Pulse Joomla! Template Manual

Pulse 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 Pulse 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 is described below.

2. **Installation**

1. Make sure your webhosting allows file uploads larger than 2MB. Please raise the max_upload_filesize option in your php.ini to at least 3MB if your hosting didn't raise the PHP default value. If you are not able to access your php.ini, please ask your hosting company to raise that value for you.

2. Unzip the file template_pulse_UNZIP_FIRST.zip

3. In Joomla!, go to Extension Manager → Install → and install the file tpl_pulse.zip

4. Open Extension Manager → Templates → Pulse and make the default

website template

5. Make sure all other assets like slider and the Gantry Framework have been installed

   1. For the slider go to → Extension Manager → Modules and see if you have an unpublished module called „Responsive Slide Show“.

   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 Pulse template, please go to Extension Manager → Templates → and choose a different default site template.

Then go to Extension Manager → Manage → search for „Pulse“ → check all related Pulse 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!).

4. Building The Site

   1. **Menu**:

      1. The menu should already be assigned and visible after installation and enabling the template.

      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

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 Pulse → 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 Pulse → 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. Choose the „Fade" slide transition effect to get the blur lense effect into the slider.

4. Visit your website frontend and check if the slider is working.

5. 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 Pulse → 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 Pulse 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. There choose your desired icon, add some text and choose the desired module position. It is recommended to use 1 Iconic Button per module position slot.

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

   1. Scroll effects: There are 5 different scroll effects you may use. The usage is simple. For every element you want to apply, you need to add the appropriate CSS class. You may for example apply these classes in your module settings → advanced tab → Module Class Suffix. As soon as one of the classes below is given, the effect will be active upon page scroll:

      1. „ct-scroll-scale": Scales an element from 0.75 scale factor to full dimensions.
      2. „ct-scroll-leftin": Let any element float in from the left to its final position
      3. „ct-scroll-rightin": Let any element float in from the right to its final position
      4. „ct-scroll-opacity": Sets the opacity of an element from initially zero to full visibility.
      5. „ct-scroll-bottomin": Let any element float in from the bottom to its final position

   2. 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

   3. Other features available are self-explanatory or described in the Gantry Framework documentation available at http://www.gantry-

framework.org/documentation/joomla/

9. **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/templatedemos13/index.php/features/module-positions.html

10. **Module Themes**

    1. The template supports up to 3 different 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-box, .ct-module-box2 or simply nothing to the field „Module Class Suffix" in the module's advanced tab.

    2. **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

11. **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/templatedemos13/index.php/features/typography-styles.html

12. **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/templatedemos13/

    2. For further information, help and new please visit http://crosstec.de frequently