

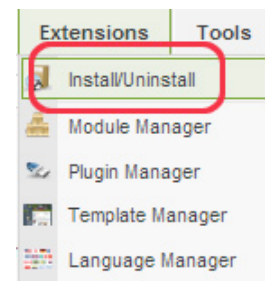
The SocialTwist tell a friend module was written by Chad Windnagle. The actual tell-a-friend *script* is written entirely by the SocialTwist team. This is their service and script – not mine. All I have done is include their code into a form that is compatible with Joomla! 1.5 that can be installed easily and given some nice parameters to make it a nice module.

This module is for Joomla! 1.5.X+ ONLY. It will not work in Joomla! 1.0.X! You will get an error if you try to install it. This has been tested in Firefox 3, Google Chrome, and Internet Explorer 6. It worked well in all those browsers, I do not know if it will work in other browsers and have not tested it. The server that I used to test the module is Linux, running Apache, PHP5 and mySQL5. It should run fine in other environments but there is no guarantee.

## STEP 1

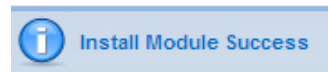
### Download and Install the Module

After you have downloaded the module, go to your Joomla! administrative back-end and login. On the top menu you will see “Extensions”, hovering your mouse over the extensions menu will drop down more menu selections. The first is “Install/Uninstall” – click that to find the extension install/uninstall area.



Click the browse button you see and locate the mod\_taf.zip file you downloaded from my site. Once you've selected it you can click the “upload/install” button to run the installer. The file will be uploaded, a sql query made and you should have a successful install!

**If Upgrading:** If you are upgrading an existing install, you need to only simple uninstall the previous module and then run then run the install and configuration steps. Alternatively, you can just overwrite the files with the new ones from the install package.



## STEP 2

### Configure and Publish Module

Once again under the “Extensions” menu you will now go to the Module Manager to configure and publish the module. After you have reached the Module Manager you will see a list of all the installed modules. Find the “Tell A Friend Module” in the list (You may have to go to the next page(s) to find it in the list!), click the link text to configure the module.

Under the details section, set the “Enabled:” radio button to “Yes”, and then select the correct position from the position select list. You have the option of showing or hiding the module’s title.

Make any needed changes to the menu assignment section and then look over at the parameters area. This is where all the important configurations will be made.

**Module Suffix:** The module suffix is the module div class suffix for your template and position. If you have one you'd like to put in there, go ahead and put it in. This is not

something I can help you with.

**Your Widget ID:** (Previously Account ID) If you have not already, you will need to go to socialwist.com, create a FREE user account and set up the widget there. This process is outside of the scope of my documentation, but it is easy to do, I assure you. And yes, it really, truly is free.

Once you have your widget ID, enter it in this text box.

**If upgrading:** If you are upgrading, you will have had an account ID. The account ID *IS* the widget ID. Simply reenter the account ID as the widget ID and you'll be all set.

**Image Select:** The new version of my module is a feature I had people ask for: Custom TAF images. If you do not want to use any of the stock images that I include with the module, select "custom image url" and then go to the next text parameter.

**My Own Image URL:** As I said, if you want to use your own image, you will enter the *local joomla path* in this field. So, lets say for example the image you want to use is in the stories directory. You would enter: images/stories/myImage.png. **DO NOT** enter the entire image path. It will not work. Can you use images on other sites? Yes but to use an image from another site, download it and host it on your own web server.

**Select Image Style:** If you want to use one of these stock images, just make sure that "image select" is set to "image from below", and then select one of these images.

**Select Image Position:** The code automatically creates a 100% wide div around the image. To change the alignment of the image, select one of the parameters available: Left, Center, or Right.

**Select Code Type:** If your site uses HTTPS (secure server URLs), you may get an error in IE if you are running both secure and non secure elements on the page. I had several people complain about this. So I went to socialwist.com and asked them for https code. They sent it to me and I've included it in this version of the module.

So, if you are using HTTPS, select that, otherwise it's fine to leave it on HTTP.

That is it! Your module should be configured and published now. Simply save / apply your changes and check it out.

### **Resources:**

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JED: <http://extensions.joomla.org/extensions/content-sharing/social-bookmarking/6010>

Thank you for using my module. I would absolutely love it if you left me a review on my JED listing! Follow me on twitter to hear all about my boring college life or possibly some future development ideas.