Design - Advanced

The tutorials in this section go over more advanced ways to customize the design of your site. Before trying any of these, be sure you have a good grasp of The Basics.

<tip c w>**Warning:** The tutorials found in this section are **advanced** tutorials, most involving making changes to **template files** and/or **PHP files**.

Before attempting to make changes as described in these tutorials, be sure you have a **firm grasp of the basics**, as everything described in this section will build on top of that.</tip>

Tutorial descriptions:

- replace_db_templates : Do you want to start using file-based Smarty templates, to give you more control over your overall design, and allow you to edit template files instead of making changes to the templates in the admin panel?
- Customizing System or Module Templates : Do you want to change how the HTML is formatted for a module? Or perhaps change the HTML generated by the system, such as the list of listings for a category?
- Template Set Loading : Are you working on creating your own template set, as described in one of the first 2 tutorials? And are you running a live site, and don't want anyone to see your changes except for you, until you are finished making the changes?