

Installing Meridian

The following is a guide that covers how to set up your new Meridian template on your Joomla site. Here you can find an overview of the files included in the Meridian release and instructions on installing and activating the template in your Joomla install.

Downloading the Meridian Files

The first step is to download all the necessary files needed for installation, setup and customisation. Below is a summary of each of the available packages from the Vertigo release.

- ❖ Meridian Template (*rt_meridian_j15.tgz*) This file is the template package you will use to install your template into Joomla.
- ❖ Meridian Source PNG(s) (*meridian-sources.zip*) This zip contains the source PNG(s) for making modifications and customisations to the images in the template (and if applicable, the font used for the logo). You will need an image editing software (preferably Adobe/Macromedia Fireworks) to utilise the Source PNG files.
- ❖ Meridian RocketLauncher (*Joomla_RT_Meridian.zip*) This is the RocketLauncher pack for Meridian which is a complete and separate Joomla install which has the template pre-installed and configured. Similarly, the demo content is injected and the extensions are also pre-installed.

Step 1 - Using the Joomla installer

Navigate to the Joomla administrator (<http://yoursite.com/administrator>) for your site. Along the top menu bar, go to **Extensions > Install/Uninstall**. Next, select the browser button and located the *rt_meridian_j15.tgz* package on your computer that you downloaded Then, click **Upload File & Install**. After installation, an introduction page will appear with the template's name, description and thumbnail, select **Continue** when this page appears. You should now see *rt_meridian_j15* in the list of installed templates.

Step 2 - Making Vertigo Default

In the Joomla Administrator, navigate to **Extensions > Template Manager**. You will be directed to a page which lists all the install templates. Locate *rt_meridian_j15* in the list. Select the radio button / circular icon to the left of the name. Then select the **Default** in button menu in the top right area of the Administrator. The Vertigo template will now be the default template on your Joomla site.