

How to add system messages Joomla

Adapted by Ferron Hanse

This tutorial will guide you through adding system messages to [Joomla!](#).

This can be useful when you want to display an important message, alert or may be high light a new product or service you have to offer.

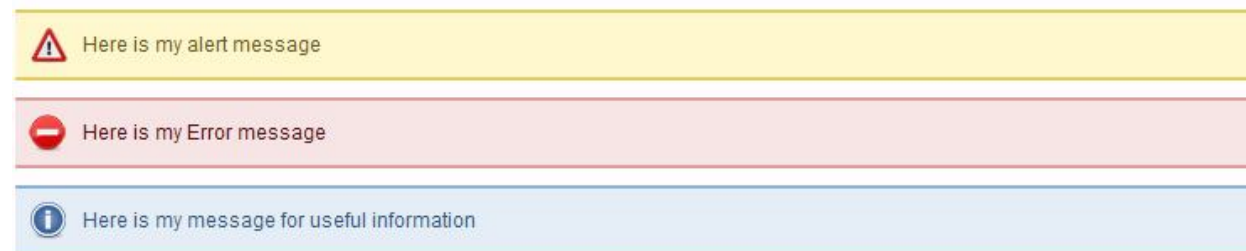
What will you need to complete this tutorial

- Access to the Joomla Administrator area
- FTP access to download and update the template CSS file
- Notepad.exe to edit and update the template css file

What will the end result be after you have completed this tutorial?

You can add three different system messages (**Error, Message and Alert**) to new or existing articles.

The system messages will look like the examples noted below.



Step 1: Upload the system message images to the template image directory

The next step is to upload the 3 gif image files to the **templates/your_template_name/images/** directory

Step 2: Edit the template CSS file

Open the template CSS file from the **templates/Your_template_name/css/** directory to your PC

When you have opened the CSS file scroll to the bottom of the file and add the code noted below to the bottom of the CSS file.

```
div.error {  
  
    background: #f7e5e5 url(../images/error-icon.gif) no-repeat 8px 8px;  
  
    border-top: 2px solid #db9f9f;  
  
    border-bottom: 2px solid #db9f9f;  
  
    margin:10px 0px;  
  
    padding: 10px 10px 10px 40px;  
  
    color: #551111;  
  
}
```

```
div.error a {  
    color: #cc0000;  
    text-decoration: underline;  
}  
  
div.message {  
    background: #e5eef7 url(../images/message-icon.gif) no-repeat 9px 8px;  
    border-top: 2px solid #8db1d4;  
    border-bottom: 2px solid #8db1d4;  
    margin: 10px 0px;  
    padding: 10px 10px 10px 40px;  
    color: #385c7f;  
    text-align: left;  
    font-weight: normal;  
}  
  
div.message a {  
    text-decoration: underline;  
    color: #4c88bc;  
}  
  
div.alert {  
    background: #fff8cf url(../images/alert-icon.gif) no-repeat 9px 8px;  
    border-top: 2px solid #e0ce62;  
    border-bottom: 2px solid #e0ce62;  
    margin: 10px 0px;  
    padding: 10px 10px 10px 40px;  
    color: #64591b;  
    text-align: left;  
    font-weight: normal;  
}
```

```
div.alert a {
    text-decoration: underline;
    color: #d26f3a;
}

div.error a:hover, div.message a:hover, div.alert a:hover {
    text-decoration: none;
}
```

Save the changes to the template CSS file and upload the updated file to the **templates/Your_template_name/css/** directory

Step 3 : Add a new system message to Joomla

To add a new system message to an existing article or new article complete the following steps

1. Log into the Joomla Administrator area
2. Install the **mod_sys_message** module
3. Open the module as shown below:

Parameters

▼ Module Parameters	
Message Type	alert ▼
System Message	Please login to create

- Select the message type you want to display (alert/error/message).
 - Write the system message you wish to display
4. Select the area /location and pages you want to display this system message

Details

Module Type:	mod_sys_message
Title:	System Message
Show Title:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Enabled:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Position:	top3
Order:	0::RokAjaxSearch
Access Level:	Public Registered Special
ID:	62
Description:	The following message adds a system message to a page

Menu Assignment

Menus:	<input type="radio"/> All <input type="radio"/> None <input checked="" type="radio"/> Select Menu Item(s) from the List
Menu Selection:	Joomla! Home Joomla! Forums Joomla! Documentation Joomla! Community Joomla! Magazine OSM Home Administrator topmenu Home About Me Course My Blog Forum Calendar Testimonials

5. Done!!!

Special Thanks to joomladesigns.co.uk. The original idea was adapted from the website below and transformed into a module.

<http://www.joomladesigns.co.uk/Tutorials/Web-Design/How-to-add-system-messages-to-your-Joomla-articles.html>