

// Flexible - Virtuemart Zoom Effect on Product Page
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This tutorial is for Virtuemart 3.X versions only.

TUTORIAL

There are many different Virtuemart template and joomla template around, so things might not get along in some websites as expected. In that case, you will have to perform a manual patch. But don't worry, it is extremely easy ☺

Every step is extremely clear and obvious.

Good Luck!

For the best user-experience with Flexible Zoom Effect; make sure all product pictures have same aspect ratio. This also leads having a more professionally looking website; which attracts more customers!

Q: What is aspect ratio?

A: The aspect ratio of an image describes the proportional relationship between its width and its height. It is commonly expressed as two numbers separated by a colon, as in 16:9. For an x:y aspect ratio, no matter how big or small the image is, if the width is divided into x units of equal length and the height is measured using this same length unit, the height will be measured to be y units.

More info: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aspect_ratio_%28image%29

1. STEP or Maybe Last Step: INSTALLING PLUGIN

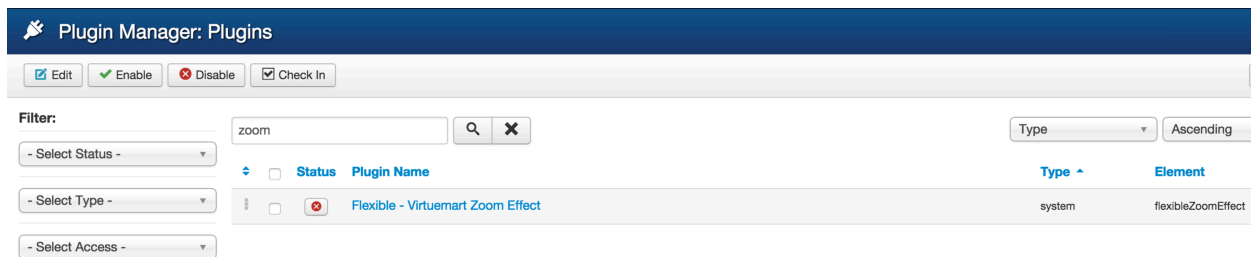
Please install the plugin



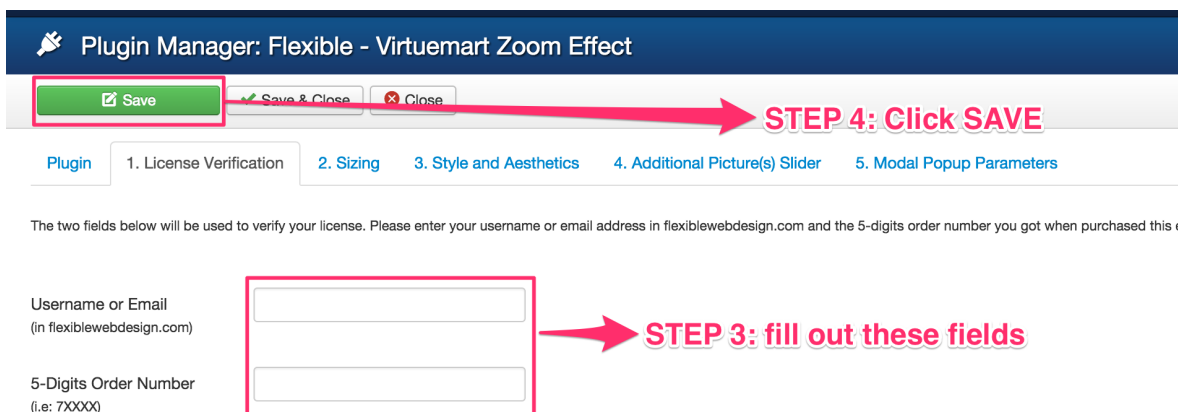
plg_flexibleZoomEffect.zip

to your Joomla through “Joomla Extension Manager”.

Navigate to “Joomla Plugin Manager” and find the “Flexible – Virtuemart Zoom Effect” plugin.



Click the plugin; take a look at the plugin parameters and enable it. *(At first, don't change any parameter beside typing your Username and Order-ID, leave other parameters as default)*



Then browse front-end and visit any product detail's page. After the product detail page gets loaded, refresh the page 1-more time. The Zoom Effect is supposed to be working.

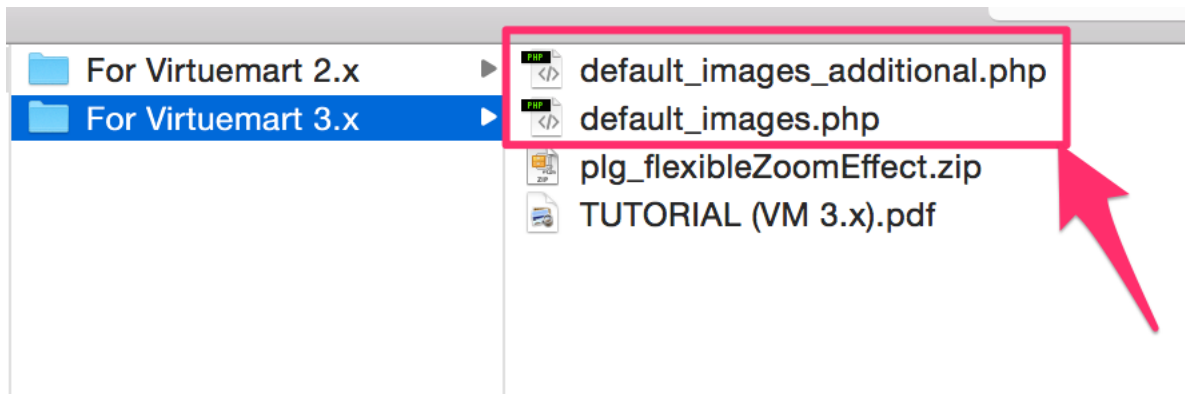
2. STEP: It didn't work out?

You installed the plugin, browsed any product detail page and ended up with this kind of error message below?

A red error bar with a minus icon and the text "Copy failed".

Or, you didn't see any error code at all, but still the zoom effect is just not working? And looks like; nothing has changed in the product details page at all? (As if you didn't install anything)

Then; this step is for you. Apparently you are using a 3rd party Virtuemart Template/Theme. Most likely because of the permission problem, our plugin couldn't copy the necessary PHP file to template override folder. You are going to copy this file manually. Along with this **TUTORIAL.PDF** and **plg_flexibleZoomEffect.ZIP** file, there are 2 more PHP files, which are called: **default_images.php** and **default_images_additional.php**



You are going to copy those files to the path below (via FTP Client):

ROOT/templates/YOUR_TEMPLATE /html/com_virtuemart/productdetails/default_images.php

ROOT/templates/YOUR_TEMPLATE /html/com_virtuemart/productdetails/default_images_additional.php

And that's it. Visit any product details page again, and this time Zoom Effect should start working.

Issue #1: if the **/html/com_virtuemart/productdetails/** folder isn't exist, you can manually create the folder.

Issue #2: You look at the path, and you are seeing there is already a file called **default_images.php** and **default_images_additional.php** there. Then overwrite the new one with the old one.

3.STEP: You did everything above but it looks like nothing has changed at all in the product details page.

This step is for you. Apparently your 3rd party Virtuemart Theme/Template uses a different scheme to load the product pictures. Please check this file in your FTP server

ROOT/templates/YOUR_TEMPLATE/html/com_virtuemart/productdetails/default.php

If this file is exist, then you will need a patch. Open that PHP file and find these lines:

```
<div class="main-image">
.. ....
... ..There will be some PHP or HTML lines here.
... ..
</div>
```

and

```
<div class="additional-images">
.. ....
... ..There are some other PHP or HTML lines here
... ..
</div>
```

And delete these lines. *Make sure that you start deleting from <div>... and completed by the </div> . Otherwise there will be layout issues if you accidently left an opened DIV tag.*

After you remove those 2 DIV Tags, copy-paste the below line:

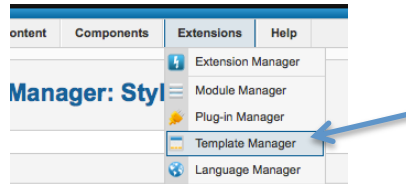
```
<?php echo $this->loadTemplate('images'); ?>
```

NOW!! The zoom effect should start working just fine.

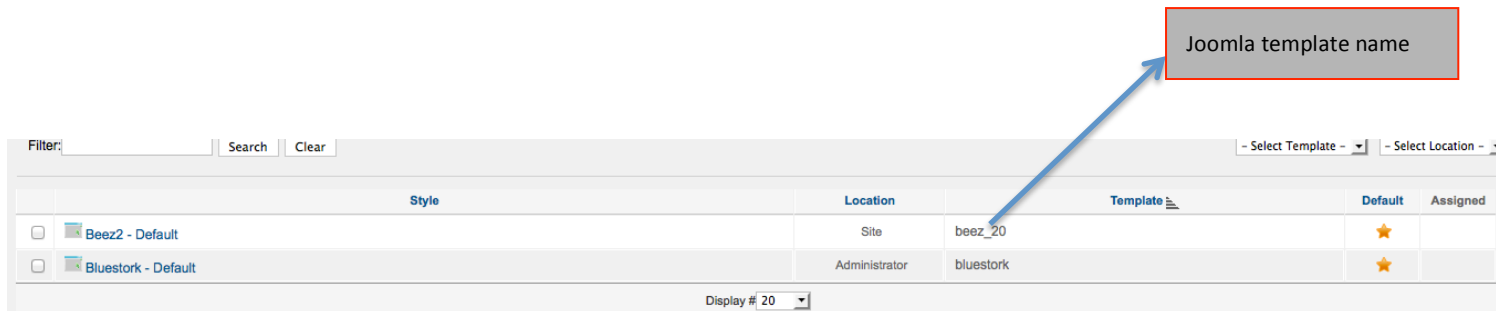
Questions?

Q1: What is `<?yourjoomlatform?>/`

A1: This is your current Joomla template's folder name. And you can figure this out from your Joomla Backend. Browse your Joomla-backend panel. And click **Extensions -> Template Manager**



From below screenshot, find out which Joomla template you are using for "site" location.



Q2: In my server, I found: **ROOT/templates/<?yourjoomlatform?>/html** and that is it; there is no **/com_virtuemart/productdetails/**

A2: That's okay. You can create the folders **/com_virtuemart/productdetails/** manually and upload the **default_image.php** and **default_images_additional.php** under **/productdetails/**.

Get confused in any steps above? You have no clue about how to deal with this?

-OR- you did everything but still the zoom effect doesn't work?

Please contact us by creating a support ticket through the address below:

<http://www.flexiblewebdesign.com/support>

We are here to solve your individual problem.

That is all, Cheers!!

And thanks for buying this extension