

Using templates pages in modules - Tutorials

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- cooking,
- some books,
- some movies,
- ...

I would show you how to use a template to generate your pages :

Advantages:

- Same template for all pages
- Homogeneous and more clear presentation
- Using of pre-defined pages

Creating a Template (gabarits) in 6 steps:

- 1 - TinyMCE editor activation for modules**
- 2 - Add the template button**
- 3 - Create template files**
- 4 - Create a definition file for templates**
- 5 - upload files on server**
- 6 - Use**

1 - TinyMCE editor activation for modules (See this editor in demo [here](#))

Administration / Preferences / systeme Module Settings / Editor Settings / Editor for all modules:
: tinymce

(or choose TinyMCE for default editor for the module that you will use, in module preferences)

2 - Add the template button

Modify the file /class/xoopseditor/tinymce/settings.php:

Line 70, change

```
"paste,fullscreen,visualchars,nonbreaking,inlinepopups",  
by
```

```
"paste,fullscreen,visualchars,nonbreaking,inlinepopups,template",
```

then line 85

```
"theme_advanced_buttons4" =>  
"xoopsimagemanager,xoopsemotions,xoopsquote,xoopscode,xoopsmlcontent",  
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```

(Here it is for indicate that templates are in the directory /uploads/gabarits and definition's file of the template is liste-gabarits.js

3 - Create template files

Theses files must be in html format, but without , or
Here, we create 2 html files:

- fiche-cooking.html,
- fiche-book.html.

Please, make a clean html file, with fixed positions...

For example, for the template 'cooking' :

Title of the cooking :

Ingredients :

Difficulty to make :

...

4 - Create the definition's file of the template

Here, create the file liste-gabarits.js :

```
// JavaScript Document
```

```
var tinyMCETemplateList = [  
  

```

```
// Nom, URL, Description
```

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```
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5 - upload files on server

On /uploads/gabarits, uploads files :

- liste-gabarits.js
- fiche-cooking.html,
- fiche-book.html.
- index.html (same as in another directory)

6 - Use

Go to module (news for example), then click on the "template" icon then, in the opening window, select the template that you want to use (fiche-cooking for create a page for "Apple cake", for example)

Thats' all !

It is nice ?

Let me know what you think. I will appreciate your comments !

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PS 2 : it would be nice to have this option available by default in the next XOOPS version, wouldn't it?

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