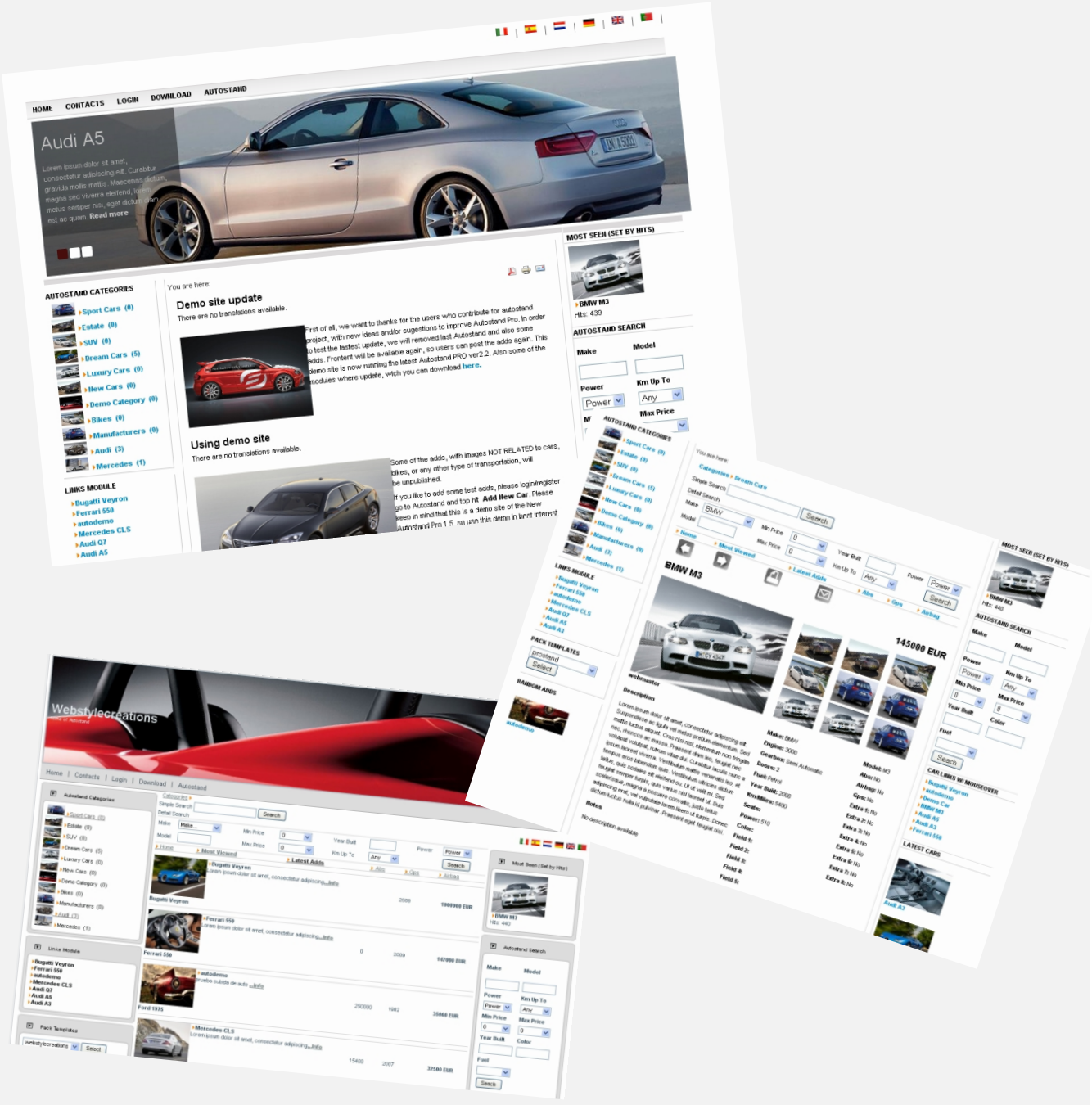
AUTOSTAND PRO 1.5

VER. 2.2

Simple instructions Manual to use Autostand Pro 1.5



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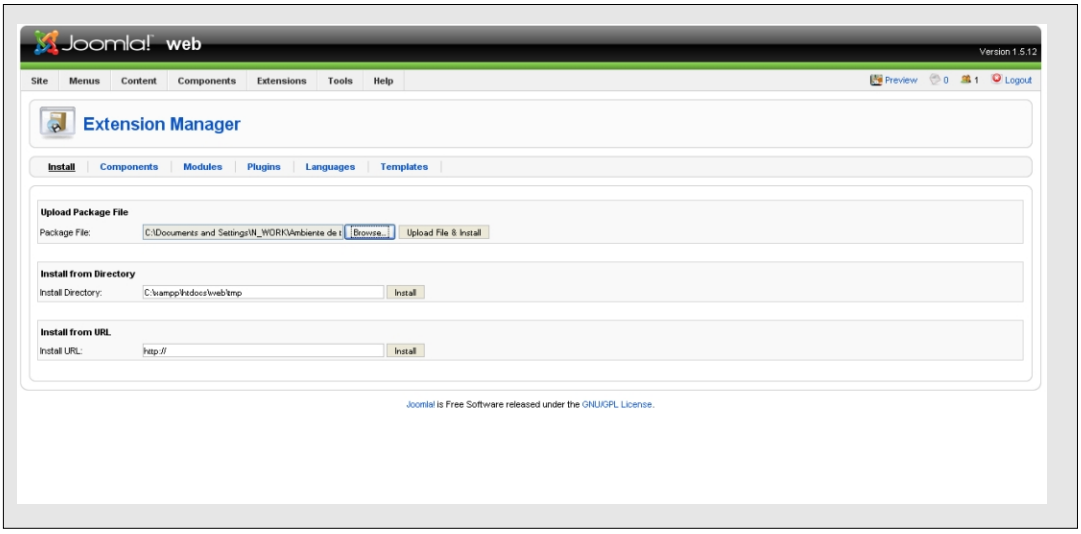
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1- Instalation

After you unzip the downloaded file, you'll find the component, modules and other files in their folders. Autostand (component and modules) are installed like any other extension. **Extensions->Install/Uninstall.**

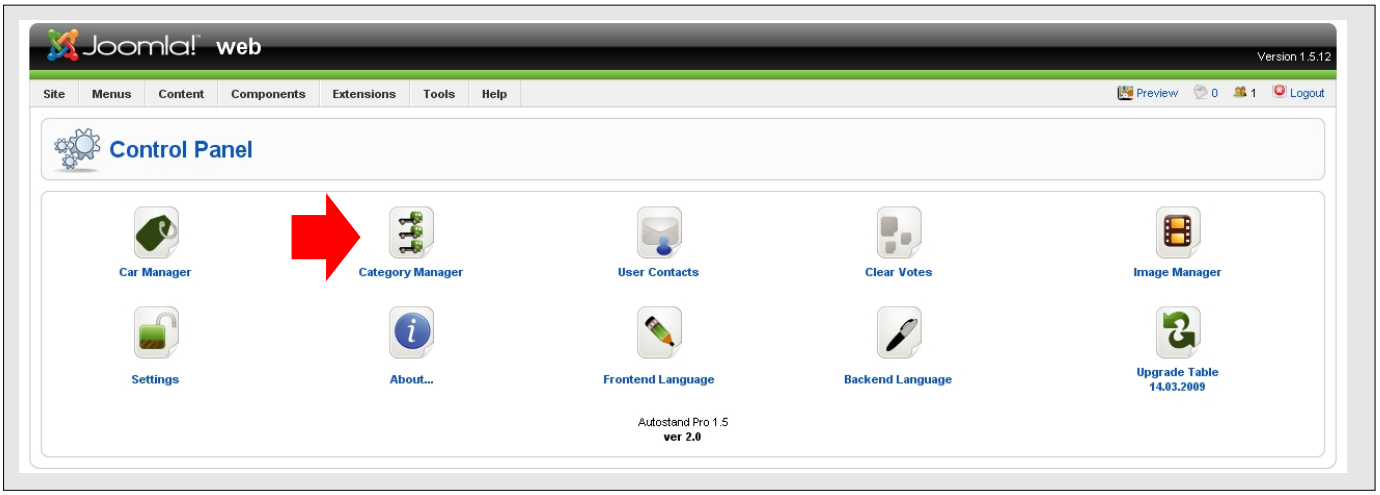
Autostand when installed, will also create the images folder, under Images joomla Folder.
YOUR_ROOT_PATH/images/**autostand/images**
YOUR_ROOT_PATH/images/**autostand/thumbs**

By default, Autostand will use this folders to store the car images, and category images.



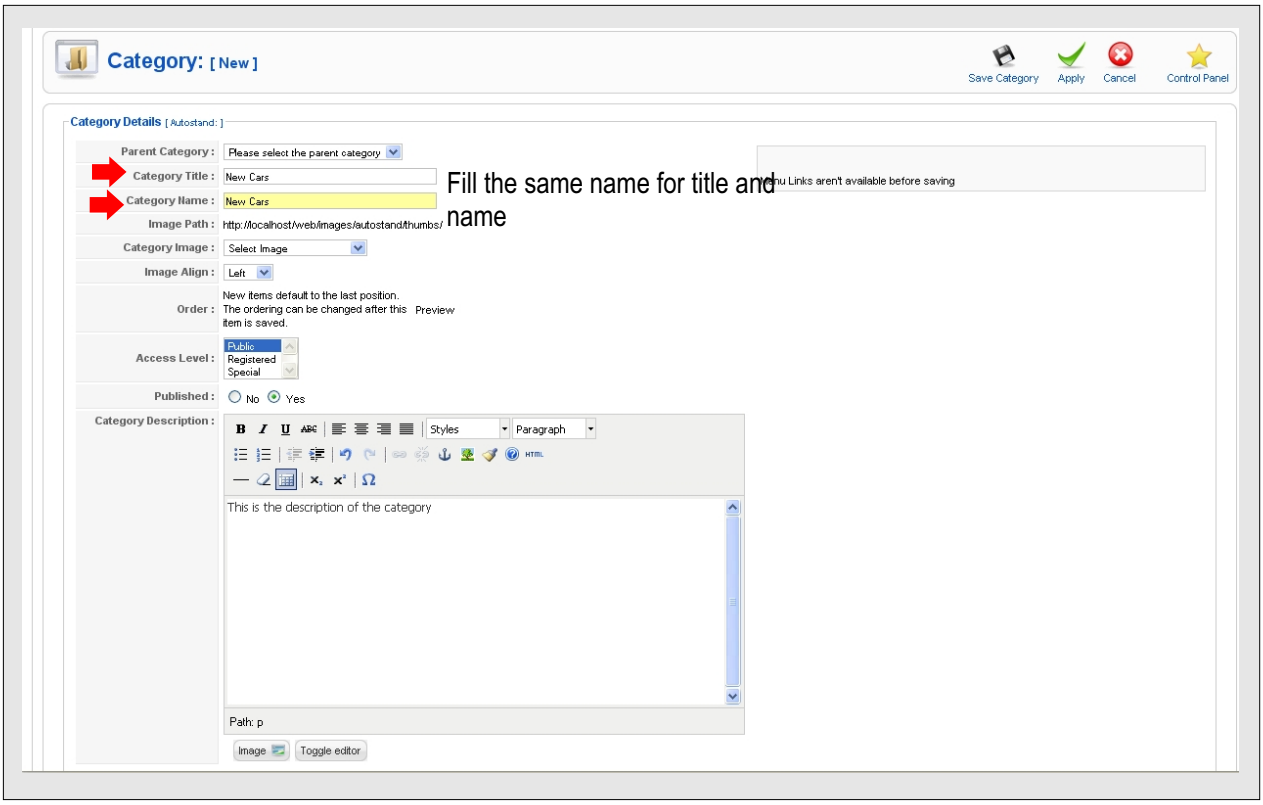
2-Categories

First, or one of the first, things to do in Autostand should be create your categories. Usually this categories are the car types (Ex: SUVs, New Cars, Trucks..) or in some cases you can use the car makes (Ex: Audi, Mercedes, Chevrolet...).



In case you want to remove any category, this is only possible if the category is empty!! Removing categories wont remove the cars in it.

Since we have not yet images, for the cars or categories, will just fill the name we want for the categories, as image shows. For the example we created **"New Cars"** category



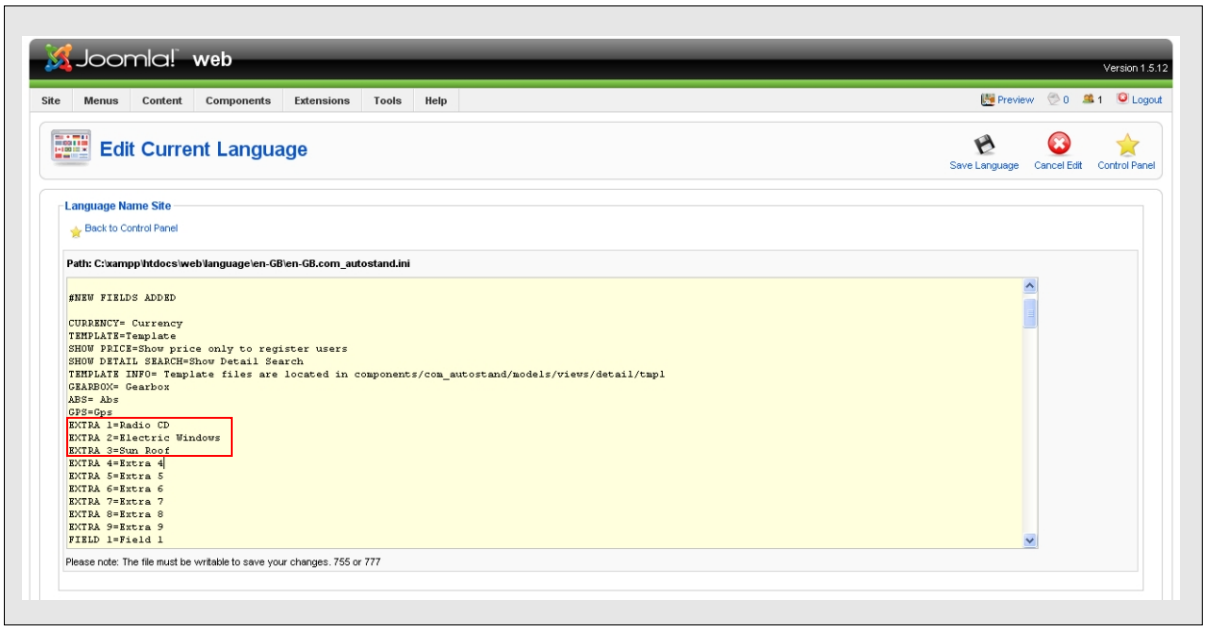
Fill the same name for title and name

How to add images to the categoies will be set further in chapter - **Images**

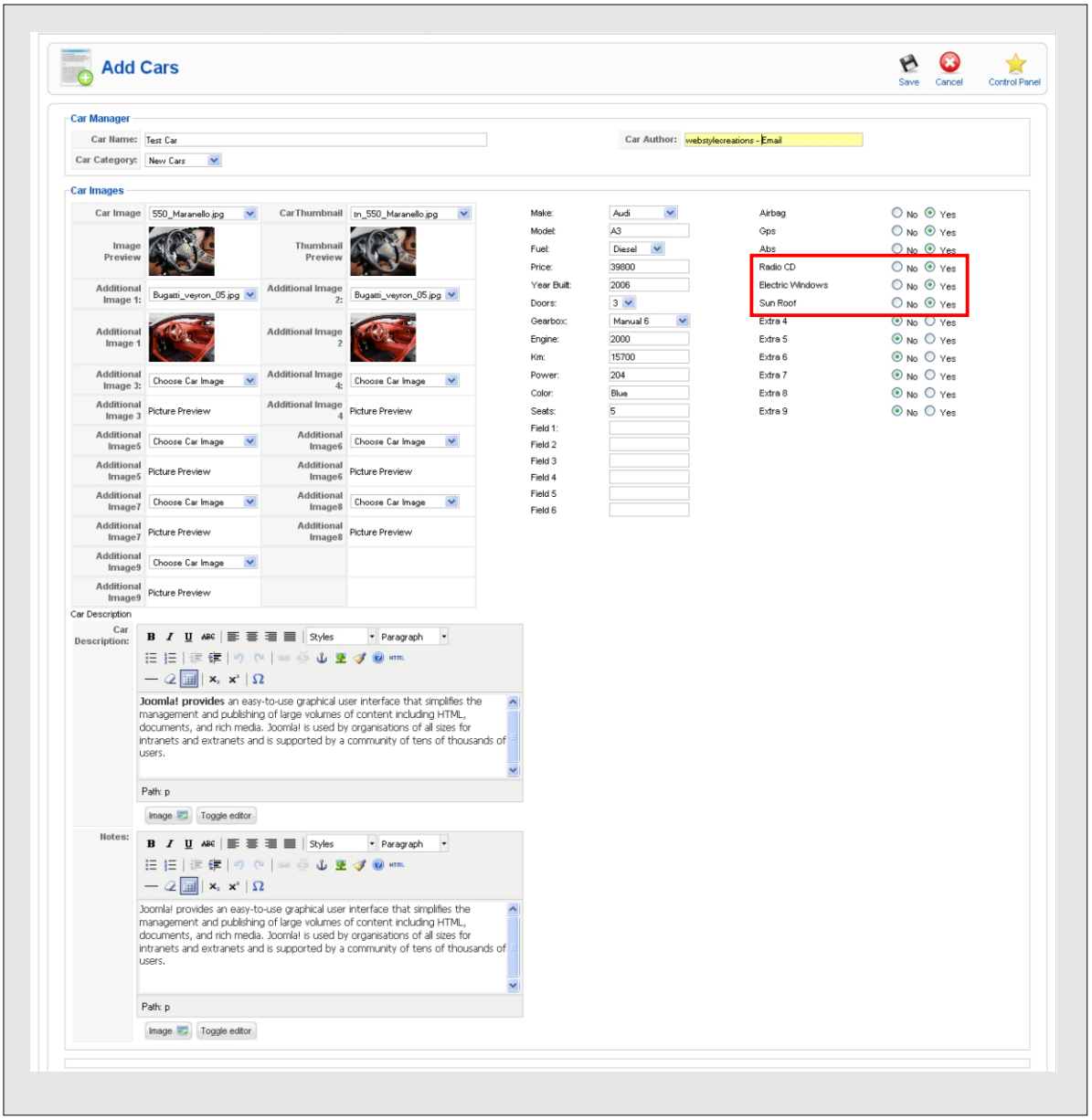
3- Language

Autostand allows you to define wich names, extras and options you'll use. When created autostand uses names like ext1, ext2, field2, etc so that you can use them as you like.

In control panel of autostand, go to Frontend Language, and you'll see an image as showed below. What you need to do is replace the name **AFTER the =**
As an example we replaced Extra1, 2 and 3 by Radio CD, Electric Windows and Sunroof respectively.



NOTE: The .ini file must be writable to save your changes. 755 or 777
Also don't forget to edit also the BACKEND LANGUAGE file, so the names used can also be the same, otherwise you'll get Extra 1 in backend, and Radio CD in the front...

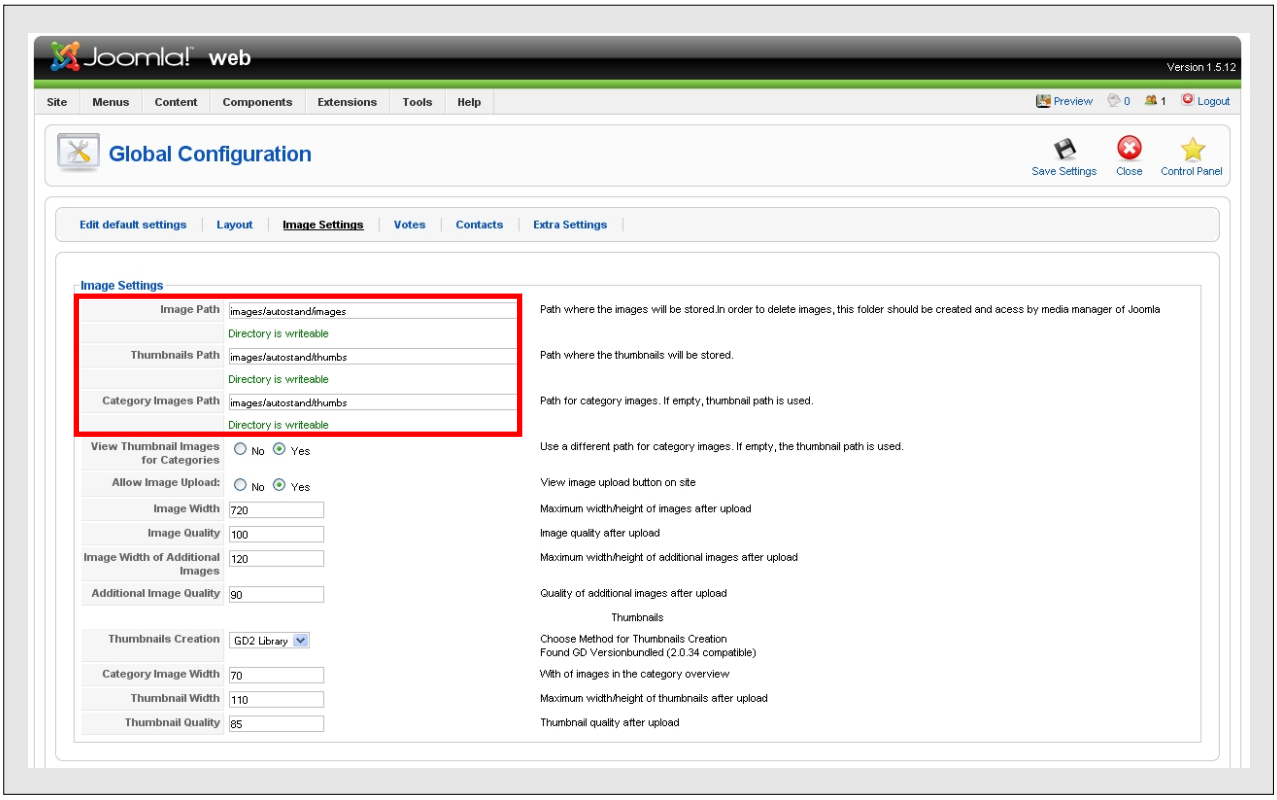


Some names are already set, like Engine, Year, Km...because this names all the cars have.
But even this you can change in the language file. Replacing Engine by Cilinders Number, year by Year Built but again don't forget to edit in back and frontend language and IN OTHER LANGUAGE FILES you possible have.

Autostand will load the .ini file acoording to you Joomla configuration. So if your Joomla is in Italian, the file that will show to edit will be the it-IT.com_autostand.ini, if you have Joomla in English, then wil load en-GB.com_autostand.ini .

4 -Image Managment

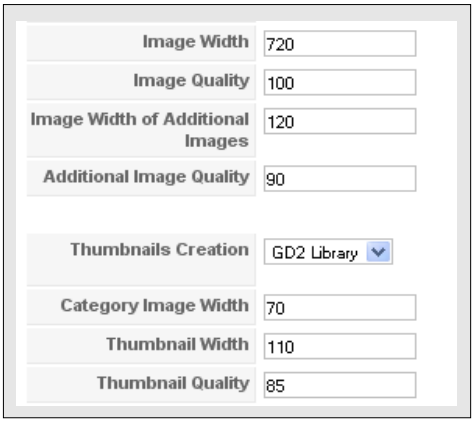
In order to be possible to delete images, we include Media Manager function of Joomla, but in order to work properly, images must be under images root folder.
So when autostand was created, the path is already set.
You can use other folders, but we recomend that they will be in images folder.



Category images path is usually the same as thumbs, but again you can change it. In case you use diferent folders, don't forget to set the permissons correctly. (755, or 777)

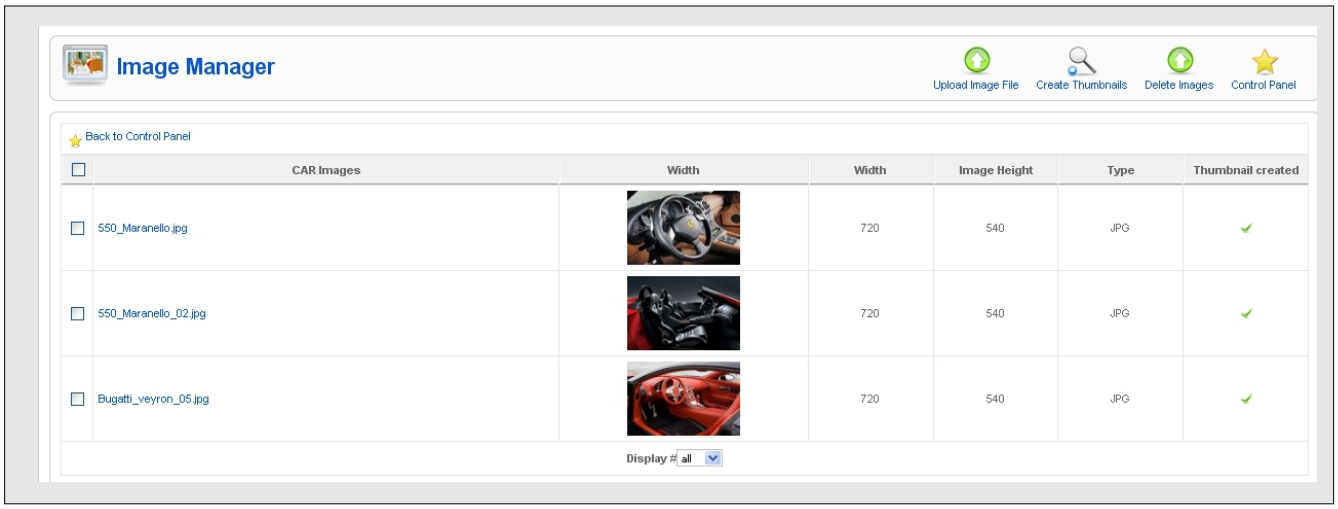
4.1 - Add Images

We recomend to use the regular Autostand image upload, so it can create the thumbs in the size you set in settings. Before you upload any image, check the settings. In case you don't want to use the size set by default, now it's time to change it.



As you can see the height will be set proportional to the width you fill.
NOTE: In the category module, you can set the size to the images independent from this settings here.

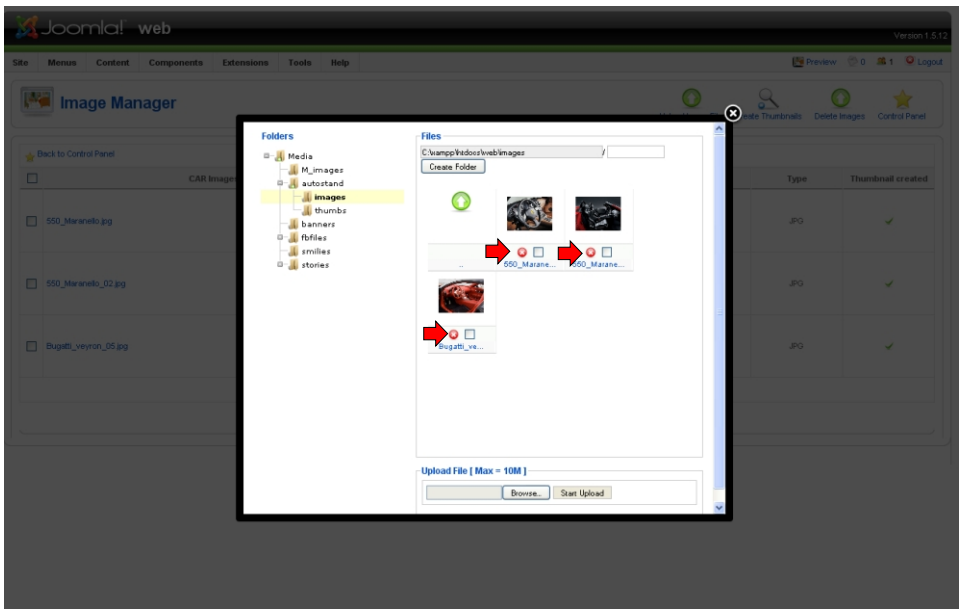
After you confirm your images settings, and upload some images, this should be the result you'll get:



Since the images of the cars must be UPLOADED BEFORE you ad the cars, you can use FTP to upload the images to the folders. If you use ftp, don't forget to also upload the thumbs with the same size you set in the settings, otherwise autostand can't "remake" the thumbs.
Again we sugest upload by Autostand, althougt FTP can be a lot faster...

4.2- Remove images

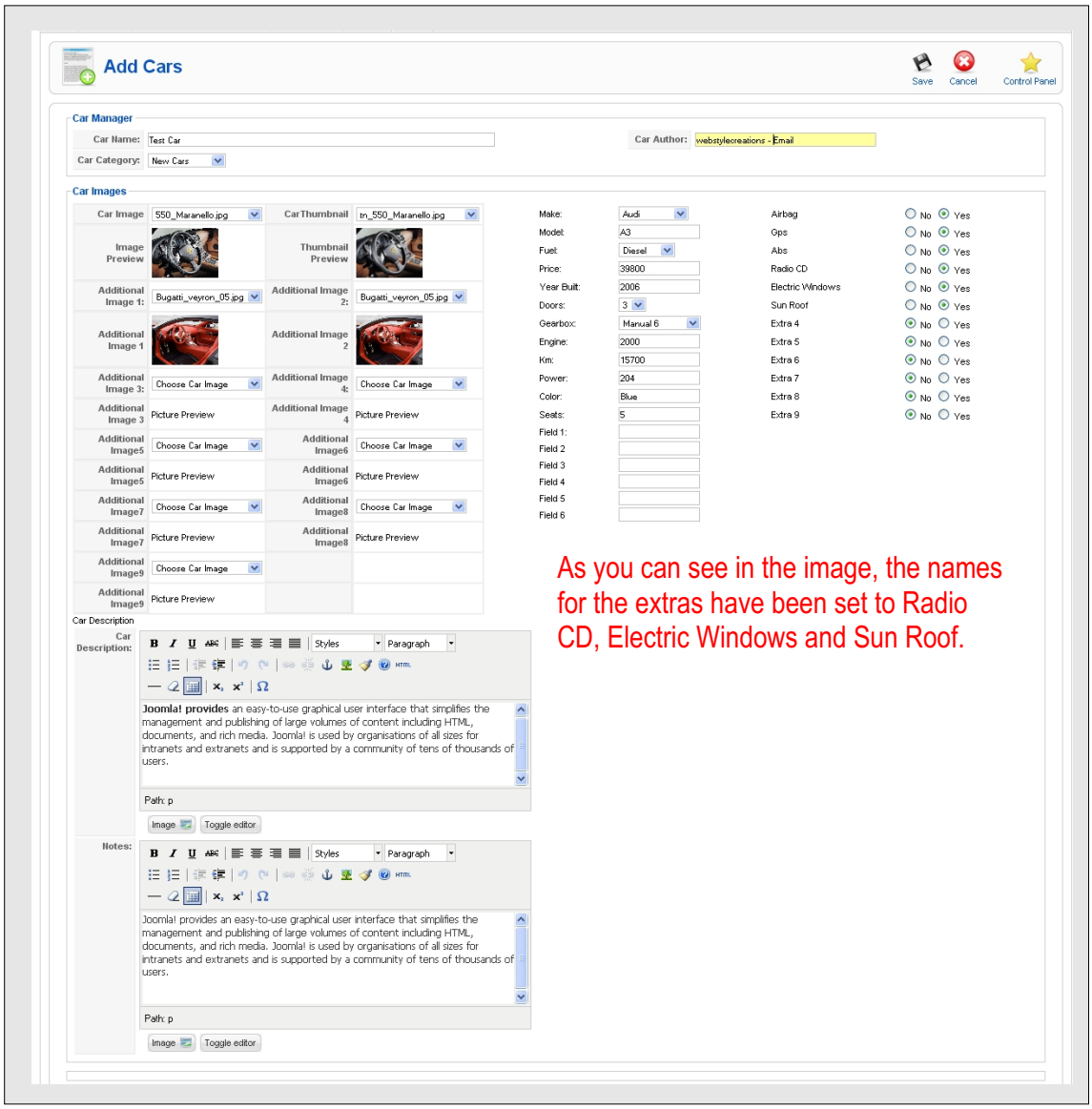
As notice before, Autostand will request Joomla media manage function to delete images, so the work with it is like working with media manager.
In case you delete the images, don't forget to delete thumbs also.



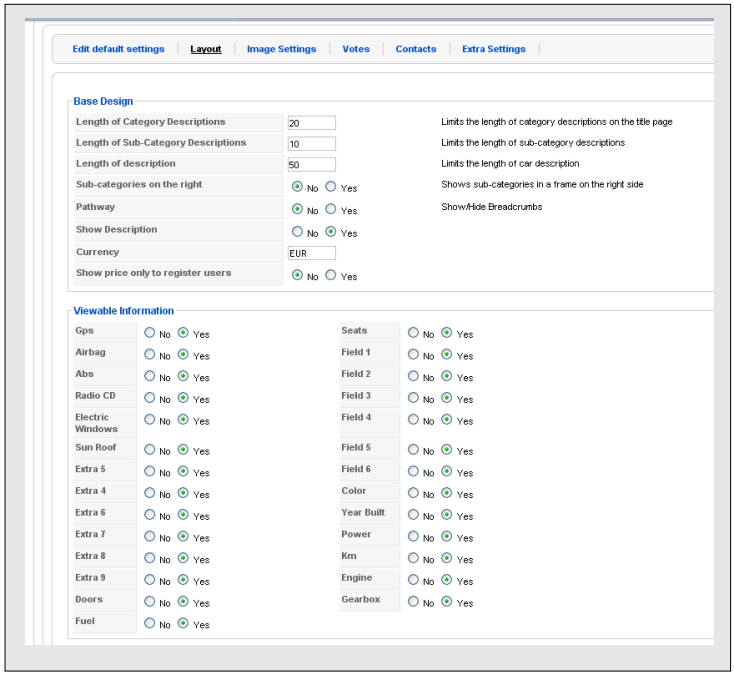
To remove the images, just go to your Autostand images and thumbs folder, and hit the red cross below the image you want to delete.
After this back to Images page and refresh page or hit F5.

5- Car Managment

Now that we have our categorys created, upload some images, set the language file, adding cars is easy. All you need to do is follow the form.

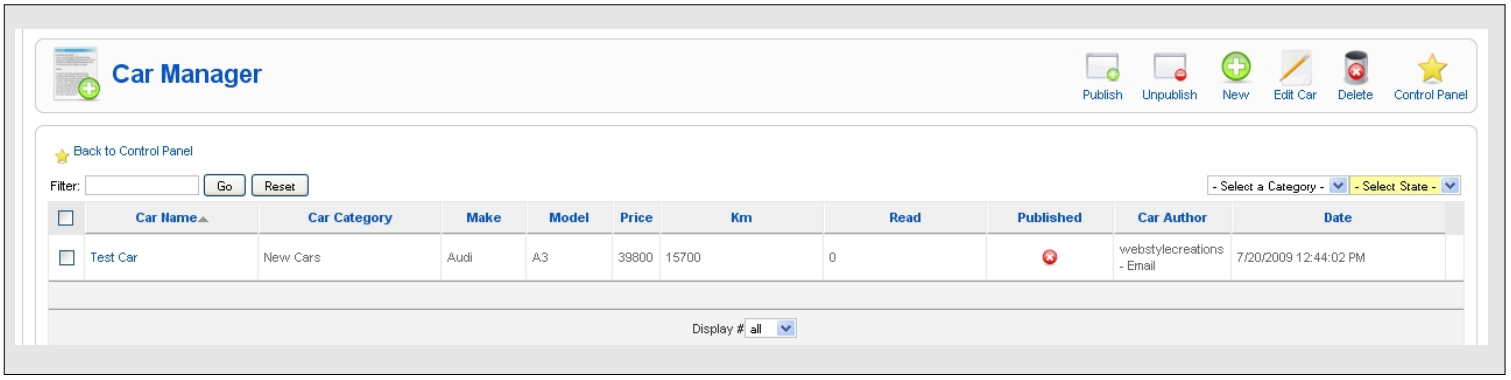


In case you don't want to use all the fields and extras, you can select wich ones will show in the front page.

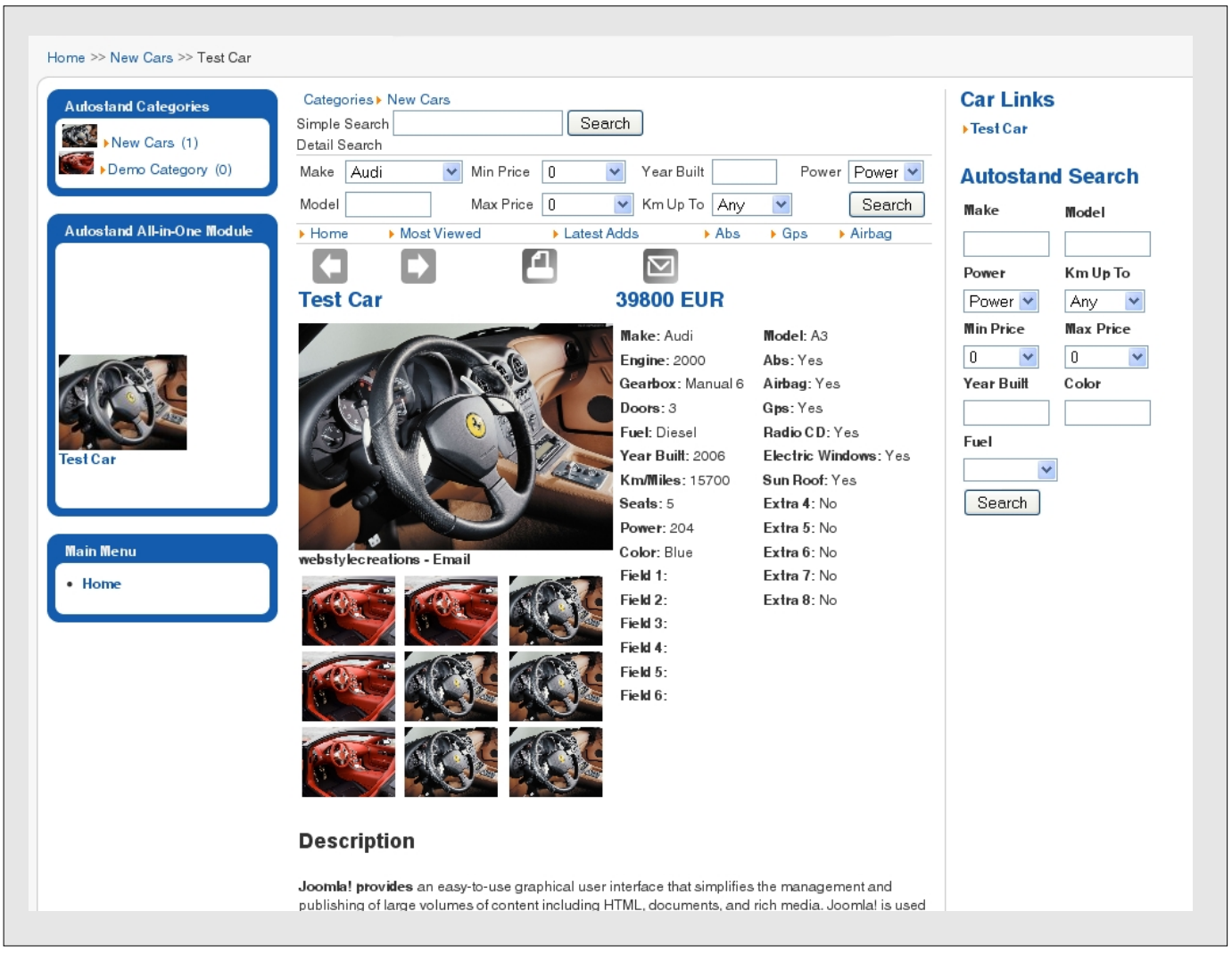


Autostand Control Panel ->Settings-->Layout

By default all cars added will be unpublished. So don't forget to published them after you add it



After you add the cars, publish it, and create some buton in a menu, to see the component working, this will be the result.
NOTE: In this example we have installed some modules include in the pack, and use autostand default settings, so if you don't change anything in the settings, you should see a page like the image below. (Using Joomla default template)

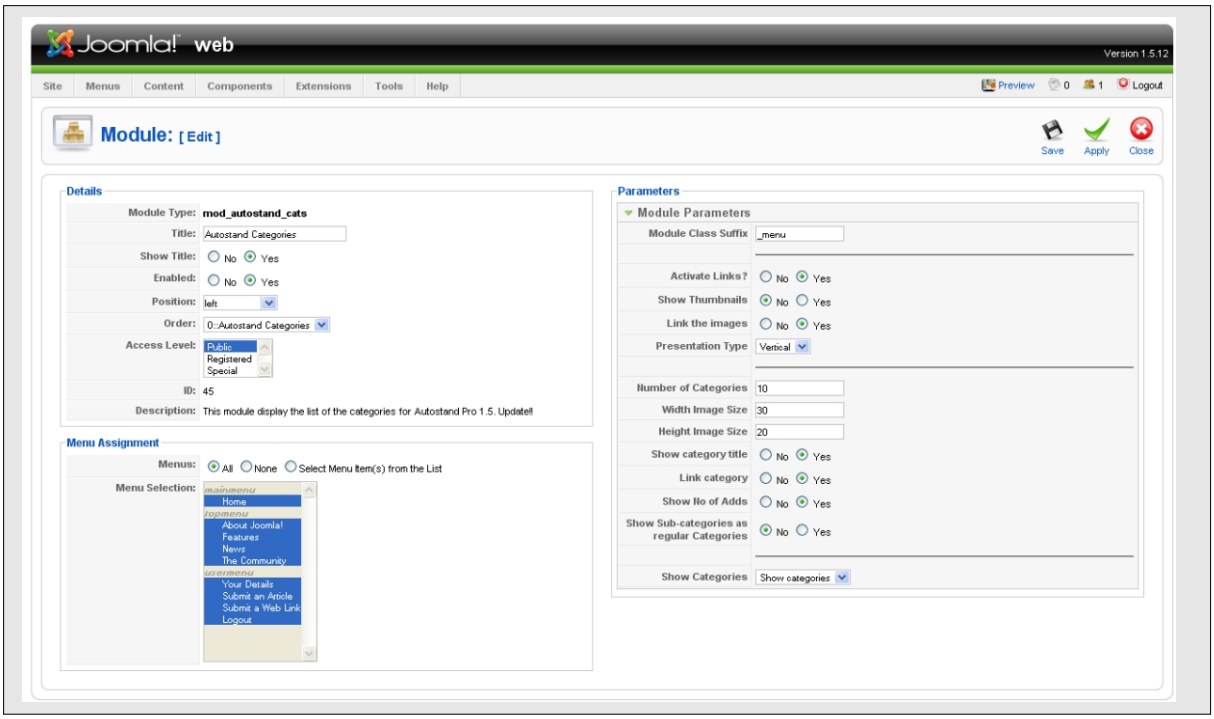


6- Modules and Settings

All the modules used in the demo site at **www.autostand.net** are included in the pack. In order to work, autostand doesn't need to have all the modules. You simple install the ones you want, or use just one or two modules.
As an example, we'll refer to Categories, Adds and All-in-one module. Search module as no configuration, just publish it.

6.1- Category Module

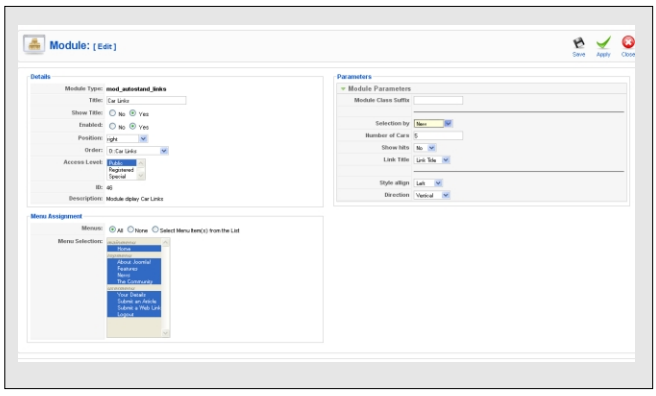
This module is very simple to use, and as few settings that you can change. Install as regular extension. After install open the module and check the params you can change.



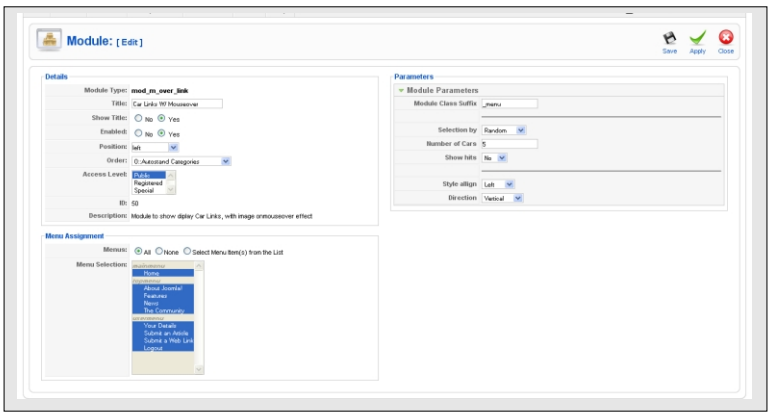
By default the module does not show the images, but in case you want to use images, you also need to activate the option in the settings to show image category.
The width and height list will only affect the images in the module. Wont change the category image size in the frontend of Autostand.

6.2- Links Module/ With mouseOver

Another 2 simple module to use. This module shows only the car links. Usefull if you have less free space in your template, but want to list some more cars.



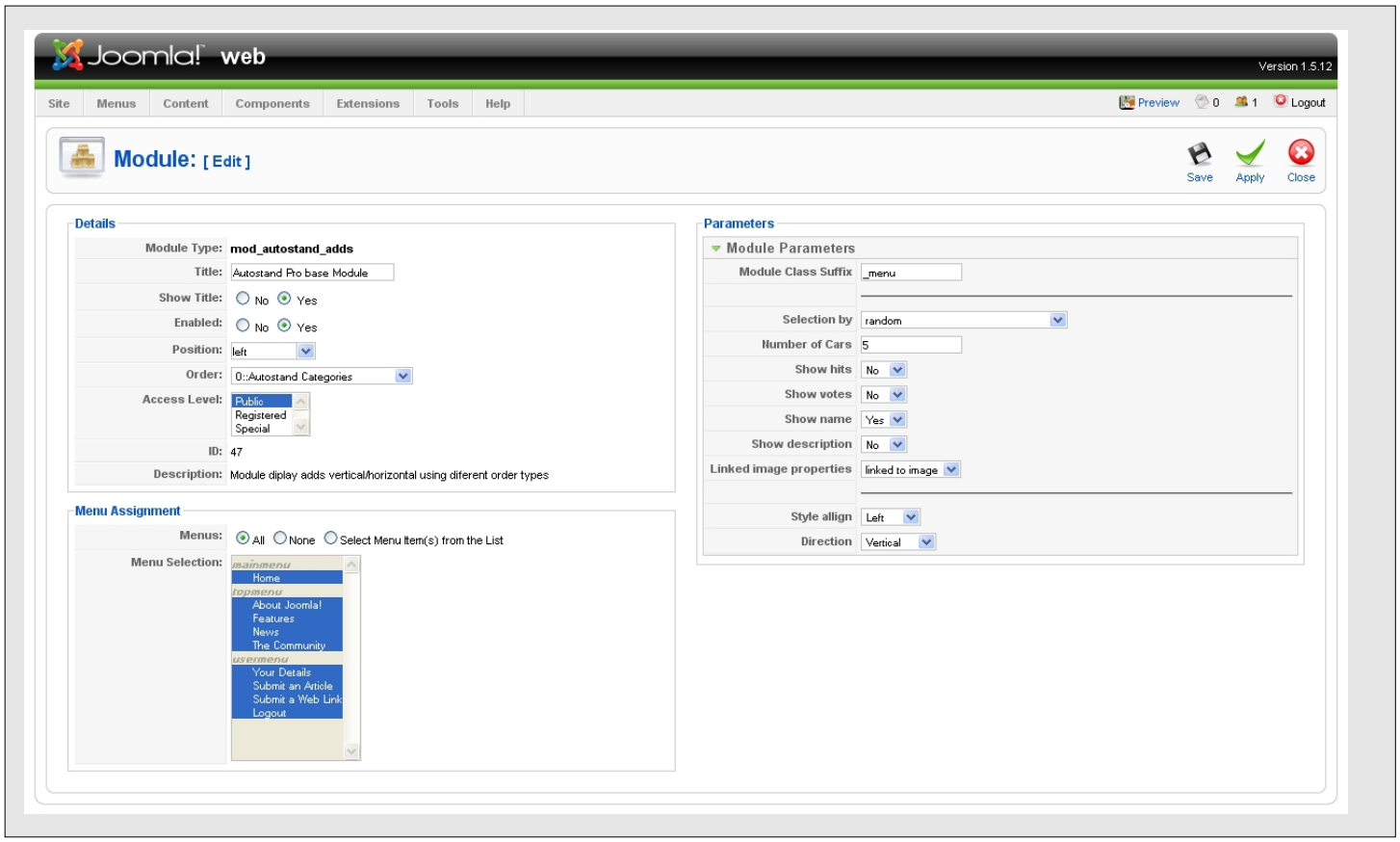
Simple Link Module



Links with MouseOver image

6.3- Autostand Base Module

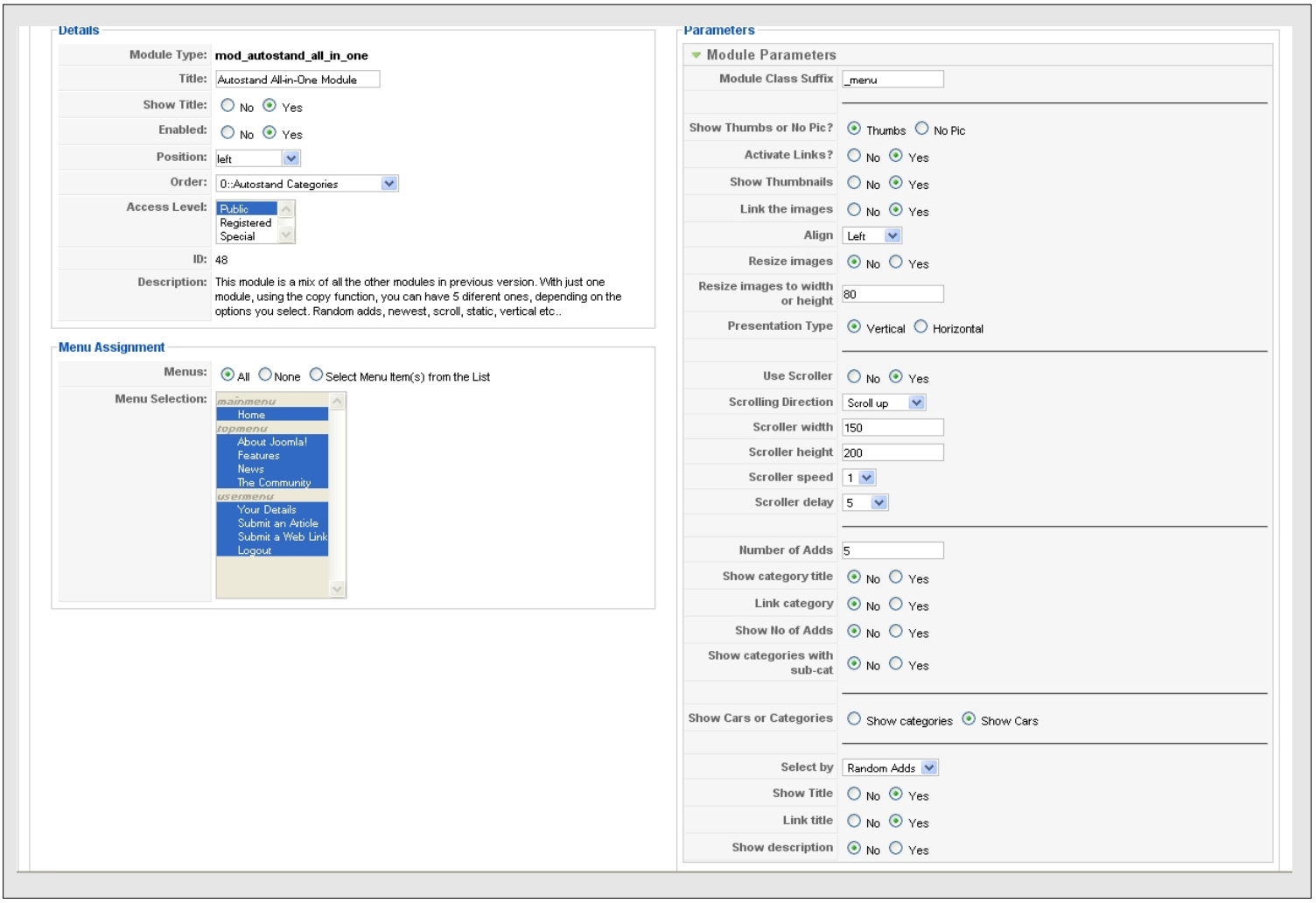
This module shows the car image, selection by random, new or by hits. As a tip, you can copy this module, and set wich one woth diferent settings. Link only the title, the image, show the hits...Using this module and copy function of Joomla you can have diferent modules, in other positions, but this wil always depend on the layout/template you want for your site.



Version 2.0 of this module will have the option to select the category and/or id of the cars. Very usefull if you plan to have “Car of The Month” or for example a special category with the “Best Deals”

6.4 - All-In-One Module

This is the module that show the scroll. We refer this because, many users requested the “Scroller Module”, or that they couldn’t find the scrollers module in the pack.
When we released this module, the idea was to have only one module, and using the copy function, you could have 5 modules, using only diferent settings for each one.

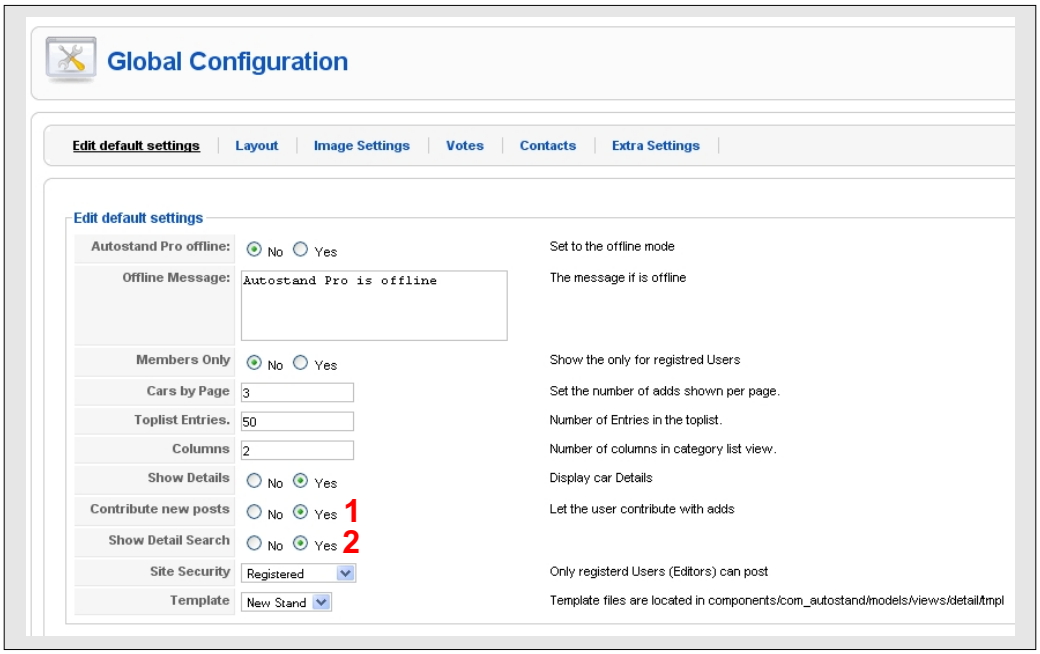


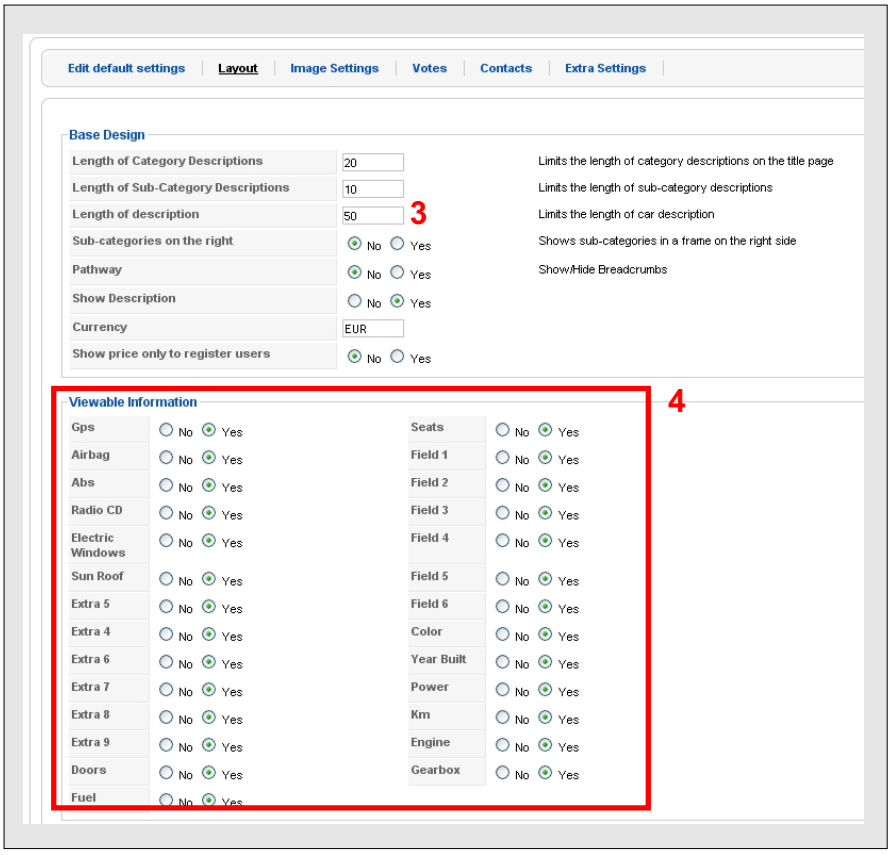
Since this was a little confusing for some beginers, we split the module in all the modules in the pack, but the name and options of this module are still the same.
The image shows the settings, used by default in the module. If you just publish the module, it will scroll the adds up, limit to 5 adds.

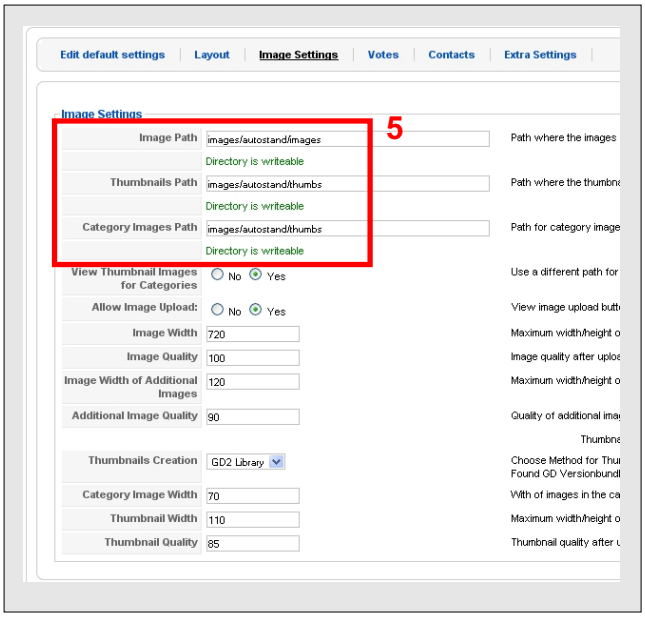
If you plan to use this module just to scroll the adds, don’t change anything else in the module! Just select the module position, the display (horizontal or vertical), and number of Adds.

7 - Settings And Control Panel

Autostand Pro as been improving, with more functions, new options, others just some bug correction.
The image showed as now the option to select the template to use, FOR THE CAR DETAILS. Don't confuse with Joomla templates.
All the options show what they do, in case some options, or "how to do this and that" we'll explain the ones that most users request:







1 -Allow users to Post the cars by frontend. - Yes or No
2 -Hides the Detail Search in frontend. Simple search will also be possible to show or not
3 - How many caracters show for the car description.
4 - Select wich items will show in the frontend
5- Path to the images. We sugest that you use any folder in images root folder (chmod- 777)

8 -Tips and Sugestions

Autostand can be used for many vehicle types. Or focus are cars, but changing the names used in the language file, and the makes list you can create a site for example bikes, Industrial machines, boats... The file used for makes is in administrator/components/com_autostand/helpers/**asp.make.php**
Autostand will load the makes listed in the file. In case you want to add a few more, remember to place them in alpabetic order.

Use more then one image by car. User like to see the images, the car details comes after....

Choose the images.Properly. Sometimes what makes the user see the add is the image you select.

You can create a special category for “Promotions” or “Best Deals” and useing the banners module you can link the adds to the cars

Don’t use more then 5 images in the Base module, because it will show a big list, and you force your site way down.

Select the most important modules to show first

Using the link option of the editor, you can link a word, an image to for example a contact, or data sheet of a car. For example in description you have “...click **here** for more details” and link the **Here** to **index.php?option=com_contact&view=contact&id=1&Itemid=55** so when users hit the link, it’s the same as a regular contact form.

In the frontpage you can also create some articles and link them to a cars in Autostand.
index.php?option=com_autostand&func=detail&id=1

When you show your demo site to your client, add at least 5 or 6 adds. Empty demos don’t show the real idea of what the site can be.

Remenber that this are sugestions, and if you have other idea share them in our forum, or send them by email.
Check your demo site at **www.autostand.net** to see some of the sugestions listed

Thank you

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