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Joomla! Templates (Joomla! Press)

Synopsis

Master All Facets of Joomla! Site Customization with Templates Â Now, for the first time, thereâ ™s a complete, authorized guide to template design, development, and customization with Joomla!. Packed with examples, this clear, concise, practical text covers everything from beginning-level skills to power techniquesâ "even creating new HTML5-native mobile views, todayâ ™s most exciting new Joomla! capability. Â Internationally renowned Joomla! expert Angie Radtke brings together essential knowledge about usability, CSS, information architecture, PHP, JavaScript, accessibility, HTML5, and more. Using concrete examples, Radtke guides you through applying these technologies and best practices to construct and deploy world-class site templates. Youâ ™ll walk through every key technical option, fully understanding the internal interactions that control Joomla! template behavior. Radtke concludes by walking you step-by-step through a complete workshop project: transforming a template created in Photoshop into a working Joomla! template. Â Joomla!Â® Templates will be invaluable for every professional web designer and developer who uses Joomla!, for advanced nonprofessional users, and for less experienced users who want to customize their own sites instead of paying others to do it. This titleâ ™s concise, easy-to-use coverage includes Using Joomla! templates to customize any website to your exact requirements Learning how Joomla! templates are structured and how they behave Quickly changing a Joomla! siteâ ™s look and feel Making sure your templates fully support accessibility and standards Getting your basic template structure into shape with CSS and HTML Designing responsive Joomla! templates and sites Supercharging your templates with JavaScript Analyzing HTML, CSS, and accessibility Integrating template components, including index.php, the XML file, template parameters, and language files Adapting and modifying output via the system template Mastering advanced template customization Â

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Customer Reviews

Finally, a book on Joomla templates written by a member of the official Joomla project, Angie Radtke.If you have used Joomla, you already know Angie's work. She designed and developed the Beeze templates that come installed with every Joomla distribution since Joomla 1.5.This book does a great job looking under the hood of Joomla's template architecture. She goes over how to tweak templates with CSS, how to use template overrides, a chapter covering MooTools basics, and how to modify the Beeze templates that come with Joomla. If you already develop Joomla templates, you need to buy this book because it will greatly expand your skill-set.I have been developing custom Joomla templates since 2007 and this book taught me several new tricks, like how MooTools works, create better error pages and best ways to modify the CSS used in Joomla error messages, etc.What the book doesn't do is provide step-by-step instructions on how to create a Joomla template from scratch. (Although there are plenty of good online tutorials that can show you how.) I would not recommend this book to Joomla newbies and folks who do not have a good understanding of CSS and HTML. You don't need to know PHP and JavaScript to get a lot from this book, but it certainly helps if you do.Overall a great book that deserves a place in every Joomla developer's library.

This book is not for beginners or people who are not familiar with php and other coding languages. I got this thinking that I could use it to set up a website with changes to the template. Well this is not the book unless you know some codes. without knowing php, javascript and css, i feel that no one can use the book effectively.

Agonizing.This book is about Joomla templates, right? It says so right on the cover. So, out of 278

pages of real "stuff" (excluding introduction, index, appendix), why are the first 90 pages devoted to everything but Templates?Author Angie Radtke has great qualifications, but if I wanted to know her opinion about website accessibility, color balance, PHP basics, CSS and HTML basics, the aesthetics of font selection, and general website design advice, I'd have bought a book about, oh say, "Website Design."Here are some things I just don't need to be told in a book about Joomla templates:- "In many cases the choice of colors is determined in advance by the corporate design of the client."- "People who are blind tend to have well-developed acoustic as well as tactile senses..."- "Firebug is one of the most glorious inventions for template designers."With that said, the other 180 pages of the book do a pretty good job of explaining the role of templates and how to use them. The last 60 pages walk the user though a productive, detailed exercise of designing the front end of a Joomla website and illustrate template use in a rewarding way. If anything, those 60 pages are the nugget of value in this book. (In fact, if I had to take a guess, I'd say Ms. Radtke wrote the last 180 pages, was told by the publisher to make it longer to justify the target size and price of the book, and that she then added the first third, but that's just me.)I took my lumps on this one and proceeded to the Joomla "Programming" book in the same series, which I liked very much, so I haven't searched more for templates-only guides on Joomla.

I'm a beginning level web developer who has created a basic Joomla website but wanted to learn how to customize a template for increased style control. I've looked at several Joomla! templates and found that they are typically composed of many different files, making it almost impossible to figure out where to start*. I was hoping that this book on Joomla templates might explain how these are typically set up, but was disappointed in this.Many rather basic topics are covered in this book, but Radtke often inexplicably uses advanced undefined terms and concepts in the midst of elementary explanations, leaving beginners in the dust. For instance, on page 37,in the context of the introduction of HTML5, Radtke says "The new semantically significant elements are particularly interesting," with no further explanation (I have a clue, but this could have been stated in much plainer language). On page 38, when she explains that css statements can be added in external files (already knew that!), she provides a code sample to accomplish this, but doesn't mention where this code would be placed among the many template files. A brief explanation of how style sheets are integrated into a Joomla website would have been nice here. It is also unfortunate that while this book was copyrighted in 2013, it does not discuss either of the default templates packaged with Joomla!3 (released in 2013), but instead deals with the old Beez2.As there are not very many reference books available for Joomla!, this is still a useful reference for those of us who

prefer to learn by reading. The table of contents shows the broad scope of this book, and dutiful perseverance will still reward relative beginners with some information useful at that level. However, it could (and should) have been so much better....*A refreshing exception is Jaxstorm-Blue, with all of its css in one file, making it a good learner's tool.

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