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This installation guide will help you install Ice Future Free Joomla Template, the first IceTheme Joomla 3 template.

There are 2 ways of installing the template:

- 1- Using the Clone Installer Package
- 2- The manual Installation (the traditional installation of Joomla)

Which one should you use?

IceTheme recommends using the Clone Installer as it will reproduce a copy of the demo that you have seen in minutes and without difficulties. All the extensions of IceTheme will be positioned and configured ready to work. On the other hand the manual installation requires that you install Joomla first and then install and then configure all the extensions one by one through the backend. This takes time and increases the possibilities for errors.

However, you have to consider one thing: the Clone Installer installs the Sample Data of the template and automatically erases any text or images that you may have had on the site. So, if you are installing the template on an existing site whose content you want to store **DO NOT USE** the Clone Installer. Instead get use of the manual installation, which will be explained later in this document.

- The Clone Installer package will save you lots of time because you will not have to set and configure the parameters for the extensions and the template. Moreover, you have the content set up by default. So making use of this package is recommended for websites that need to be created from the beginning.

Below you will find all the necessary steps from the Joomla Requirements to the make your website exactly as you see it on our demo.

1. Check Your System Requirements

First you need to check if your server or hosting package meets the recommended requirements for Joomla to run normally. The requirements are:

- Apache: v2.x +recommended + <http://www.apache.org>
- PHP: v5.3.1 + <http://www.php.net>
- MySQL: v5.1+ <http://www.mysql.com>

Microsoft IIS: v7 <http://www.iis.net>

2. Extract the content of the Clone Installer zip package on your computer

The Clone Installer Package contains all the Joomla core files plus the files of our template and the complimentary extensions, so it is not necessary to download the Joomla package. You can install Joomla only when a new version of Joomla is released and you have to update your website.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! Web Installer interface in a Firefox browser window. The address bar shows the URL: 192.168.1.4/Future-Clone-installer/installation/index.php. The Joomla! logo is at the top, followed by the text: Joomla!® is free software released under the GNU General Public License.

The interface has three tabs: 1 Configuration (active), 2 Database, and 3 Overview. Below the tabs is a 'Select Language' dropdown menu set to 'English (United States)' and a 'Next' button.

The 'Main Configuration' section contains the following fields:

- Site Name ***: Input field with 'IT Future'. Below it: 'Enter the name of your Joomla! site.'
- Description**: Textarea. Below it: 'Enter a description of the overall Web site that is to be used by search engines. Generally, a maximum of 20 words is optimal.'
- Admin Email ***: Input field with 'your@email.com'. Below it: 'Enter an email address. This will be the email address of the Web site Super Administrator.'
- Admin Username ***: Input field with 'admin'. Below it: 'You may change the default username **admin**.'
- Admin Password ***: Password input field with masked characters. Below it: 'Set the password for your Super Administrator account and confirm it in the field below.'
- Confirm Admin Password ***: Password input field with masked characters.

At the bottom, there is a 'Site Offline' section with radio buttons for 'No' (selected) and 'Yes'. Below it: 'Set the site frontend offline when installation is completed. The site can be set online later on through the Global Configuration.'

3. Copy all the files that you have extracted to your server directory

- If you wish to start working directly on your domain or host, then you need to copy all your extracted files from your computer to your server folder that you will use. Normally you may need a [FTP program](#) to access your server folder and to upload the files.

- But you also may use a program like [Wamp](#) or [Xampp](#) to test our template and then use it live on your server. For more information on how to set-up local hosts please visit this [site](#).

With a program like FileZilla, you have to upload your files from your computer to your server folder.

4. Begin the Joomla 3 Installation

Point your browser to the directory where you have uploaded the files of the Clone installer, e.g. `http://ROOT/joomla`, if Joomla is the directory where you have uploaded the files. Root depends on your site and it is actually your domain.

Now you are ready to begin the Joomla! installation process. We recommend setting up the Database and know the FTP login details before you continue.

The Database is a must for Joomla. You cannot use Joomla at all if you don't have access to a database. The FTP login details are needed for a normal operation, mostly through the Joomla Administrator (you may install/uninstall extensions, save the global configuration etc), so we recommend that you enable this feature, as well.

* You may ask your host to provide you the FTP login details in case you cannot find them

* If you are working on a local host environment you don't have to enable the FTP login.

- Below you will find all the necessary steps to install Joomla. The installation is pretty easier than in previous version as you have to deal with 3 steps and everything is explained clearly.

1 – Configuration Step

- Select the language that you wish Joomla! to use during the Installation Process

Main Configuration

Site Name: your website/company name that will appear almost in all parts of Joomla! like the title, copyright info, emails etc.

Description: a short description of your site containing useful keywords may be completed in this step

Site offline: if you set it to yes, the front end will be offline until you change this in the Global Configuration. This is a good idea when you do not want to show your website to your visitors.

Admin Email: - enter here your main email that Joomla! will use to send emails to your users or to receive them through the contact us form.

Admin Username: you may leave this to admin but i to increase the Joomla! Security it is recommended to set another one as it will be harder for possible hackers to access your Joomla Administrator.

Admin Password - we recommend that you input a strong password with both letters and numbers. This will be the password that you will use to access the Administrator area.

Confirm Admin Password - A security setting provided by Joomla! to input the same password to to confirm that your password is not typed wrong.

After you set these parameters (all except **Description** are mandatory) hit blue **Next** button in the top right of the site.

Firefox Joomla! Web Installer 192.168.1.4/Future-Clone-installer/installation/index.php

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1 Configuration 2 Database 3 Overview

Select Language: English (United States) [Next]

Main Configuration

Site Name * IT Future
Enter the name of your Joomla! site.

Description
Enter a description of the overall Web site that is to be used by search engines. Generally, a maximum of 20 words is optimal.

Admin Email * your@email.com
Enter an email address. This will be the email address of the Web site Super Administrator.

Admin Username * admin
You may change the default username **admin**.

Admin Password *
Set the password for your Super Administrator account and confirm it in the field below.

Confirm Admin Password *

Site Offline: [No] [Yes]
Set the site frontend offline when installation is completed. The site can be set online later on through the Global Configuration.

2- Database Step

As mentioned Joomla! requires access to a database to operate and to store all its data. You cannot skip this step. If you are working on a local host environment server then usually you have to input the following:

Database Type: MySQLi, as the one that is already chosen by default

Host Name : localhost

Username - root

Password: leave it blank

Database Name: something like joomla_yourproejctname

Table Prefix: choose a prefix making sure that the prefix chosen is not used by other tables.

Old database processes: This setting is important when you have databases for this site from previous Joomla installations. The first parameter "Backup" will backup your data so you may access it later if you need it. The second one "Remove" will permanently delete all the data from the database and you may not be able to access them anymore. If there is no other database, leave it BackUp as it is.

If you are working on a hosted environment then you may contact directly your hosting support to give you the adequate information to access the database.

* If you get the message "Could not connect to the database", after you clicked on the "Next" button in the top right of the screen, you may go back to this step and make sure that you have entered the settings correctly. Otherwise you may contact your host provider and see if you can directly create the database or you have to create it before on your host page.

If everything is alright, then hit Next button.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! Web Installer interface in a Firefox browser window. The page title is "Joomla! Web Installer" and the URL is "192.168.1.4/Future-Clone-installer/installation/index.php#". The Joomla! logo is at the top, followed by the text "Joomla!® is free software released under the GNU General Public License." Below this are three tabs: "1 Configuration", "2 Database", and "3 Overview". The "Database Configuration" section is active, with "Previous" and "Next" buttons. The form contains the following fields and options:

- Database Type ***: A dropdown menu with "MySQLi" selected. A blue callout box with an arrow points to this dropdown, containing the text "Put your database information." Below the dropdown is the text "This is probably "MySQLi"".
- Host Name ***: A text input field containing "localhost". Below it is the text "This is usually "localhost"".
- Username ***: A text input field containing "root". Below it is the text "Either something as "root" or a username given by the host".
- Password**: An empty text input field. Below it is the text "For site security using a password for the database account is mandatory".
- Database Name ***: A text input field containing "it_future". Below it is the text "Some hosts allow only a certain DB name per site. Use table prefix in this case for distinct Joomla! sites."
- Table Prefix ***: A text input field containing "future_". Below it is the text "Choose a table prefix or use the **randomly generated**. Ideally, three or four characters long, contain only alphanumeric characters, and **MUST** end in an underscore. **Make sure that the prefix chosen is not used by other tables.**"
- Old Database Process ***: Two buttons, "Backup" and "Remove". Below them is the text "Any existing backup tables from former Joomla! installations will be replaced".

3- Overview Step

Finalisation

This is probably the most important step and also the trickiest.

Install Sample Data

The aim of the Clone Installer is just to install the IceTheme Template Sample Data so choose “**Default English (GB) Sample Data**”

If you choose the other option “None”, the default Joomla template will appear.

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1 Configuration 2 Database 3 Overview

Finalisation ← Previous → Install

Install Sample Data None Default English (GB) Sample Data

Installing sample data is strongly recommended. This will install sample content that is included.

To have the same result as the demo select the “Sample Data”

Overview

Email Configuration No Yes

Send configuration settings to `your@email.com` by email after installation.

Main Configuration

Site Name	IT Future
Site Offline	No
Admin Email	<code>your@email.com</code>
Admin Username	admin
Admin Password	***

Database Configuration

Database Type	mysql
Host Name	localhost
Username	root
Password	
Database Name	it_future
Table Prefix	future_
Old Database Process	Remove

Pre-Installation Check

PHP Version >= 5.3.1	Yes
Magic Quotes GPC Off	Yes
Register Globals Off	Yes
Zlib Compression Support	Yes
XML Support	Yes
Database Support: (mysql, mysqli, pdo, sqlite)	Yes
MB Language is Default	Yes
MB String Overload Off	Yes
INI Parser Support	Yes
JSON Support	Yes
configuration.php Writable	Yes

Recommended settings:

These settings are recommended for PHP in order to ensure full compatibility with Joomla. However, Joomla! will still operate if your settings do not quite match the recommended configuration.

Directive	Recommended	Actual
Safe Mode	Off	Off
Display Errors	Off	Off
File Uploads	On	On
Magic Quotes Runtime	Off	Off
Output Buffering	Off	Off
Session Auto Start	Off	Off
Native ZIP support	On	On

Overview

Email Configuration

This step confirms the email that you have chosen in the first step and asks whether you want the password to be sent in the email or not.

Main Configuration

Here are shown once again all the settings that you have chosen in the previous steps.

Pre installation Check and Recommended Settings

- This step tells you the settings that Joomla needs to operate normally. You have to make sure that all the necessary settings are marked "Yes". Otherwise Joomla! may not work properly. Also, you should check to compliance of the actual settings with the recommended ones, but don't worry if you can not comply all of them. Joomla! will still run without problems even if that are marked as "Off".

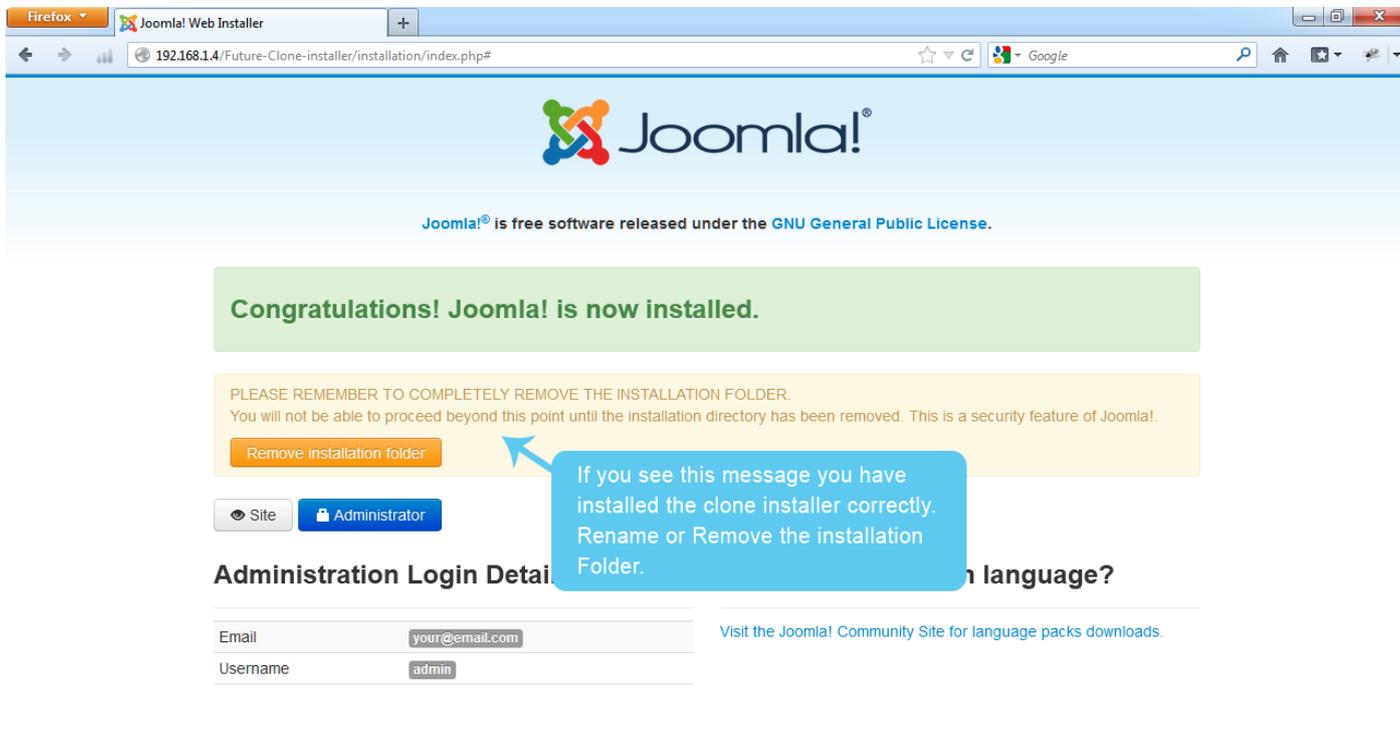
- If you are ready to continue, please click on the "Next" button.

Wait until Joomla and the template are being installed. Don't move to the next step until this is over.



Congratulations... By now you have successfully done your job.

The only thing remaining is to completely remove the "installation" directory on your server. This is a security feature required by Joomla! so that your website may be fully secured and not granted to vulnerabilities. Click on the "Remove Installation Folder" to completely remove this directory.



You will see 2 buttons: "Site" and "Administrator". If the template was installed in local host feel free to hit any of them. But if the template is installed online, do not worry when you see this message after hitting the "Site" button.

3- Installing the template without the Clone Installer

Note:

The instructions below assume that you have first successfully installed Joomla on your server. For more information on how to install Joomla, please check this [tutorial](#).

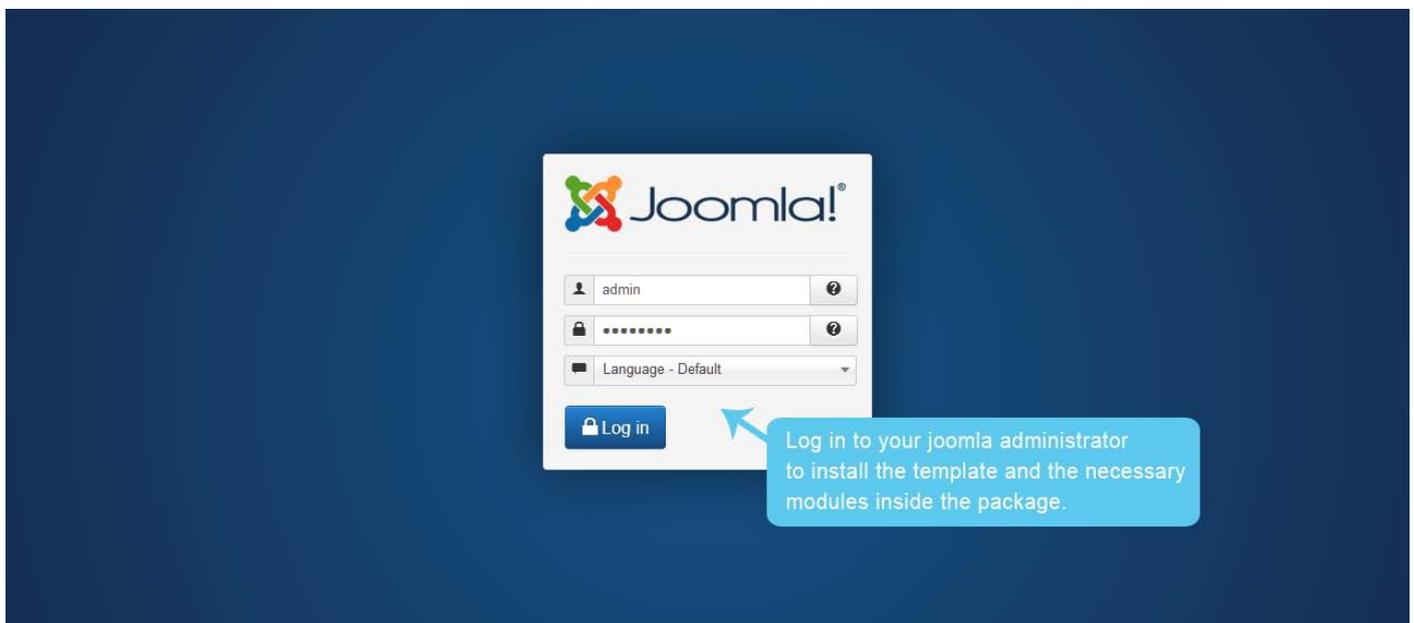
If you have already a running Joomla! site and you are not starting from scratch then you need to manually install the template and its complimentary extensions, then you have to edit their parameters through their respective pages. Please, follow the below steps to learn how to do so.

Extract the content of the **IceFuture-(unzip-first)** all in one package on your computer

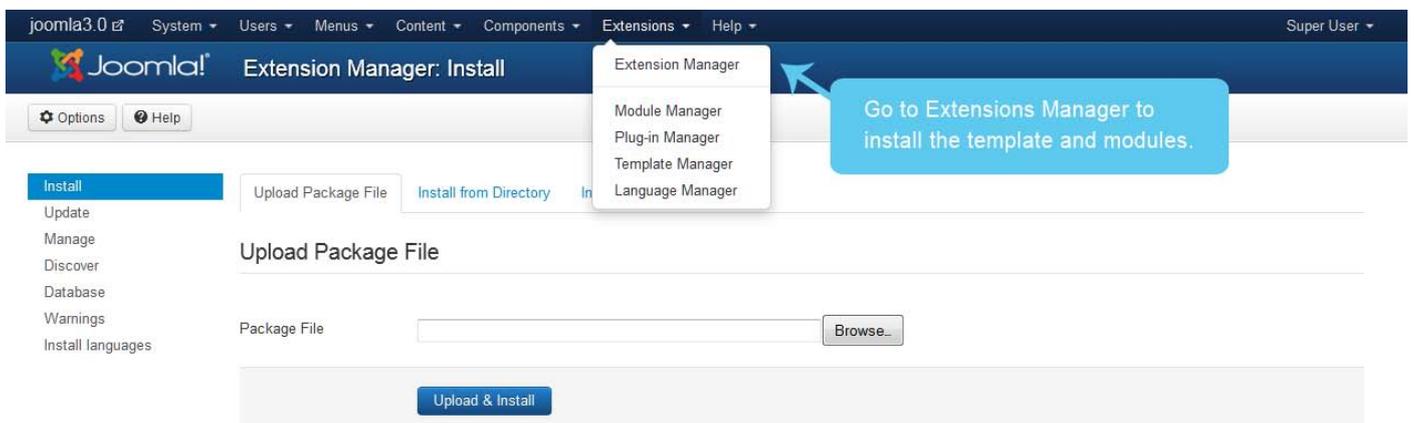
Login to your Joomla Administrator with the username and password that you have provided during the Installation Process.

* The Joomla! Admini

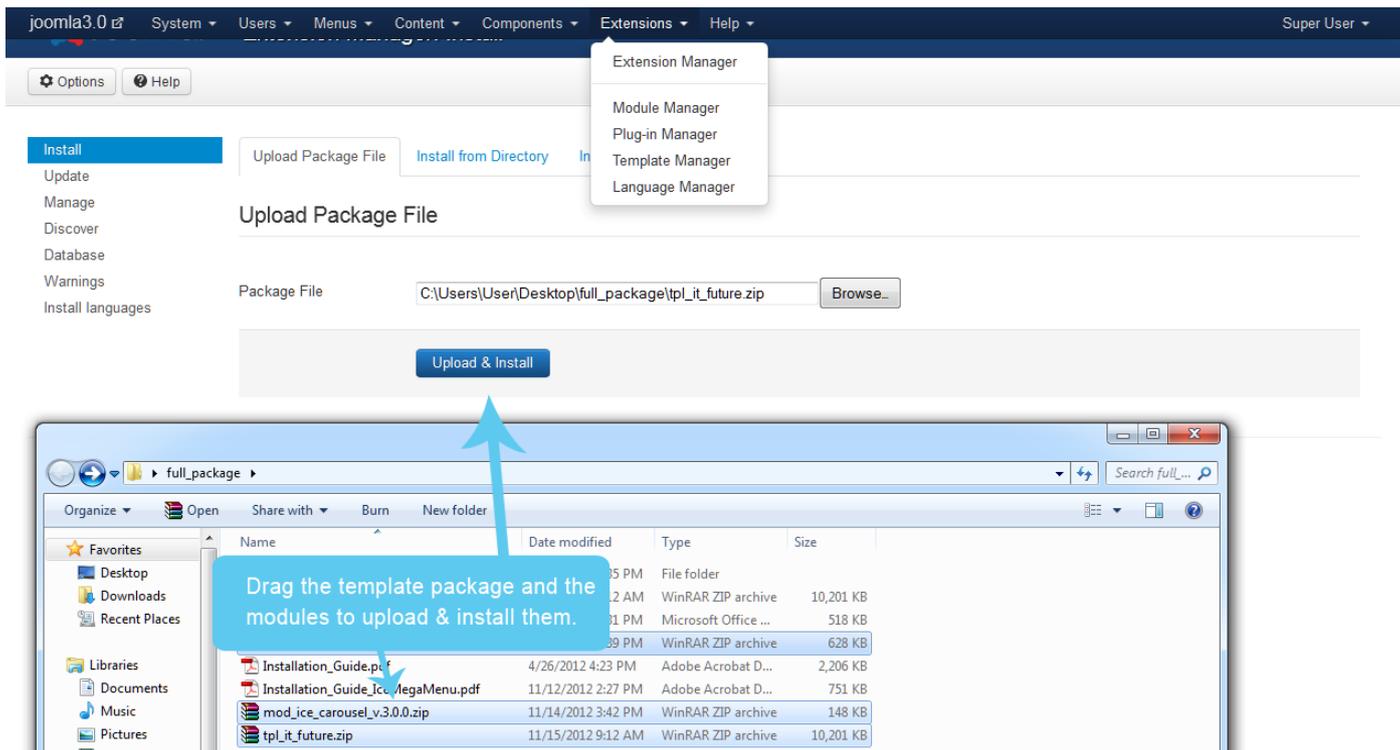
strator panel can be accesses by adding "/administrator" at the end of your URL like this <http://www.your-site-url.com/administrator>



- Go to Extensions -> Extension Manager to install your IceTheme template and its complimentary extensions.



- On the "Upload Package File" form you should browse to the files that you have extracted first on your computer from the All in One Package and install them one by one.



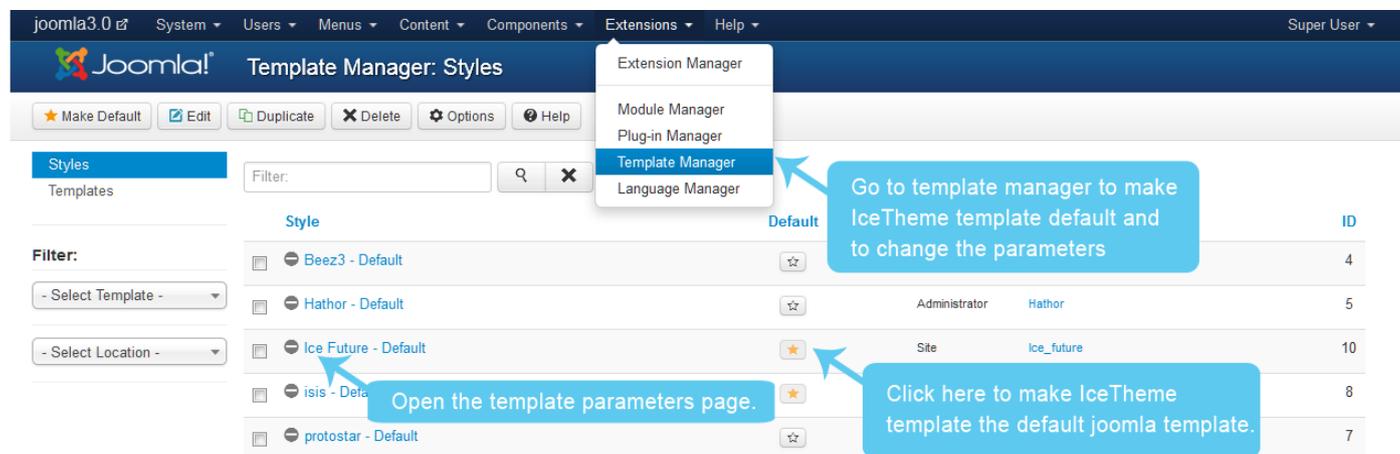
* If you receive an error in a red box saying "Warning: Failed to move file!" probably you have not enabled the "FTP Settings" which is on the following:

Joomla Administrator -> Site (main menu) -> Global Configuration -> Server (3rd tab)

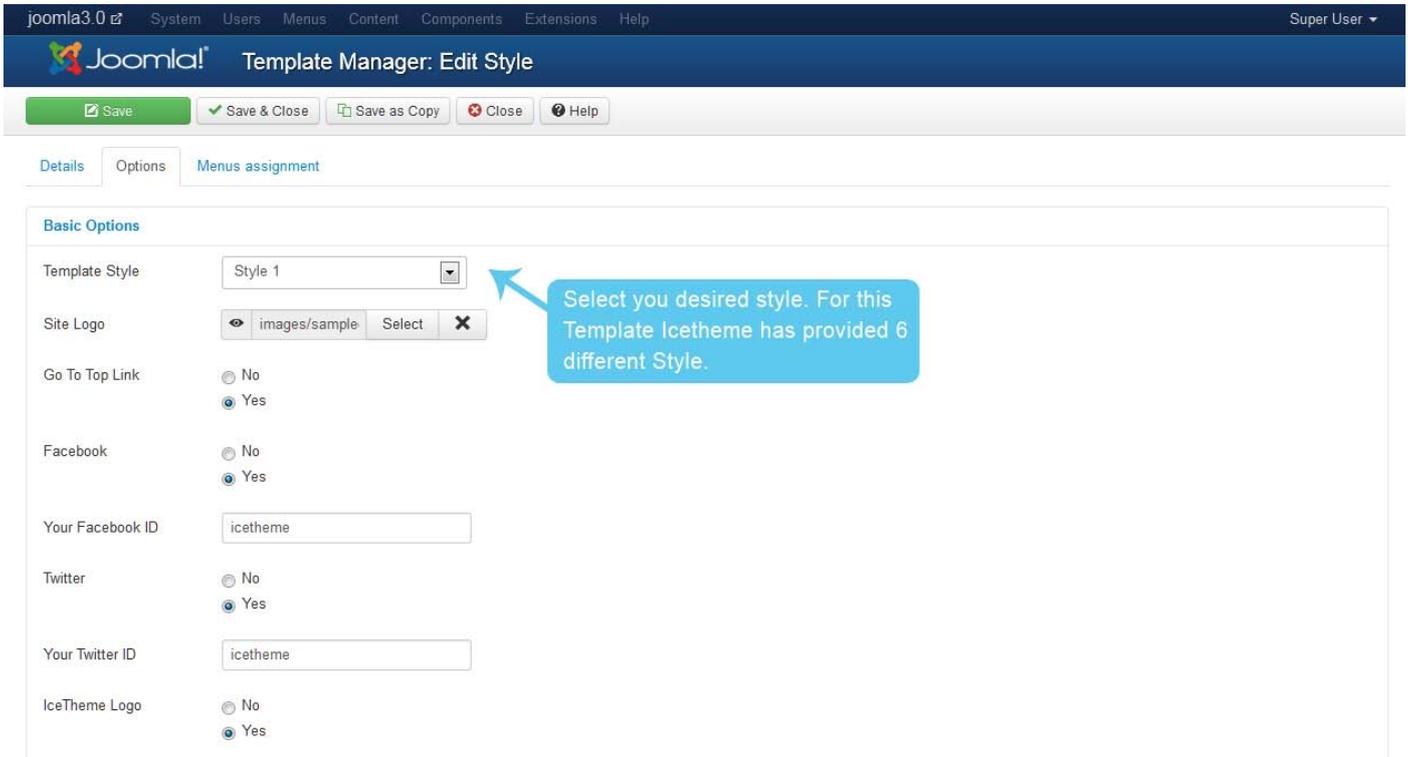
* If case you still cannot install the items please [Ask for Help](#).

Go to the "Template Manager" page (Joomla Administrator -> Extensions (menu item) -> Template Manager) to select your default Joomla Template for your website.

Then under the row which is the "tpl_ice_future" template click on the white star to make this template your website default one.



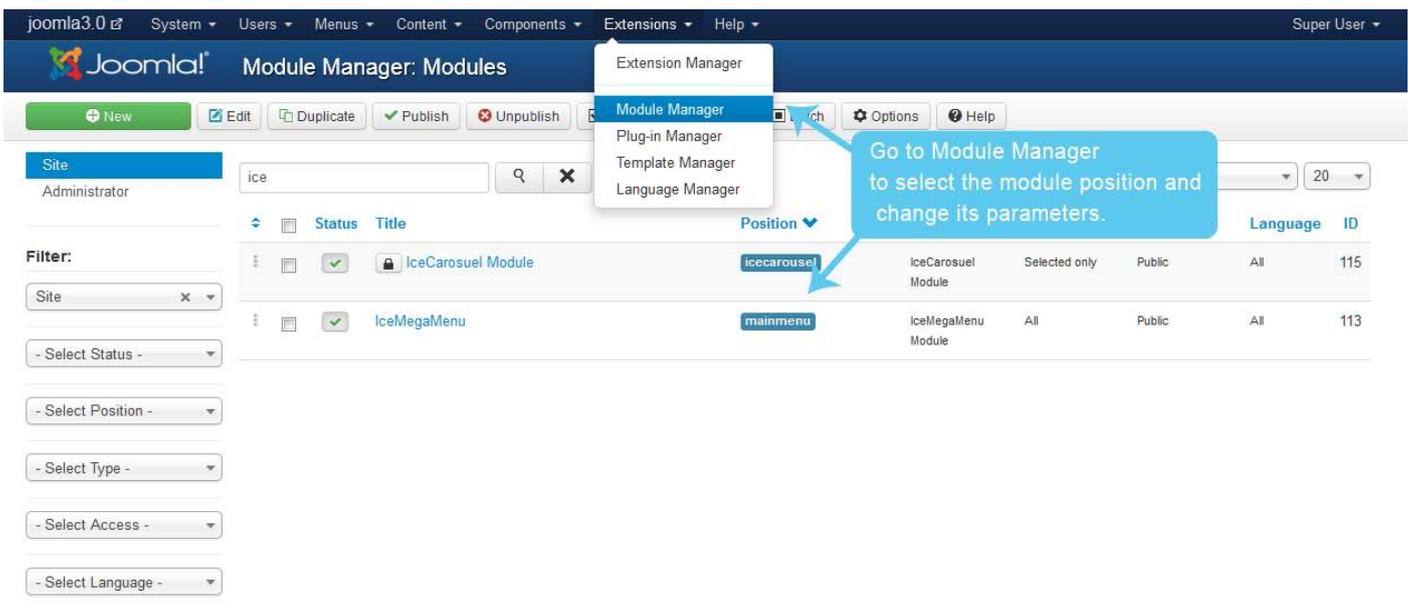
* You may take advantage of the Template Style features which allows you to have different parameters for different parts of the website (for example you may set Ice Future in style blue for the homepage and for other pages in the green style).



Enable Modules

As shown in the above image you should enable all the complimentary Joomla! modules that are found inside the All in One package which for this template are:

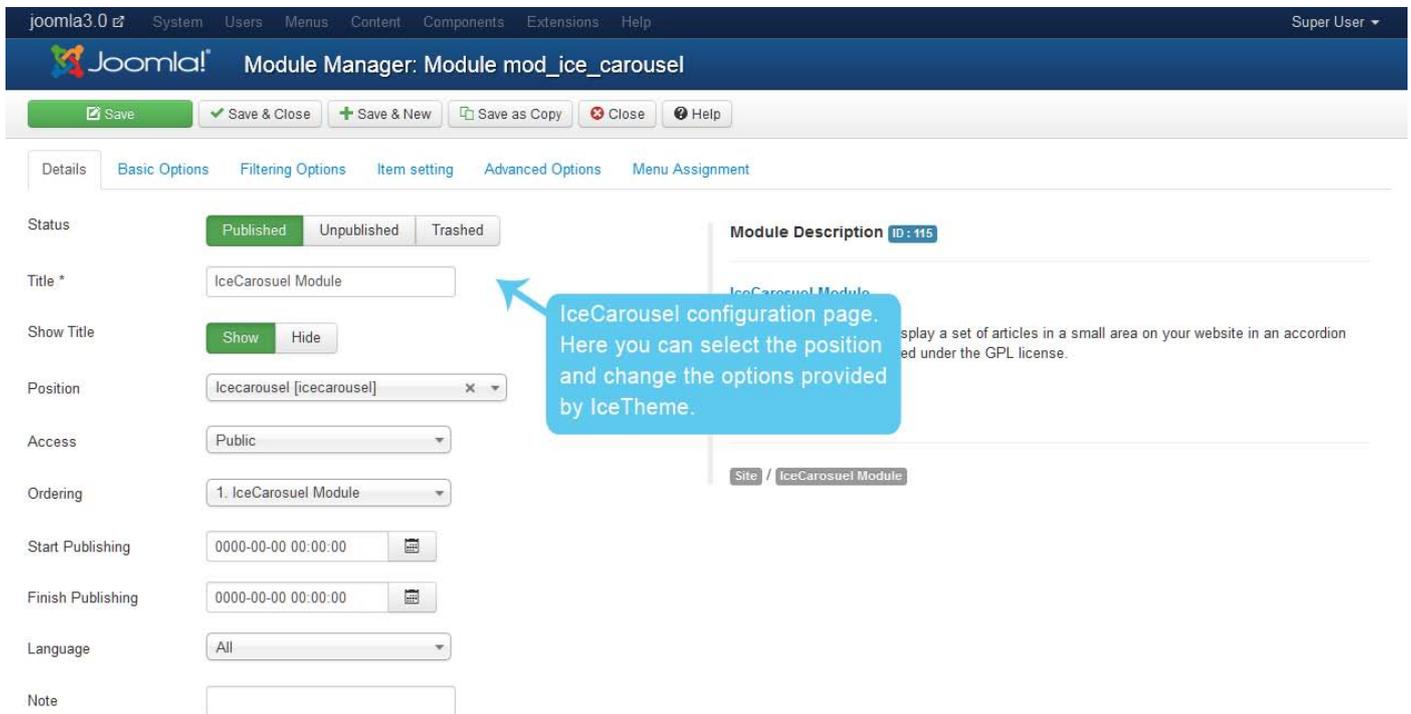
1. mod_icemegamenu.zip
2. mod_icecarousel.zip



Configure Modules

After you have published all the available modules from the above point you should edit their respective parameters to match those from the IT Serena Demo, but you may also play with them to suit to your projects needs.

On the images below you will find the parameters exactly as they are on the Ice Future demo.

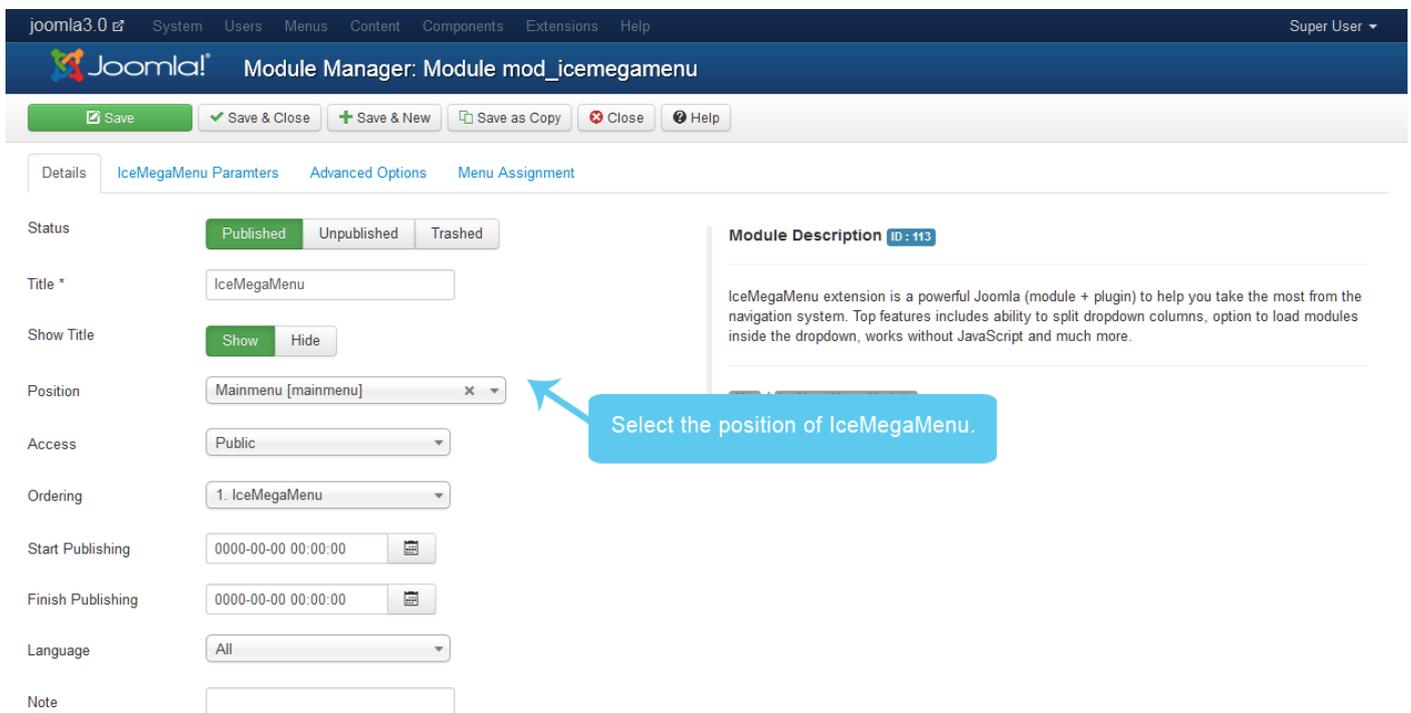


The screenshot shows the Joomla! Module Manager interface for the 'IceCarousel' module. The top navigation bar includes 'joomla3.0', 'System', 'Users', 'Menus', 'Content', 'Components', 'Extensions', and 'Help'. The user is logged in as 'Super User'. The page title is 'Module Manager: Module mod_ice_carousel'. Below the title bar are buttons for 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Save & New', 'Save as Copy', 'Close', and 'Help'. The main content area has tabs for 'Details', 'Basic Options', 'Filtering Options', 'Item setting', 'Advanced Options', and 'Menu Assignment'. The 'Basic Options' tab is active, showing the following configuration:

- Status: Published (selected), Unpublished, Trashed
- Title: IceCarosuel Module
- Show Title: Show (selected), Hide
- Position: Icecarousel [icecarousel]
- Access: Public
- Ordering: 1. IceCarosuel Module
- Start Publishing: 0000-00-00 00:00:00
- Finish Publishing: 0000-00-00 00:00:00
- Language: All
- Note: (empty)

A blue callout box with an arrow pointing to the 'Position' dropdown contains the text: 'IceCarousel configuration page. Here you can select the position and change the options provided by IceTheme.'

The 'Module Description' section (ID: 115) contains the text: 'IceCarousel Module display a set of articles in a small area on your website in an accordion ed under the GPL license.'

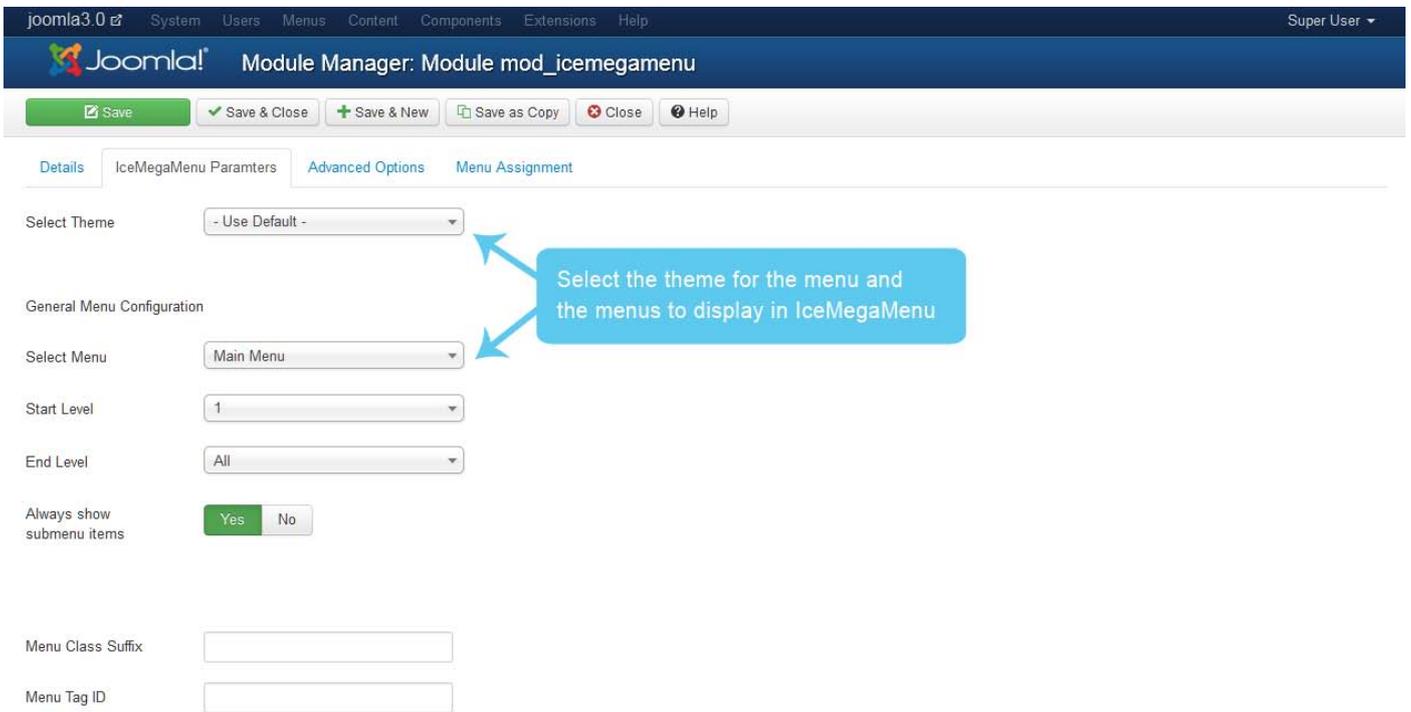


The screenshot shows the Joomla! Module Manager interface for the 'IceMegaMenu' module. The top navigation bar includes 'joomla3.0', 'System', 'Users', 'Menus', 'Content', 'Components', 'Extensions', and 'Help'. The user is logged in as 'Super User'. The page title is 'Module Manager: Module mod_icemegamenu'. Below the title bar are buttons for 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Save & New', 'Save as Copy', 'Close', and 'Help'. The main content area has tabs for 'Details', 'IceMegaMenu Paramters', 'Advanced Options', and 'Menu Assignment'. The 'IceMegaMenu Paramters' tab is active, showing the following configuration:

- Status: Published (selected), Unpublished, Trashed
- Title: IceMegaMenu
- Show Title: Show (selected), Hide
- Position: Mainmenu [mainmenu]
- Access: Public
- Ordering: 1. IceMegaMenu
- Start Publishing: 0000-00-00 00:00:00
- Finish Publishing: 0000-00-00 00:00:00
- Language: All
- Note: (empty)

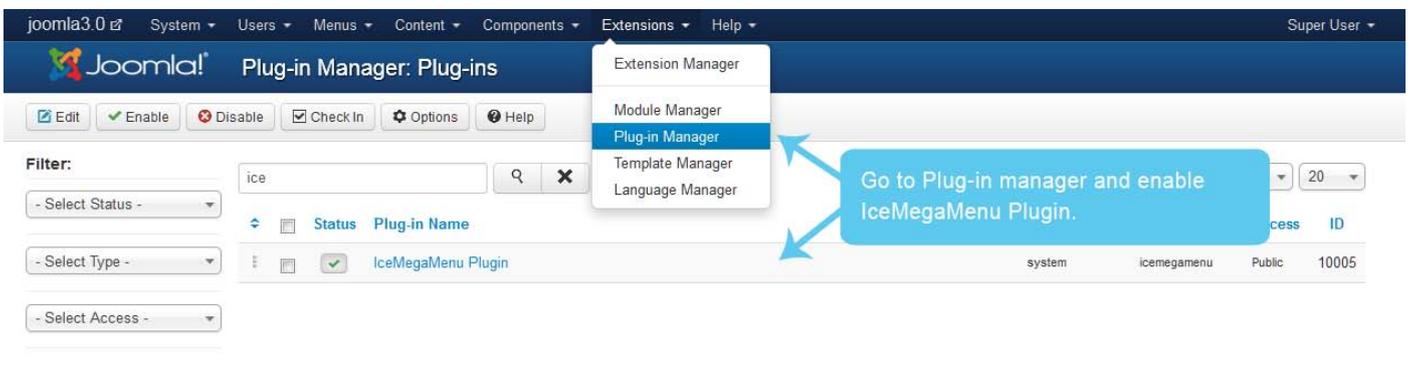
A blue callout box with an arrow pointing to the 'Position' dropdown contains the text: 'Select the position of IceMegaMenu.'

The 'Module Description' section (ID: 113) contains the text: 'IceMegaMenu extension is a powerful Joomla (module + plugin) to help you take the most from the navigation system. Top features includes ability to split dropdown columns, option to load modules inside the dropdown, works without JavaScript and much more.'



Enable Plugins

In the way that you see from the below image you should enable all the available Joomla! plug-ins that are found inside the All in One package which for this template is `plg_icemgamenu.zip`



Configure Plugins

After you have published all the available plug-in from the above point you should edit their respective parameters to match those from the Ice Future Demo, but you may also play with them to suit to your project needs. However on the images below you will find the parameters exactly as they are on the Ice Future demo. Note that some plug-in may not have parameters so they are not shown below.



Plug-in Manager: IceMegaMenu Plugin

Save

Save & Close

Close

Help

Details

IceMegaMenu Plugin

Status

Enabled Disabled

Access

Public

Ordering

0. IceMegaMenu Plugin

Plug-in Type

system

Plug-in File

icemegamenu

ID

10005

Description

IceMegaMenu plugin used in conjunction with the IceMegaMenu Module. You may change the paramters to each menu item throught the Menu Manager

The screenshot displays a website template with the following layout:

- Header:** "Future" logo on the left, navigation links "Home", "Template", "mainmenu", "page styles" in the center, and a "search" box on the right.
- Breadcrumbs:** A dark bar with the text "breadcrumbs".
- IceCarousel:** A dark bar with the text "icecarousel".
- Promo Modules:** Four columns of "Mod Promo" modules (Mod Promo1 to Mod Promo4). Each module contains placeholder text and a "Sample Link" button. The word "promo" is overlaid in large white text on each module.
- Module Variations Article:** A central white article titled "Module Variations" with a "Prev" button on the left and a "Next" button on the right. The article text includes:
 - Author: "Written by Super User", Category: "Template", Published: "22 October 2012", Hits: "484".
 - Introduction: "This Premium Template is powered by the marvelous Bootstrap framework. It utilizes a 12-column responsive grid system, making for a 940px wide container without responsive features enabled. Also we have enabled by default the responsive feature (you may disable through the template parameters) and your website will look great across all devices like Wide Monitors, Tablets and Mobile Phones."
 - Responsive Feature: "With the responsive feature enabled, the grid adapts to be 724px and 1170px wide depending on your viewport. Below 767px viewports, the columns become fluid and stack vertically."
 - Grid System: "You may learn more on the [Bootstrap Scaffolding page](#) about the Grid System"
 - Style Classes: "On the other hand you may use the **style1** and **style2** module class suffixes to change the colors of the **left** and **right** module positions, as you are seeing here on this page. Don't know how to add a module class suffix? You may [view here](#) the solution"
 - Conclusion: "Would you like to view each module position more in detail and to learn it's name? Go to [Module Positions](#) page."
- Marketing Section:** A dark bar with the text "marketing".
- Footer Modules:** Four columns of "Mod Footer" modules (Mod Footer1 to Mod Footer4). Each module contains placeholder text and a "Sample Link" button. The word "footer" is overlaid in large white text on each module.
- Page Footer:** "IceTheme" logo on the left, "copyrightmenu" in the center, and social media links for Facebook (IceTheme on Facebook, 4,130 likes) and Twitter (Follow @icetheme) on the right.

- The module positions image above lets you know all the available module positions that are available for the Ice Future Joomla Template. Note that the majority of the module positions are collapsible. E.g. if you have published only one module in the "footer1" module position and you have not published the others modules (on the footer2, footer3 etc), the "footer1" module will expand in the space for the 5 modules.
- Also, some module positions are meant to be used with a specific module type e.g "language" position, which as the same suggest is done to be used with the mod_language (the default language module from Joomla 2.5) in the first place, but you may use them with any other modules as well if your project requires so.
- Have a look at **Module Variation** to have better idea on how the modules are aligned. This helps you find them easier on the Joomla administrator and also simplify the work when you add a new module.

For more information regarding this template and other extra features like the module variations, Template typography please visit [Ice Future](#) demo.

If these instructions are not enough to install the template, do not worry. We can help you in [our helpdesk](#). Open a new ticket or post to the forum and our support team will assist you quickly.

Thank You For Using Our Template!
We believe we have helped allot with this documentation.
Your IceTheme Team

