

Definitive version of the News module - Modules

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You can download the package here :

- [News 1.3](#)

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Don't forget to refer to the file named UPGRADE.txt in the module's archive.

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Note for installing

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2. Run the updater (see above)
3. Update the Module in the Moduleadmin
4. Set the Permissions to the Topics

Important point

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What's really new ?

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 - Bar Style
 - Beveled
 - Classic
 - Folders
 - MacOs
 - Plain
 - Rounded
 - ZDnet style
- > Some bugs where corrected in the top news and recent news blocks.
 - Now, if you have set the option "Restrict Topics on Index Page?" to Yes and if a tab does not contains anything visible for a user then the tab is not visible (it includes the spotlight).
- > The module uses GIJOE's ticket class.
- > A bug has been corrected for the htmlarea editor

Known bugs

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Screenshots

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