

# Manager

This page allows you to edit your site's design by changing files within the template set(s) you are currently working with. From this page you can edit template files, CSS files, JS Files, upload media files, move files/folders around, etc. There is a lot of information packed into a small space on this page (especially in *advanced mode*), it helps to think of this as a fancy **file browser and editor**, because that's just what it is!

# Template Sets:

black\_primary  
my\_templates

[Change](#)

Design Mode: Advanced  
[Switch to Standard Mode](#)

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Current Folder

my\_templates/

main\_page/

Template Folders

**Jump To:**

- Base Folder

**Folders in:**

my\_templates

- main\_page Templates
- external Files

Name	Attach	Size	Type	Last Modified	Permissions
attachments	-	-	folder	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw
extra_pages	-	-	folder	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw
gadgets	-	-	folder	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw
basic_page.tpl	3	205 Bytes	tpl	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw
cart_page.tpl	4	426 Bytes	tpl	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw
craigslist_default.tpl	0	656 Bytes	tpl	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw
flyer_default.tpl	0	7.87 KB	tpl	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw
footer.tpl	0	1.59 KB	tpl	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> front_page.tpl	12	2.67 KB	tpl	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw
front_page_alt_navig	12	2.42 KB	tpl	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw
front_page_old.tpl	14	2.24 KB	tpl	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw
full_size_image.tpl	0	37 Bytes	tpl	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw
head.tpl	1	1.21 KB	tpl	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw

With Selected: View/Edit Cut Copy Paste Rename Make Copy Download Delete

3 Folders | 23 Files | 73.34 KB Total Size  
 Selected: 0 Folders | 1 Files

File Info

front\_page.tpl

Template Source Code

```
<!-- This file is part of the Joomla! CMS project.
Copyright (C) 2005 - 2011 Joomla.org, All rights reserved.
Joomla is free software under the terms of the GNU General Public License version 2 or later.
See http://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl-2.0.html for more details.
-->
```

**Permissions:** Read/Write  
**Last Modified:** January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23  
**Size:** 2.67 KB  
**Type:** tpl

**Attached Modules:**  
 133 - Browsing Zip Filter  
 89 - Featured Listing Module - Pic Display - 1

There are 3 main parts to the manager, which we will go into more detail below: The Info Box (top), the Side Bar (left), and the main File Navigation (middle).

## Admin Edit Tips & Suggestions

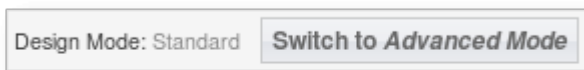
To help you get a better idea about all the different things the "admin edit template sets selection" allows you to do, read some of the tips below. Feel free to edit this page and add your own tips as

well!

- If you are about to re-name a template that is referenced by other templates in other template sets, select all applicable template sets<sup>1)</sup> before re-naming the template file, so that it automatically updates all references to it, even for templates in other template sets.
- If you are doing a site re-design, change *admin edit* to **work specifically on the new template set**. This way while you work on the new design, it will have no effect on your live site, at least not until you are ready to switch over to the new template set.

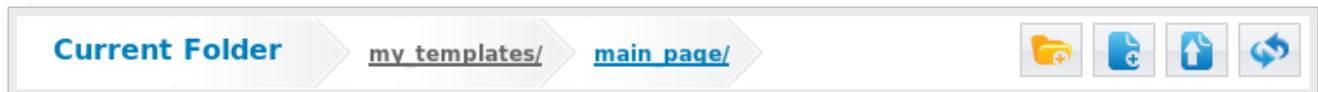
## Design Mode (Advanced or Standard)

On the right corner of the page, it will specify if currently in **advanced mode** or **standard mode**, similar to the screenshot below.



Click the **Switch to...** button to switch back and forth between advanced and standard modes. See [Differences between Standard and Advanced Mode](#) for more info.

## Info Box (top)



This box at the top holds general information about the current location you are viewing in the [File List](#), along with buttons to allow you to do things at the current location.

### Current Folder

This tells you about the current folder being viewed, what you are looking at.

### Create new Folder button

This will create a new folder at the current location. Some places you will not be able to create a folder, such as in the base folder or in a folder which you do not have write access. In those locations, you will not be able to create a folder, and the button will be grayed out. If you click on the button when it is grayed out, it will open a box that tells you more info about why you cannot create a new folder here.

## Create New File button

This button will let you create a new template file, if within the main page templates, or create a new JS or CSS file if within the external/ folder, which holds media files. You will only be able to create a new file in specific locations. If you are not able to create a file in the current location, clicking on the grayed-out button will usually give you more information about why you cannot create a new file here.

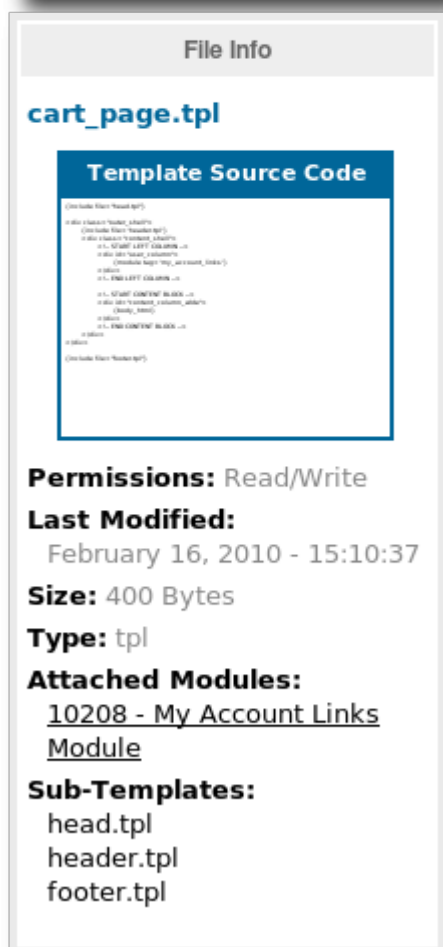
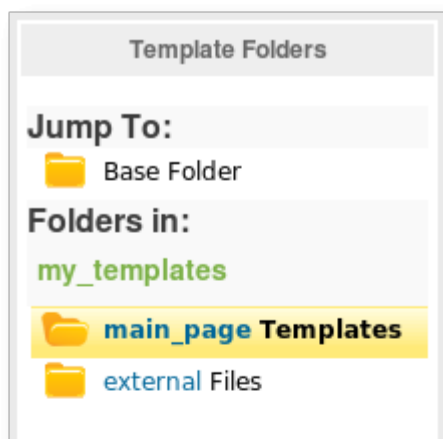
## Upload button

This button will open a dialog to allow you to upload a file to the current location. The uploaded file will over-write any existing file with the same name in the current location, so be cautious when using this. If you upload a template file to the main page templates, all the normal processing will take place just like if you had made changes to the template: it will scan the template for attachments, and automatically create or modify the modules to template attachment settings for that template.

## Refresh button

This button will refresh the file list at the current location. Use this if you have made changes via FTP and wish to see the changes.

## Side Bar (left)



The side bar holds quick links to specific areas within the currently viewed template set, and shows information about the file or folder currently selected.

**Template Folders:** This will show quick links to different folders, and will change depending on the current folder being viewed.

- **Jump To > Base Folder<sup>2)</sup>:** The link takes you to the "base" folder, the location that is displayed when you first view the **Design > Manager** page when in advanced mode. It will show the list of all the template sets. If you are already viewing the list of template sets this link will not display.
- **main\_page Templates:** Takes you to **main\_page/** folder within the template set you are

currently viewing. This link will only display if you are already within a template set that has the `main_page/` folder. This is the location of all the main page templates, which are used to display the overall pages in the software.

- **external Files:** Takes you to **external/** folder within the template set you are currently viewing. This link will only display if you are already within a template set that has the `external/` folder. This is the location for all of the CSS and JS files specific to certain modules or pages, and is also where you would upload any images you wish to reference in your templates for the template set.
- **system Templates**<sup>3)</sup>: Takes you to **system/** folder within the template set you are currently viewing. This link will only be active if you are already within a template set that has the `system/` folder. System templates are typically not edited except for highly customized designs, and even then, only if there is no way to accomplish a design another way<sup>4)</sup>. This is because a customized system template may need adjustments when the software is updated. Due to the dynamic nature of templates in this folder, you need to enable viewing and editing these files to view or edit them.
- **module Templates**<sup>5)</sup>: Takes you to **module/** folder within the template set you are currently viewing. This link will only show if you are already within a template set that has the `module/` folder. Module templates are typically not edited except for highly customized designs, and even then, only if there is no way to accomplish a design another way<sup>6)</sup>. This is because a customized module template may need adjustments when the software is updated.
- **addon Templates**<sup>7)</sup>: Takes you to **addon/** folder within the template set you are currently viewing. This link will only be active if you are already within a template set that has the `addon/` folder. These templates will over-write an addon's template located in the addon's folder under **addons/addon\_name/templates/**.














<tip c n>**Note:** As long as you are in **standard mode**, or if in advanced mode, you have the advanced setting [Allow Edit of system, module, and addon Templates](#) turned **off**, the admin panel will not allow you to directly edit any template files that might require adjustments in an update or might be over-written in an update. When in doubt, if the admin panel allows you to edit a file, then it is *safe* to edit that file without worry of software update messing up your changes.

For template files that allow you to download or upload the changes, but do not allow you to edit the template directly in the admin panel, those are the templates that might need adjustments after an update. They include any templates in **system/**, **module/**, or **addon/** sub-folders.</tip>

### File Info:

If you have selected a single file or folder, it will display information about that file or folder in this section of the side-bar. If it is a template, CSS, or JS file, it will show a preview of the source code. If it is an image file, it will display a thumbnail of the image. Clicking on the source code preview or the thumbnail preview will bring up a larger version of the preview. If a folder is selected, it will show the folder's contents in the preview box.

## File Navigation (main window)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attach</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Last Modified</u>	<u>Permissions</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	 attachments	-	-	folder	January 13, 2011 - 14:44:23	rw
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Selected: 0 Folders   2 Files						

This is the main file navigation window, which shows the list of files and folders, along with other tools and info. This section can be broken down into 3 main parts, the main file list, the File-list toolbar (bottom), and file-list info bar (very bottom).

## Main File-List

This will list all the files at the current location, along with basic info on each file or folder.

You can click on any of the column headers, except for the "attach" and "permissions" columns, to sort the file list by that column. Click the column again to reverse the order.

Columns in the file list:

- **Selected:** This column does not have any column title, it is the first column in the table with the check-box next to each file or folder. A row with the check-box ticked signifies that that file or folder is currently selected, and will be used for any action buttons clicked next to "With Selected" below the list.

**To select a single file:** Click anywhere on that file's row, and it will de-select any current selections, and only select that one file (except for folder names, as clicking on a folder name will navigate to that folder). Note that clicking on a row a second time will **not de-select** the file, unless you click within the checkbox column. This behavior is by design, meant to mimic how you would expect it to work if you click on a file in an actual file browser on your computer.

**To select multiple files/folders:** Click the checkbox or within the checkbox column for each file you want to select.

**To select/de-select all:** Click on the checkbox in bottom left of the table, if you check the box all applicable entries will be checked, if you un-check the box they will all be un-checked.

- **Name:** This is the file or folder name.
- **Attach**<sup>8)</sup>: Lists the total number of attached modules, addon tags, and sub-templates for each file within the main\_page folder. Note that the counts rely on the attachments as currently saved for each file, not by actually scanning each file. If you think the counts are off, try using the [Re-Scan](#) button for the template set, on [Design > Template Sets](#) page in the admin, to re-scan the templates and save the attachments for each template.<sup>9)</sup>
- **Size**<sup>10)</sup>: This is the physical file-size of each file.
- **Type:** This is the type of file or folder, usually designated by the file's extension.
- **Last Modified:** This is the *timestamp* for each file, for the last time that the file was modified. Note that this *timestamp* relies on the server file-system, so on some sites it may not be accurate.
- **Permissions:** This shows whether the file is read/write (specified by **rw** in the column), or read only (specified by **r** in the column). This permission can be affected by permissions set in the file system, and also by what type of file it is and in what template set it is located.

## File-List Toolbar (bottom)

The file-list toolbar at the bottom contains the "with selected" actions that you can perform with the files and folders that are currently selected.

### With Selected: tools:

- **View/Edit:** Use to view or edit a template, CSS, or JS file.  
*Required to use:* 1 text-based file selected, within either main\_page/ or external/ folders<sup>11)</sup>.
- **Cut:** When you cut selected files or folders, they will be added to the [File Clipboard](#), so that you can browse to a different folder location to "paste" them. When they are cut and paste, the original files are removed, for that reason you cannot cut from the default template set, only copy.  
*Required to use:* 1 or more files and/or folders selected, with all selected files and folders able to be written, and reside in the main\_page/ or external/ folders.
- **Copy:** When you copy selected files and folders, they will be added to the [File Clipboard](#), so that you can browse to a different folder location to "paste" them. When they are copied and pasted, the original files are left intact.  
*Required to use:* 1 or more files and/or folders selected.
- **Paste:** This will copy or move the files in the file clipboard, to the current folder, if it is a sub-folder of main\_page/ or external/. If cut/copied from system/, module/, or addon/ folders, it will be pasted into the same exact location as they started from, except in the currently viewed template set<sup>12)</sup>.  
*Required to use:* 1 or more files in the [File Clipboard](#), which were previously cut or copied, and currently in a different folder than where the files were copied or cut from.
- **Rename:** This will re-name the selected file or folder. If the selected is a template file within main\_page/ - it will automatically adjust the attachment file, and search for and adjust any references to the template within other templates that are found in the current template sets marked *admin edit*.  
*Required to use:* 1 file or folder selected and *writable*, within either the main\_page/ or external/ folders<sup>13)</sup>.

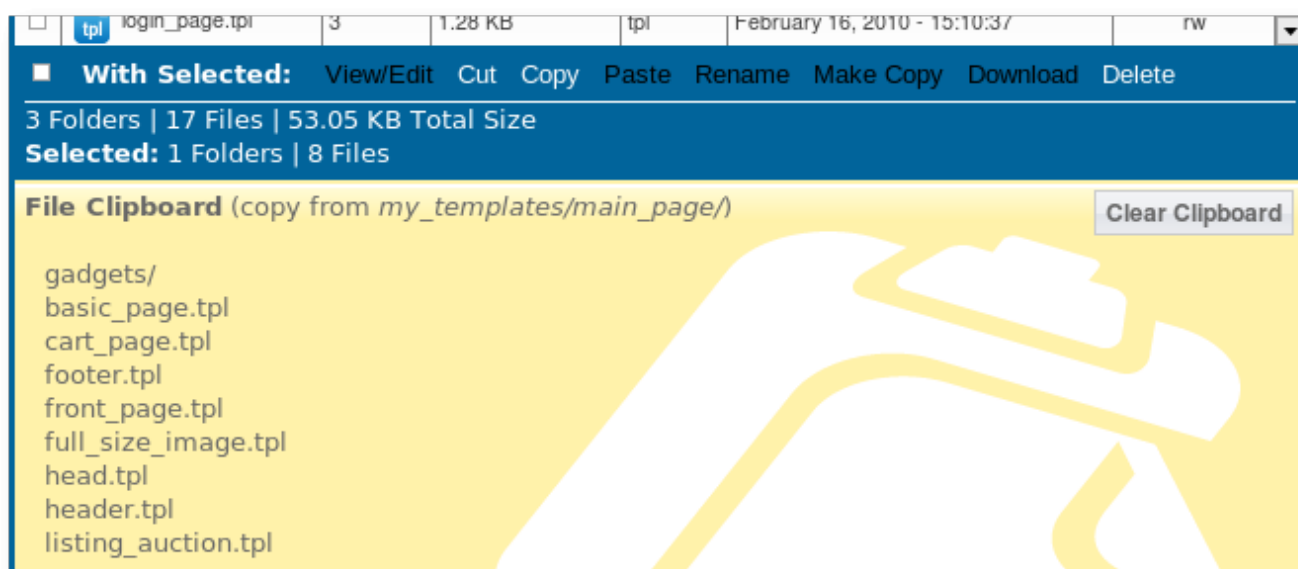
- **Make Copy:** This will make a copy of the currently selected file or folder. It will allow you to select the destination folder, which defaults to the current folder, and the name of the file or folder copy. This is a good way to create a new template based on an existing template, while still leaving the original template intact.  
*Required to use:* 1 file or folder selected.
- **Download:** This will download the selected file, allowing you to save it and alter it on your local computer if you wish.  
*Required to use:* 1 file selected.
- **Delete:** This will delete all the selected files, and any attachment files as well if applicable. Before deletion, it will give a confirmation dialog and list all of the files that will be deleted.  
*Required to use:* 1 or more files and/or folders selected, with all selected files and folders able to be edited.

## File-List Info Bar (very bottom)

This is only displayed in **advanced mode**. The file-list info bar contains information about the files and folders at the current location. The information displayed will be:

- Total number of folders
- Total number of files
- Total size for all files at the current location (the size does not take into account sub-folder contents)
- Number of currently selected folders and files

## File Clipboard



This section is normally hidden from view, until you cut or copy a selection of files and/or folders. When you do, the copied or cut files will be displayed in the **File Clipboard** which is displayed directly below the file-list info bar. Once the files are pasted, or the page is re-loaded or you navigate away from the page, the file clipboard is cleared and the section is hidden again.



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To select multiple template sets, switch to advanced mode.

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Advanced mode only

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Advanced mode only with "edit system/module/addon templates" turned on.

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Such as by changing a setting in the admin panel, or by altering the CSS instead of the template file

8) 10)

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Only in Advanced Mode

9)

Note that when you edit or upload a template within the admin panel, the attachments are automatically updated. If you make changes outside the admin panel however, such as by using FTP to change the files, the template attachments may need to be adjusted.

11)

Cannot edit system/, module/, or addon/ templates directly using this action, as modifying those files can cause problems during an update. Unless of course currently in **advanced mode** and the [Allow Edit of system, module, and addon Templates](#) setting is turned on.

12)

This is because you cannot move a template's location within one of those folders, because the system won't be able to find them otherwise.

13)

Cannot rename or move system/, module/, or addon/ templates as the system expects them to be in a precise location.

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