

Need Help on News sites templates

Posted by riadrmi - 13 Jan 2010 11:54

I just finish the videos that I found very useful and well commented. It makes really a difference when we learn from an expert. I would although prefer more resources on how to make templates by our selves because I found that the templates given free contains adds or not very good so I wondered how I can make my own.

Also you said in the beginning of the videos that you will explain the SEO section what you didn't.

I have some questions if you permit me :

- I want to build an Arabic news website, I have two examples of news sites (They are not mine): www.setif.net (arabic) and www.setif.info (french). Do you know a good templates for that (frees with no adds or not expensive) ?
- Could you give some templates to yours students (as a bonus)?
- The vbulletin 4.0.1 forum can fit to a joomla site ?
- Will you make other videos for your intermediate students ?

I appreciate a lot

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Posted by joomtorial - 13 Jan 2010 17:21

Hi,

First of all, thank you for your purchase of our video tutorial. Glad to hear it has been useful to you.

Also you said in the beginning of the videos that you will explain the SEO section what you didn't.

In the video what is explained are the basic settings for SEO. SEO/SEF itself is (and can be) a very complicated matter and would have been too time-consuming to show in the video. Therefore only the basic settings are dealt with. On our site we do have a little bit more explanation on SEO - <http://www.joomtorial.com/news/41-sef-on-joomla>

- and should you have any SEO questions, feel free to post them here in the forum.

A few basic rules for Joomla and SEO:

Start with using Joomla's own SEF/SEO - try not to start with 3rd party applications. Let Joomla do the job for you.

When creating menu names and articles, be aware that when using Joomla's own SEF/SEO these menu names and article titles will be part of the URL. So make them wisely.

If any more questions on SEO/SEF, I will be more than happy to reply.

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Free Joomla templates can be found all over the net:

More than 2700 here: [http://www.joomla24.com/option,com_gall ... mid,6.html](http://www.joomla24.com/option,com_gall...mid,6.html)

Next to that there are commercial template builders that do offer free versions as well.

RocketTheme and "Afterburner": <http://www.rockettheme.com/joomla-templates/afterburner>

I think "Afterburner" can be very well used for a news site. What is very important in your case, support for RTL (Right to Left Language) - I can guarantee you, that not all free templates will have proper support for RTL languages. "Afterburner" is one that will offer good RTL support.

Further down in the answers to your questions, I will name a few more advantages for choosing "Afterburner";

Another good free template resource is: <http://www.joomlashack.com/free-joomla-templates> 14 stunning free templates.

Could you give some templates to your students (as a bonus)?

That is a good tip. I will think about that and maybe in the future offer this for the members here.

The vbulletin 4.0.1 forum can fit to a Joomla site ?

There is software that can "bridge" vBulleting with Joomla so that you have integration between forum and Joomla: [http://extensions.joomla.org/extensions ... idges/3723](http://extensions.joomla.org/extensions... idges/3723) although not sure if this is also for 4.0.1 - on the page it shows 3.8.0

If you are setting this up new, I would definitely suggest to use PHPBB 3.0.x forum - from my own experience this forum has some great integrators for Joomla (this site uses that as well) there is a bridge called rokbridge which makes (user and graphic) integration superb - have a look at <http://www.rockettheme.com/extensions-joomla/rokbridge>

- the nice thing is that the company RocketTheme makes both templates for Joomla as well as for PHPBB - this way you get great graphic integration (as in tis website) this is also the case for "Afterburner"; they offer that for free as well: <http://www.rockettheme.com/phpbb3-styles/afterburner>

Will you make other videos for your intermediate students ?

Yes! This year - cannot give a estimated time of arrival yet - we will be offering more video tutorials that will go into details more than our first 3.5 hrs Joomla video tutorial.

You can think of topics such as: how to create a forum and integration - how to build an ecommerce store for real shippable goods and for non shipping downloadable goods and much more.

If you have any topics in mind that you want video tutorials off, please let us know.

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Posted by riadrmi - 13 Jan 2010 19:34

Thank you Piet for all those information

I will look after for any tutorials you will make.

for next videos topics I would suggest for example, how to make community sites for finding proposed

goods, exchanging, meeting and so on. (exp: www.leboncois.com) I dream of some thing like that to implement it for my country (Algeria). If you thing it's easy by joomla, I will be very interested by videos showing me that.

For any offer please give me a word in case I miss the post.

Thank you again Piet

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Posted by joomtorial - 13 Jan 2010 19:45

Hi,

I was trying to get to: <http://www.leboncois.com/>

But I get an error page not found. Could it be you mean: <http://www.leboncoin.com/>

Note: an N on the end, not an S?

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Posted by riadrmi - 13 Jan 2010 21:15

That's true, is : leboncoin.fr

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Posted by joomtorial - 13 Jan 2010 22:04

Hi,

Looking at that site, it reminds me of offering (selling) and buying (searching) products, services, goods and even houses.

In short. You want a sort of eBay like site with the help of Joomla? Am I right?

Then I have 2 articles for you to read:

1. <http://www.thefactory.ro/shop/joomla-co ... ctory.html> - It is not cheap, but, showing you it is possible for you to create an auction site similar to Ebay with Joomla.
2. <http://softmarket.ro/joomla/turn-your-j ... -ebay.html> - quite an extensive article about creating an auction site with Joomla.

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Posted by riadrmi - 14 Jan 2010 00:48

Helo piet

That site "leboncoin.fr" does not sel any thing it just bring people together it is almost a non profit site.

The idea is that some one have some thing to sel and some one is looking for some thing to buy. they access in the site, the first present his object with words and images and propose a price for and he leaves his email, phone number address...

the second when he access to the site he choose the the city, the zip code, the category of what he is looking for, the max and min price and a key word and he hit search. many offers should present to him, if he choose one then he can call the seller or write to him. and this will end the site mission.

Why I love it, because it's simple of use and very practical.

so I think the picture has been clarified now.

good night Piet

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