

JV Twitter: Extension for Joomla! User Guide

Downloading and installing JV Twitter

Downloading

- Register an account on <http://www.joomlavi.com/>
- You can look for JV Twitter manually within the extensions list (Joomla! Products → Joomla! Extensions) or use this link: <http://www.joomlavi.com/joomla-extensions/extension/57-jv-twitter/3.html>
- In the JV Twitter' page, select the version(s) you need and click download. There is a JV-Twitter module for each Joomla! version.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! extension page for JV Twitter. At the top, there are navigation tabs: JOOMLA! TEMPLATES, PORTFOLIOS, TUTORIALS, CUSTOM SERVICES, REQUEST A QUOTE, and JOOMLA! PRODUCTS. A search bar is on the right. The main content area displays the extension details for JV Twitter, including version compatibility (1.5 NATIVE, 1.6 NATIVE, JOOMLA 1.7), social media buttons (Like, Tweet, Send), and category information (Parent Category: Joomla! Products, Category: Joomla! Extensions). A table lists the available files for download:

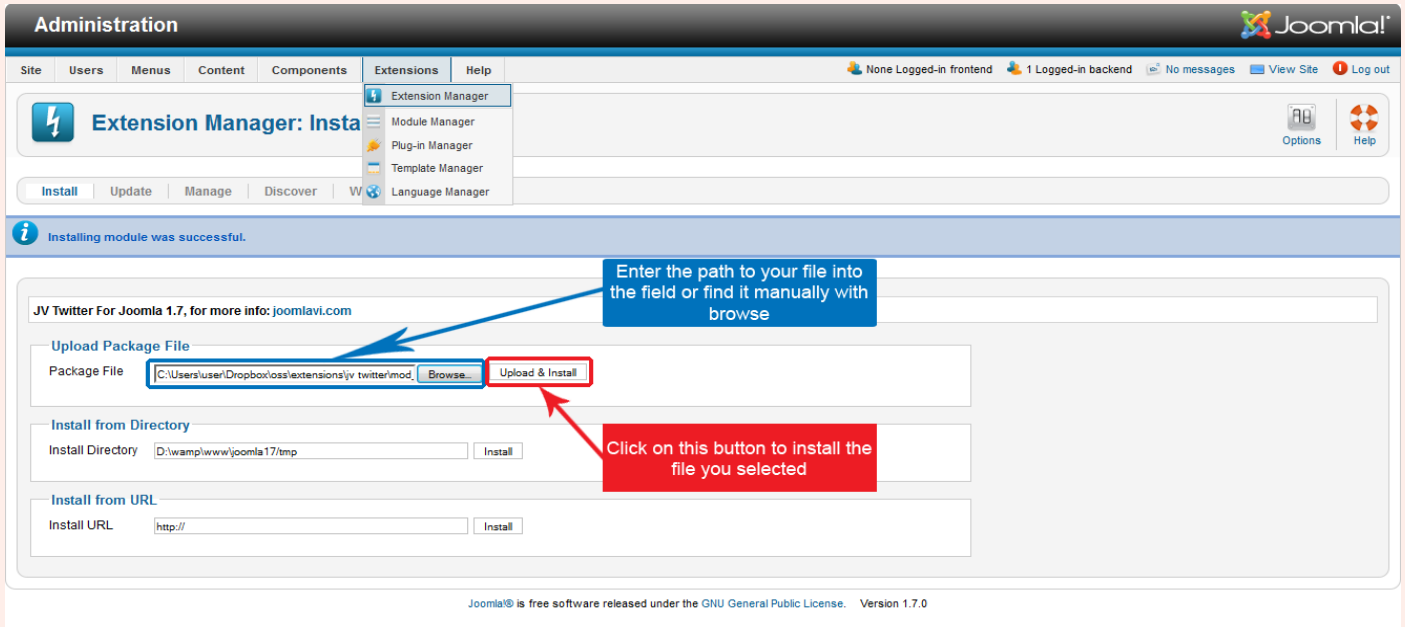
<input type="checkbox"/>	File name	Type	Date	Version
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JV Twitter 15	module	12-07-2011	1.5.1.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JV Twitter 17	module	12-07-2011	1.7.0.0

Below the table is a 'Download' button and a 'selected files' indicator. Annotations include a blue box pointing to the checkboxes: 'Select the file(s) you want to download by checking these boxes' and a red box pointing to the 'Download' button: 'Once you are done selecting file(s), click this button to start download'. A sidebar on the right contains a 'Follow us on' section with links to Facebook, Twitter, RSS, and Joomla! Extension Directory.

- If the file you download has unzip_first in its name, please extract it before continuing with installation.

Installing

- Go to your website's administration page, open Extensions menu and select Install/Uninstall (Joomla! 1.5) or Extensions Manager (Joomla! 1.7)
- On "install" tab, in the 'upload package file" section, you can either type the path to your file into the blank field or click on 'Browse' to find it manually.

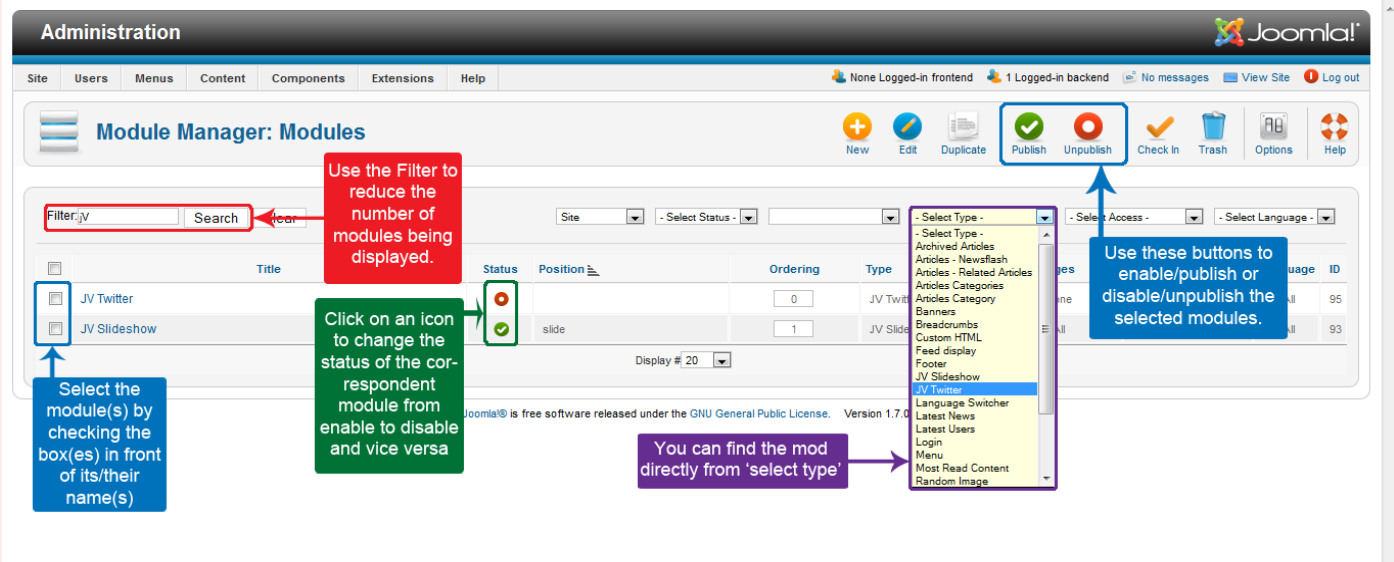


- Click on 'Upload File & Install'. JV Twitter's installation is now completed.

Activating and Using JV Twitter

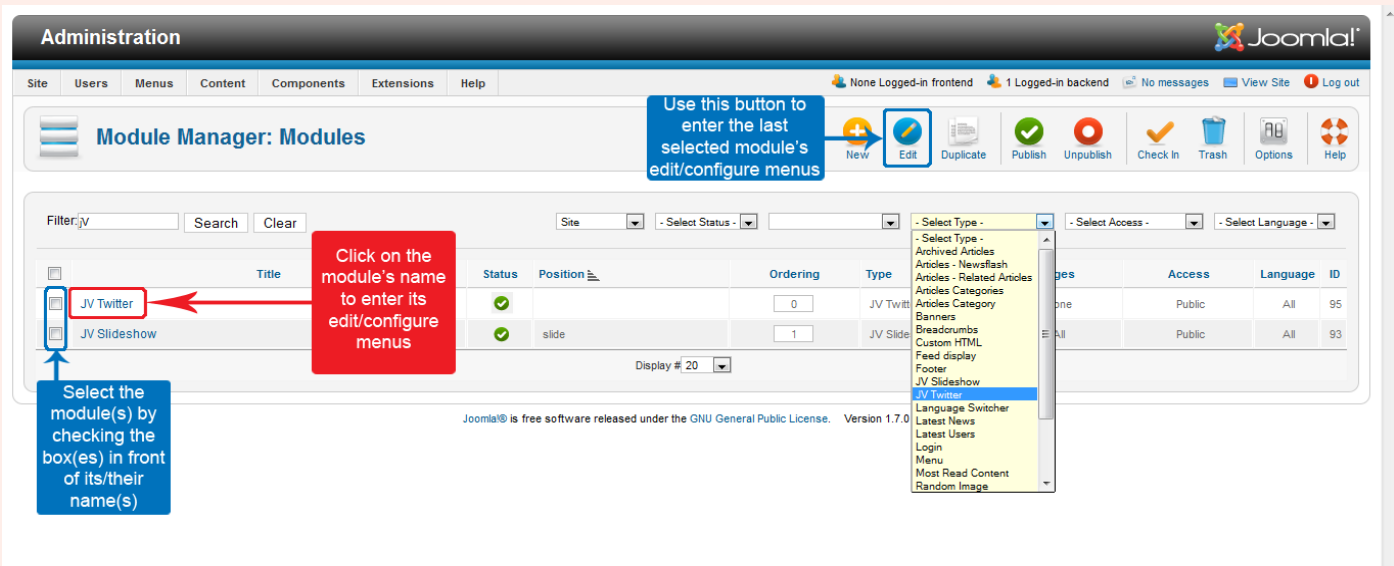
Activating

- Go to Module Manager window (Extensions menu → Module Manager)
- Search for JV Twitter by making use of the filter or looking for JV Twitter's name from the select type menu.
- Check whether JV Twitter is enabled or disabled. If it's disabled, enable by clicking on the status icon found in the 'Enabled' (Joomla! 1.5) or 'Status' (Joomla! 1.7) column. You can also enable JV Twitter by selecting it, then click on the 'Enable' button.



Using JV Twitter.

-Click on JV Twitter's name within Module Manager to enter it's configure/edit menus, or select the module and click on the 'Edit' button.



-There are 3 menus: Details, Menu Assignment and Module Parameters. While the first 2 are Joomla! default menus and won't be focused on in this guide, make sure JV Twitter is assigned to the correct position (Details menu) and menu item(s) (Menu Assignment)

Remember to check whether you assigned JV Twitter to the right position and menu items

-Module Parameters/Basic Option:

This is JV Twitter configuration menu and the focus of this guide.

There are quite a lot of parameters in this single menu, so I'm breaking them into General parameters, Profile parameters, Tweet parameters and Follow parameters, for convenience's sake.

JV Twitter's custom menu: Module parameters/basic options

General parameters:

▼ **Basic Options**

Time to update the twitter data (unit: minutes)

Twitter Account

Title

+ Time to update the twitter data (unit: minute): This allow you to set the amount of time before JV Twitter automatically update the data.

+Twitter account: The name of your twitter account.

+Title: The title of the displayed content

Profile Parameters:

▼ **Basic Options**

Time to update the twitter data (unit: minutes)

Twitter Account

Title

PROFILE

Name Hide Show

Screen Name Hide Show

Location: Hide Show

Bio: Hide Show

Web: Hide Show

Tweets Number Hide Show

Following Hide Show

Followers Hide Show

Listed Hide Show

Set Avatar

- +Profile: Show/hide the profile of the twitter account being used.
- +Name: Show/hide your Twitter name
- +Screen name: Show/hide your Twitter screen name
- +Location: Show/hide the location you set on Twitter
- +Bio: Show/hide your Twitter biography
- +Web: Show/hide the website you set as your website on Twitter
- +Tweets Number: Show/hide the number of your Tweet
- +Following: Show/hide the number of your 'following'
- +Followers: Show/hide the number of your 'followers'
- +Listed: Show/hide the number of your 'listed'
- +Set Avatar: Enable/disable and select the size of your Twitter avatar in the profile.

Tweet Parameters

Tweets	<input type="button" value="Show"/> ▼
Limit Tweets	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Name	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Hide <input type="radio"/> Show
Screen Name	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Hide <input type="radio"/> Show
Show Time	<input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show
Show Via	<input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show
Link To All Tweets	<input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show
Set Avatar	<input type="button" value="Normal Size"/> ▼

- +Tweets: Hide/show your Twitter account's Tweets.
- +Limit Tweets: The maximum number of Tweets that will be displayed in this module.
- +Name: Show/hide your name on the Tweets.

- +Screen name: Show/hide your screen name on the Tweets
- +Show time: Show/hide the date your Tweets were created.
- +Show via: Show/hide the method via which your Tweets were created.
- +Link to all Tweets: Show/hide the 'see all Tweets' link under your displayed Tweets.
- +Set Avatar: Enable/disable and select the size of your Twitter avatar in your Tweets.

Follow Parameters

FOLLOW BUTTON	<input type="button" value="Show"/>
Followers Count	<input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show
Button Color	<input type="button" value="Light"/>
Text Color	<input type="text" value="186487"/>
Link Color	<input type="text" value="186487"/>
Width	<input type="text" value="300"/>
Height	<input type="text" value="20"/>
Language	<input type="button" value="English"/>
Module Class Suffix	<input type="text"/>

- +FOLLOW BUTTON: Hide/show the follow buttons
- +Followers Count: Show/hide your follower counter
- +Button Color: Select the tone for your button (light or dark)
- +Text Color: Set the color for the buttons' text with color codes.
- +Link Color: Set the color for the links using color codes.
- +Width: Set the width of the area where the buttons will be displayed.
- +Height: Set the height of the area where the buttons will be displayed.
- +Language: Set the language for your buttons.

Module Class Suffix:

The string you entered into this field will be used as the Module class suffix.

Once you finished setting up JV Twitter's configuration, use the Apply (Joomla! 1.5) or Save (Joomla! 1.7) button if you want to save without exit. Use the Save (Joomla! 1.5) or Save&Close (Joomla! 1.7) button to save and close the module at the same time.

Click on Preview (Joomla! 1.5) or View Site (Joomla! 1.7) to check the module on your site.

Joomla! 1.5 preview

The screenshot displays a Joomla! 1.5 interface with a Twitter module. The module content is divided into three main sections:

- Profile Section (Green border):** Displays the profile for 'joomlavi.com' (@joomlavi). It includes the location (Vietnam), bio (joomla templates, joomla extensions, product for joomla, custom development and other related joomla portal resources - www.joomlavi.com), website (http://www.joomlavi.com), and statistics (36 Tweets, 261 Following, 80 Followers, 2 Listed). A green callout box on the left points to this section with the text: "Twitter's profile, affected by profile parameters".
- Tweets Section (Red border):** Displays three tweets from 'joomlavi joomlavi.com'. The tweets are: "JV Translate - Joomla! Extensions Directory t.co/jR6UhhvY via @Joomla #JED" (22 August 2011 05:15 PM), "JV Framework 1.6.4.2 Released t.co/jlVTOSN" (22 August 2011 05:11 PM), and "Join me on @SugarSync for 5GB free plus up to 10 GB of bonus space t.co/lmCVY9P" (18 August 2011 12:42 AM). A red callout box on the left points to this section with the text: "Your Twitter's tweets, affected by tweet paramaters".
- Follow Bar (Purple border):** Shows a 'Follow @joomlavi · 80 followers' button. A purple callout box on the right points to this section with the text: "Follow bar and buttons, affected by follow parameters".

Other visible elements include a 'Remember Me' checkbox, a 'Log in' button, links for 'Forgot your password?', 'Forgot your username?', and 'Create an account', and a 'RANDOM IMAGE' section with a small image of a DJ.

Joomla! 1.7 View Site

The screenshot displays a Joomla! 1.7 frontpage layout. At the top, there are four user profile boxes labeled USER1, USER2, USER3, and USER4, each with a placeholder image and text. Below these is a 'JV TWITTER' section containing a Twitter profile for 'joomlavi.com' (@joomlavi) and a list of tweets. The profile information includes location (Vietnam), bio, website, and statistics (36 Tweets, 261 Following, 80 Followers, 2 Listed). A specific tweet is highlighted with a red border, showing the text 'JV Translate - Joomla! Extensions Directory t.co/pR6UhvY via @Joomla #JED' and a 'Follow' button. To the right of the tweets is an 'ACCORDION MENU' with sections for 'WELCOME', 'FRUIT ENCYCLOPEDIA', 'GROWERS', 'CONTACT US', 'LOGIN', 'DIRECTIONS', and 'RECIPES'. Below the menu is a 'NEWS FLASH: LATEST' section with the text 'Example Pages and Menu Links'. Three callout boxes with arrows point to specific elements: a green box points to the profile information, a red box points to a tweet, and a purple box points to the follow button.

Twitter Profile, affected by profile parameters

Tweets, affected by the tweet parameters

Follow bar and button, affected by follow parameters.

This is the end of the JV Twitter- Extension for Joomla! User Guide

I hope it'd be useful for those who took an interest in this Extension but had trouble figuring out how it works.

Good luck tinkering!