

Extensions

Learn all about the exciting RocketTheme exclusive extensions that are included in the SolarSentinel template release. Here you can find instructions for installation and configuration for each of the custom extensions/addons.

Step One: Installing the Extension

Download the **solarsentinel-extensions-j15.zip** archive from the SolarSentinel download section of the RocketTheme Joomla! Club. Unzip the archive and inside you will find individual zip files for each of the extensions. Login in to your administrator console on your Joomla! website and navigate to the **Extensions** menu item, and select **Install/Uninstall** from the dropdown menu. In the **Upload Package File** section, click the **Choose File** button and select one of the **extension_name.zip** that was inside of the zip file you downloaded earlier. Next click the **Upload File & Install** button to install the module.

Step Two: Publishing the Module/Plugin

Now the module is installed it must be published in the appropriate module position and configured to suit our needs. From the top menu, select **Extensions** → **Module Manager**. This will take you to the **Site Module Manager** which allows you to configure the placement and configuration of all modules in your Joomla website. Locate the module from the list. Remember there could be a few pages. Once you have found it, you can publish in 2 ways: The first is selecting the cross next to the tile or clicking the title then set **Publish** to **Yes** followed by Save. Plugins behave in a similar way, simply go to **Extensions** → **Plugin Manager** and enable the plugin. You can also configure it from the same manager.

RokModules Required

In order for the new SolarSentinel modules to function, you must install com_rokmodules. This component facilitates the modules, as Roknavmenu does for the integrated menu. Follow the instructions below:-

1. Download solarsentinel-extensions-j15.zip from RokDownloads.
2. Extract the zip onto your computer.
3. Go to Extensions then select the Upload File & Install button.
4. Find com_rokmodules.zip and in install.

Now all the new modules are functional

Parameters Guide

We will take a quick look at the parameters you will find when you install this module. There are 4 columns, parameters, options, demo and description. The parameter column lists each available setting for the module; options lists the available options to choose from; demo lists the options chosen on the demo and description outlines what the module does.

RokStories Module

RokStories is a great module to display your articles and accompanying images as a featured item. The module itself is facilitated by Mootools to transition between images and articles seamlessly. Perfect for showcasing featured articles on your site, as seen on the frontpage.

Parameter	Options	Demo	Description
Show Title	Yes : No	Yes	Enable/Disable the module header
Enabled	Yes : No	Yes	Enable/Disable the module
Position	<i>list of positions</i>	feature	Position of the module
Section	<i>list of sections</i>	News	Section of content
Category	<i>list of categories</i>	RokStories	Category of content
Order	<i>list of orders</i>	Recently Modified First	Ordering of content
# of Articles	<i>Number Field</i>	4	Number of articles displayed
Thumbnail Width	<i>Number Field</i>	90	Pixel width of thumbs
Authors	<i>list of authors</i>	Anyone	Choose specific author articles
Frontpage Items	Show : Hide	Show	Display frontpage items
First Article	<i>Number Field</i>	0	Article displayed first
Thumbs Opacity	<i>Number Field</i>	0.3	Transparency (pc) of thumbs
Nav Interaction	Click : Hover	Hover	Transition trigger type
Autoplay	Yes : No	No	Auto or manual transition
Autoplay Delay	<i>Number Field</i>	5000	Time for transition
Module Class Suffix	<i>Text Field</i>	leave blank	Suffix applied to the code

RokNewsPager

The module is an article previewer and rotator. It displays content articles, in a summarised form and, using mootools based javascript transition, rotates through a series of pages displaying articles in a contracted list format.

Parameter	Options	Demo	Description
Show Title	Yes : No	Yes	Enable/Disable the module header
Enabled	Yes : No	Yes	Enable/Disable the module
Position	<i>list of positions</i>	right	Position of the module
Count	<i>Number Field</i>	3	Number of Articles per page
Max Pages	<i>Number Field</i>	3	Number of Pages
Order	<i>list of orders</i>	Recently Modified First	Ordering of content
Preview Length	<i>Number Field</i>	65	Number of characters displayed
Author	<i>list of authors</i>	Anyone	Author selector for articles
Auto Update	Yes : No	No	Update news automatically
Auto Update Delay	<i>Number Field</i>	5000	Delay on auto-update
Frontpage Items	Show : Hide	Show	Show/Hide frontpage items
Section	<i>list of sections</i>	News	Section of articles
Category	<i>list of categories</i>	Top Headlines	Category of articles
Module Class Suffix	<i>Text Field</i>	blue	Tag for individual styling

RokMicroNews

RokMicroNews is a new module, perfect for displaying your content. Your content (plus auto loaded image) are displayed adjacent to your article titles and the hover or click of these titles triggers a javascript transition to another article. Perfect for showcasing news items in a small, but structured spaced.

Parameter	Options	Demo	Description
Show Title	Yes : No	Yes	Enable/Disable the module header
Enabled	Yes : No	Yes	Enable/Disable the module
Position	<i>list of positions</i>	rokmicronews	Position of the module
Section	<i>list of sections</i>	RokMicroNews	Section of content
Category	<i>list of categories</i>	Politics	Category of content
Order	<i>list of orders</i>	Recently Modified First	Ordering of content
# of Articles	<i>Number Field</i>	3	Number of articles displayed
Preview Length	<i>Number Field</i>	260	Number of characters displayed
Nav Position	Left : Right	Right	Position of article titles
Nav Interaction	Click: Hover	Click	Transition trigger type
Show Titles	Show : Hide	Hide	Show/Hide Titles
Show Thumbnails	Show : Hide	Show	Show/Hide thumbnails
Thumbnail Width	<i>Number Field</i>	120	Pixel width of thumbs
Authors	<i>list of authors</i>	Anyone	Choose specific author articles
Frontpage Items	Show : Hide	Show	Display frontpage items
Module Class Suffix	<i>Text Field</i>	red	Suffix applied to the code
Extra CSS Class	<i>Text Field</i>	<i>leave blank</i>	Unique class for module
Use Custom CSS	Yes : No	No	Use the Custom CSS tag

RokWeather

RokWeather, as the name suggests, is a weather module, using the Google API, you can easily display weather data from regions across the globe. This includes temperature, climate, wind speed as well as being configurable from the frontend via the user. Perfect for any news site.

Parameter	Options	Demo	Description
Show Title	Yes : No	No	Enable/Disable the module header
Enabled	Yes : No	Yes	Enable/Disable the module
Position	<i>list of positions</i>	right	Position of the module
Default Location	<i>Text Field</i>	Golden, CO	Location on first load
Location Caching	Yes : No	Yes	Cache location details
Enable Location Cookie	Yes : No	Yes	Enable cookie for location
Enable Icon Display	Yes : No	Yes	Display the icon image
Enable Humidity Display	Yes : No	Yes	Display the humidity readings
Enable Wind Display	Yes : No	Yes	Display the wind readings
Enable 4 Day Forecast	Yes : No	Yes	Display the 4 day forecast
Default Degree Type	°C : °F	°F	Celsius or Fahrenheit as default

RokNewsFlash Module

RokNewsFlash is a custom mootools module that displays your newsflash tidbits at the top of your site. The RokNewsflash also includes small buttons allowing your visitors to toggle through the different newsflash items you have set up. See it in action on the frontpage.

Parameter	Options	Demo	Description
Title	Yes : No	No	Enable/Disable the module header
Position	<i>List of position</i>	NewsFlash	Select the module position
Access Level	Public : Registered : Special	Public	Determines who can see the module
Published	Yes : No	Yes	Enable/Disable the module
Module Class Suffix	<i>Text Field</i>	<i>leave blank</i>	Allows for individual CSS control
Enable Cache	Yes : No	No	Stores the contents with Cache
Module Mode	Content : Static : Both	Content Items	What content types are loaded
Frontpage Item	Show : Hide	Hide	Show or Hide frontpage items
Count	<i>Number Field</i>	5	How many items to load
Category	<i>List of categories</i>	Top Headlines	Category where content is loaded from
Section	<i>List of sections</i>	News	Section where content is loaded from
Use Title or Intro Text	Title: Intro Text	Intro Text	Controls what part of content are loaded
PreText Label	<i>Text Field</i>	Latest:	Text label in the module
Show Controls	Yes : No	Yes	Enable / Disable the controls
Transition Duration	<i>Number Field</i>	600	Time for switching of content items
Delay Length	<i>Number Field</i>	2500	Time for content to remain static
Preview Length	<i>Number Field</i>	85	Number of characters to be shown

RokAjaxSearch

RokAjaxSearch is a mootools enhanced search module. Simply type a search value into the box, and search results will dynamically appear in a popup allowing you quick access without having to load the search page.

Parameter	Options	Demo	Description
Show Title	Yes : No	No	Enable/Disable the module header
Enabled	Yes : No	Yes	Enable/Disable the module
Position	<i>List of position</i>	search	Choose the module position
Module Class Suffix	<i>Text Field</i>	<i>leave blank</i>	Add an extra tag to the HTML
Search page URL	<i>Text Field</i>	Search	Link to the search page
Advanced Search page URL	<i>Text Field</i>	<i>Advanced</i>	Link to the Advanced search page
Inlcude RokAjaxSearch CSS	Yes : No	Yes	Set No to load template specific CSS
Searchphrase	Any : All : Exact Phrase	Any Word	Search parameters
Order	<i>List of orders</i>	Newest First	Order of results
Limit	5-50	10	Number of results
Results per page	3-50	3	Number results per page
Enable Google Web Search	Yes : No	Yes	Search using Google APIs
Google Ajax Search API Key	<i>Text Field</i>	API Key	Insert Google API key
Show Pagination	Yes : No	Yes	Show navigation in results
Show Estimated	Yes : No	Yes	Show estimates in results
Hide div id(s)	<i>Text Field</i>	<i>leave blank</i>	Specify div IDs to be exempt from search
Link to all results	Yes : No	Yes	Link all search results
Show Description	Yes : No	Yes	Show description with results
Include Category/Section	Yes : No	Yes	Include category/section in results
Show Read More	Yes : No	Yes	Show read more

RokTabs Module

RokTabs is a fully independent and incredibly flexible standalone version of the popular template feature, RokSlide. That being, a module that displays content in tabs that are scrollable and can rotate automatically. The module itself is installable into Joomla and can be easily utilised on any template, not just SolarSentinel. As its name implies, its a tabbed based module to efficiently showcase your content to your visitors.

Parameter	Options	Demo	Description
Show Title	Yes : No	Yes	Enable/Disable the module header
Enabled	Yes : No	Yes	Enable/Disable the module
Position	<i>list of positions</i>	user1	Position of the module
Category	<i>list of categories</i>	RokTabs	Category of content
Section	<i>list of sections</i>	News	Section of content
Order	<i>list of orders</i>	Recently Modified First	Ordering of content
Authors	<i>list of authors</i>	Anyone	A filter for the authors
Theme Style	<i>Text Field</i>	base	Select a theme/style
Width	<i>Number Field</i>	758	Width of the module
Max # of Tabs	<i>Number Field</i>	0	Max number of Tabs
Transition Duration	<i>Number Field</i>	600	Time for transition
Transition Type	Scrolling : Fading	Scrolling	Type of transition
Transition Effect	<i>list of transitions</i>	Quad.easInOut	The transition effect
Tabs Position	Top : Bottom : Hidden	Top	Position of the tabs
Tabs Title	<i>list of options</i>	By Content Title	Determine the tab title
Incremental text	<i>Text Field</i>	Tab	Set an incremental text
Hide h6 tags	Yes : No	Yes	Hide h6 titles
Autoplay	Yes : No	No	Rotate automatically
Autoplay Delay	<i>Number Field</i>	2000	Set delay on auto-rotation
Module Suffix	<i>Text Field</i>	leave blank	A module class suffix