

# Joomla template customization

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# Tips

- ⇒ Use pencil
- ⇒ Focus on 1.5
- ⇒ Focus on content, visual
- ⇒ Customize in /templates/..xxx... **ONLY**
- ⇒ Use CSS, tableless
- ⇒ Use fluid if possible

# Tools used

- ⇒ Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash
- ⇒ Zend Development Environment
- ⇒ Firebug
- ⇒ Other:
  - ⇒ Colorstudio
  - ⇒ Rapid CSS
  - ⇒ Ofcoz Joomla (1.5 – locally XAMPP installation)

# Step 1: choose strategy

- ⇒ Code template from scratch
- ⇒ Graphic design in psd (or jpg or ...) than convert to Joomla ([psdtohtml.com](http://psdtohtml.com))
- ⇒ Use suitable 3<sup>rd</sup> party template and customize

considerations:

- cost
- visual and graphic requirements
- time

# Step 1 : 3<sup>rd</sup> party template

- ⇒ [www.rockettheme.com](http://www.rockettheme.com)
- ⇒ [www.yootheme.com](http://www.yootheme.com)
- ⇒ [www.templatemonster.com](http://www.templatemonster.com) (joomla specific or generic psd using psdtohtml service)
- ⇒ others....

## Step 2: customization

- ⇒ Open html editor
- ⇒ Open firebug
- ⇒ Open localhost production site
- ⇒ Open photoshop
- ⇒ Open colorpicker
- ⇒ Browsershot.org
- ⇒ <http://www.roundedcornr.com/>
- ⇒ WHAT DO YOU HAVE OPEN WHEN CUSTOMIZING?

## Step 2: customization

- ⇒ Stay within the template dir, template.css
- ⇒ Use html dir in template for customized layout
- ⇒ Use template css not within module
- ⇒ Check function ie or ff with different css files
- ⇒ Add explanation in css `/* */`

## Step 2: customization

- ⇒ /templates/...xx.../index.php
- ⇒ /templates/...xx.../template.css

these 2 could do ALL needed.

Improvements:

- ⇒ /templates/...xx.../html/mod\_... xx name ...
- ⇒ /templates/system/html/modules.php  
(advanced: edit markup structure modules)

## Step 2: customization

- ⇒ Use z-index for nice effects
- ⇒ Store pics in /templates/...xx.../images (transposable)
- ⇒ Use modules\_ suffix
- ⇒ Avoid html hardcoding, use class instead

# Favorite extensions

- ⇒ Xmap
- ⇒ Google analytics
- ⇒ Qcontact
- ⇒ Rokslide
- ⇒ Easy metatag
- ⇒ Community Builder
- ⇒ User anti span
- ⇒ Wysiwygpro (instead of media uploader)
- ⇒ Joomlapack
- ⇒ [www.azrul.com](http://www.azrul.com) Extensions jomcomment,  
myblog
- ⇒ fabrikar

# Other

- ⇒ Possible future: Joomla – SugarCRM
- ⇒ Content content content
- ⇒ .ICO extension photoshop
- ⇒ Take host check updates e.g. 1.5.6 issue