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## **FL Slideshow 1.2 Guide**

*Version 1.2*

# **Installation and Management**

## FL Slideshow - Installation

FL Slideshow is the banner component that Fine Line has built for use on our Joomla! based projects. You'll be able to manage your site's banners with relative ease. Installation is quick and easy – and the module is 100% useable right out of the box.

1. Navigate to Joomla's internal "Install/Uninstall" featured.
2. Browse and find the mod\_fl\_slideshow zipped folder that's provided with this download.
3. Select it and click upload.
4. **USERS PLEASE NOTE: MAKE SURE THAT YOUR 'SYSTEM - MOOTOOLS UPDGRADE' PLUGIN IS ENABLED UNDER EXSTENSIONS > PLUGIN MANAGER. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.**
5. That's it – you're done! No other changes necessary to immediately begin using FL Slideshow.

## FL Slideshow - Management

### Setting Up the Folders

1. Get logged into Joomla!
2. On the top navigation, go to "Site."
3. Select "Media Manager"
4. On the left hand side you'll see a selection of folders. Click on fl\_slideshow.
5. Here you can create and edit folders within fl\_slideshow. The exiting folder contains the default images already on the site.
6. To create a new folder, use the bar on the upper right hand side. Give your folder a custom name and click "Create Folder." You'll have a new folder.
7. To eliminate a folder, click on the red X near its name. This permanently erases the files from your site, so be wary.
8. This completes folder setup.

### Uploading and Managing Images

1. Select the folder you want a particular image to go into.
2. Once you're inside the folder, click the "Browse" button on the bottom of the page.
3. Find your picture on your computer, and select it.
4. Click "Start Upload."
5. That will upload the picture.
6. Should you ever wish to eliminate a picture from a particular folder, click on the red X near it's name and you'll delete it.
7. That completes image uploading and modification.

### Placing Banners on Particular Pages

1. Using the top navigation, go to Extensions and select the "Module Manager."
2. Click "New" in the upper right hand corner to create a new module.
3. On the ensuing screen, select FL Slideshow. It should be on the left hand side.
4. Now look at the right hand side of the page. Change the "Width" to 640 and the "Height" to 300.
5. Use the "Images Directory" dropdown to select the folder name that you want to make a banner

- out of. **Ex. If you named your banner folder "services" then select "services" here.**
6. Assign the module a location, title, menu assignment, etc. as you see fit for your site.
  7. Click save and you're done!
  8. Check your work to ensure everything went smoothly and the banners are showing up.

## FL Slideshow – Adding Text, Titles and Links

1. FL\_Slideshow 1.1 allows you to add text, titles and links to the images in your rotating banner!
2. First, create a .txt file. If you'd like it to be specific to one image, name it the same thing as the image (ie. banner.jpg would be partnered with banner.txt). If you want the link/text/titles to be universal, create a file called \_default.txt. If a banner has a specific .txt file associated with it, it will take priority over the \_default.txt file.
3. The .txt files are broken down as specified here:
  - a. Line 1 – URL
  - b. Line 2 – Title
  - c. Line 3 and beyond – Message
4. Upload the .txt file to the same directory as the banner you'd like it to be associated with.
5. Once everything is in place, go to the FL\_Slideshow module. The final option under Parameters will be "Module Position." Select Left, Right, Top or Bottom to position your message accordingly.
6. Save and you're done! The banner should display the message you selected and link to the URL you assigned.

## FL Slideshow – Adding Meta Tags

1. Immediately following the "TITLE" line (and just before the message on line 3), you can insert the following three lines (optional):
  - a. imagealt|
  - b. imagetitle|
  - c. hreftitle|
2. Enter your Image ALT, Image Title and HREF Title as you see fit and save the .txt file.
3. Upload it to the system.
4. You're done! Check to see that it works.

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