Template Manager [Administrator]

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Title:

com_templates

Access:

menu=>Site=>Template Manager= >Administrator Templates

User Level:

Super Administrator

Screenshot:

Template Manager - Administrator

Description:

The Template Manager [Administrator] controls the Template used for the Back-end of the web site. This does not affect the Front-end display which is controlled under a separate process. Specifically, Templates control the visual display of all the Managers, Report Screens, Content, Menus, and backgrounds (well everything except the Content itself!) that an administrator sees when they connect to the Control Panel.

Toolbar:

Default: Select the radio button of the Administrator Template that is to be the default, and click the Default icon. The selected Administrator Template will now be seen by all administrators when they visit the Back-end of the web site. The action applies the Default template to all Managers, Report Screens, Menus, Sections, Categories, and Content Items within the Back-end of the web site. The defaulted Template will now display a green tick icon in the Default column. See below.

Delete: To delete an Administrator Template, select the radio button next to the name of the Template(s) to be deleted and click the Delete icon. A pop up dialogue box will appear requesting a confirmation of the required delete operation. Click the OK button to delete the Template, and the Template files will be deleted from the server. Select the Cancel button
to abort the delete operation. Upon completing the deletion - or
cancelling the action - the Super Administrator will be returned to the
Template Manager [Administrator] screen. It is possible to delete more than one
Template at a time.

Edit HTML: Select the radio button next to the name of the Administrator Template that requires editing. Click the Edit HTML icon. This action opens the Template HTML Editor and the Administrator Template file index.php is opened ready for the Super Administrator to edit the code as required.

Edit CSS: Select the radio button next to the name of the Administrator Template that requires editing. Click the Edit CSS icon. This action opens the Template CSS Editor and the Administrator Template file template_css.css
is opened ready for the Super Administrator to edit the code as required.

New: Click the New icon to upload and install a new Administrator Template to the Template Manager [Administrator]. The Install new Template - Administrator screen will be displayed.

Help: Click the Help icon at any time to view this Help Screen.

Columns:

#: This is simply an indexing number automatically inserted by
Joomla! for ease of reference. It has no particular bearing on the use
of the Template Manager.

Radio Buttons: The column of radio buttons are the means by
which individual Administrator Templates are selected in order to carry out a
particular action that is selected from the Toolbar.

Name: This column presents the names of the Administrator Template(s) currently installed on the web site.

Default: This column identifies which of the Administrator Templates in
the list is currently published as the default template for the web
site (there can only be one default Administrator Template published at any
time). The default Administrator Template is identified by a green tick in this column.

Version: This column identifies the Authors version number for
the installed template. The information is automatically obtained from
the templateDetails.xml file in the named template's directory -
joomla_root/administrator/templates/template_name/templateDetails.xml.

Date: This column identifies the Authors date of creation for
the installed template. The information is automatically obtained from
the templateDetails.xml file in the named template's directory -
joomla_root/administrator/templates/template_name/templateDetails.xml.

Author URL: This column identifies the Authors web site URL. The information is automatically obtained from the
templateDetails.xml file in the named template's directory -
joomla_root/administrator/templates/template_name/templateDetails.xml.

Other:

Preview Template: If this check box is checked a fly out
thumbnail display of an Administrator Template will appear when you move the mouse pointer over the template's name.
This can be a useful feature
when quickly reviewing a lot of templates that may be installed on the
web site.

Related Information:

NOTE:
Templates are an area where Third Party Developers are extremely
active and it would not be possible to list all the available
Templates, or indeed effectively keep up to date with new releases.

A search of the Joomla! Forums or a Google search for 'Joomla! Templates' will open the door to a massive array of
available items both free and Commercial.

Google, in Jan '07, showed a total of 1,190,000 results on this search parameter alone!

Â Template Chooser
Â Templates FAQ Forum

Â Template HTML Editor
Â Template Forum

Â Template CSS Editor
Â Template Manager [Site]

Â Template Tutorial
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NOTE: If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this Help screen then please post them in the Suggestions, Modifications, and Corrections forum in the User Documentation Work Group.

Thank you!

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