

Template Manager [Site]

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Redirect to Template Manager [Administrator]

Type:

com_templates

Access:

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

User Level:

Super Administrator

Screenshot:

Template Manager- Site

Description:

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

Toolbar:

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

Assign: Select the radio button of the Template that is to be assigned to a particular Menu Item and click the Assign icon. The Assign screen will be displayed. Once the assignment is completed the assigned Template(s) will display a green tick icon in the Assigned column. See below.

NOTE: Both the assigned, and the default, Site Template choices will get overridden by the Template Chooser Module in the Front-end, if this Module is published in the Module Manager and is therefore available to Users.

Delete: To delete a 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 joomla_root/templates directory. 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 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 Site Template that requires editing. Click the Edit HTML icon. This action opens the Template HTML Editor and the Site 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 Site Template that requires editing. Click the Edit CSS icon. This action opens the Template CSS Editor and the Site 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 Site Template to the Template Manager. New Templates are added to the joomla_root/templates directory.

The Install new Template - Site 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 Site 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 Site Template(s) currently installed on the web site.

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

Assigned: This column identifies which of the Site Templates has been assigned (there do not need to be any at all!). If a Site Template has been assigned (and there may be more than one) then a green tick will be displayed in this column. The only way of identifying to which Menu Items the Site Template has been assigned is to select the radio button and click the Assign icon.

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/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/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/Templates/template_name/templateDetails.xml.

Other:

Preview Template: If this check box is checked a fly out thumbnail display of a Site Template will appear in the Template Manager 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 have been added to 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!

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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!

The User Documentation Team