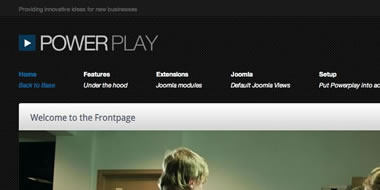
**Powerplay Documentation**



Powerplay is a versatile business Joomla template.

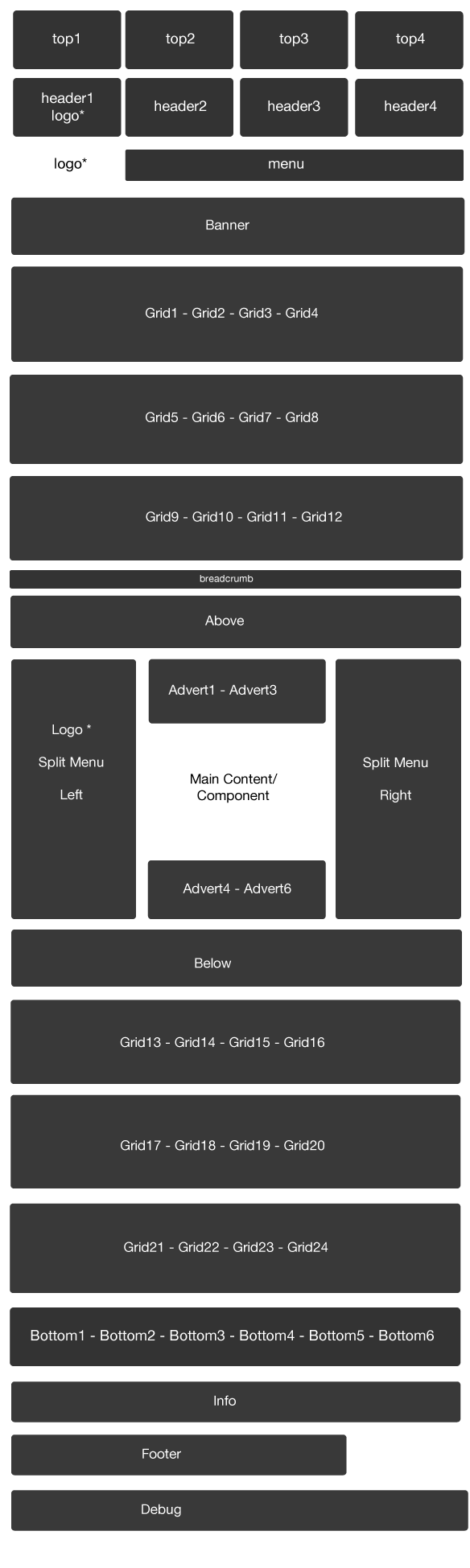
**Getting Started**

The Powerplay Joomla template uses our intuitive Zen Grid framework that makes controlling widths, colours and sub themes for the Joomla template a breeze. Please be sure to check out the documentation below before proceeding further into the settings on the template. Visit the [Zen Grid Framework Knowledgebase](http://www.joomlabamboo.com/documentation/zen-grid-2-documentation/installation) for more information.

**Please note that Powerplay is only compatible with the Zen Grid Framework v1.1.**

**Module Positions**

The screenshot below highlights the module positions available in this joomla template.



**More settings**

The Zen Grid Framework allows for flexibiility within individual templates while maintaining the same core codebase. The following are the specific variations to the Powerplay template.

**Layout Overrides:** Powerplay uses the Zen Grid framework layout overrides to help create the unique layout that you see on the Powerplay demo site. You can find these files in the templates/Powerplay/layout folder. In general you do not need to touch these files but if you need to make some changes to any of the following areas, then this is where you need to make them:

* banner
* bottom
* footer
* grid1 to grid6
* jbtabs
* main
* nav
* panel - The Panel layout has been moved and the panel markup is actually found in the nav.php file.
* top

If you need to edit or change the layout across any of these areas of the template then you will need to edit the files in the layout/ folder.

Please note that v1.1 of the framework provides the ability to easily replace the Joomla Bamboo copyright in the admin of your template. In order to do this you still need to have either a developer membership or have purchased rebranding. Please ensure that you look atthe documentation for the framework for how to use this new feature.

**Extensions featured on the demo**

All of the extensions available from Joomla Bamboo are compatible with this template. Not all are required for the running of the template and only some are featured as a part of the demo site.

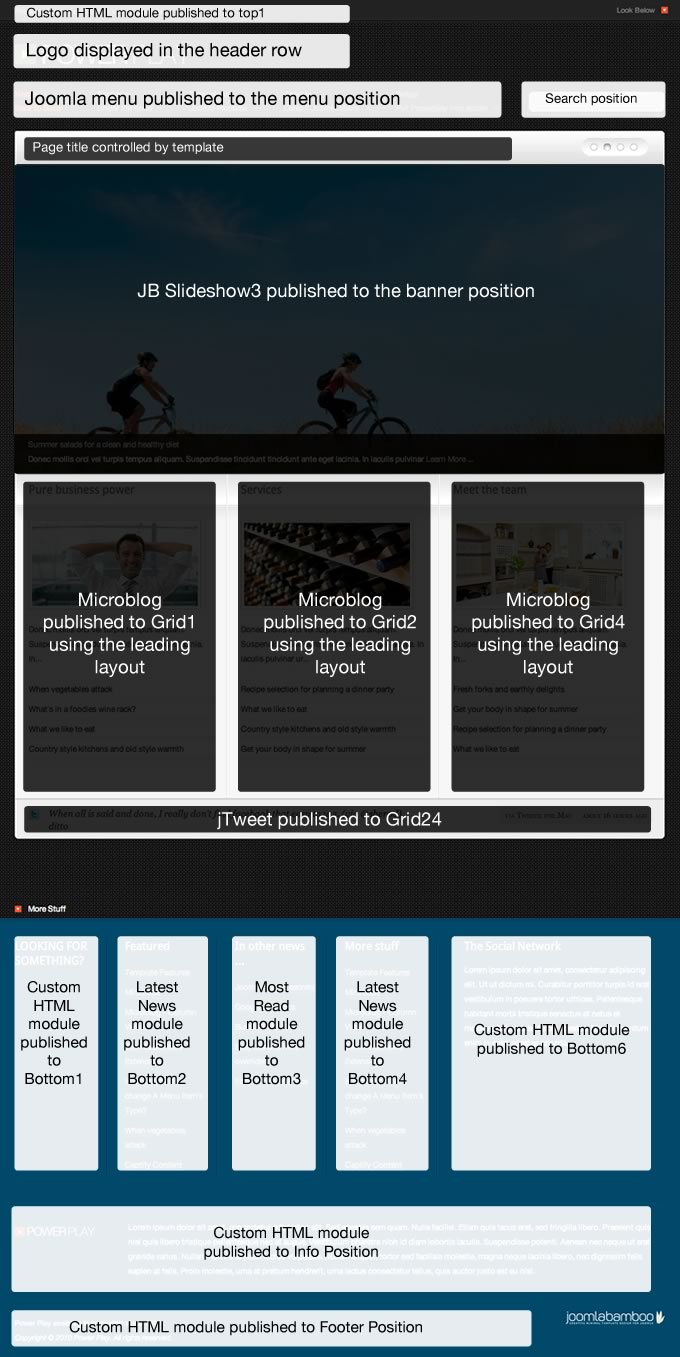
The modules used on the demo site include:

* [JB Library](http://www.joomlabamboo.com/joomla-extensions/jb-library-plugin-a-free-joomla-jquery-plugin)
* [JB Slideshow3](http://www.joomlabamboo.com/joomla-extensions/jb-slideshow-v3)
* [JB Type](http://www.joomlabamboo.com/joomla-extensions/jb-type-joomla-typography-plugin)
* [Microblog](http://www.joomlabamboo.com/joomla-extensions/microblog)

Please see below in the frontpage setup for screenshots of the modules as they are setup on the demo site of this template.

**Powerplay front page setup**

The screenshot below shows you the modules we have published on the front page of the demo site. Please see the descriptions below regarding the usage and any other relevant information of the modules.

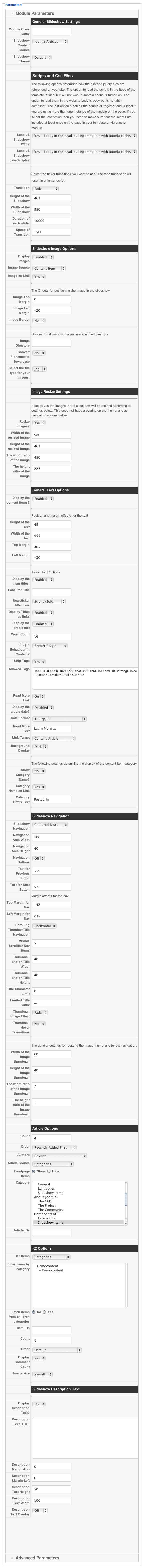


**Description**

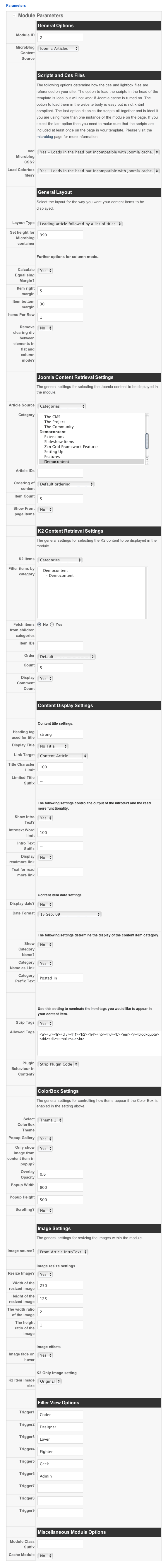
* A custom html module is published to the top1 position with the text: "Providing innovative ideas for new businesses."
* The top right corner contains two links. The first is a scroll to bottom link and is controlled by the template. The second is the trigger for the hidden panel which will appear when any module is published to the panel1 to panel4 positions. The title for the panel is controlled via the template.
* The logo is set to display in the header row.
* The main menu is a core Joomla menu published the menu position. You can see a full run down of the settings required to recreate the layout and the superfish menu in the [Zen Grid Framework documentation](http://www.joomlabamboo.com/documentation/zen-grid-framework-setting-up-the-superfish-menu). The two line menu is achieved by using our slight reworking of the original YVBB plugin that renders BB code anywhere on your Joomla site. Take a look at the [creating  a two line menu](http://www.joomlabamboo.com/joomla-templates/woodflower-textured-elegance) tutorial for more information on how to do this. This template also has a switch to determine the positioning of the dropdown menu depending on whether you are using a single or two line menu setup, that switch can be accessed via the superfish menu options in the template admin.
* The JB [Slideshow3](http://www.joomlabamboo.com/joomla-extensions/jb-slideshow-v3) module is published to the banner position. You can see the settings for the slideshow module in this position via the below. You will notice that when you click the images images in the slideshow that the images from the slideshow are not displayed on the actual content pages. In order to recreate this you need to ensure that you create a menu item that points to the category that you are drawing the slideshow content from and that the option to show intro text is set to hide in the menu parameters
* An instance of the Microblog module is published to each of the tab positions grid1, grid2 and grid4. You can see the settings below.
* An instance of the [jTweet](http://www.joomlabamboo.com/joomla-extensions/jtweet-free-joomla-twitter-module) module is published to the Grid24 position.
* A custom html module is published to the bottom1 position.
* A latest news module is published to the Bottom2 position.
* A most read module item is published to the Bottom3 position.
* A latest news module is published to the Bottom4 position.
* A custom html module is published to the bottom6 position.
* A custom html module is published to the footer position.
* The Joomla Bamboo logo is set via the template parameters and can be set to be displayed or removed depending on the permission granted by your subscription.

**The screenshots below highlights the settings of the various modules included on the front page.**

**slideshow frontpage settings:**



**An example of the microblog modules published to grid1, grid2 and grid4.**



**Hiding content/component on front page**

The front page on the demo site is made entirely of module and does not display Joomla content or output from any other Joomla component. And so we have also elected to **hide the front page/main content area** via a setting in the general layout settings in the Joomla template administrator.  We have done this in order to reduce padding at the bottom of the page, but please be aware that if you choose to do this you may have some conflicts with Joomla's  menu item ID assignment.

For instance, if you use the search module and there is not a menu item that points to the search component, then the front page will be displayed but because the template is set to hide the front page/main content area then you will not see your search results. **In order to circumvent this you need to make sure that there is a menu item that points to the search component.** This menu item does not necessarily have to be published on the page.

**Creating two line menu items**

We use a simple technique that involves using our variation of the YBB BBCode syntax plugin with the core Joomla menu module. For more information you can read how to recreate a two line menu in Joomla on the [Powerplay demo site](http://bambootheme.com/showcase/sep10/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=139&Itemid=129).

**Module Classes**

The Powerplaytemplate has a range of colourful variations of module classes that can be applied to your modules.

The framework itself uses some core classes thta help to organise images and content. These include:

-border

-floatleft

-floatright

**Some other module classes available in this template are:**

-smallheading which can be used to generate smaller headings that are useful for the frontpage grid modules.

-panelmenu - triggers the panelmenu behaviour for standard Joomla menus that use separators as top level items

-slide makes any module title be the trigger to hide or close the content of the module

**Some module colours:**

The following classes can be used to create a small heading image next to the module headings. The image is a single sprite that resides in the images/moduleclasses folder and the source file is available in the source zip for the Powerplay template. To implement these classes you need to ensure that there is a single space after any of the other module classes mentioned above or a space. This space is required also if you are just using a single class.

The class available are:

moduleclass

blue

red

purple

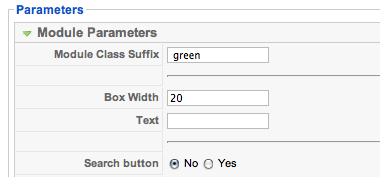
brown

grey

green

**Changing the search icon colour.**

Another option available in this template is the option to change the colour of the search icon via the use of a module class in the search module. Once again this class is initiated in the module via a class with a space directly preceding it. (See the screenshot below). The classes available are:

searchred

brown

grey

blue

darkgrey

green

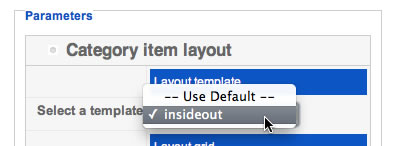
brown

purple

**Configuring the K2 template**

The Powerplay Joomla template has K2 overrides built in and are activated simply by assigning the Powerplay template in the K2 category or via the K2 menu item if you are displaying multiple categories form that menu item. As you can see from the screenshot below the Powerplay K2 template takes all of the K2 meta information and outputs it into a slim right aligned column. If the meta info like date, comments, rating etc are not published then the item will just stretch to the full width of the content body.

 To assign the Powerplay template to your k2 categories and items you need to edit the category and apply the Powerplay K2 template as per the screenshot below:



**Starting with Powerplay from a fresh installation of Joomla**

Setting up the Powerplay template in a fresh installation of Joomla is reasonably straight forward. This document assumes that you have already setup Joomla and you have also included the default Joomla sample data.

**Elements to install.**

* Essential elements Install the Zen Grid Framework
* Install the Powerplay template and set it to default
* Install the JB LIbrary plugin and enable it in the extensions > plugin manager

**Optional Elements**

* Install JB Slideshow
* Install Microblog
* Install the JB BB Code plugin (For two line menus)
* Install K2

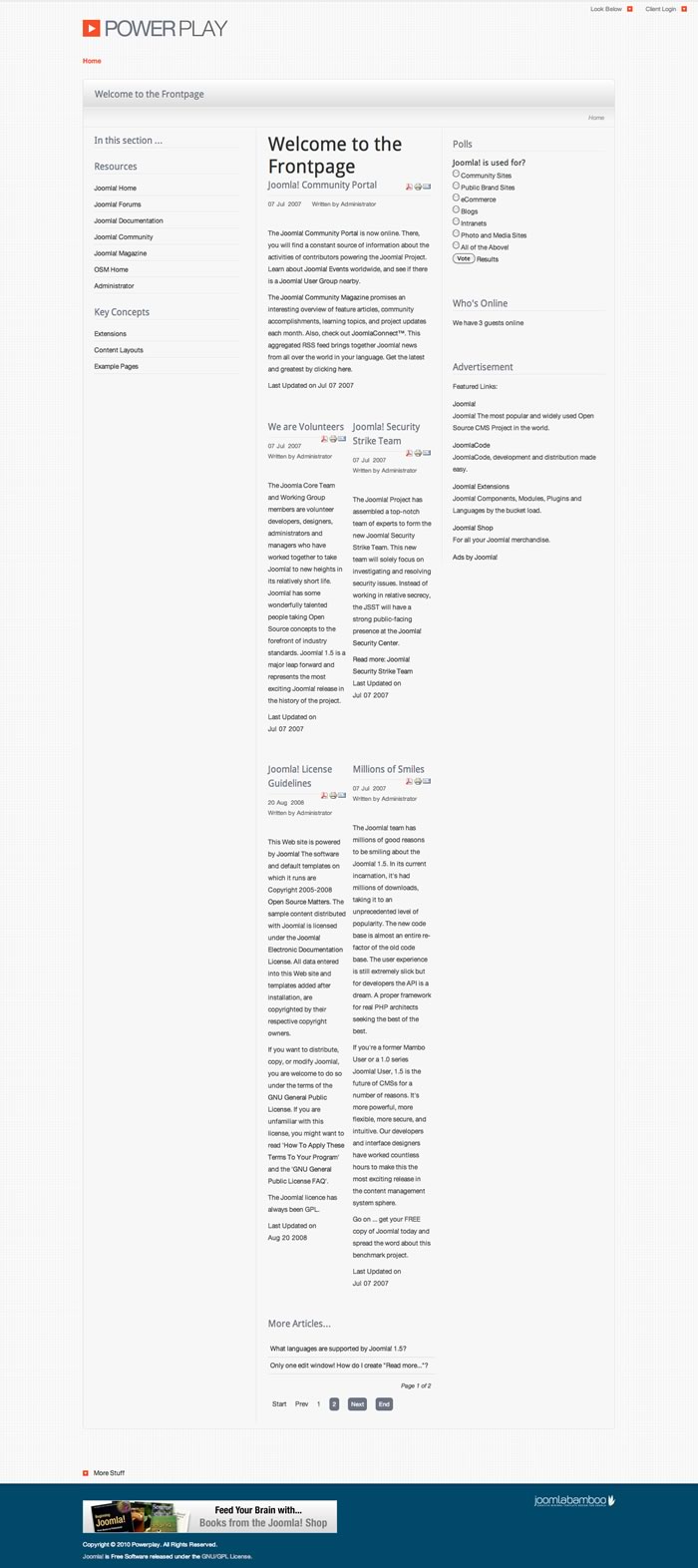
**Elements to unpublish**

* Unpublish all modules in the left module position except for the main menu module
* Unpublish all but the home menu item in the main menu.
* Disable the module title in the breadcrumb module

**Elements to publish**

* Publish the search module to the search position and do not enable the search button. Also ensure the search module title is unpublished.
* Publish the login module to the panel1 position.
* Publish the main menu module to the menu position

 At this stage you should have a pretty simple and straight forward site to start creating your site from. For a detailed anlalysis of how to setup the slideshow and microblog modules on the demo site please refer to the main Joomla Bamboo documentation for the Powerplay template.  The screenshot below shows you the default Joomla installation after following the points above.



**Troubleshooting**

**Are you using the latest version of the Zen Grid Framework?**

**Powerplay is only compatible with v1.1 + of the Zen Grid Framework**

**The  super fish menu does not fade or slide it just drops down**

Please make sure you have installed and published the JB library plug-in and that there is only one version of the jQuery library loading on your page.

**My main content is not displaying**

 version 1.05+ of the Zen grid framework comes with the option of hiding the main content area on the front page e.g. the default menu item of your site. We've done this in order to help trim up any spacing or padding that is generated from the main content area that is not needed if you are not displaying any content on the front page. If you would prefer to display your content on the front page of your site, then please set the option to hide the main content area in the template parameters under layout >  Gen. settings to show.

**I get the following error after installing the Zen Grid Framework and a Zen Grid compatible template.**

Parse error: syntax error, unexpected T\_STRING, expecting T\_OLD\_FUNCTION or T\_FUNCTION or T\_VAR or '}' in /homepages/26/d171984212/htdocs/tradenet/templates/zengridframework/includes/yth.php on line 36

This error means that your server is using php v4 while the Zen Grid Framework needs php5 to function properly. Often changing to php5 is a matter of adding a rule to the htaccess file on your site but it's best to ask your host for help in determining the best way to use php on your server.