

user manual



Joomla! Template



Easygate v1.0 - Manual v1.0

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# 1. Introduction

Easygate is the August 2008 Joomla! template from BonusThemes.com.

Easygate introduces the Zone Layout v2.0 technology for Joomla! 1.5. With this technology you can create unlimited positions organized in horizontal areas called zones. To control the layout you need to install and use the administrator component *Zone Manager*. Easygate as a template, offers you visual options such as module styles (or module suffixes) and group styles for your position and zone groups. There is an unlimited way you can combine styles, groups and custom created positions. With this technology on hand you can create an unlimited number of layouts that can make your setup unique.

If you are not familiar with the Zone Layout technology yet, we would recommend you to read the Zone Manager manual first.

Read the following sections to find detailed information and illustrated examples that explain the ways you can use the template.

## 2. General information

### 2.1 Required software

Easygate works with Joomla! 1.5.x and it is recommended to use the latest version available.

Visit <http://www.joomla.org> to find which is the latest available version for Joomla!. If you are not sure which version you are using at the moment, login to the administrator control panel and find the version information on the top right corner of the page.

### 2.2 Browser compatibility

Easygate is compatible with:

- Firefox 3
- Firefox 2
- Safari 2
- MS Internet Explorer 7
- MS Internet Explorer 6





### 3. Template installation

To install the template you can use the Joomla! installation mechanism:

Extensions > Install/Uninstall

Alternatively, you may unpack the template in the /template directory.

To activate the template go to

Extensions > Template Manager

select the template and click the “Default” button.

Read Appendix A for illustrated examples on how to install and activate a template.

Easygate is a Zone Layout v2.0 compatible template. In order to control the additional features this technology provides, install and use the administrator component Zone Manager.





## 4. Layout

The layout of Easygate provides 14 static module positions, 5 invisible for supplementary services, and unlimited dynamic positions.

The dynamic positions appear in the center of the page. In order to control them you need to install and use the administrator component *Zone Manager*.

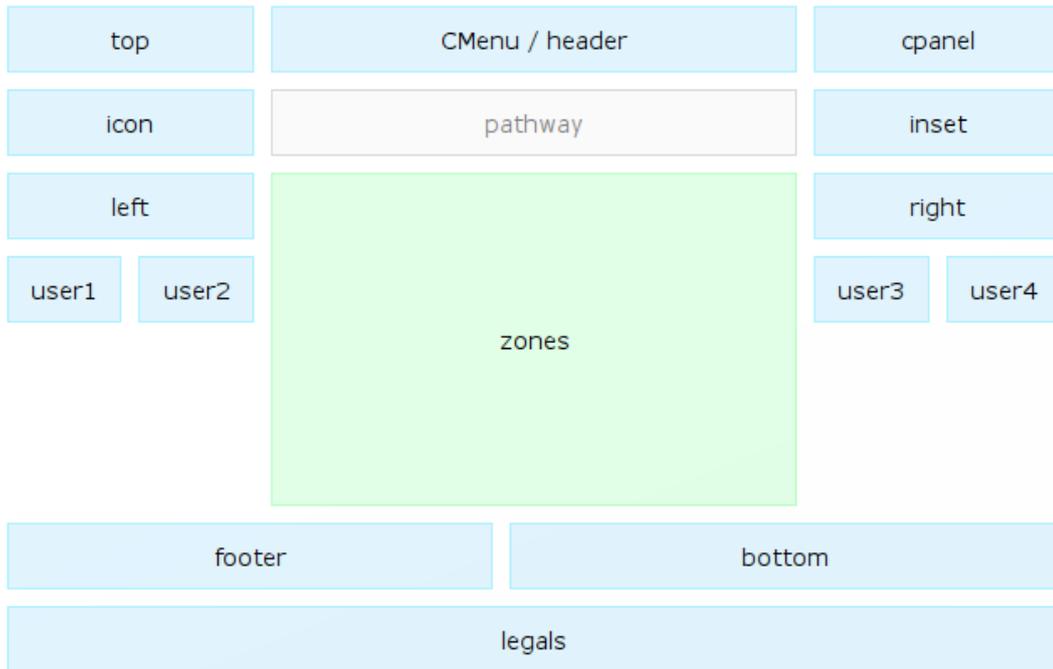
This template uses a collapsible module technology for its static positions. That makes these positions disappear if there are no published modules in them. This feature gives you the capability to make arrangements for wider space in your pages.

On the top of its layout, Easygate uses CMenu a menu script that takes input from a Joomla menu. You have the option of disabling this menu and have a module position in its place. This can be set from the Template Manager and the name of the position that replaces CMenu is “header”.





## 4.1 Template map



Map of static positions for the template Easygate. The zones area is controlled by the Zone Manager component and it is the area where your custom positions are displayed.

Easygate also supports 5 hidden positions for supplementary services. Read section 5.8 for more information.



## 4.2 CSS structure

Easygate uses the main Joomla template CSS file for typography and other general styling. That main file is `/templates/bt_easygate/css/template.css`.

The file `/templates/bt_easygate/css/layout.css` contains CSS definitions that control the layout.

The file `/templates/bt_easygate/css/cmenu.css` contains CSS definitions that control the layout of CMenu, the script for the menu on the top area.

### Naming system for module positions:

The IDs of the `<div>` tags that wrap the template positions always start with “pos\_”. For example the module position “user1” takes the id “pos\_user1”.

This applies for both the static and the dynamic positions. So if you used the Zone Manager to create a position under the name “example” you can control it by using the CSS entry “#pos\_example”.





### 4.3 mstyles (Module Suffixes)

List of module styles (mstyles or module suffixes) supported by Easygate. Module styles are controlled by the Joomla! Module Manager by entering them as module suffixes.

mstyle1

**Sample title**

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Mauris vehicula tincidunt augue. Donec blandit porttitor neque. Etiam turpis.

mstyle2

... > **Sample title**

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Mauris vehicula tincidunt augue. Donec blandit porttitor neque. Etiam turpis.

mstyle3

 **Sample title**

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Mauris vehicula tincidunt augue. Donec blandit porttitor neque. Etiam turpis.

mstyle4

 **Sample title**

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Mauris vehicula tincidunt augue. Donec blandit porttitor neque. Etiam turpis.

mstyle5

 **Sample title**

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Mauris vehicula tincidunt augue. Donec blandit porttitor neque. Etiam turpis.

mstyle6

**Sample title**

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Mauris vehicula tincidunt augue..

mstyle7

 **Sample title**

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Mauris vehicula tincidunt augue. Donec blandit porttitor neque. Etiam turpis.

mstyle8

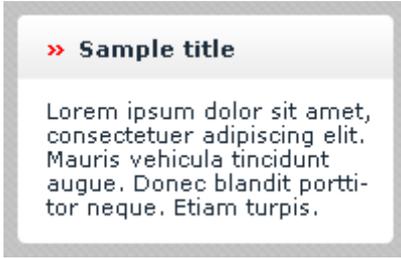
 **Sample title**

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Mauris vehicula tincidunt augue. Donec blandit porttitor neque. Etiam turpis.





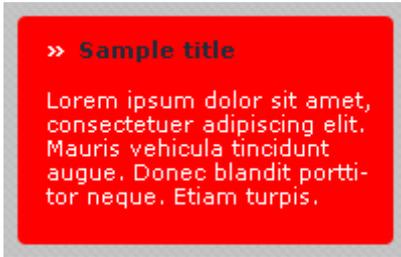
mstyle9



mstyle10



mstyle11



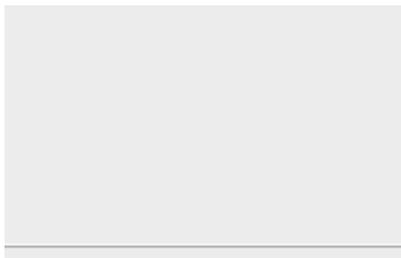
mstyle12



### 4.4 gstyles

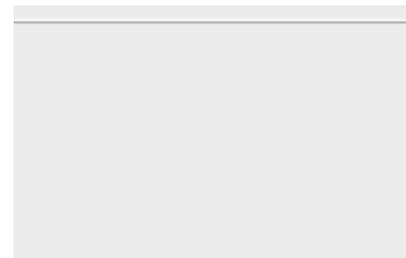
List of group styles (gstyles) supported by Easygate. Group styles are controlled by the Zone Manager.

gstyle1



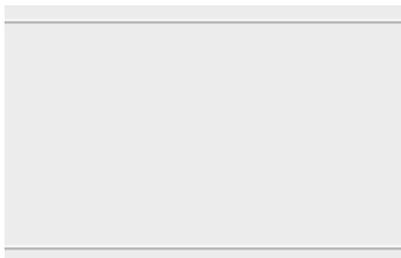
(Note: This gstyle prints a line on the bottom)

gstyle2



(Note: This gstyle prints a line on the top)

gstyle3



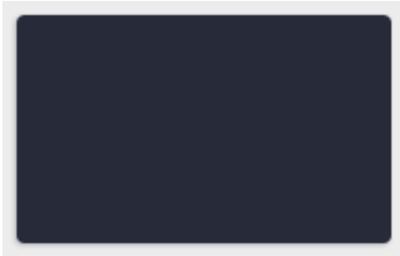
(Note: This gstyle prints a line on the top and a line on the bottom)

gstyle4

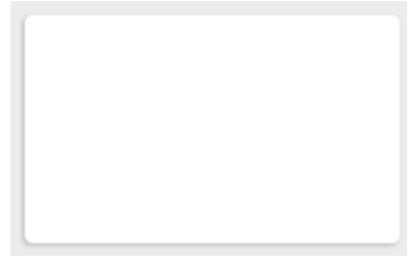




gstyle5



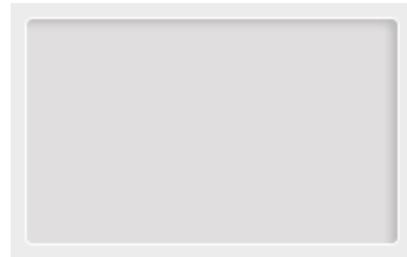
gstyle6



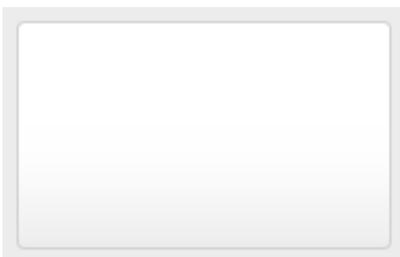
gstyle7



gstyle8



gstyle9





## 5. Template setup

### 5.1 Logo setup

To setup your logo, publish a “Custom HTML” module with an uploaded image in any template position.

Example:

1. Upload your logo on your website
2. Create a new “Custom HTML” module that contains the URL of the image you just uploaded
3. Publish that module in a suitable position

You are free to publish your logo in any position. However, if you decide to publish it in positions “top”, “header” or “cpanel” make sure the maximum height is 50 pixels. If you want to publish it in positions “icon” or “inset” make sure the maximum height is 38 pixels.

### 5.2 Banner setup

To setup a banner, publish a banner module in any template position.

### 5.3 How to show/hide the BonusThemes logo

You can show or hide the BonusThemes logo from  
Extensions > Template Manger

### 5.4 PNG fix

MS Internet Explorer 5 and 6 have trouble rendering the alpha levels (transparencies) of PNG images. The template is equipped with a script that fixes this problem. To enable transparencies in PNG files for MS Internet Explorer 5 and 6, use the CSS class “pngfix”. In some cases images appear distorted. To avoid this distortion provide “width” and “height” attributes in your <img> HTML tags. Alternatively, you can try the CSS class “pngfix\_static”.

PNG fix’s website:

<http://www.twinhelix.com>

### 5.5 How to enable/disable CMenu

CMenu (Classic Menu) is the menu that appears on the top of the page.

If you want to use a module instead of CMenu you can disable it from  
Extensions > Template Manger





locate the option “Header Menu Type” and set it to “Position Header”. You can now publish your module in the position “header”.

## 5.6 How to set the Joomla menu for CMenu

CMenu by default shows the contents of the Joomla menu “topmenu”.

In order to change the content of CMenu, go to  
Extensions > Template Manager

and use the option “Header Menu Name”.

## 5.7 How to enable/disable the SEOCP feature

SEOCP (Search Engine Optimization Content Positioning) is a feature that controls the position of the main content of the pages.

When SEOCP is enabled the content is internally positioned on the top of the HTML code and this helps search engines find and analyze the content easier. When the page loads, a JavaScript script moves the content to the proper position so that the visual structures can display it in the way the human eye can understand better.

SEOCP needs JavaScript to work. This means that users with JavaScript disabled will not be able to read the content of the page.

By default, SEOCP is disabled. To enable SEOCP go to  
Extensions > Template Manager

and use the option “SEOCP”.

## 5.8 Hidden module positions

Easygate includes 5 hidden positions for supplementary functionality. The names of these positions are “aux1”, “aux2”, “aux3”, “aux4”, “aux5”.

## 5.9 Custom menu styling

The Easygate template has a default way of laying out menus. It uses a specific set of CSS rules that may not appear nice in exception cases. One such exception is a horizontal menu.

To make the template ignore the default layout for menus you can use a custom “Menu Class Suffix”. This should not be confused with “Module Class Suffix”. From the administrator’s control panel go to  
Extensions > Module Manager

open the menu module that needs to have a different layout, open the “Advanced Parameters” panel on the right side of the page and set the “Menu Class Suffix” to any value (type for example “mystyle”) and click the “Save” button.





## 6. Template configuration settings

To configure the template's settings go to  
Extensions > Template Manager

click on Easygate and make your adjustments on the Parameters panel.

Some additional settings like zones, total width and gap can be configured from the administrator component Zone Manager.





## Appendix A - How to install a template

To install a template in Joomla! 1.5.x follow the next 6 steps:

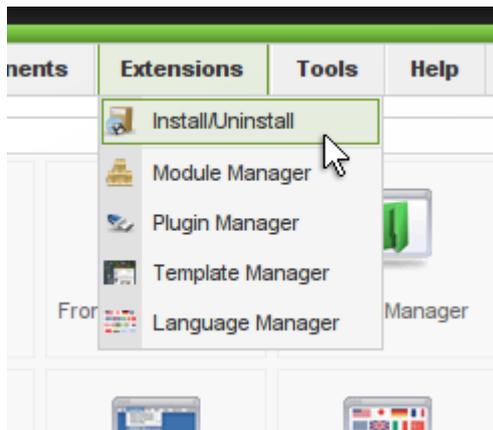
### Step 1

Get into the administrator's control panel with your browser.

The URL usually looks like

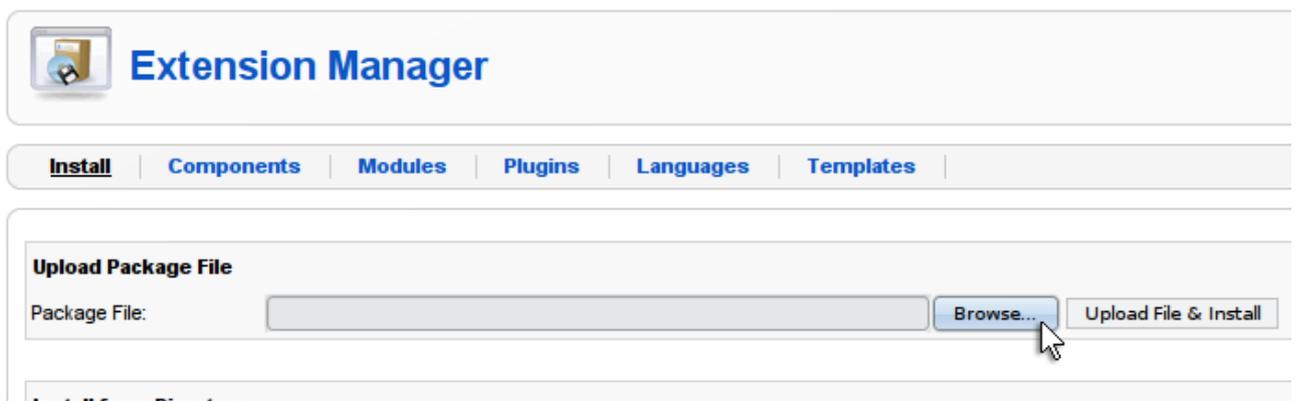
<http://www.example.com/administrator/>

### Step 2



Go to the menu *Extensions > Install/Uninstall*

### Step 3

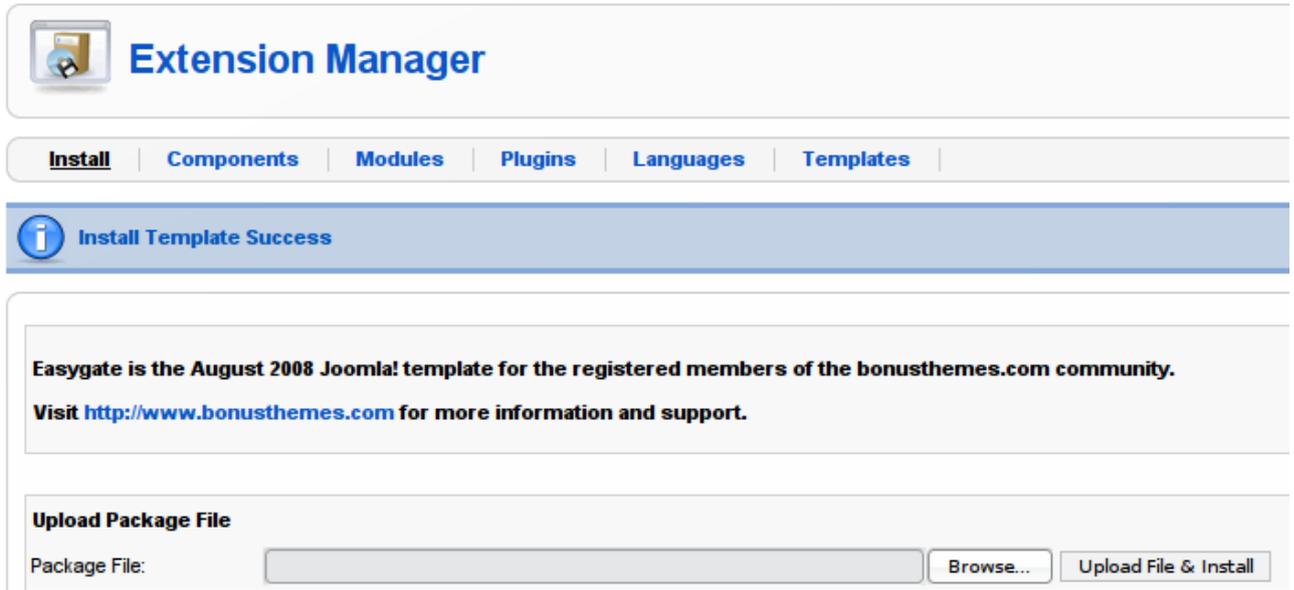


Click the *Browse* button to find the archive of the template, and then click *Upload File & Install* to perform the installation procedure.



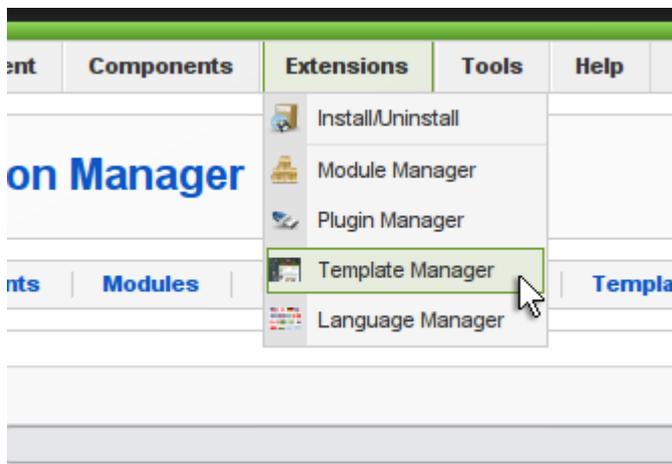


Step 4



If the installation was successful you will be able to see a success message like the one in the image.

Step 5



The next thing to do is to activate the template.

Go to *Extensions > Template Manager*



Step 6

#	Template Name	Default	Assigned	Version	Date	Author
1	beez			1.0.0	19 February 2007	Angie Radtke/Robert Deutz
2	bt_easygate			1.0	August 2008	BonusThemes.com
3	JA_Purity	★		1.2.0	12/26/07	JoomlaArt.com
4	rhuk_milkyway			1.0.2	11/20/06	Andy Miller

From the *Template Manager* page click on the template name you just installed and then click the *Default* button to make that template the default one.





## Appendix B - How to setup a module

To setup a module in Joomla! 1.5.x follow the next 4 steps:

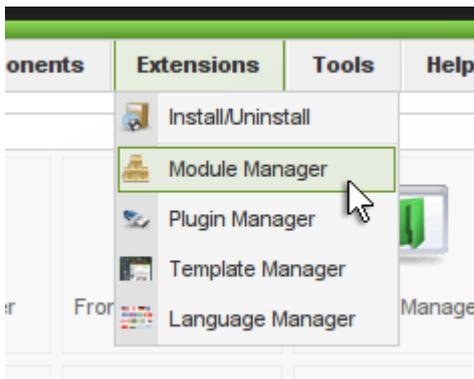
### Step 1

Get into the administrator's control panel with your browser.

The URL usually looks like

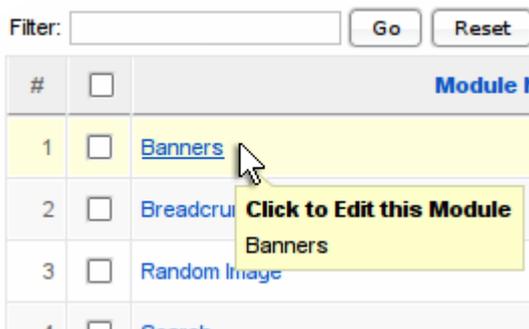
<http://www.example.com/administrator/>

### Step 2



Go to the menu *Extensions > Module Manager*

### Step 3



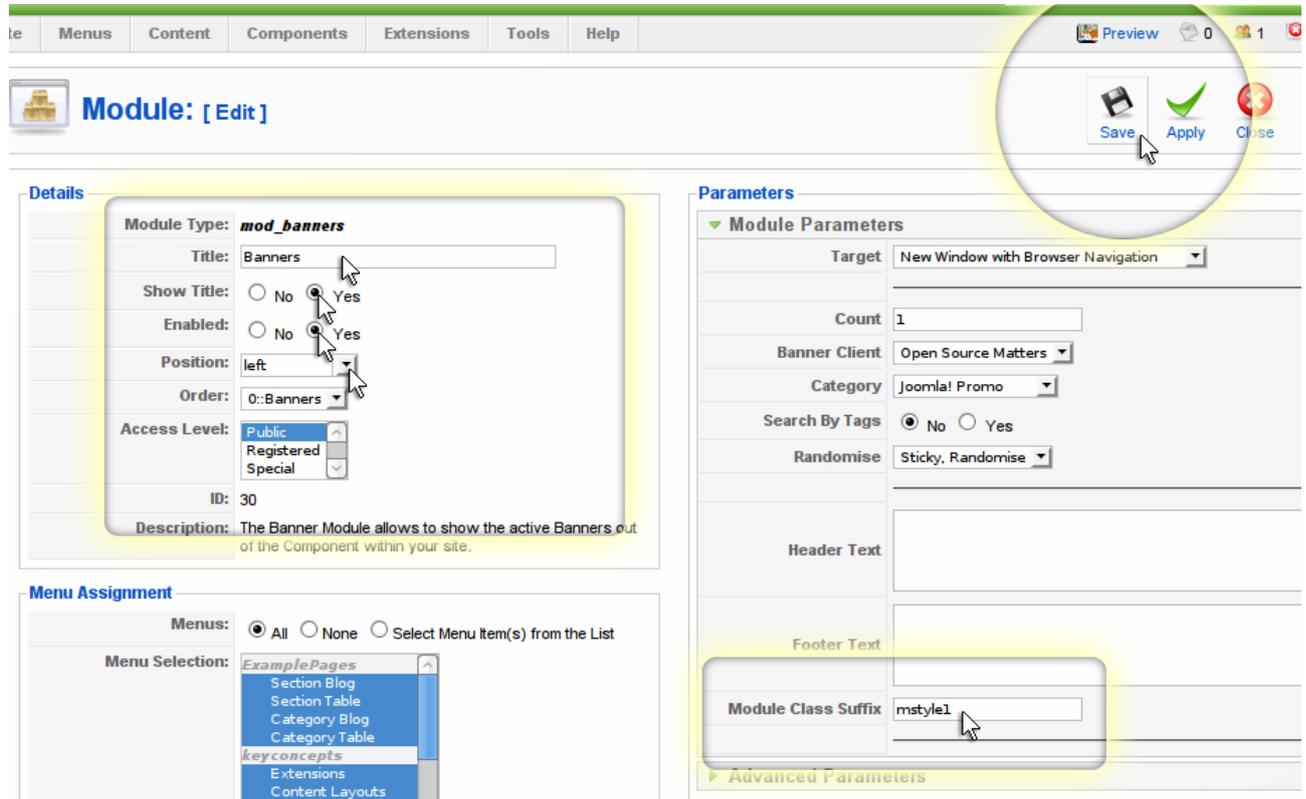
Find the module you want to edit and click it.

Note: If you cannot find your module perhaps there are too many modules split in pages. Go through the pages to find your module, or use the filters to limit the list of modules on your screen.





### Step 4



Now you are in the page that controls the module.

From the Details area you can control many features including:

- Set the title of the module
- Show or hide the title
- Publish or unpublish the module by checking the Enabled attribute
- Set the position of the module

From the Parameters area you can control other features including the ability to

- Set the Module Class Suffix

To save your changes click the *Save* button ton the top right corner.



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