TheKraken Joomla! Template Manual

TheKraken is a modern and professionally designed template for your Joomla! website.

The template is available as free and pro version. The free version doesn't contain features such as custom color setup, the slider and various other template specific features. The pro version contains all the features and the ability to turn off the footer copyright.

The pro version can be obtained from here:
https://www.themedriver.com/joomla-templates/browse-all-templates.html

1. **Requirements**

TheKraken template requires either Joomla! 2.5 or 3.x, each in its latest version. If you don't run them in their latest versions (for example 3.1.5 at the time of writing), it can lead to odd display results.

The template is based on the Free GPL Gantry Framework to deliver you the best results and helps maintaining your template and keeping it up-to-date. For your convenience, the template installs the Gantry Framework (http://gantry-framework.org) upon installation.

The Gantry Framework is installed from our servers at https://www.themedriver.com/gantry.zip and is an exact and untouched

version of the latest version available at http://gantry-framework.org.

Installing and Uninstalling is described below.

2. **Installation**

1. Unzip the file template_thekraken_UNZIP_FIRST.zip

2. In Joomla!, go to Extension Manager → Install → and install the file tpl_thekraken.zip

3. Open Extension Manager → Templates → TheKraken and make the default website template

4. Make sure all other assets like slider and the Gantry Framework have been installed

   1. For the slider go to → Extension Manager → Modules and see if you have an unpublished module called „TheKraken" (for setup of the slider, please check the separate slider manual).

   2. For Gantry go to → Extension Manager → Manage → search for „gantry" → you should see a list of 3 Gantry related entries

   3. Now open your website's frontend in your browser. You should see a plain website with the menu already on top of the page. Follow the instructions below to complete the setup.

PLEASE NOTE: if the template doesn't display properly after installation, you need to install the Gantry Framework separately. In that case, please download the file https://www.themedriver.com/gantry.zip and install it in Extension Manager → Install.

Tip: Please make sure that you always keep your Joomla! Installation, the template and Gantry up-to-date.

For template updates visit https://www.themedriver.com/ and for Joomla! / Gantry check the update notifications in the Joomla! Dashboard.

3. **Uninstall**

If you wish to uninstall TheKraken template, please go to Extension Manager → Templates → and choose a different default site template.

Then go to Extension Manager → Manage → search for „TheKraken" → check all related TheKraken entries and click „uninstall". Then search for „gantry" → check all related Gantry entries and click „uninstall" (please remove Gantry only if you don't use other templates that are based on it!).

4. **Building The Site**

   1. **Menu**:

      1. The menu should already be assigned and visible after installation and enabling.
      2. The menu setup supports several features such as text and image icons. We suggest to check out the Gantry Documentation for further instructions and see what's possible: http://www.gantry-framework.org/documentation/joomla/

   2. **Slider** (Pro version only):

      1. Go to Extension Manager → Modules → open TheKraken → create your slides → disable title display for the module → assign the module position showcase-a → save the module.

      2. Visit your website frontend and check if the slider is working.

      3. For further instructions of the slider, please check the slider's separate manual that ships with this template.

   3. **Bubbles**:

      1. You can add a bubble effect for your logo as well as for module titles and custom elements. In order to enable / disabe the logo bubbles, please open Extension Manager → TheKraken → Features → Enable Logo Bubbles. Please note: on mobile devices the bubbles won't show at all to safe the mobile device's CPU.

      2. To add the bubble effect to module titles, please go to Extension Manager → Modules → open the preferred module settings → make sure its title display is enabled → in the Options tab → Advanced Options → add the class „makeModuleBubbles".

      3. To add the bubble effect on your custom elements, appearing on top it, add the css class „makeBubbles" to it (using HTML, for example in the article editor). If you center your element through css, you can also use the class „makeBubbles150" which will give the bubbles an extra push to the center.

      4. Disabling of the logo bubbles is only available in the Pro version

   4. **Custom Colors** (Pro version only):

      1. Changing colors is pretty straight forward: Go to TheKraken template → Colors tab → and choose the desired colors for your website.

2. Be aware that changing some colors affects the colors of different elements. If you for example change the Link Color to something else, the Button background color would change accordingly (as well as the arms of the slider). This should help you to keep your color scheme consistent. In order to find a nice color scheme for your site, we suggest to use tools like https://kuler.adobe.com/create/color-wheel/ and apply them to your custom colors.

5. **Other Features** (in template → Features tab)

   1. Fixed Header On Page Scrolling: Enable / Disable this to make the menu sticky while scrolling or classic way, without any stickyness.

   2. Show ToTop Button: Enable / Disable this to display / hide a button in the lower right corner of the site that scrolls back to top when clicking on it

   3. Other features available are self-explanatory or described in the Gantry Framework documentation available at http://www.gantry-framework.org/documentation/joomla/

6. **Module Positions**:

   1. For dealing with module positions we recommend to read the documentation available at http://www.gantry-framework.org/documentation/joomla/

   2. Each module position has its own purpose and color scheme, you however should focus on the mainbody (component) and add module positions only for pages required.

   3. Our templates strictly follow the standard Gantry module positions and can also be viewed here https://www.themedriver.com/demos/joomla/thekraken/index.php/features/module-positions.html

7. **Typography**:

   Both versions of this template for Joomla! 2.5 and 3.x support Twitter Bootstrap, so you have a definition of typography that you can rely on. Please consult our typography overview page of this template to see the details: https://www.themedriver.com/demos/joomla/thekraken/index.php/overview/typography.html

8. **General Notes**:

   1. Make sure you check the template demo to get an overview of the

existing module variations and other things that are not explained here or you can't find: https://www.themedriver.com/demos/joomla/thekraken/index.php/features/module-variations.html

2. For further information, help and new please visit https://www.themedriver.com/ frequently