EasyDNNrotator 4.7



[User's guide]

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EasyDNNrotator is a new DotNetNuke module that rotates content such as images, video and HTML. Besides easy content management and attractive themes, it provides great options to customize your slider to match your website's design. This module can display articles from the EasyDNNnews module.

We especially emphasize Chameleon slider, very flexible and unique ¡Query slider that we have developed specifically for this module. By setting and studying its options, you can create unique layouts that will perfectly fit your websites and attract the attention of your visitors. With no programming skills required, adjusting the slider has never been easier as now with the EasyDNNrotator module.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. About EasyDNNrotator module

EasyDNNrotator is DotNetNuke module that rotates content such as images, video and HTML. Besides easy content management, it provides great options to customize the slider to your web site. We especially emphasize jQuery **Chameleon slider** that we have independently developed and which enables stacking different views. With no programming skills required, adjusting the slider has never been easier as now with EasyDNNrotator module.

1.2. Related products

EasyDNNrotator can automatically download content from articles published within **EasyDNNnews modules**. By using these two modules, your news related website will get a brand new dimension.

1.3. Licences

Standard version

Includes the license to use the module on a single domain and all sub-domains. It is allowed to activate the module on the development and production portals.

Professional version

Includes the license to use the module on multiple portals within one DNN installation.

Enterprise version

Includes license to use the module on any number of DNN installations and portals. The right to free upgrades within 1 year from the date of purchase.

Enterprise version is especially suited for web design companies because the module can be used for all projects you are working on.

1.4. Customer Support

All questions related to the module usage, error reports and help requests can be send to us via:

- 1) e-mail address support@easyDNNsolutions.com
- 2) via web form on our web page www.easyDNNsolutions.com
- 3) of via support ticket created at Snowcovered.com

We prefer 1 and 2.

In order for us to give you the best possible assistance in the shortest period of time, we recommend you to provide us with detailed information. Please refer to the following recommendations for the information that you can send to us:

- describe the problem that you are encountering
- state the version of our module that you are using
- let us know the version of the module that you are using; trial version or production version
- let us know which version of DotNetNuke you are using
- send us the link of the website on which you are encountering the problem

All of the above recommended information is not mandatory. Please send us the information that you can provide to us. We will be glad to assist you with any question that you may have and help you with the module use.

2. MODULE INSTALLATION

2.1. Minimum Technical Requirements

In order to install the module, your DotNetNuke portal must meet the following requirements:

The DotNetNuke portal must be version 04.06.02 or higher.

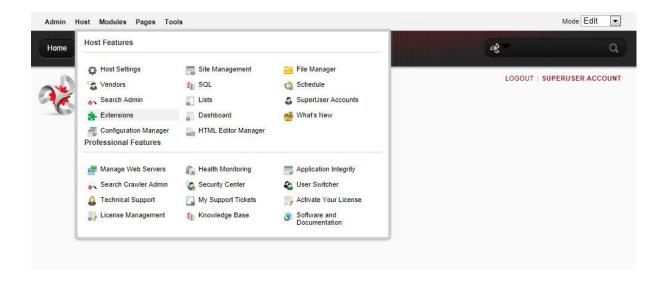
The DotNetNuke portal must be using Microsoft SQL 2005 or higher.

2.2. From the trial version to the production version

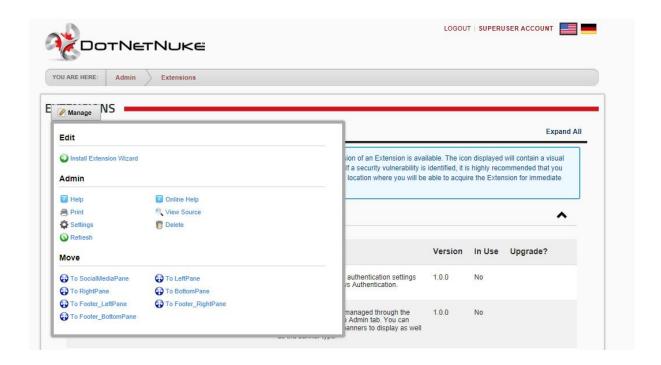
The trial version of the module cannot be activated. If you have installed the trial version of the module, it is possible to install the production version of the module over the trial version from the menu Host> Extensions. All data and settings will be preserved.

2.3. Installing EasyDNNrotor module in DotNetNuke 6.x

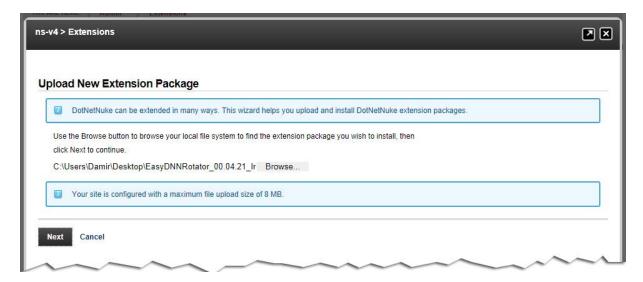
To install the module, login to DotNetNuke as a host. From the **Host** menu select **Extensions** button.



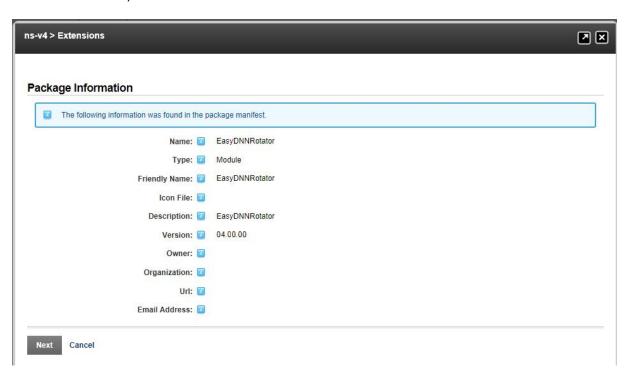
Click on the Manage button and choose the Install Extension Wizard button.



In the next window click the **Browse** button, locate the installation file on your computer hard disk drive and then click the **Next** button.



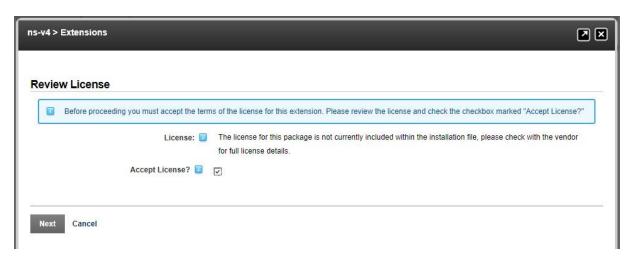
In the next window, click the **Next** button.



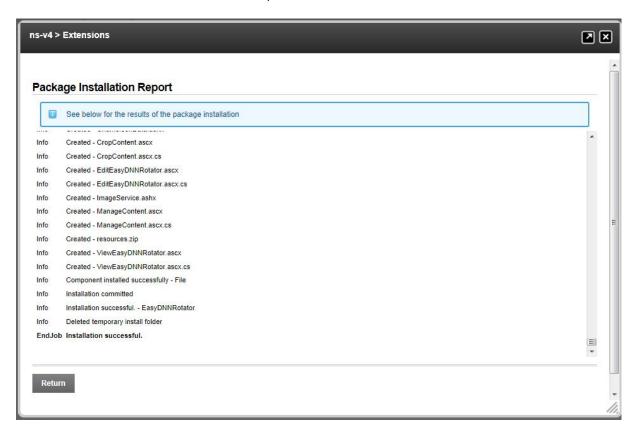
In the next window, click the **Next** button.



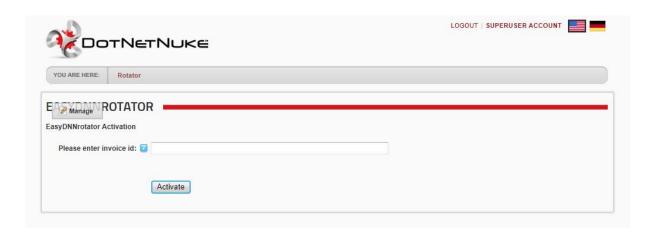
Confirm that you accept the license and click the **Next** button.



After successful installation of the module, click the **Return** button.



2.4. Module Activation

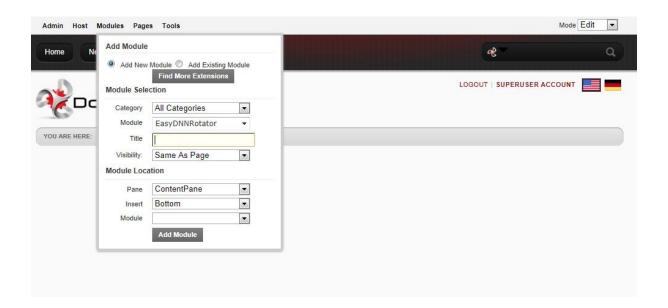


To activate gallery add a new instance of the module to a page and enter the Invoice ID that you received when you purchased EasyDNNgallery at SnowCovered.

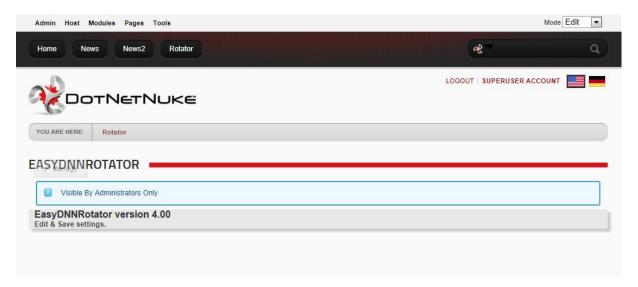
4. GETTING STARTED

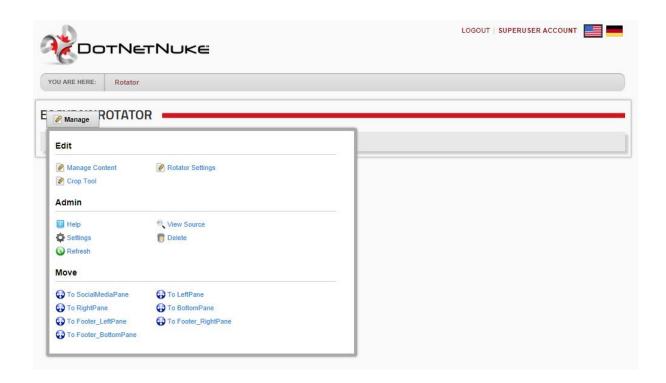
4.1. How to add a Module to a Page

Like all other modules, this module is added to a page from the Modules menu. It is necessary to mark the option **Add New Module**, choose **EasyDNNrotator** from the list of installed modules, and, if necessary, set other options and click the **Add module** button.



Then click the Manage button.





In the menu (Edit) you can find three action buttons:

Manage content - opens interface to add content (images, videos and HTML) that will be displayed

Rotator settings - opens interface to select the slider's appearance

Crop tool - opens interface to crop the image

To start using the module, first we have to add content to the module. For more information on how to add content to the module, read the next chapter.

5. ADDING CONTENT TO THE MODULE

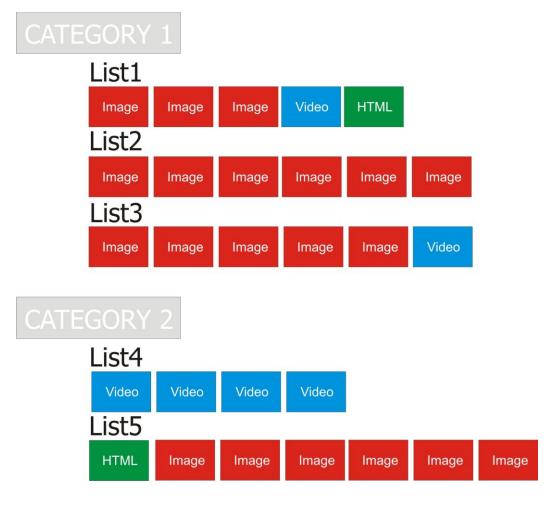
If you are already using our EasyDNNgallery module, adding content to EasyDNNrotator will not be a problem.

List

A List is a set of images to be displayed in the slider. The List can contain images, video and HTML content.

Category

The List is organized into categories for better orientation. Each category can contain an unlimited number of lists.

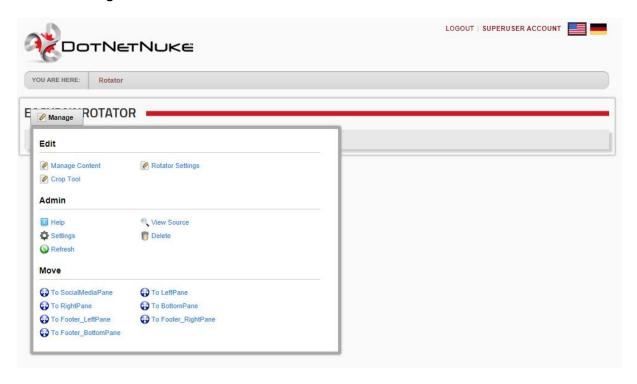


Lists and categories in EasyDNNrotator module

It is good to know

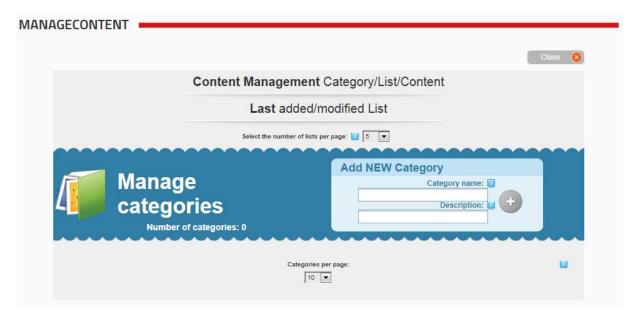
The content in EasyDNNrotator module is centralized. This means that the list once created can be used an unlimited number of times in different instances of the module and on an unlimited number of pages.

Click the Manage Content button.

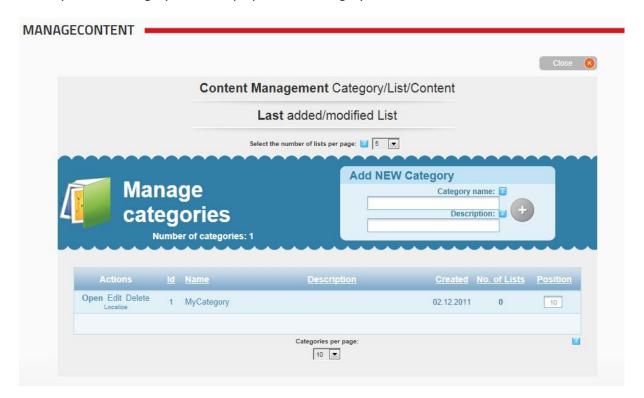


5.1. Creating categories and lists

When you first start working with the module, you need to create one category. Enter the name of the category in the **Category name** field (Description field is optional) and click the + button.

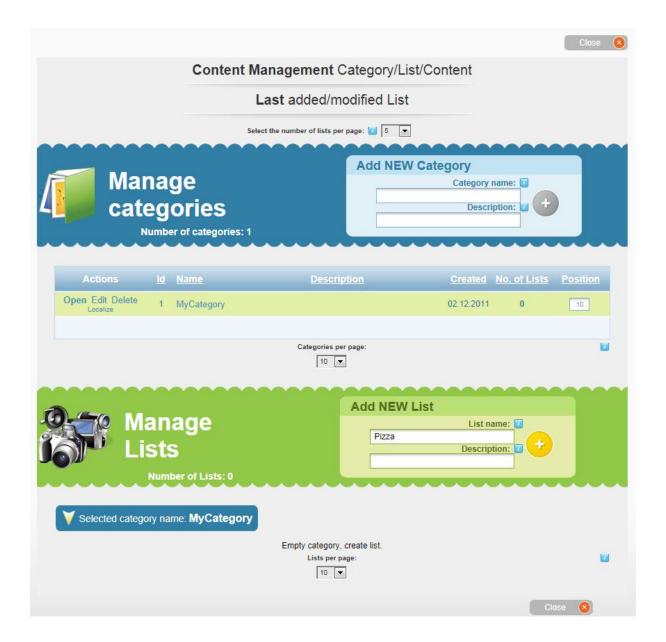


A newly created category will be displayed in the category list.

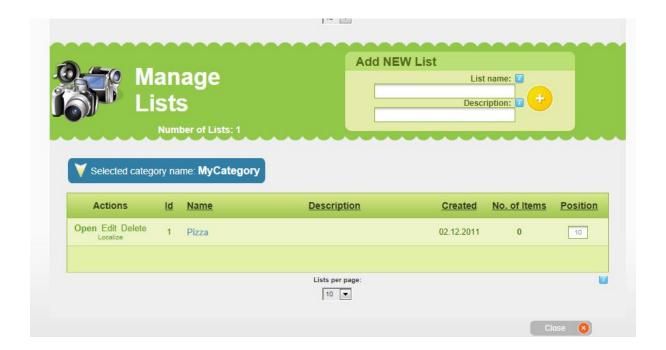


To open a category, click the **Open** button. The category content, i.e. all lists in this category will be displayed.

The Manage Lists panel is displayed. Currently there is no list, so you need to create the first list in order to add content that will be displayed in the slider. In the **List name** field, enter the name of the list (Description field is optional) and click the + button.



In our example, we named the list Pizza. This list is displayed in the Manage Lists panel. To add content to the list, click the **Open** button in front of the Pizza list.



The Add Media panel will be displayed with three tabs: images, video and HTML that you can click, depending on the type of content you want to add to the list.



5.2. Adding images

Images can be added in two ways. We can upload images from the computer one by one or a group of images at once.

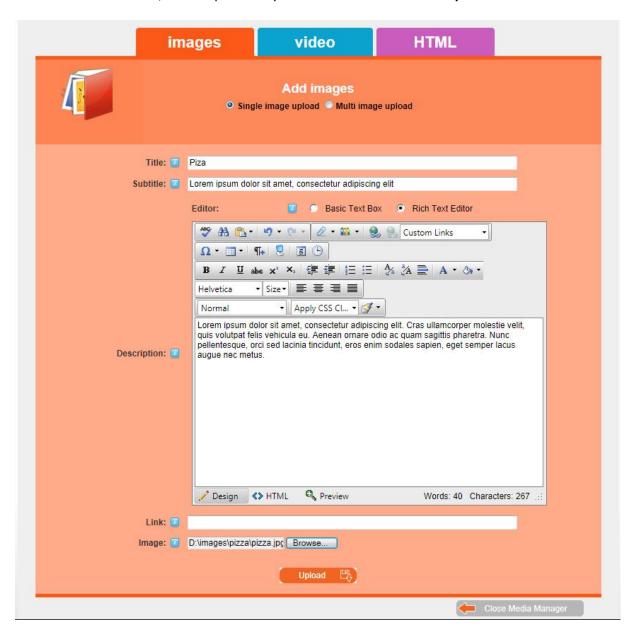
Choose one of these two methods, using the options:

Single image upload Multi image upload

5.2.1. Single image upload

If necessary, fill out the **Title, Subtitle & Description** fields. In the **Link** field we can enter a link to which the user will be redirected upon clicking the image in the slider.

Click the **Browse** button, select a photo on your hard drive and click the **Upload** button.

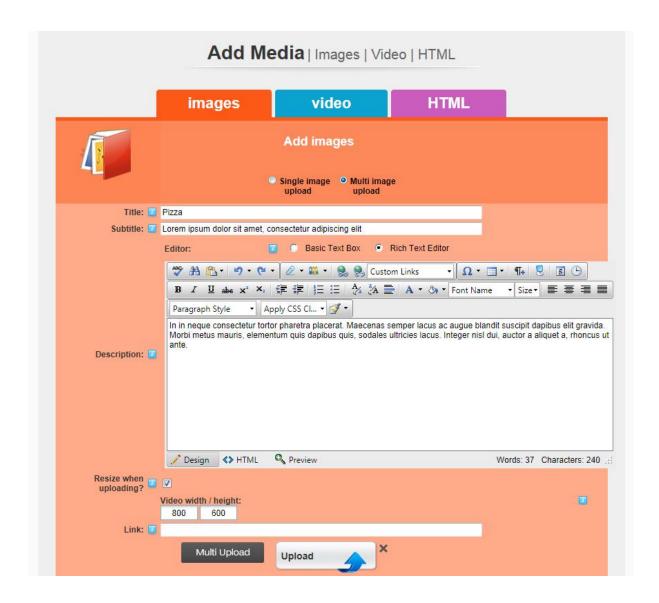


5.2.2. Multi image upload

If necessary, fill out the **Title, Subtitle & Description** fields. When uploading multiple images at once, all images have the same default Title, Subtitle, and Description, which can be changed later.

If you want to resize images during upload, it is necessary to turn on the option **Resize** when uploading and enter the maximum value for the width and height of the image.

In the **Link** field we can enter a link to which the user will be redirected upon clicking the image in the slider.



5.3. Adding a video

To add a video to the list, click the **Video tab** in the Add Media panel. You can add videos from your hard disk or embed videos hosted on popular video services like YouTube, Vimeo, and Metacaffe.

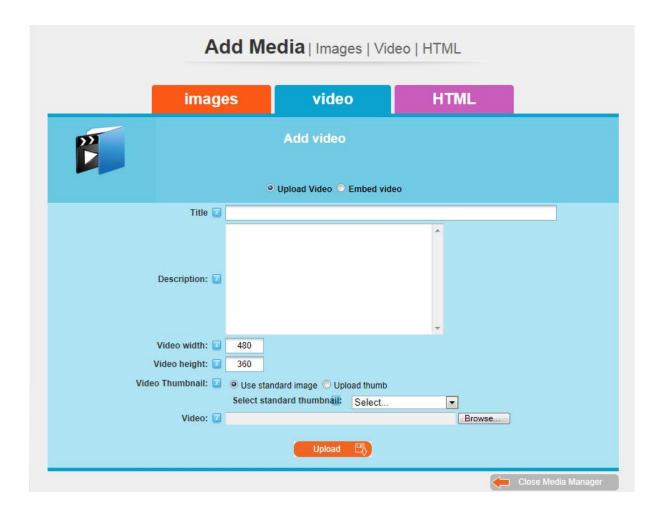
To add a video from your hard disk, you must select **Upload Video**.

The supported video formats are: FLV, MOV and MP4. encoded in the H.264 format and AAC audio.).



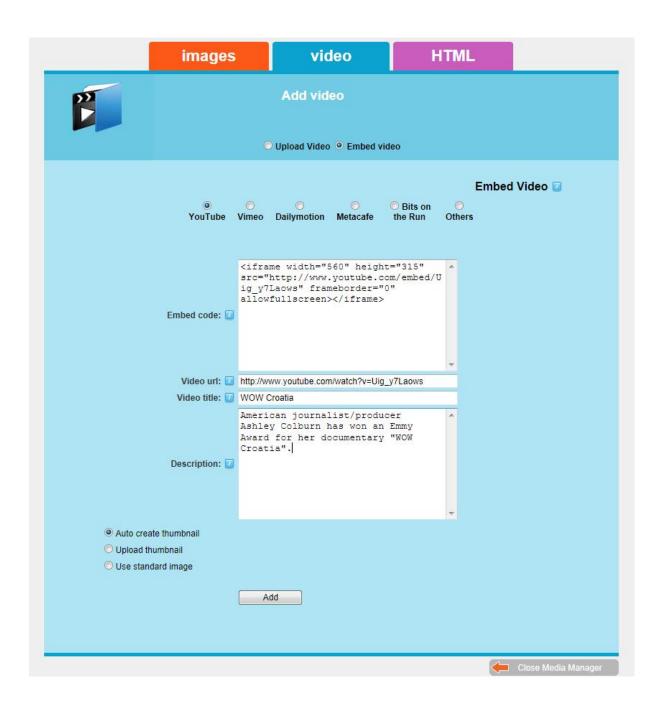
Adding videos is similar to adding images. You can add a title and description of the video, set width and height and choose from existing thumbnail images or upload new ones.

Click the **Browse** button and choose the video from your hard disk. Then click the **Upload** button and wait for the video to upload to the server, after which it will appear in the List.



If you embed a video from the video service, it is necessary to choose the service you want. In the **Embed code** field, add the embed code you have copied from YouTube or some other service.

In the Video URL field, copy the URL from the address bar of the browser.



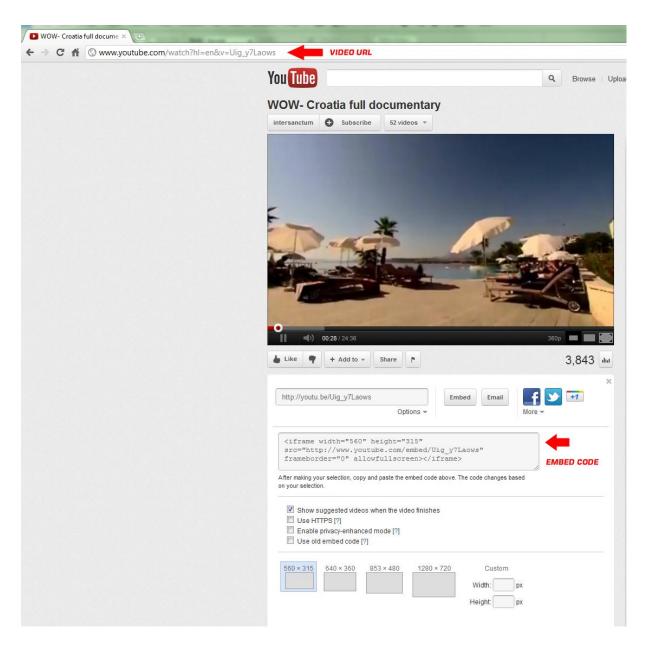


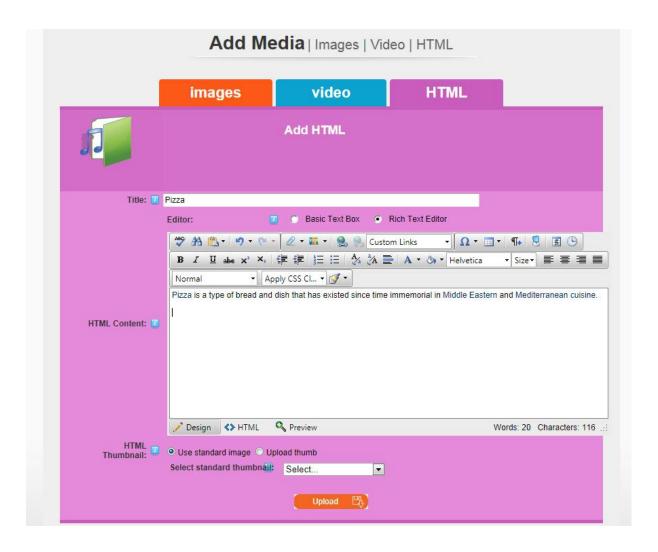
Image shows what are the Embed code and Video URL.

5.4. Adding HTML content

To add HTML to the List, click the HTML tab in the Add Media panel.

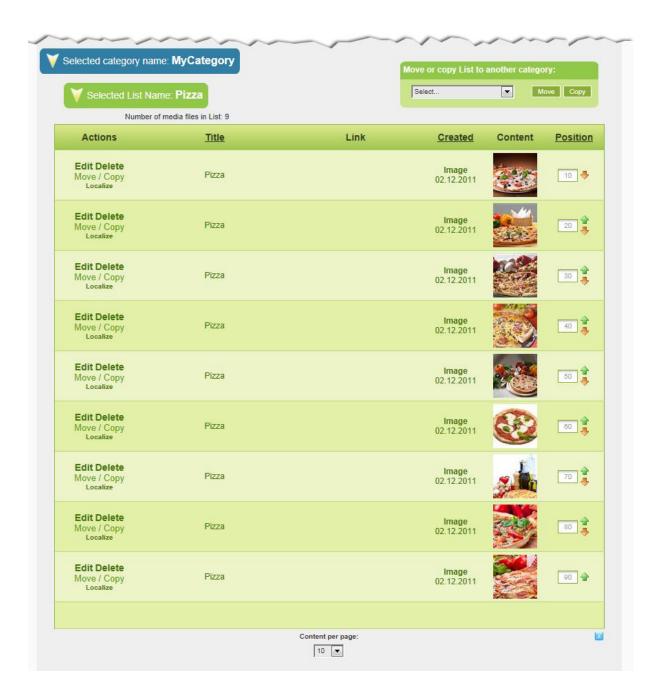
If necessary, add a title. You can create HTML documents and add them to the List using your built-in HTML editor.

Before uploading, select a thumbnail image or upload a new one.



All images, video and HTML content added to the list are displayed in the content of the list. It is possible to perform certain actions such as editing, moving and copying the content or it can be localized for other languages.

Moreover, it is possible to determine the order in the List using arrow keys.



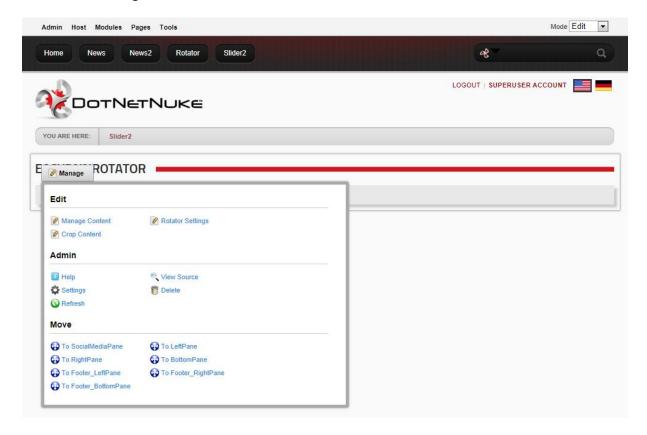
6. CUSTOMIZING THE APPEARANCE AND STYLE OF THE SLIDER

In the previous section we explained how to add content to the module, i.e. to create a List and add content that will appear in the slider. In this chapter we will explain how to choose the type of slider you want and how to adjust it to fit your website.

We especially emphasize **Cameleon slider**, very flexible and unique jQuery slider that we have developed specifically for this module. By setting and studying its options, you can create unique layouts that will perfectly fit your website and attract the attention of your visitors.

Let's start...

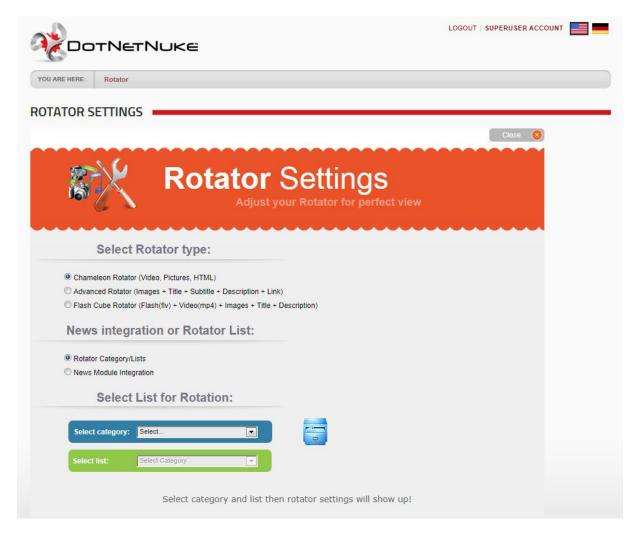
After adding the module to the site and creating at least one List, it is necessary to select the type of slider and adjust display settings. To start editing your slider, click the **Manage** button and then click **the Rotator Settings** button in the menu.



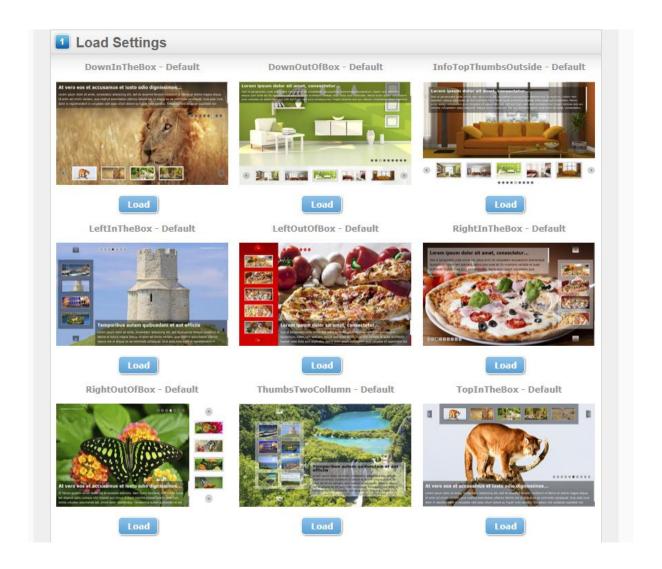
After that, you will be navigated to a page on which you need to select a rotator type.

If you want to display the content that you added to the List choose Lists option. Rotator can automatically download content from our article publication module EasyDNNnews (see section 8).

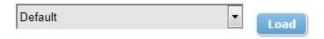
Then select a category and the list you want to display, which can be any of the created lists.



Once you have selected the list you want to display, predefined settings of some slider types will appear. Choose the desired settings by clicking on the **Load** button or you can choose from the dropdown list.



-- OR select from list --

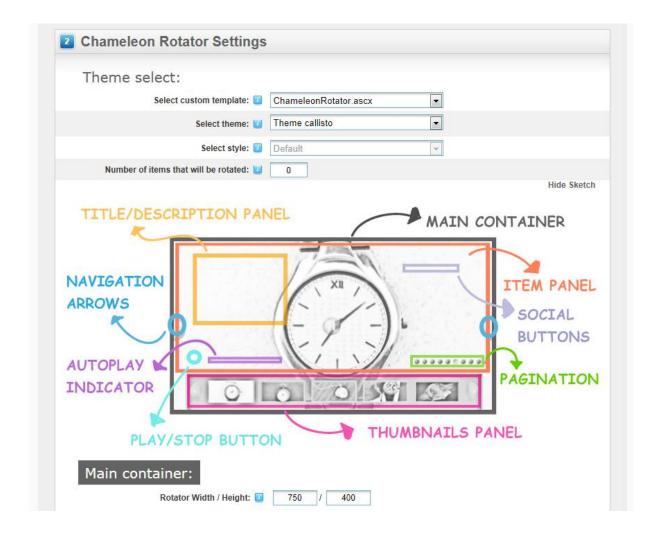


After that, it is necessary to adjust the appearance settings. Choose a template from the **Select custom template** dropdown menu (currently there is only one template).

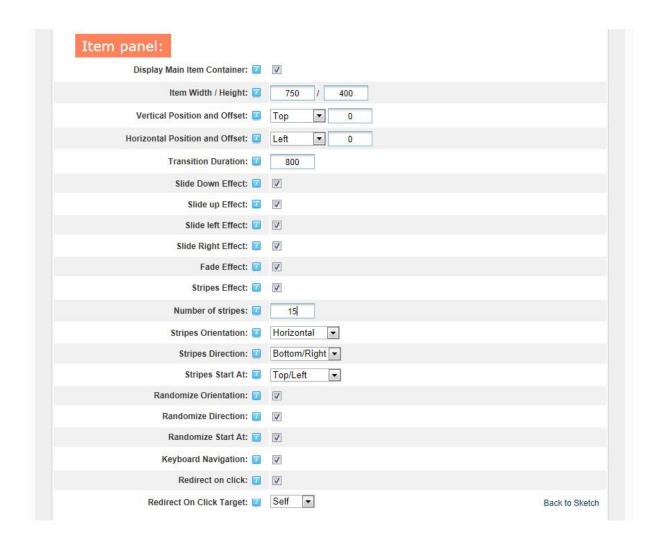
From the **Select theme menu** choose slider theme.

In the **Number of content to rotate** field enter the maximum number of items from the list that will be displayed. If the default number is 0, then all items from the list will be displayed.

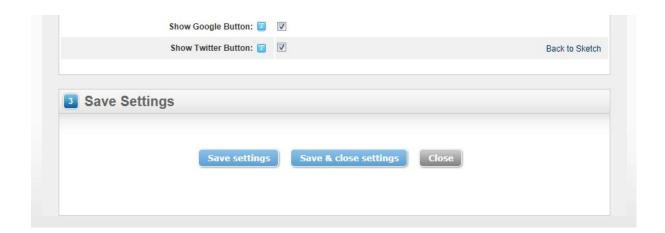
The sketch shows the elements of the slider. You can click the name of an element, e.g. Navigation arrows and you will be positioned at navigation arrow customization settings.



All settings that can be adjusted are thoroughly described in tooltips that appear when the user pauses the mouse pointer over the button.

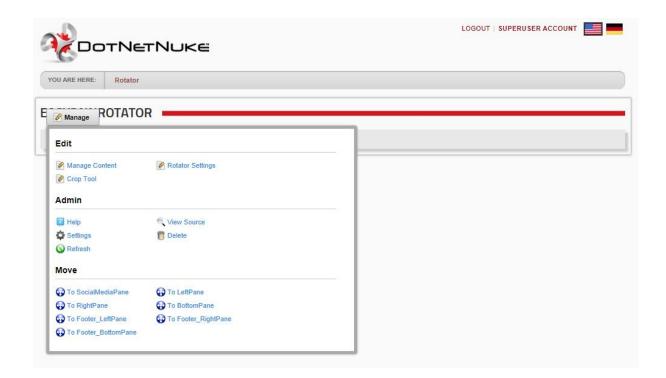


Once you have set all the settings, click the **Save Settings** or **Save & Close** settings button.



7. CROP TOOL

If necessary, you can crop your pictures to fit the display better. To access the **Crop tool**, click the **Manage** button of the module and then click on the **Crop Tool** button from the menu.



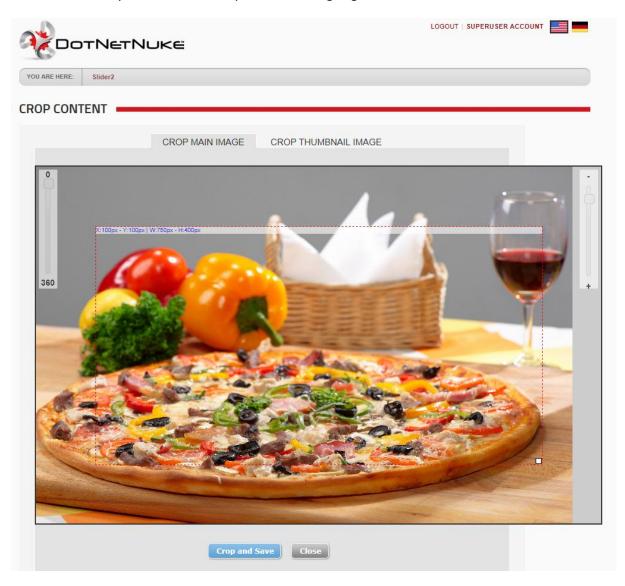
Select the picture you want to crop by clicking the **Crop** button in front of the picture.



Then, the interface by which you can crop the main and thumbnail image will appear.

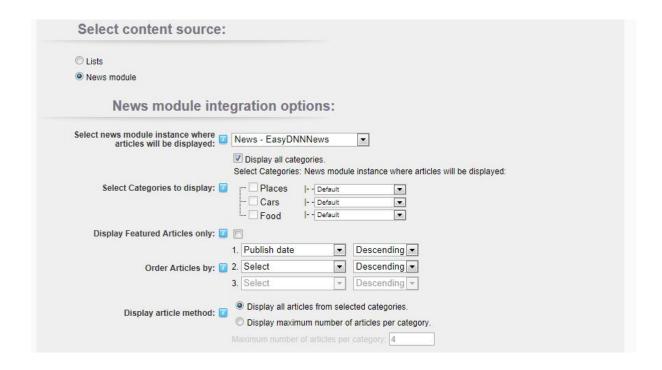
Once you adjust the selection of a rectangular area of a picture within red dashed lines, you need to click the **Crop and Save** button.

It is important to note that the original image is still preserved, and the cropping process can be repeated. Cropping is done only at the module instance level. If you use the same list in another module instance, you will need to crop the same image again.



8. AUTOMATIC CONTENT DOWNLOAD FROM EasyDNNnews MODULE

One of the features of the EasyDNNrotator module is the ability to automatically display article content in the EasyDNNnews module.



9. MULTICAROUSEL - THE USE OF TOKENS IN THE HTML TEMPLATE

The appearance of the items in MultiCarousel is defined in a HTML template. The items will be repeated in MultiCarousel.

The HTML templates are stored in the folder:

DesktopModules/EasyDNNRotator/Controls/CarouselRotator/static/themes/nameoftheme/template s/templatename.htm

Example of HTML template with tokens:

Tokens:

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[EasyDNNrotator:Thumb] - returns the path of the thumb image
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[EasyDNNrotator:Thumb:Width:100:Height:80] - if width and height values are specified then images are resized to these values (width and height values can be specified only once in the template)

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[EasyDNNrotator:Title] - displays the title of the image
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[EasyDNNrotator:Title:Limit:20] - limits the displayed title to 20 characters
[EasyDNNrotator:Description] - displays the description of the image

[EasyDNNrotator:Description:Limit:50] - limits the displayed description of the image
to 50

[EasyDNNrotator:LastModified] - displays the last modified date of the displayed item

[EasyDNNrotator:LastModified:Code:EN-US] - displays the last modified date of the displayed item according to the specified code

[EasyDNNrotator:Link] - adds a URL on the item. On click the user will be redirected
to this URL.

[EasyDNNrotator:EventDate] - Displays a date formatted according to an event type.

Example:

- The event starts and ends on the same day. It is not all day event: $7/4/2012\ 12\colon\!00\ \text{AM}$ $16\colon\!00\ \text{PM}$
- The event last for more than one day. It is not all day event: 7/4/2012 12:00 AM 7/5/2012 12:00 PM

The event starts and ends the same day. It is all day event: 7/4/2012

The event last for more than one day. It is all-day event: 7/4/2012 - 7/5/2012