

NaturalWay Joomla! Template Manual

NaturalWay is a modern and professionally designed template for your Joomla! website.

The template is available as free and pro version. The free version doesn't contain features such as custom color setup, the slider and various other template specific features. The pro version contains all the features and the ability to turn off the footer copyright.

The pro version can be obtained from here: <http://crosstec.de/en/joomla-templates.html>

1. Requirements

The NaturalWay template requires either Joomla! 2.5 or 3.x, each in its latest version. If you don't run them in their latest versions (for example Joomla! 3.2.2 at the time of writing), it can lead to odd display results.

The template is based on the Free GPL Gantry Framework to deliver you the best results and helps maintaining your template and keeping it up-to-date. For your convenience, the template installs the Gantry Framework (<http://gantry-framework.org>) upon installation.

The Gantry Framework is installed from our servers at <http://crosstec.de/gantry.zip> and is an exact and untouched version of the latest version available at <http://gantry-framework.org>. If Gantry doesn't install upon the template installation, check the frontend and the message with further instructions. Usually you need to download Gantry for free and install manually.

Installing and Uninstalling described below.

2. Installation

1. Unzip the file `template_naturalway_UNZIP_FIRST.zip`
2. In Joomla!, go to Extension Manager → Install → and install the file `tpl_naturalway.zip`
3. Open Extension Manager → Templates → NaturalWay and make the default website template
4. * PRO VERSION ONLY: From the unzipped `template_naturalway_UNZIP_FIRST.zip` package, browse to the „modules“ directory and install each plugin in the Joomla! Extension

Manager one-by-one.

5. Make sure all other assets like slider and the Gantry Framework have been installed
 1. Go to → Extension Manager → Modules and see if you have unpublished modules called „Responsive Slide Show“ and „Crosstec IconicButtons“.
 2. For Gantry go to → Extension Manager → Manage → search for „gantry“ → you should see a list of 3 Gantry related entries
 3. Now open your website's frontend in your browser. You should see a plain website with the menu already on top of the page. Follow the instructions below to complete the setup.

PLEASE NOTE: if the template doesn't display properly after installation, you need to install the Gantry Framework separately. In that case, please download the file <http://crosstec.de/gantry.zip> and install it in Extension Manager → Install.

Tip: Please make sure that you always keep your Joomla! Installation, the template and Gantry up-to-date.

For template updates visit <http://crosstec.de> and for Joomla! / Gantry check the update notifications in the Joomla! Dashboard.

3. Uninstall

If you wish to uninstall the NaturalWay template, please go to Extension Manager → Templates → and choose a different default site template.

Then go to Extension Manager → Manage → search for „NaturalWay“ → check all related NaturalWay entries and click „uninstall“. Then search for „gantry“ → check all related Gantry entries and click „uninstall“ (please remove Gantry only if you don't use other templates that are based on it!).

Finally delete the 4 modules that you previously installed from the „modules“ folder in the template_naturalway_UNZIP_FIRST.zip package.

4. Building The Site

1. Horizontal Login (optional)

1. In Joomla! → Extensions → Module Manager enable the Login Form Module and enter its settings. Go to the tab Advanced and from „Alternative Layout“, choose „horizontal“. As module position choose NaturalWay → top-b
2. This will let the Joomla! Login Form menu display as simple horizontal

login right beside the logo.

3. You can also add the search right after, just enable the Search module and place it into the module position NaturalWay → top-c.

2. **Slider** (Pro version only):

1. Go to Extension Manager → Modules → open Responsive Slide Show → create your slides → disable title display for the module → assign the module position showcase-a → save the module.
2. If you want to create HTML text overlays, please separate each page by using „pagebreak“ in the HTML editor. Each page index must get along with the slide images you are using.
3. Visit your website frontend and check if the slider is working.
4. For further instructions of the slider, please check the slider's separate manual that ships with this template.

3. **Breadcrumb**

1. The breadcrumb is a central design element in this template. Though you can leave it out, it is recommended to add it. If you decide to add the breadcrumb, please go to Joomla! → Extensions → Module Manager → open the Breadcrumb module → disable its title display, choose the module position NaturalWay → Breadcrumb and publish the module.

4. **„Un“-center module titles and text if demanded**

1. By default, the template will center titles and text if there are 1 or 2 modules enabled within a position. To disable this behavior, add „ct-align-left“ in each module's advanced tab => module class suffix.
2. Repeat this for any module that should be aligned left or use more than 2 modules per position.
3. Tipp: In the same way, you can force modules and html elements to be centered. In that case add „ct-align-center“ as class.

5. **Custom Colors** (Pro version only):

1. Changing colors is pretty straight forward: Go to NaturalWay template → Colors tab → and choose the desired colors for your website.
2. Be aware that changing some colors affects the colors of different elements. In order to find a nice color scheme for your site, we suggest to use tools like <https://kuler.adobe.com/create/color-wheel/>

and apply them to your custom colors.

6. **Iconic Buttons** (Pro version only)

1. To display the animated icon buttons like in our demo, please go to Joomla's module manager and create a new „Crosstec IconicButtons“ module instance. There, choose your desired icon, add some text and choose your module position. It is recommended to use 1 Iconic Button per module position slot.

7. **Other Features** (in template → Features tab)

1. Show ToTop Button: Enable / Disable this to display / hide a button in the lower right corner of the site that scrolls back to top when clicking on it
2. Other features available are self-explanatory or described in the Gantry Framework documentation available at <http://www.gantry-framework.org/documentation/joomla/>

8. **Module Positions:**

1. For dealing with module positions we recommend to read the documentation available at <http://www.gantry-framework.org/documentation/joomla/>
2. Each module position has its own purpose and color scheme, you however should focus on the mainbody (component) and add module positions only for pages required.
3. Our templates strictly follow the standard Gantry module positions and can also be viewed here <http://crosstec.de/templatedemos12/index.php/features/module-positions.html>

9. **Module Themes**

1. The template supports up to 3 different color variations for modules. In order to activate a color variations, please go to Joomla admin → Extensions → Module Manager → Select your module → add the class .ct-module-theme1, .ct-module-theme2 or .ct-module-theme3 to the field „Module Class Suffix“ in the module's advanced tab.

Pro version only: You may edit the color variations in the color tab of the template settings. It supports title, text, background and link colors

10. **Typography:**

Both versions of this template for Joomla! 2.5 and 3.x support Twitter Bootstrap, so you have a definition of typography that you can rely on. Please consult our typography overview page of this template to see the details:

<http://crosstec.de/templatedemos12/index.php/features/typography-styles.html>

11. **General Notes:**

1. Make sure you check the template demo to get an overview of the existing module variations and other things that are not explained here or you can't find: <http://crosstec.de/templatedemos12/>
2. For further information, help and new please visit <http://crosstec.de> frequently