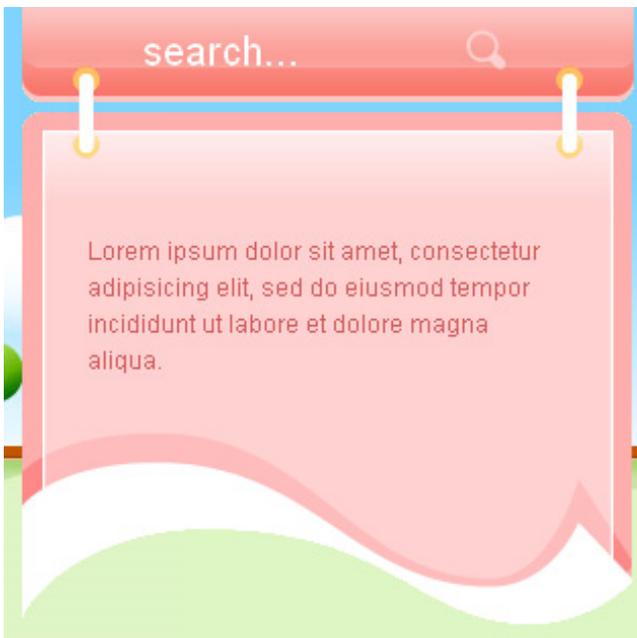


mstyle13

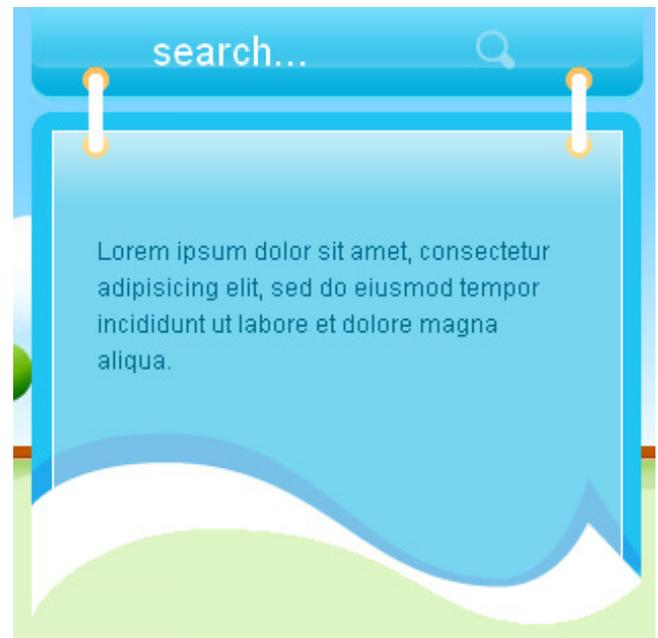


mstyle14

Notice 1: Module styles “mstyle12” and “mstyle13” have an ending that requires the width to be exactly 308 pixels. Please read section 5.10 to see how to set the width of a position.



search1



search2

Notice 2: Module styles “search1” and “search2” should be used only for the module “mod_search” in the position “search”. The module in the position “search_box” uses the styling set for the position “search”.

5. Template setup

5.1. Logo setup

To setup your logo, publish a “Custom HTML” module with an uploaded image in any template position.

Example:

1. Upload your logo on your website
2. Create a new “Custom HTML” module that contains the URL of the image you just uploaded
3. Publish that module in a suitable position

For additional help with illustrated examples, visit <http://www.bonusthemes.com> and open the tutorial “How to upload your logo” from the tutorials section.

You can publish your logo in any position, but the recommended one for logos is “icon”.

5.2. Banner setup

To setup a banner, publish a banner module in any template position.

5.3. How to show/hide the BonusThemes logo

You can show or hide the BonusThemes logo from

Extensions > Template Manger

5.4. PNG fix

MS Internet Explorer 5 and 6 have trouble rendering the alpha levels (transparencies) of PNG images. The

template is equipped with a script that fixes this problem. To enable transparencies in PNG files for MS

Internet Explorer 5 and 6, use the CSS class “pngfix”. In some cases images appear distorted. To avoid this

distortion provide “width” and “height” attributes in your HTML tags. Alternatively, you can try the CSS class “pngfix_static”.

HTML example that shows an image tag with pngfix enabled:

```

```

PNG fix’s website:

<http://www.twinhelix.com>

5.5. How to enable/disable CMenu

CMenu (Classic Menu) is the menu that appears on the top of the page.

If you want to use a module instead of CMenu you can disable it from

Extensions > Template Manger

locate the option “Header Menu Type” and set it to “Position Header”. You can now publish your module in the position “header”.

5.6. How to set the Joomla menu for CMenu

CMenu by default shows the contents of the Joomla menu “topmenu”.

In order to change the source of CMenu, go to

Extensions > Template Manager

and use the option “Header Menu Name”.

5.7. How to enable/disable the SEOCP feature

SEOCP (Search Engine Optimization Content Positioning) is a feature that controls the position of the main content of the pages.

When SEOCP is enabled the content is internally positioned on the top of the HTML code and this helps search engines find and analyze the content easier. When the page loads, a JavaScript script moves the content to the proper position so that the visual structures can display it in the way the human eye can understand better.

SEOCP needs JavaScript to work. This means that users with JavaScript disabled will not be able to read the content of the page.

By default, SEOCP is disabled. To enable SEOCP go to

Extensions > Template Manager

and use the option “SEOCP”.

5.8. Hidden module positions

Delicious features 5 hidden positions for supplementary functionality. The names of these positions are “aux1”, “aux2”, “aux3”, “aux4”, “aux5”.

The IDs of the container HTML elements for these positions are “pos_aux1”, “pos_aux2”, “pos_aux3”, “pos_aux4” and “pos_aux5” respectively.

5.9. Custom menu styling

The Delicious template has a default way of laying out menus. It uses a specific set of CSS rules that may not appear nice in exception cases. One such exception is a horizontal menu.

To make the template ignore the default layout for menus you can use a custom “Menu Class Suffix”. This should not be confused with “Module Class Suffix”. From the administrator’s control panel go to

Extensions > Module Manager

open the menu module that needs to have a different layout, open the “Advanced Parameters” panel on the right side of the page and set the “Menu Class Suffix” to any value (type for example “mystyle”) and click the “Save” button.

5.10. How to set the width of any position

To set the width of a module position in the template go to

Extensions > Template Manager

click the bt_delicious template and use the “Position widths” text box.

You can simply type the name of the template, a colon (:) and a width in pixels. Each line should have one setting.

Example:

left: 160

right: 200

To set the width of the main body use the keyword: “mainbody”.

Example:

mainbody: 700

5.11. How to connect CMenu with VirtueMart 1.1

CMenu is the menu that appears by default as the main template menu. As explained in previous sections its data source is a regular Joomla! menu of your choice.

The connection of CMenu with VirtueMart 1.1 is a very simple task. All you have to do is create an “External Link” menu item and use the “Link” text box to define the type of connection you want. The system will convert your link to VirtueMart data if it starts with “:vm:”. After that keyword, you should enter a type of connection and optional parameters.



Here is an example of what the Link should look like if you want to show all the VirtueMart categories under a menu item:

```
:vm:subcategory
```

And here is a more complex example that connects a menu item with the sub-categories of the category 5.

```
:vm:subcategory:id=5
```

Depending on the command you use (“category” in this case) you have optional parameters to filter your connection. For example, you may want to show only one level of sub-categories. To do that, you should use the parameter “depth”:

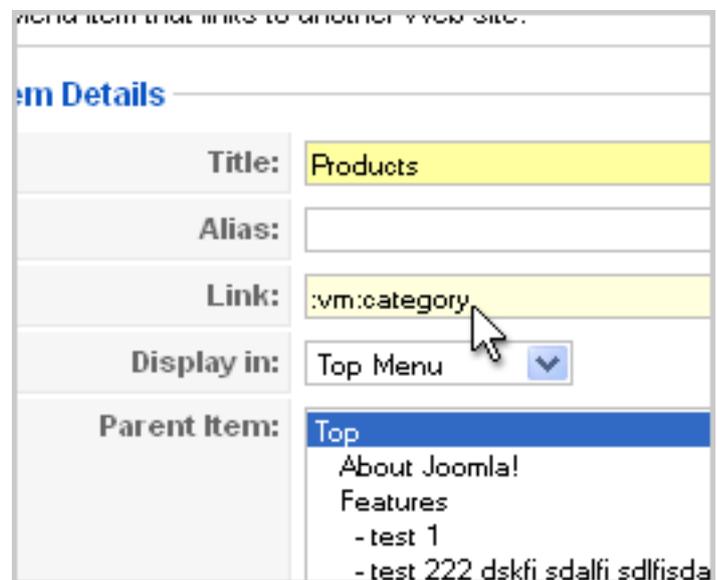
```
:vm:subcategory:id=5:depth=1
```

The colon (:) symbol is a delimiter for your parameters. If you want to use parameters, you should separate them with a colon (:).

Here is a list with all the available commands:

- category: Displays VirtueMart product categories and their sub-categories.
- subcategory: Displays VirtueMart sub-categories.
- featured: Displays featured products.
- latest: Displays latest products.
- random: Displays random products.
- selected: Displays selected products.
- topten: Displays best selling products.

Read Appendix C for a detailed reference on the commands and their parameters.



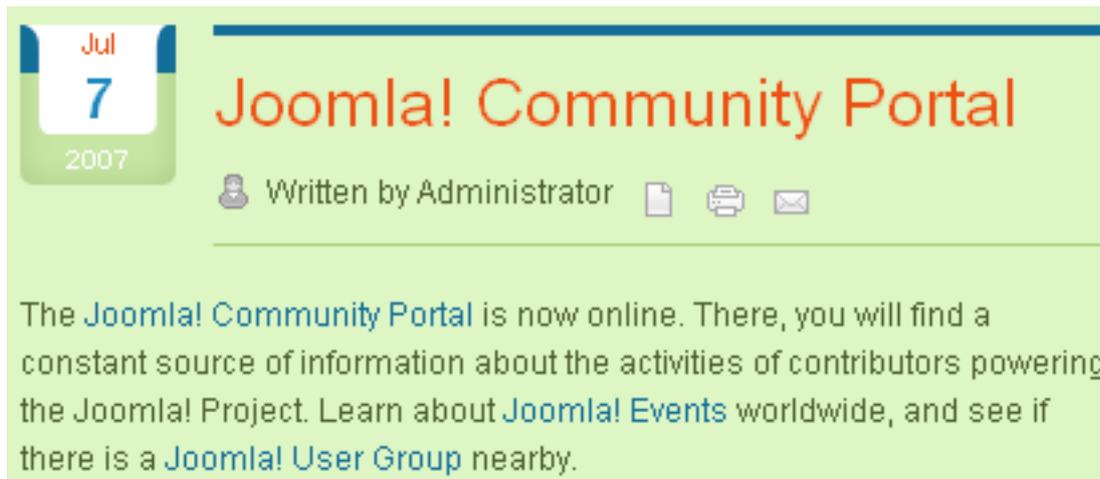
5.12. How to set up the article date style

Delicious provides two ways to display dates for articles:

Native



Blog



To set the article date style of the template go to

Extensions > Template Manager

click the bt_delicious template and use the "Article Date Style" drop down box.

5.13. How to control the template interfaces

Delicious has two interfaces, one for the front-page and one for the rest of the website's content.

To enable or disable the front-page interface publish a module in the position "icon_front".

If you publish a module in the position "icon_front" the positions "icon", "top1", "top2", "top3" and "top4" will disappear. You can use the menu sub-system to activate modules in the position "icon_front" in specific menu items.

Please note that the background in positions "icon" and "icon_front" differ. The PSD files that accompany the template can be very helpful in creating images that match the two different backgrounds.

5.14. Recommended set-up for the search module

Delicious is designed to host the search module in the position "search". Simply publish the search module in the position "search" and make the following adjustments to the module parameters:

- Show Title: No
- Module Class Suffix: search1 or search2
- Box Width: 14

5.15. Important notices about the module position search_box

The position "search_box" has a working mechanism of its own. The styling that surrounds it is connected with the search module. It also appears on top of other content. So you need to take into consideration the following instructions:

1. You may have only one module published in this position.
2. To set its module style (suffix) you have to set the class module suffix of the search module to "search1" or "search2".
3. It overlaps the content of the positions "icon" and "icon_front". The content of these positions is intended to be an image so make sure the image you put in those positions has no important information in the area that "search_box" may appear.
4. When there is a published module in this position the widths of positions "top1", "top2", "top3" and "top4" shrink in order to make space for "search_box".

Appendix A – How to install a template

To install a template in Joomla! 1.5.x follow the next 6 steps:

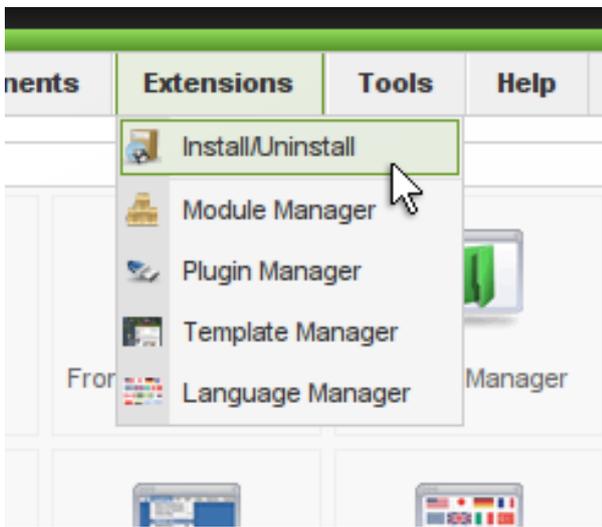
Step 1

Get into the administrator's control panel with your browser.

The URL usually looks like

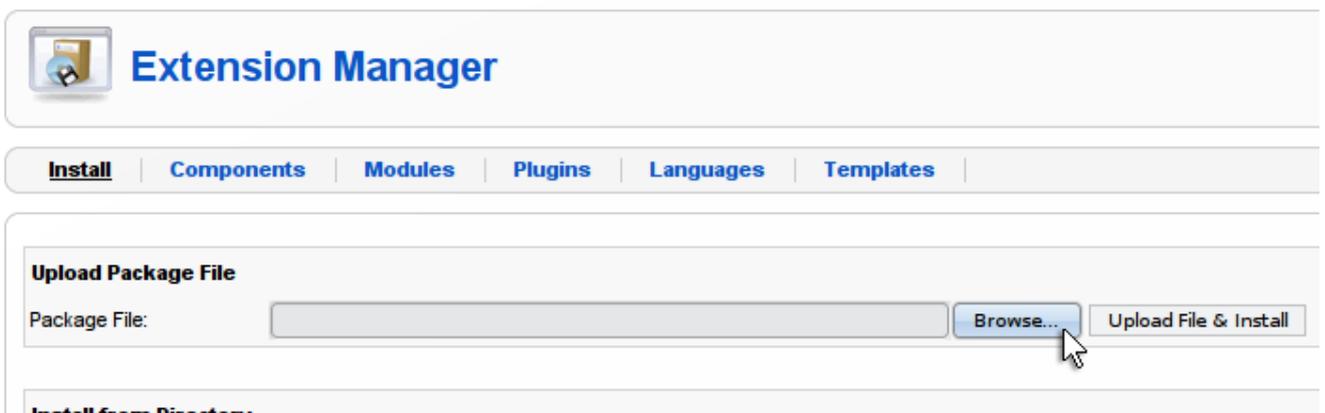
<http://www.example.com/administrator/>

Step 2



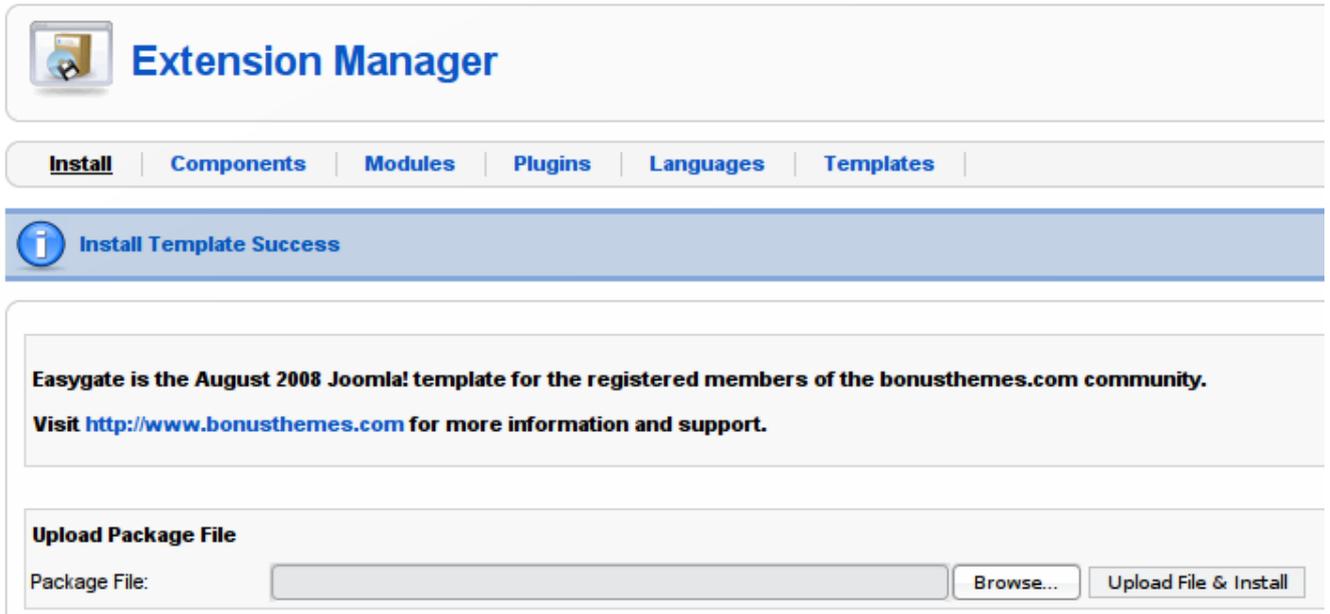
Go to the menu Extensions > Install/Uninstall

Step 3



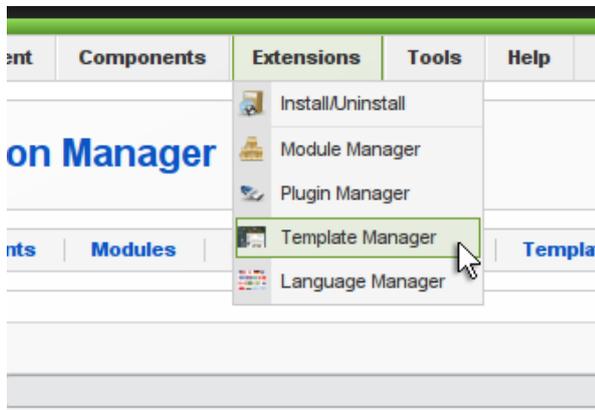
Click the Browse button to find the archive of the template, and then click Upload File & Install to perform the installation procedure.

Step 4



If the installation was successful you will be able to see a success message like the one in the image.

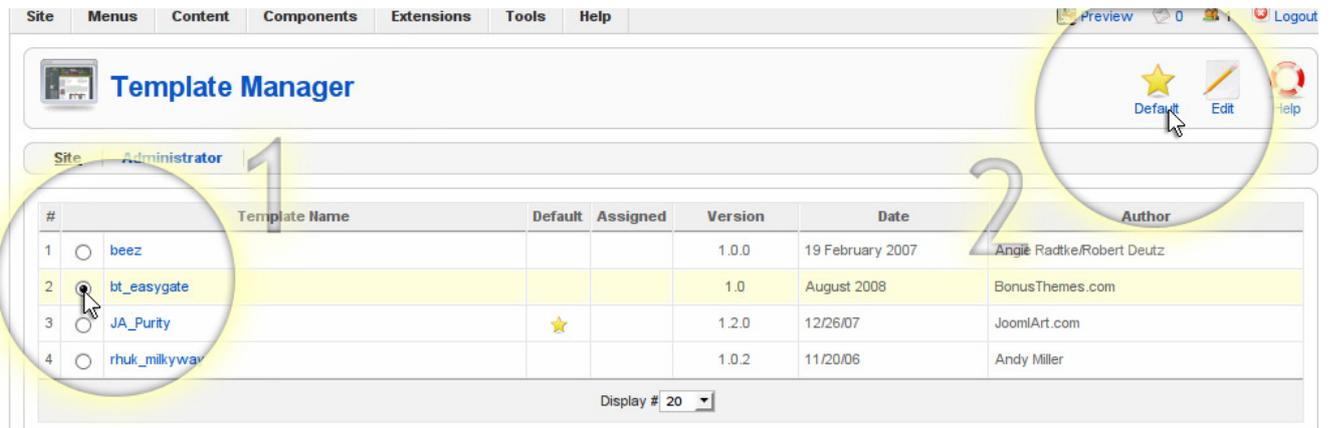
Step 5



The next thing to do is to activate the template.

Go to Extensions > Template Manager

Step 6



From the Template Manager page click on the template name you just installed and then click the Default button to make that template the default one.

Appendix B – How to setup a module

To setup a module in Joomla! 1.5.x follow the next 4 steps:

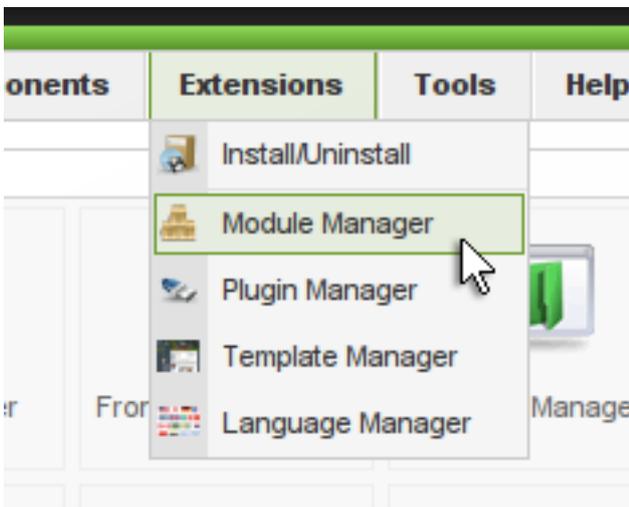
Step 1

Get into the administrator's control panel with your browser.

The URL usually looks like

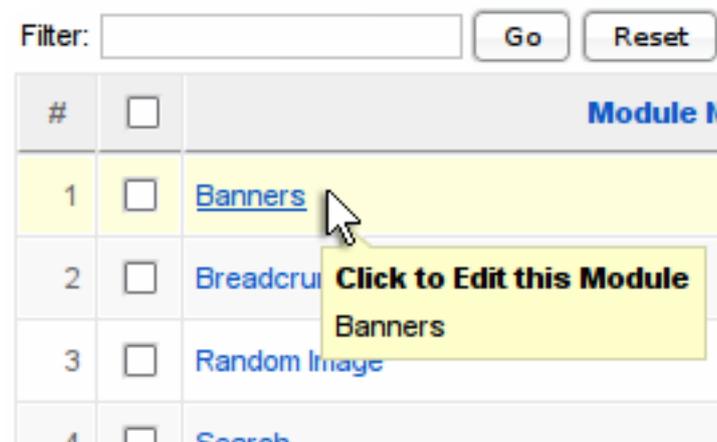
<http://www.example.com/administrator/>

Step 2



Go to the menu Extensions > Module Manager

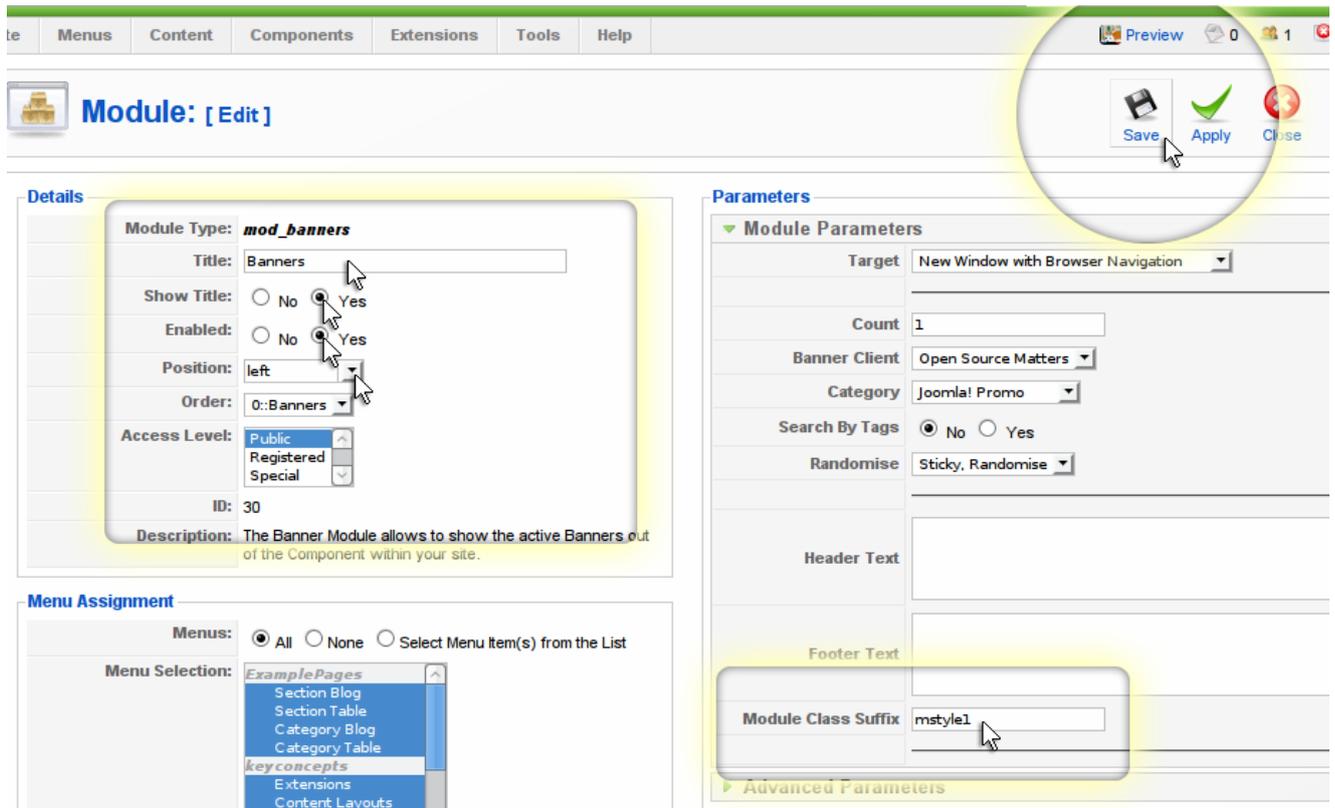
Step 3



Find the module you want to edit and click it.

Note: If you cannot find your module perhaps there are too many modules split in pages. Go through the pages to find your module, or use the filters to limit the list of modules on your screen.

Step 4



Now you are in the page that controls the module.

From the Details area you can control many features including:

- Set the title of the module
- Show or hide the title
- Publish or unpublish the module by checking the Enabled attribute
- Set the position of the module

From the Parameters area you can control other features including the ability to

- Set the Module Class Suffix

To save your changes click the Save button ton the top right corner.

Appendix C - CMenu to VirtueMart 1.1 link reference

To connect CMenu with VirtueMart's data create an "External Link" menu item and use the "Link" text box to enter the connection command.

The following example will display all the product categories:

```
:vm:subcategory
```

Commands can take parameters. Type the colon (:) symbol before each parameter. Here is an example that demonstrates how you can build a link with multiple parameters:

```
:vm:subcategory:id=1:depth=1:published=1:cur_vendor=0
```

Available commands and their parameters:

C.1. category

Displays product categories and their sub-categories.

id

Valid values: Comma separated list of product category IDs.

Description: When used, only the categories with the given IDs will appear.

Default: 0

Example:

```
:vm:category:id=1,2,3
```

depth

Valid values: Zero or any positive integer number.

Description: Value 1 or larger sets the maximum level of depth of the categories to appear. Value 0 shows them all.

Default: 0

Example:

```
:vm:category:depth=1
```

published

Valid values: 1 or 0 that represent published or all.

Description: Use value 1 if you want to list only the published categories, 0 if you want to list them all.

Default: 1

Example:

```
:vm:category:published=1
```

cur_vendor

Valid values: 1 or 0 that represent current vendor only, or all vendors.

Description: Use value 1 if you want to list the categories of the current vendor only, 0 if you want to list them all.

Default: 1

Example:

```
:vm:category:cur_vendor=1
```

C.2. subcategory

Displays product sub-categories.

id

Valid values: Comma separated list of the parent category IDs.

Description: When used, only the sub-categories of the given IDs will appear.

Default: 0

Example:

```
:vm:category:id=1,2,3
```

depth

Valid values: Zero or any positive integer number.

Description: Value 1 or larger sets the maximum level of depth of the categories to appear. Value 0 shows them all.

Default: 0

Example:

```
:vm:category:depth=1
```

published

Valid values: 1 or 0 that represent published or all.

Description: Use value 1 if you want to list only the published categories, 0 if you want to list them all.

Default: 1

Example:

```
:vm:category:published=1
```

cur_vendor

Valid values: 1 or 0 that represent current vendor only, or all vendors.

Description: Use value 1 if you want to list the categories of the current vendor only, 0 if you want to list them all.

Default: 1

Example:

```
:vm:category:cur_vendor=1
```

C.3. featured

Displays featured products.

max_items

Valid values: Any positive integer number.

Description: Maximum number of items to display.

Default: 10

Example:

```
:vm:featured:max_items=20
```

cat

Valid values: Comma separated list of category IDs.

Description: When used, only the products under the given categories will appear.

Example:

```
:vm:featured:cat=1,2,3
```

cur_vendor

Valid values: 1 or 0 that represent current vendor only, or all vendors.

Description: Use value 1 if you want to list products of the current vendor only, 0 if you want to list them all.

Default: 1

Example:

```
:vm:featured:cur_vendor=1
```

C.4. latest

Displays latest added products.

max_items

Valid values: Any positive integer number.

Description: Maximum number of items to display.

Default: 10

Example:

```
:vm:latest:max_items=20
```

cat

Valid values: Comma separated list of category IDs.

Description: When used, only the products under the given categories will appear.

Example:

```
:vm:latest:cat=1,2,3
```

cur_vendor

Valid values: 1 or 0 that represent current vendor only, or all vendors.

Description: Use value 1 if you want to list products of the current vendor only, 0 if you want to list them all.

Default: 1

Example:

```
:vm:latest:cur_vendor=1
```

C.5. random

Displays randomly selected products.

max_items

Valid values: Any positive integer number.

Description: Maximum number of items to display.

Default: 10

Example:

```
:vm:random:max_items=20
```

cat

Valid values: Comma separated list of category IDs.

Description: When used, only the products under the given categories will appear.

Example:

```
:vm:random:cat=1,2,3
```

cur_vendor

Valid values: 1 or 0 that represent current vendor only, or all vendors.

Description: Use value 1 if you want to list products of the current vendor only, 0 if you want to list them all.

Default: 1

Example:

```
:vm:random:cur_vendor=1
```

C.6. selected

Displays custom selected products.

id

Valid values: Comma separated list of product IDs.

Description: ID numbers of the products you want to show.

Example:

```
:vm:selected:id=1,2,3
```

The usage of the parameter id is compulsory.

C.7. topten

Displays best selling products.

max_items

Valid values: Any positive integer number.

Description: Maximum number of items to display.

Default: 10

Example:

```
:vm:topten:max_items=20
```

cat

Valid values: Comma separated list of category IDs.

Description: When used, only the products under the given categories will appear.

Example:

```
:vm:topten:cat=1,2,3
```

cur_vendor

Valid values: 1 or 0 that represent current vendor only, or all vendors.

Description: Use value 1 if you want to list products of the current vendor only, 0 if you want to list them all.

Default: 1

Example:

```
:vm:topten:cur_vendor=1
```



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Distribution - Support: <http://www.bonusthemes.com>