

Xtec Joomla! Template Manual

Xtec 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 Xtec 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_xtec_UNZIP_FIRST.zip`
2. In Joomla!, go to Extension Manager → Install → and install the file `tpl_xtec.zip`
3. Open Extension Manager → Templates → Xtec and make the default website template
4. * PRO VERSION ONLY: From the unzipped `template_xtec_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 Go to → Extension Manager → Modules and see if you have unpublished modules called „Responsive Slide Show“, „Responsive Cover Slider“, „Parallax Effect Module“ and „Xtec IconicButtons“.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 Xtec template, please go to Extension Manager → Templates → and choose a different default site template.

Then go to Extension Manager → Manage → search for „Xtec“ → check all related Xtec 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_cxtec_UNZIP_FIRST.zip package.

4. Building The Site

1. Menu Paging (Pro version only):

1. The menu should already be assigned and visible after installation and enabled. * PRO VERSION ONLY: The menu will display „Less“ or „More“ buttons if the total width of the menu would exceed 550px. You may edit this values or turn off menu paging in Extension Manager → Template Manager → Xtec → Tab „Feature“.

2. The menu setup supports several features such as text and image icons + module display. We suggest to check out the Gantry Documentation for further instructions and see what's possible:
<http://www.gantry-framework.org/documentation/joomla/>

2. 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 Xtec → 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 Xtec → top-c.

3. 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.

4. 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 Xtec → Breadcrumb and publish the module.

5. „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.

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

1. Changing colors is pretty straight forward: Go to Xtec 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.

7. **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.

8. **Responsive Cover Slider** (Pro version only)

1. To display cover slides like in our demo, please go to Joomla's module manager and create a new „Responsive Cover Slider“ module instance. There, browse to the tab „Cover Slider Setup“. For each slide, add your text and/or images and create new slide pages by clicking the „pagebeak“ button underneath the html editor.
2. If you want to display more than one cover slider instance on one page, you might need to define a unique „Module Class Suffix“ below the html editor. Otherwise multiple cover slider instances might interfere.

9. **Parallax Module** (Pro version only)

1. To display custom html with parallax effect like in our demo, please go to Joomla's module manager and create a new „Parallax Effect Module“ instance. There, browse to the tab „Parallax Layer Setup“. For each layer, add your text and/or images and create new layers by clicking the „pagebeak“ button underneath the html editor.
2. You may use any module position for a module instance but it is recommended to use either parallaxtop or parallaxbottom as these 2

positions are 100% wide and thus using the template's full width.

There are some rules when adding new layers:

1. When adding new layers, the first layer will be the one with the lowest index (=most distance).
2. If you want to add images per layer to act like background images, then please add a regular image per layer, using the html editor and specify the exact width and height of the image (must be the real dimensions). If you leave out the dimensions, browsers like Firefox can't properly scale the layers and lead to odd effects.

Please check the default value when creating a new instance so you can see how it's done. Else than that, you may add any kind of html, just like the Custom HTML module that ships with Joomla!

3. Each layer is by default automatically resized to 150% and its boundaries partially hidden such that mouse/touch gestures won't reveal the previous layer's background. This means, that your („background“) images should be at least resized by 200% to prevent visible aliasing on retina/HD devices.
4. Depending on the dimensions of your images, you might want to adjust some widths and offsets. You can find these options underneath the html editor (image width and offset options), which accept numeric percentage values.

10. **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/>

11. **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/templatedemos11/index.php/features/module-positions.html>

12. **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/templatedemos11/index.php/features/typography-styles.html>

13. **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/templatedemos11/>
2. For further information, help and new please visit <http://crosstec.de> frequently