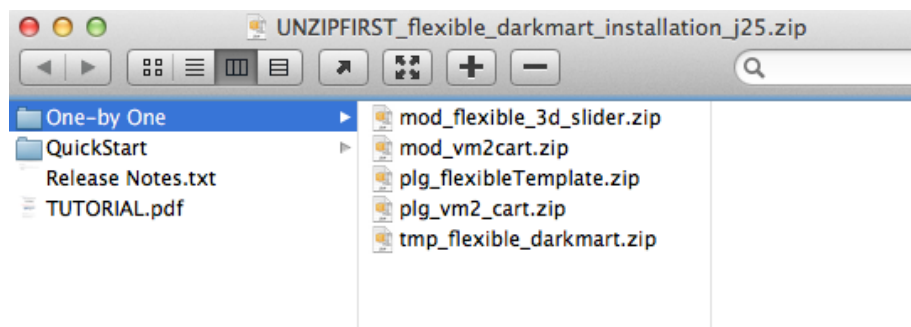# FLEXIBLE WEB DESIGN TEAM

Joomla + Virtuemart 2 Template – DarkMart

TUTORIAL

INSTALLATION DarkMart Template (in 2 Methods):

Explaining the files and folders.

Once you UNZIP the Installation file that you download from our server, you will get 2 folders and 2 files.

Release Notes.txt = Includes the Release History.

QuickStart = The Magic folder. It is the Quick Start package to install everything at once.

TUTORIAL.pdf = You are now reading it :)

One-By One > flexible_darkmart.zip = DarkMart Joomla Template installation file.

One-By One > plg_flexibleTemplate.zip = Plugin for DarkMart Joomla Template (requirement).

One-By One > plg_vm2_cart.zip = Shopping Cart Module.

One-By One > mod_vm2cart.zip = Shopping Cart Plugin (requirement).

One-By One > flexible_3d_slider.zip = 3D Slider Module installation file.

1. METHOD: Installing through QuickStart Package

This is the magic folder, once you performed this installation you will get exactly the same layout and contents as you see in our DEMO. Basically take the 2 files from sinde the QuickStart folder and upload them them to your server through FTP Client. For instance, if your domain is www.domain.com, then 2 files should be located here:

- http://www.domain.com/kickstart.php
- http://www.domain.com/QuickStart-AkeebaBackup.zip

And simply browse this kickstart.php in your server and follow the instructions.
After you perform this QuickStart method, you will get:

- Joomla! 2.5.9
- Virtuemart 2.0.18a
- DarkMart Template [template+plugin]
- Shopping Cart [Module + Plugin]
- 3D Slider Module
- Sample data [*articles + module + virtuemart products* that you see in our DEMO]
-

All in all, everything!!!

I would strongly suggest you to go through QuickStart installation. Then go to Virtuemart Component, delete the already created products/categories and instead add yours. You will be good to go.

Q: Today's Virtuemart/Joomla 2.5 version is newer than what comes with this QuickStart package.
A: First go through the QuickStart, and then simply update the joomla / Virtuemart by clicking the update buttons.

2. METHOD: Installing everything One-By One.

If you already have joomla and already have Virtuemart installed. And you don't want lose your DATA's both from joomla! And from Virtuemart. Than this method is for you. You are going to install what ever comes from our DarkMart Template one-by one through **Joomla Extension Manager.**

IMPORTANT! Don't forget to install all of the extensions that comes in **One-By One** folder. Otherwise you will end up with FATAL errors.

Before going through **One-By One** installation, make sure you already have;
- Joomla 2.5.xx *[requirement]*
- Virtuemart 2.0.xx *[requirement]*

Then proceed to install all extensions **One-By One**.
One-By One > flexible_darkmart.zip = DarkMart Joomla Template installation file. *[requirement]*
One-By One > plg_flexibleTemplate.zip = Plugin for DarkMart Joomla Template *[requirement]*
One-By One > plg_vm2_cart.zip = Shopping Cart Module. *[requirement]*
One-By One > mod_vm2cart.zip = Shopping Cart Plugin *[requirement]*
One-By One > flexible_3d_slider.zip = 3D Slider Module installation file. *[optional]*

At first the layout might look empty, it is because the module positions have been changed and you don't have any defined module yet. Browse the "Module Manager" and define modules in all module positions.

Either follow the 1.Method and install everything at once, or follow the 2. Method to install the plugins+modules+template to your existing joomla! One-By One. Then installation will be completed.

Here comes the fun Part: CONFIGURING DarkMart:

You have finished the installation already, here comes the fun part. In order to use our template and Virtuemart itself as expected (or as you see things in our DEMO); there are some important parameters you want to configure.

If you have gone through QuickStart installation method, most of the settings explained here are already applied in your website. But take a look below if you are new to Virtuemart 2.

❖ **Translate some texts that come with DarkMart:**

Our DarkMart Template's Language file is located in here:

ROOT/language/*en-GB[1]*/en-GB[1].tpl_flexible_darkmart.ini
[1] en-GB is the initials for English; your language file is stored in different folder depends on the initials.

There are not too many lines; you can do the translation by yourself in couple minutes. They are extremely basic texts.

❖ **Changing parameters for Virtuemart –related pages by Using plg_flexibleTemplate Plugin:**

Open your Plugin Manager in Joomla Back-end, and find this template: **Flexible VM2 Template** plugin,
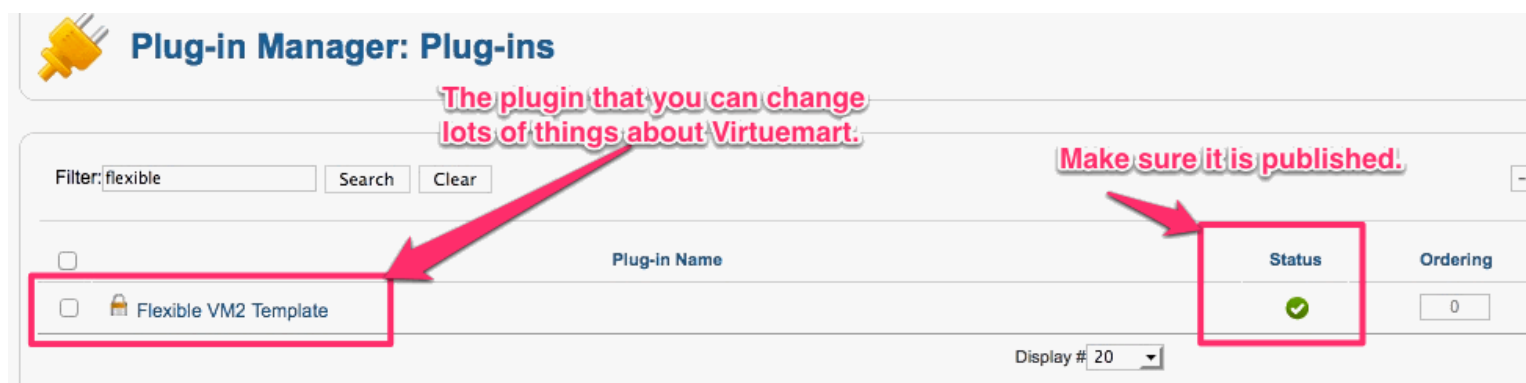
this plugin includes more than 50 parameters, change them as you wish and customize the layout of Virtuemart-related pages.

1.1 Category Page - ListView Parameters

|	
Quick Look Button	Yes
Product Details Button	Yes
Add to Cart Button	Yes
Quantity Box	Yes
Show Custom Fields	Yes
Show Short Description	Yes
Show Additional Pictures	Yes
Show Product SKU	Yes
Show Rating Stars	Yes
Show Manufacturer Logo	Yes

1.2 Category Page - GridView Parameters

Quick Look Button	Yes
More Info Button	Yes
Tiny Add to Cart Button	Yes
Large Add to Cart Button	No
Quantity Box	Yes
Show Additional Pictures	Yes
Show Product SKU	Yes
Show Rating Stars	Yes

And there are many more in this plugin to let you easily change things about Virtuemart layouts.

❖ **Important Virtuemart Settings:**

Open the Joomla! Back-end and navigate to your Virtuemart Component, then click the "Configuration" link.
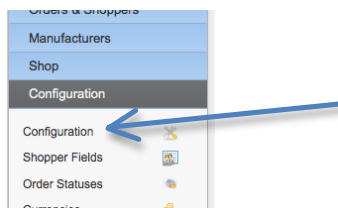
If you would like have the same Price layout that you see in our DEMO website:

Which look those below (basically when there is discount, the old price gets crossed over (line-through):
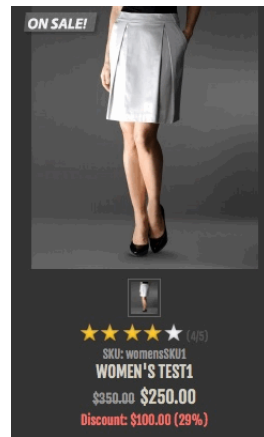
Then you need to enable those pricing parameters below in your Configuration (see the screenshot below). You can select more options (such as: Tax Amount etc..) , but you should **at least** choose these options below:

❖ **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. READ THIS, OTHERWISE THE PRICE WON'T GET CROSSED (LINE-THROUGH)**

If your website is already applying TAX, then you are OK. There is nothing to worry about. BUT if you are not applying TAX, then the price (somehow) refuses to get line-through. Virtuemart shows the DISCOUNTED price and the DISCOUNT amount, but refuse to show the original price, therefore there would be no price to get line-through, also the percentage doesn't work as well since the original price is unknown. It doesn't work in the Original Virtuemart as well. Anyway, the solution is easy though; go to **Products > Taxes & Calculation Rules**
In the VM Backend, and create a NEW Tax RULE, and define it as 0% TAX (per bill or per product, doesn't mater), so basically there won't be TAX at all, but the system will pretend like there was a TAX so it will show the prices properly. This is the most appropriate solution without going into much Virtuemart Core Files (modifying Virtuemart Core files is not recommended! unless you are 100% sure you know what you are doing.)

❖ **Changing Price Labels**

If you would like to change your price labels

Base price with tax/Base price without tax   to   "**List Price**",

Sales Price   to   "**Our Price**"

Discount   to   "**You Save**" (or to whatever you want)

The file you need to modify is this:

yourdomain.com/language/**en-GB**[3]/**en-GB**.com_virtuemart.ini

en-G3 *is for English Virtuemarts .It will be what ever language you currently have for your Virtuemart. For example; for French, it is* **fr-FR**

In this file; look for the text you want to change, and change the text to what you would like then you are done. This file actually is the translation file for your Virtuemart. You can change any text you would like via this Language file. For example, you can remove the "No Additional Charge" text from this language INI file that appears in the Custom Field attributes.

❖ **Check and make sure everything is correctly set.**

1- In the configuration section, click "Templates" tab from the header bar, there are some important fields in here, make sure they are as given below:

1	**Default template for your shop:** Use Joomla Default
2	**Category Template:** Use Joomla Default
3	**Category Layout:** Default
4	**Default Number of categories in a row:** 3 *(recommended value is 3, but try and see how it looks like with 2, 4 or even 5)*
5	**Product Layout:** Default
6	**Number of products in a row:** 3 *(recommended value is 3, but try and see how it looks like with 2, 4 or even 5.)*

2- We are still on "Templates" tab, scroll down the page little bit and look at the screenshot below

Make sure you have enabled the Dynamic Thumbnail Resizing option. For the best use of our template, you should set your thumbnail size 200px by 200px. Making them too large or too small values might create some weird visual bugs. If you already have uploaded pictures, you have an ongoing website and your thumbnails are larger/smaller than these values, and our template might not look cool (You should give it a try and see how it looks, first) I am afraid you should regenerate your thumbnails with 200x200 again ☹ Regenerating thumbnail is a tough topic, because just because you change those values, it doesn't mean your thumbnails will be regenerated automatically by itself, only the pictures that you are going to upload from now on will be generated 200x200, the existing pictures must be regenerated manually. Finally, Look at the box number [4] and make sure all of them are "**checked**" except "Virtuemart CSS" option.

3- Now, click the "Checkout" tab and look below for the screenshot:

Make sure you have the same settings, which are highlighted in the screenshot above.

4- Okay, now, you change the category layout from Configuration, but some of your categories or products are tend to use some another layout than what you have chosen. There are 2 places that you should check it out for configuring Category Page and Product Detail page layouts. First; click the link that you see in the screenshot below.
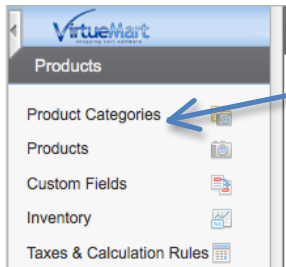

Then click any category from the list (start from the first and check all of them one by one), after you click any of them, scroll down the page little bit and look at the screenshot below:

Make sure for that particular category "**Default Number of Products per Row**" field is 0,
Don't get confused with the 0 (zero). If this field is 0, it means; it will be whatever number you have submitted from the configuration (which we did it in the Step#3). If it is anything rather than 0, then it will be overwritten for that particular category. Also look at the last 3 fields, and make sure they are:

    1-User shop default, 2-No override, 3-No override

Browse your Product list; and choose one of your products from the list.
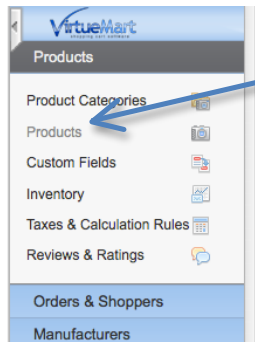
This field indicates which Product Detail page will be used for only for this particular product. So it doesn't matter, what you have chosen from configuration or categories sections. If you change this field to something rather than "no override", it means it is final and this layout will be used (of course only for this specific product). *(in new VM versions, the place of this field has been changed, but the name is still persist)*

People have asked this so many times, I should mention about it; The shipment icon that you see in our DEMO, that says: 1-2 days, 24 hours, 3-5days shipping.. etc. they appear only if you select any of them. While you are in the product edit page. (the screenshot below was taken from "product edit page"). Click the "Product Status" tab.

And select a Shipment Icon from this dropdown box. Than the icon will start appearing in the product detail page. (For this specific product)

And these icons are ENGLISH. You might want to translate them to your native language. This is also easy, because those PNG images come with PSD (Photoshop Document) Source files. Basically, open the PSD file with any Adobe Photoshop version, edit the text and save as PNG (overwrite with the existing one). PSD and PNG files are stored in the same folder with the same file name.

For instance, the availability icon that says **1-2 Months** is PNG and stored in here:

ROOT/templates/flexible_darkmart/html/com_virtuemart/assets/images/availability/1-2m.png

And the PSD of that icon is located here:

ROOT/templates/flexible_darkmart/html/com_virtuemart/assets/images/availability/1-2m.psd

You are free to restyle them and make them look as you wish. Using the local shipment company logo in the icon is recommend! You can use www.iconfinder.com to get free icons to use inside those availability images.

❖ **Creating SPECIFICATION TAB IN product details page**

Specifications TAB
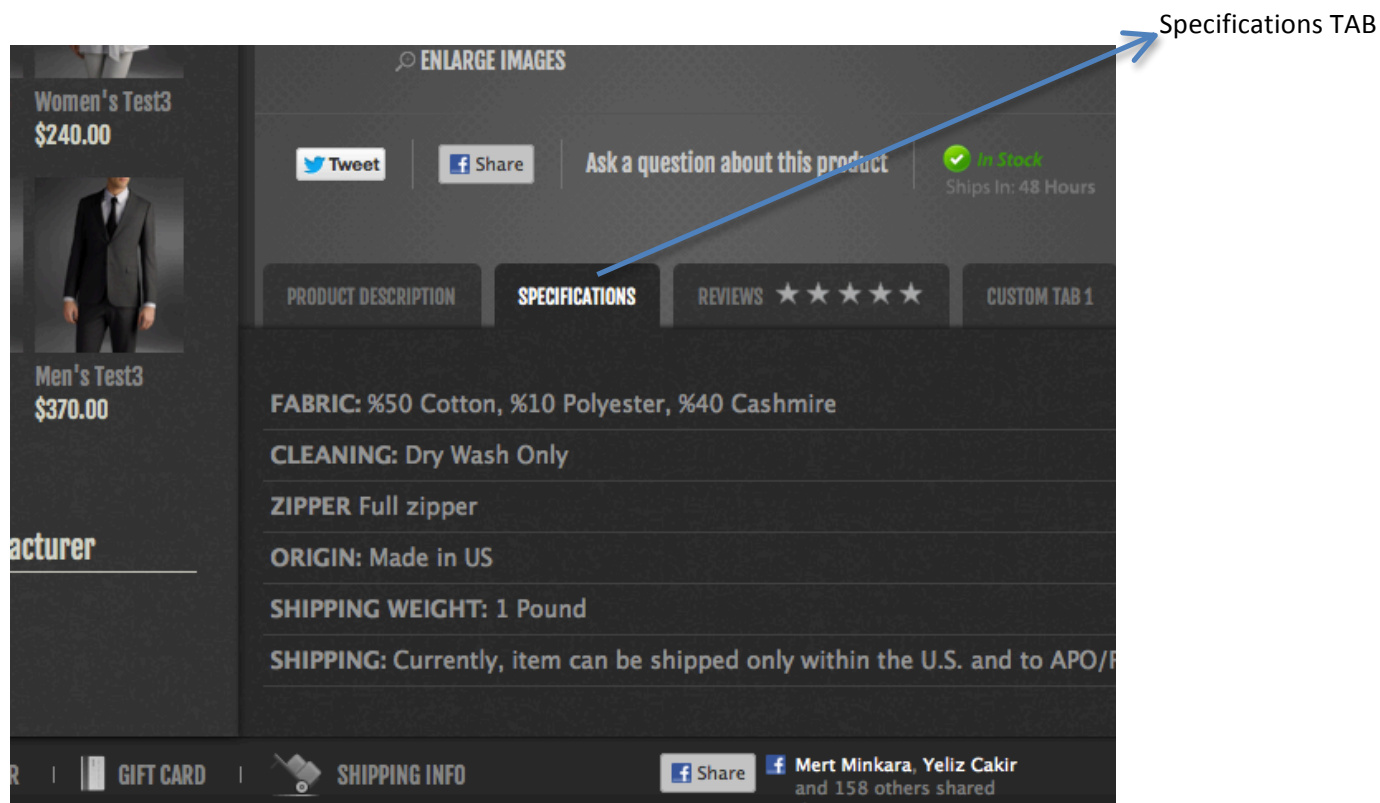
You should create non-cart "string" custom field and enter "ontop" to "layout position" field. Then; they will be listed as "Specifications" in the product details page. Look at the screenshot below

Custom Field

Custom Field Type: String

Title	Material:
Published	○ No ◉ Yes
Parent	Please Select ▾
Cart Attribute	◉ No ○ Yes
Description	
Default	
Tooltip	
Layout position	ontop
Admin only	◉ No ○ Yes
Is a list?	◉ No ○ Yes
Hidden	◉ No ○ Yes

Custom Field Type: String

Cart Attribute: NO

Layout Position: ontop

Basically you are going to do it for all specification parameters you are going to create (materials, warranty etc..). Then browse any product, add those custom fields and submit values for them.

Custom Field Type:

Watch Band ▾

Title	Tooltip	Value	Price	Type	Cart Attribute	Delete
Specifications				Parent	☆	✖
Material:		Metallic/Leather		String	☆	✖
Case Size:		30mm		String	☆	✖
Thickness:		11mm		String	☆	✖
Stone Count:		44 clear stones		String	☆	✖
Band Width:		14mm		String	☆	✖
Circumference:		175mm (+/- 5mm)		String	☆	✖
W-Resistant:		5 ATM		String	☆	✖
Closure:		Butterfly buckle		String	☆	✖
Brand:		Fossil		String	☆	✖
Origin:		Imported		String	☆	✖
Warranty:		11-year limited		String	☆	✖

That's all folks.

Thanks for buying.
Flexible Web Design Team
http://www.flexiblewebdesign.com/support