

GJC Web Design Virtuemart 2.0 Product Review Package v1.4



This is the VirtueMart 2.0 Product Review Package. Installs as a native Joomla Package.

You can download it here - [Download](#) Price is €40.00

Test Site Here [GJC Web Design Product Review](#)

Description

The package is designed to provide an 'Amazon' like product review. In other words users can only review products that they have actually bought. The Admin can of course add new reviews and moderate/edit existing reviews.

At the moment any VirtueMart registered user can review any product whether they have bought it or not. The package can also handle "one off" products as it stores each purchased products details and user information to a separate component which the administrator has full control over.

Even if the product is later deleted from VM there record is still kept along with the image in the VMReview component.

The reviews can be shown on each product by a simple template over ride.

It can also be set up to send review reminder emails to the purchaser after a set period of time by running a script through Joomladdons.eu clever Zoombie Plugin. There is now an importer to import all your current orders into the component. The Zoombie plugin can then be set to send an email (plain text or html) to each client asking for a review.

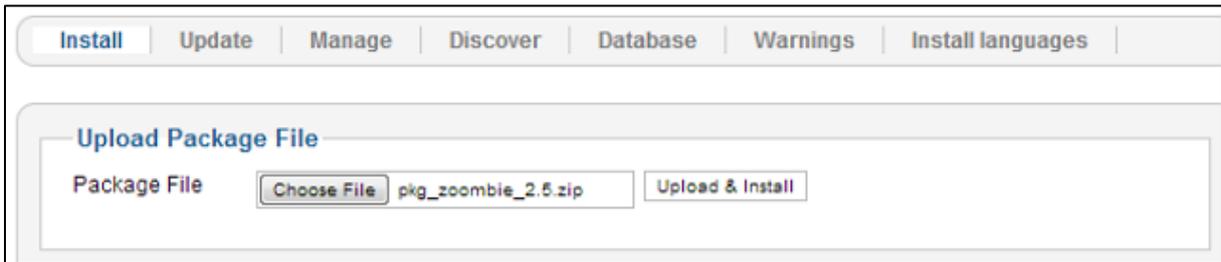
You need to download and install the base Zoombie Plugin from here:

<http://www.joomladdons.eu/downloads/file/9-zoombie>

or get it through Joomla Extensions: <http://extensions.joomla.org/extensions/administration/admin-desk/23247>

1. Installation Instructions: Zoombie

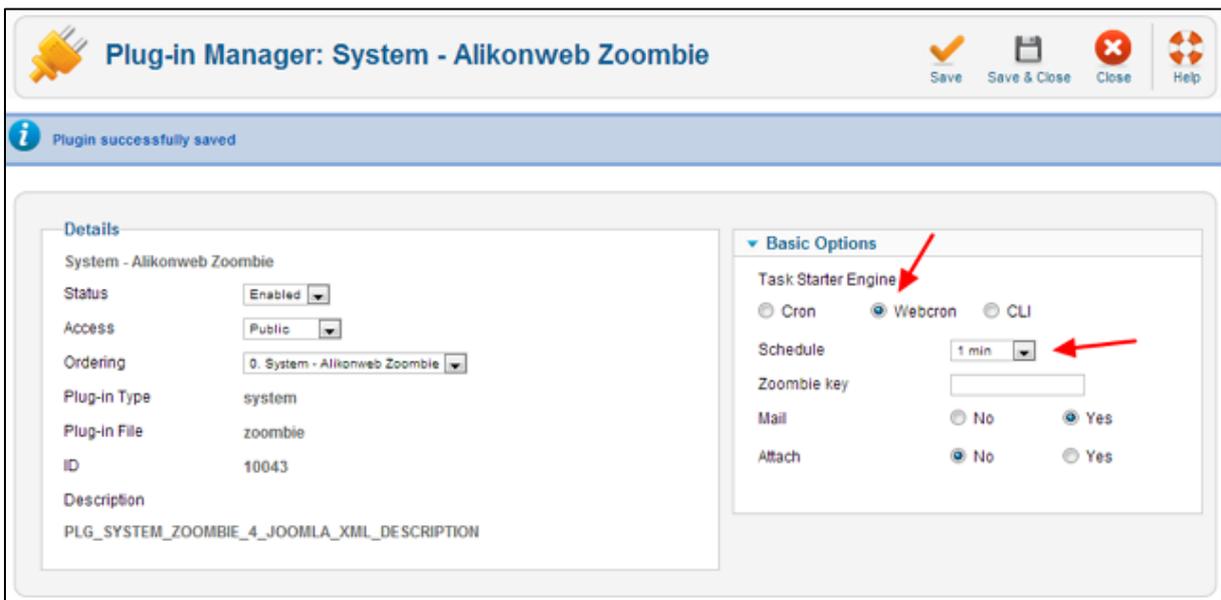
After downloading the Zoombie package install as normal through the Joomla installer.



Enable the plugin - your Ordering may differ - doesn't matter



And configure so



You can enable the email for a short period to check that it is firing - the admin email address will receive an email each minute but remember there has to be some frontend activity to trigger it (just click around somewhere on your site or use the site menu). The Zoombie plugin can be set to run every 12 hours to check if any reminder emails need to be sent.

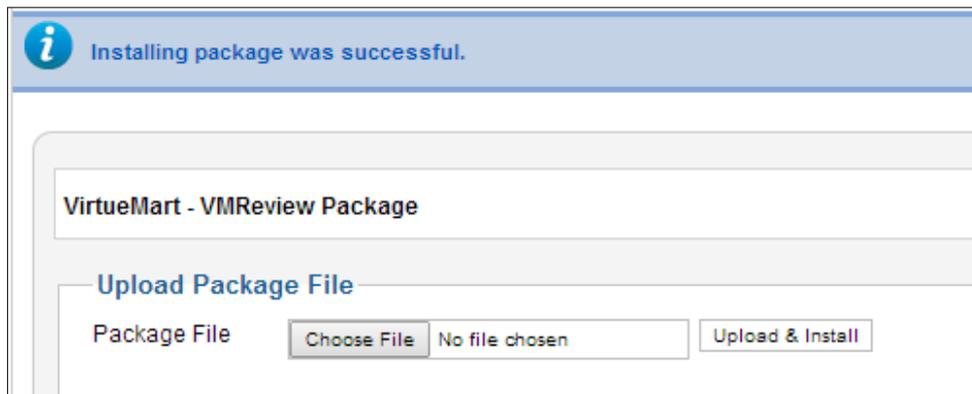
Step 2: Install GJC VMReview package

After downloading the package (VM.2.0.VMReview.1.4.0_UNZIP_1st.zip) first unzip it.

 vitrtuemart_template_over_rides		File Folder
 GJC_VMReview.1.4.0_Virtuemart_2.pdf	1,37 MB	Adobe Acrobat Document
 VM.2.0.VMReview.1.4.0.zip	98,2 KB	Zip Compressed File

Use the standard Joomla Installer to install the zip file VM.2.0.VMReview.1.4.0.zip.

This will install the component, a module and 4 plugins.



Inside the ' vitrtuemart_template_over_rides ' folder is the 'html' folder containing the necessary VM template over rides. Copy the complete 'html' folder to templates/{YOUR_TEMPLATE}/

If you don't require that the appropriate reviews display on the product pages just delete the default_gjcshowreviews.php file. If you do require this then read further on page 12 how to enable.

Step3: Configure and enable the plugins

In Joomla Admin ->Extensions->Plug-in Manager search for 'review' and enable the three plugins Virtuemart - VMReview, VM Custom - Show Reviews & Zoombie - VMReview

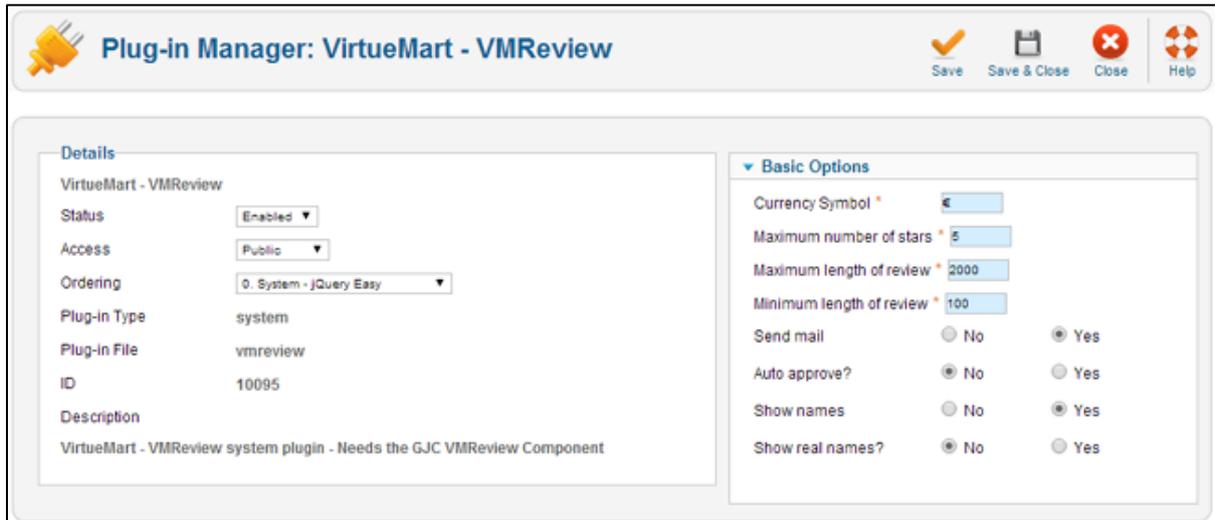


<input type="checkbox"/>	Plug-in Name	Status	Ordering	Type	Element	Access	ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	VirtueMart - VMReview		0	system	vmreview	Public	10057
<input type="checkbox"/>	VM Custom - Show Reviews		0	vmcustom	showreviews	Public	10079
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zoombie - Vmreview		0	zoombie	vmreview	Public	10058

Open each of the plugins and configure.

Virtuemart - VMReview plugin

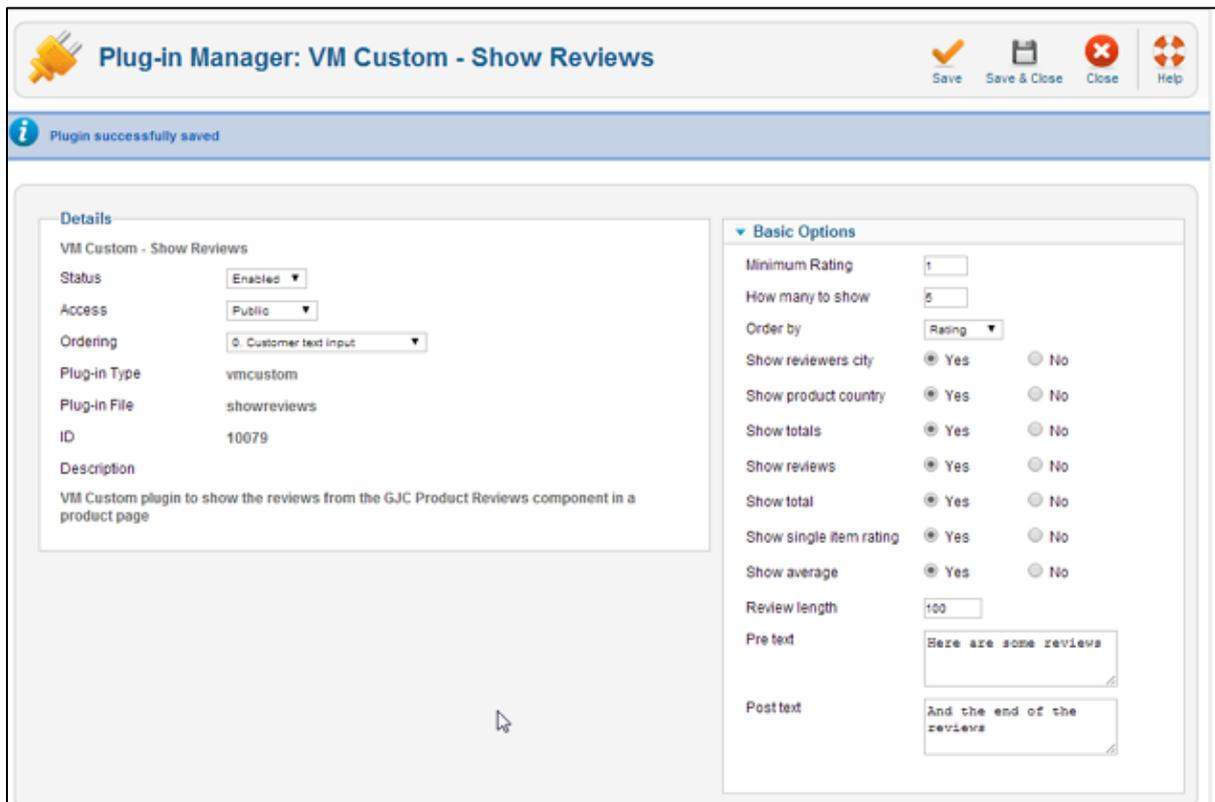
The Virtuemart - VMReview plugin configures how the reviews are submitted and what is shown on the clients Account page. It can be configured to automatically publish reviews (or have them moderated), max & min lengths required, number of stars for the rating, send an email to the Admin when a review is submitted and the names to show.



The screenshot shows the 'Plug-in Manager: VirtueMart - VMReview' configuration window. It features a top navigation bar with 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Close', and 'Help' buttons. The main content is divided into two panels: 'Details' and 'Basic Options'. The 'Details' panel includes fields for Status (Enabled), Access (Public), Ordering (0. System - jQuery Easy), Plug-in Type (system), Plug-in File (vmreview), ID (10095), and Description (VirtueMart - VMReview system plugin - Needs the GJC VMReview Component). The 'Basic Options' panel includes fields for Currency Symbol (€), Maximum number of stars (5), Maximum length of review (2000), Minimum length of review (100), and several radio button options for 'Send mail', 'Auto approve?', 'Show names', and 'Show real names?'.

VM Custom - Show Reviews Plugin

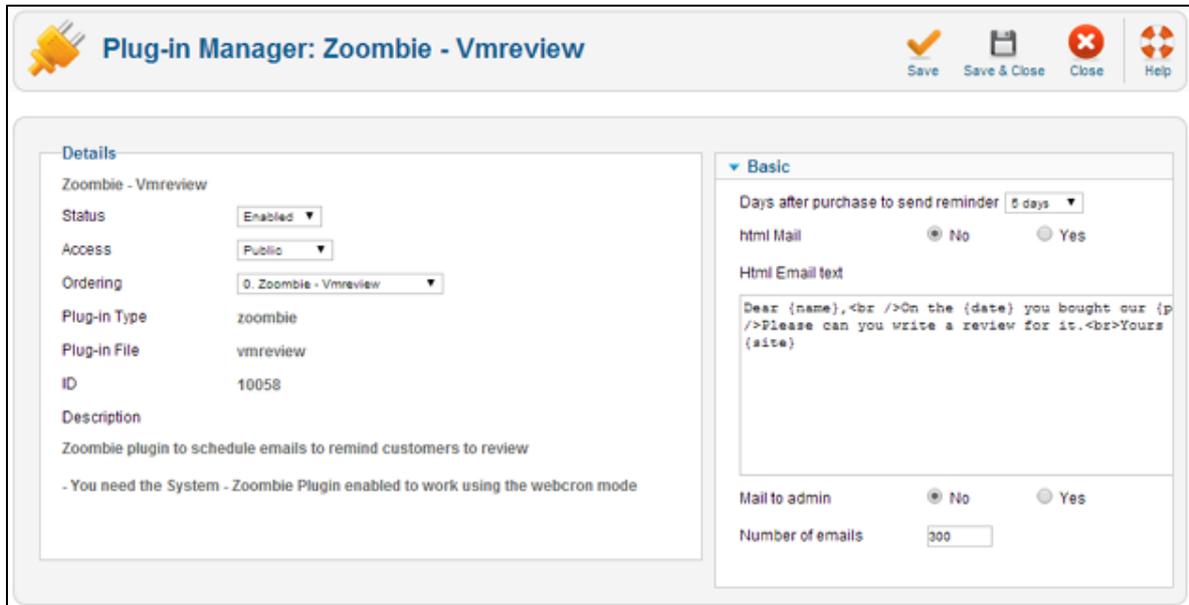
The VM Custom - Show Reviews is used to show the appropriate review on the Virtuemart product page. It can be configured for minimum rating to show, how many, and many other parameters.



The screenshot shows the 'Plug-in Manager: VM Custom - Show Reviews' configuration window. It features a top navigation bar with 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Close', and 'Help' buttons. A blue notification bar at the top indicates 'Plugin successfully saved'. The main content is divided into two panels: 'Details' and 'Basic Options'. The 'Details' panel includes fields for Status (Enabled), Access (Public), Ordering (0. Customer text input), Plug-in Type (vmcustom), Plug-in File (showreviews), ID (10079), and Description (VM Custom plugin to show the reviews from the GJC Product Reviews component in a product page). The 'Basic Options' panel includes fields for Minimum Rating (1), How many to show (5), Order by (Rating), and several radio button options for 'Show reviewers city', 'Show product country', 'Show totals', 'Show reviews', 'Show total', 'Show single item rating', and 'Show average'. It also includes text input fields for 'Review length', 'Pre text' (Here are some reviews), and 'Post text' (And the end of the reviews).

Zoombie - VMReview Plugin

The Zoombie - VMReview has a setting for the number of days to wait before sending a review reminder email, whether the email is plain text or html and the html email editor. You can disable the email to the Admin and set the maximum number of emails per trigger. This should be set especially after an import of existing orders to around 200-300 per trigger.



The screenshot shows the Joomla! Plug-in Manager interface for the 'Zoombie - Vmreview' plugin. The interface is divided into two main sections: 'Details' and 'Basic'.

Details:

- Zoombie - Vmreview
- Status: Enabled
- Access: Public
- Ordering: 0. Zoombie - Vmreview
- Plug-in Type: zoombie
- Plug-in File: vmreview
- ID: 10058
- Description: Zoombie plugin to schedule emails to remind customers to review. - You need the System - Zoombie Plugin enabled to work using the webcron mode

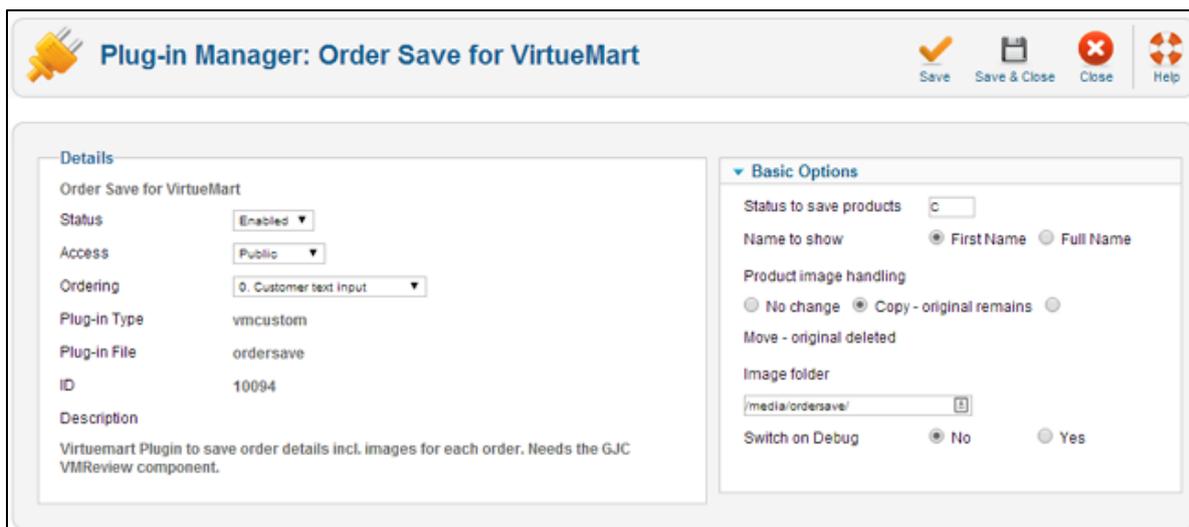
Basic:

- Days after purchase to send reminder: 0 days
- html Mail: No Yes
- Html Email text: Dear {name},
On the {date} you bought our {p />Please can you write a review for it.
Yours {site}
- Mail to admin: No Yes
- Number of emails: 300

Order Save for VirtueMart

Search for order in Joomla Admin ->Extensions->Plug-in Manager to find the ordersave plugin.

This plugin saves any confirmed purchased items to the VMReview component when they are updated to the "Confirmed" Status.



The screenshot shows the Joomla! Plug-in Manager interface for the 'Order Save for VirtueMart' plugin. The interface is divided into two main sections: 'Details' and 'Basic Options'.

Details:

- Order Save for VirtueMart
- Status: Enabled
- Access: Public
- Ordering: 0. Customer text input
- Plug-in Type: vmcustom
- Plug-in File: ordersave
- ID: 10094
- Description: Virtuemart Plugin to save order details incl. images for each order. Needs the GJC VMReview component.

Basic Options:

- Status to save products: C
- Name to show: First Name Full Name
- Product image handling: No change Copy - original remains Move - original deleted
- Image folder: /media/ordersave/
- Switch on Debug: No Yes

You can set when to save the individual purchased products by their VM Status - e.g. Confirmed (C) or Shipped (S) etc.

You can also set the image handling .. do nothing, Copy the image to a preset folder or Move the image (i.e. delete the original from VM - useful if you have one off items) & if full or firstname is saved. There is also a debug option: this will "fail" the final save but print out all the info so you can check if everything is working.

Step4: Testing the Ordersave plugin

In Joomla Admin ->Components->Virtuemart and click on Orders.

It is simpler to first make yourself a test order in your shop. Find this order and set it's Status to what you have set in the plugin (C or S etc).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e90e08	GJC WebDesign	test@gjcwebdesign.com	Standard		Tuesday, 14 January 2014 14:44	Saturday, 15 March 2014 14:05	Confirmed Add Comment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notify Shopper? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Include this Comment? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Update status for all lines?	\$37.03	50
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When you update this Status the message will come back:

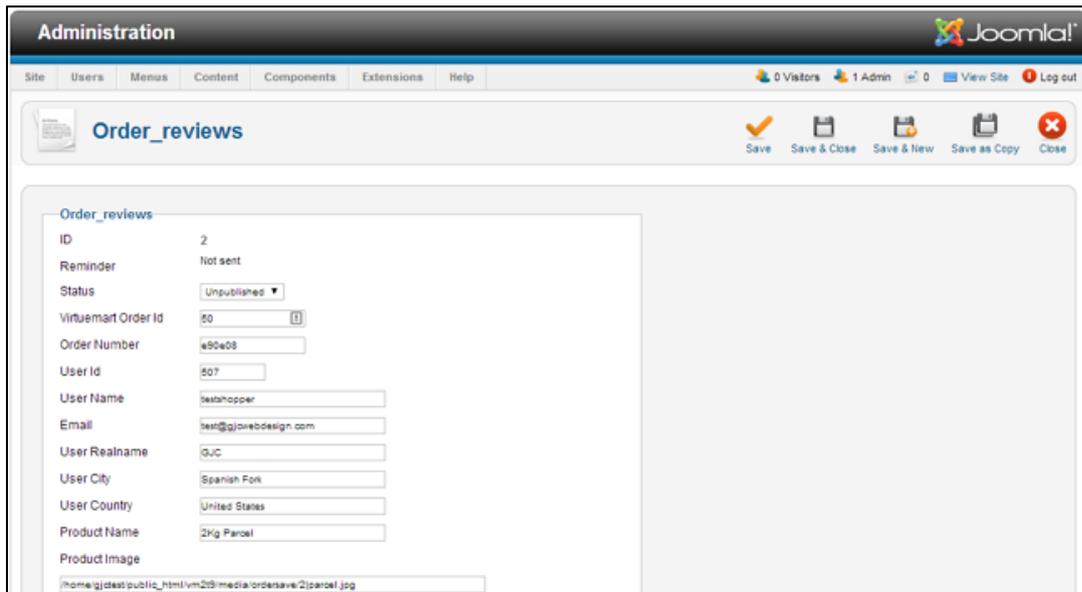


In Joomla Admin ->Components->VM Review you will see your first saved order!

Order_reviews													New		Edit		Publish		Unpublish		Archive		Trash		Options	
Order_reviews																										
Filter:													Search		Clear		- Select Status -									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Virtuemart Order Id	Order Number	User Id	User Name	Email	User Realname	User City	User Country	Product Name	Rating	Reminder	Review	Date	Published	ID											
<input type="checkbox"/>	50	e90e08	507	testshopper	test@gjcwebdesign.com	GJC	Spanish Fork	United States	Product5	0			2014-03-15 16:08:20		1											
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Remember - individual products from each order are saved so the User has the opportunity to review each product separately.

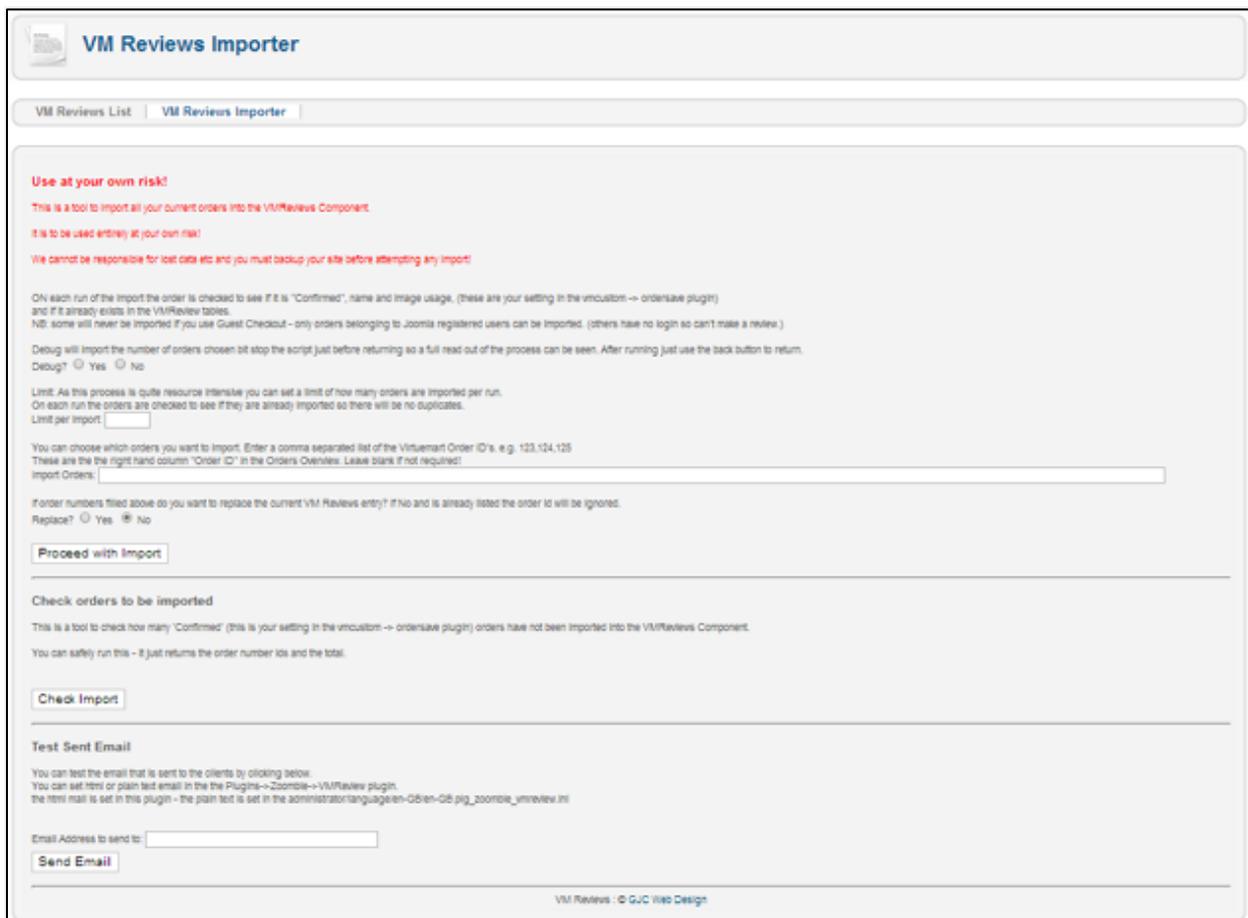
The individual reviews can be opened and edited, new entries can be made and entries can be deleted (remember they are only sent to the Trash so if you really want them gone select the Trashed Status in the drop down and then Empty Trash.



The status of individual reviews can be seen, e.g. if the reminder has been sent, if the client has submitted a review and if you have published it. You can retrospectively add all your old orders by using the VM Reviews Importer. You can set the limit of how many to import each run .. the system will check to see what has been imported so no duplicates will occur.

It is to be used entirely at your own risk!

We cannot be responsible for lost data etc and you must backup your site before attempting any import!



Only old orders that are from registered users (i.e. that can login to the site) will be entered in the VM Review component, reminders will sent in batches dependent on your Zoombie - VMReview plugin settings.

You can also check how many orders are not in the VM Review component.

Also you can send a test email to check the appearance of your formatted email configured in the Zoombie - VMReview plugin.

Step5: What the user sees

After the order has been set to the Status trigger value (normally "C") the user, when he logs into his account on the site will see an extra tab under the "My Account" menu.

Your account details

Hello GJC Web Design [Logout](#)

Shopper Information Your Orders **Your Reviews**

My Reviews

Image	Product Name	Date	Price	Status	Review
	Product5	Wednesday, 23 Apr 2014 - 10:59	€10.00	✓	View your review
	2Kg Parcel	Wednesday, 23 Apr 2014 - 10:59	€20.00	✓	View your review
	Product6	Wednesday, 23 Apr 2014 - 10:59	€10.00	○	Add review

Here they can see their purchase history (per product - not just per order) and add a review.

They can also see their old reviews and their status.

Your review:

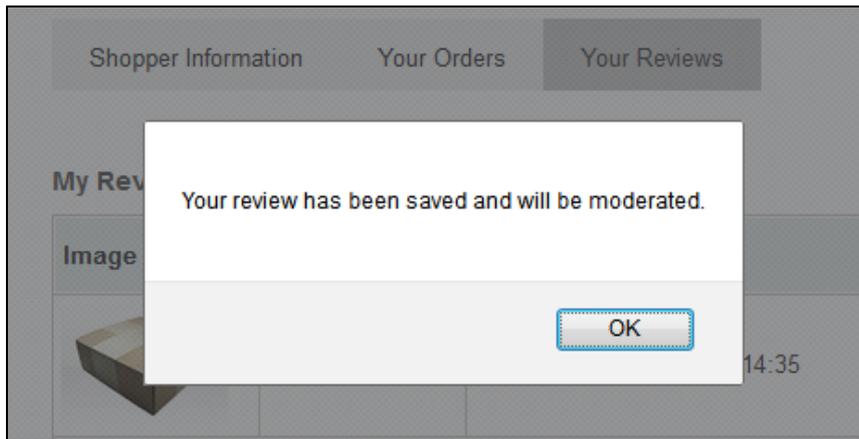
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Characters written: 167 Your rating:

★★★★☆
regular

[Submit Review](#)

Once the review has been submitted:



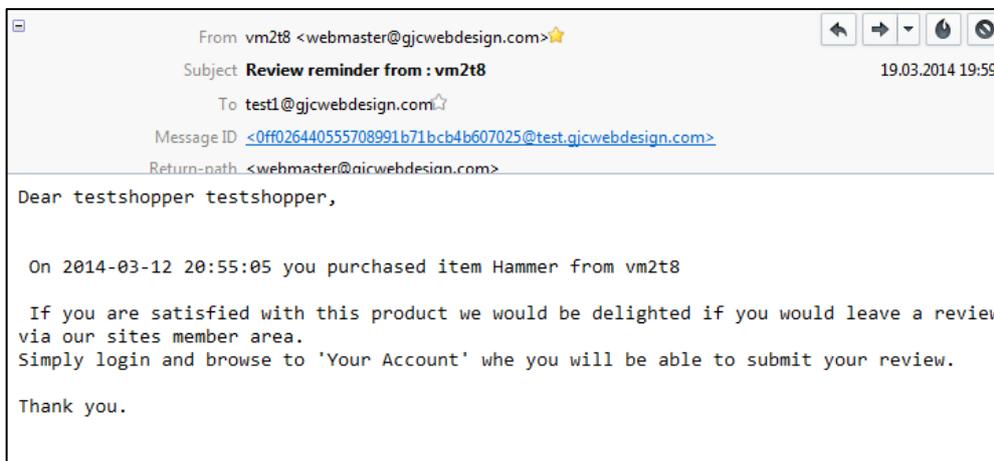
The moderation settings are in the Virtuemart - VMReview plugin

The user can also check their old reviews:

My Reviews					
Image	Product Name	Date	Price	Status	Review
	Product5	Saturday, 15 Mar 2014 - 14:37	€10.00		View your review
<p>Rating : ★★☆☆☆</p> <p>Your review : Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Praesent dignissim, magna non hendrerit tincidunt, odio urna dictum dui, nec pretium risus urna ac mauris.</p>					

Step6: Reminder Emails

If the Zombie and Reminder Plugins have been activated the user will receive a reminder email to leave a review after the set number of days: This can be plain text or html.



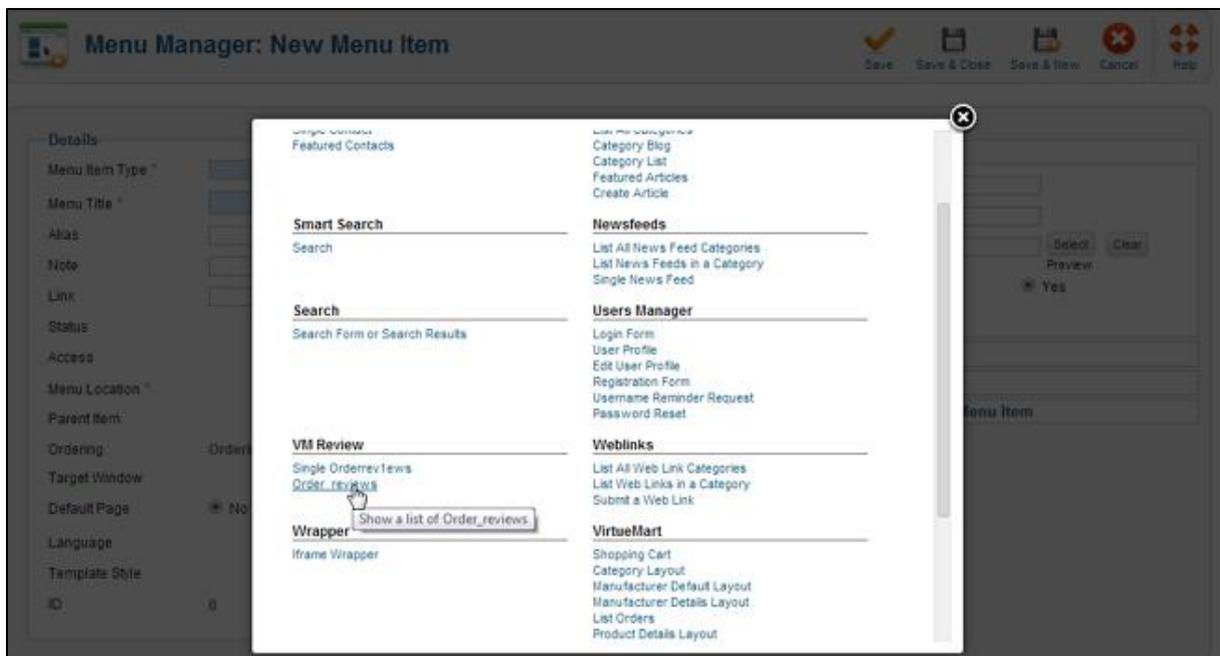
When a user leaves a review the Admin receives an email:



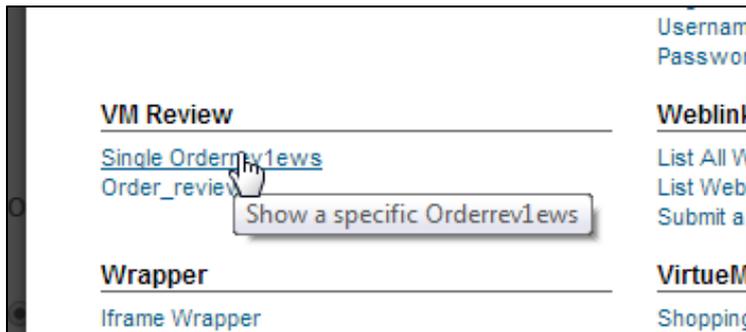
Step7: Review display

There are different ways to display the reviews on your site, either through the component, the relevant reviews on each product page or via the module.

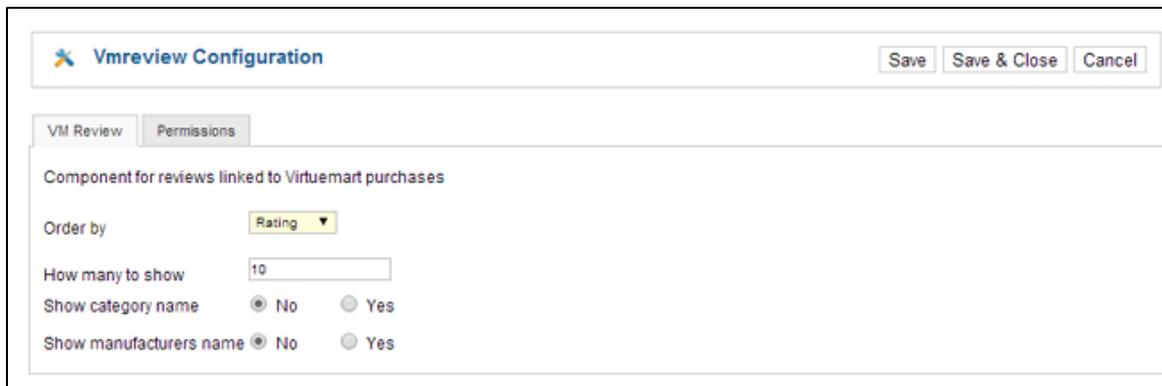
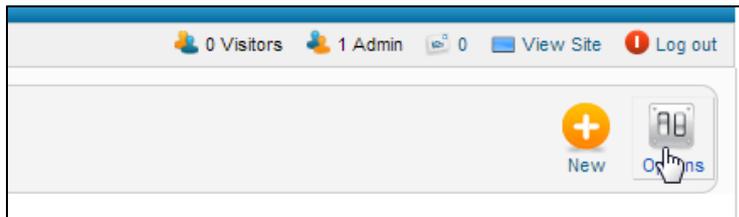
To display via the component simply make a menu to the VM Review Order_reviews view



You can also make a menu item to show a single review page.



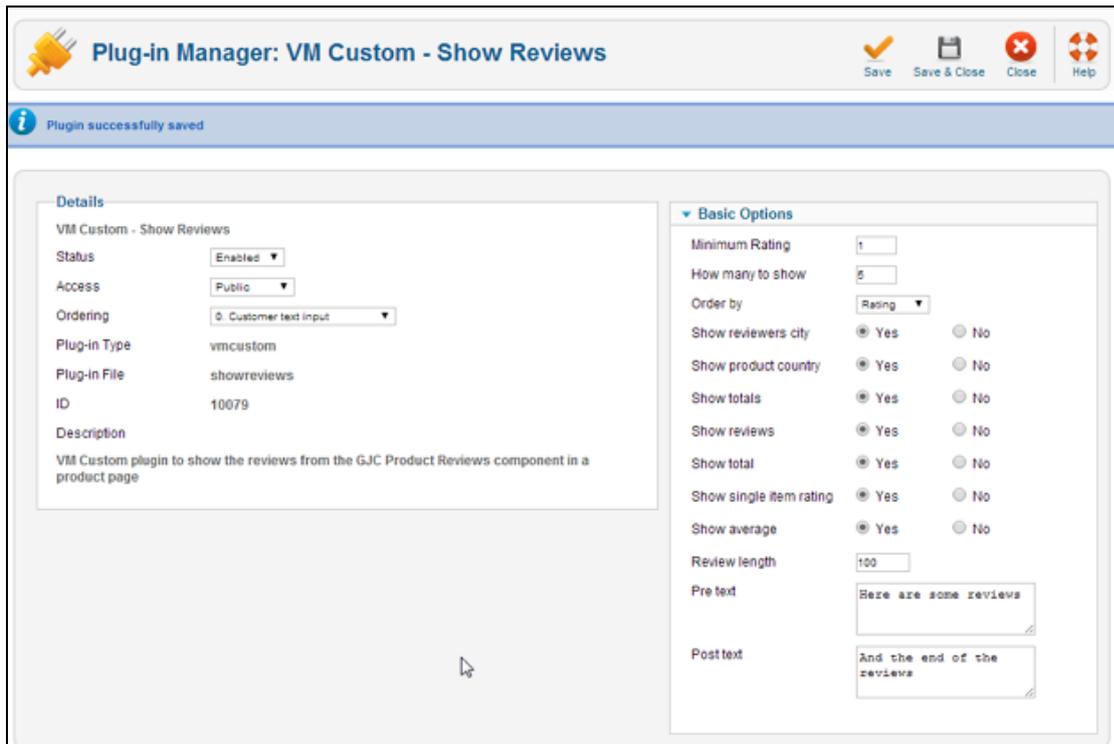
In the options of VM Review Component there are settings for the review page.



The page will display so: (all templates can be over-riden in the template over-rides)



To display the relevant reviews on each product page enable and configure the vmcustom show reviews plugin.



You also need to ftp the default_gjcshowreviews.php template to your template over rides. This file is in the zip that you initially unpacked.

The path will be

templates/YOUR_TEMPLATE/html/com_virtuemart/productdetails/default_gjcshowreviews.php

You then just need to add the following code snippet in your

templates/YOUR_TEMPLATE/html/com_virtuemart/productdetails/default.php where you want the reviews to show up.

Normally this would be where the current VM call to it's native reviews template is.

e.g. add the red code - the green is normally already there.

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<?php
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//GJC Reviews
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echo $this->loadTemplate('gjcshowreviews');
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//GJC Reviews
```

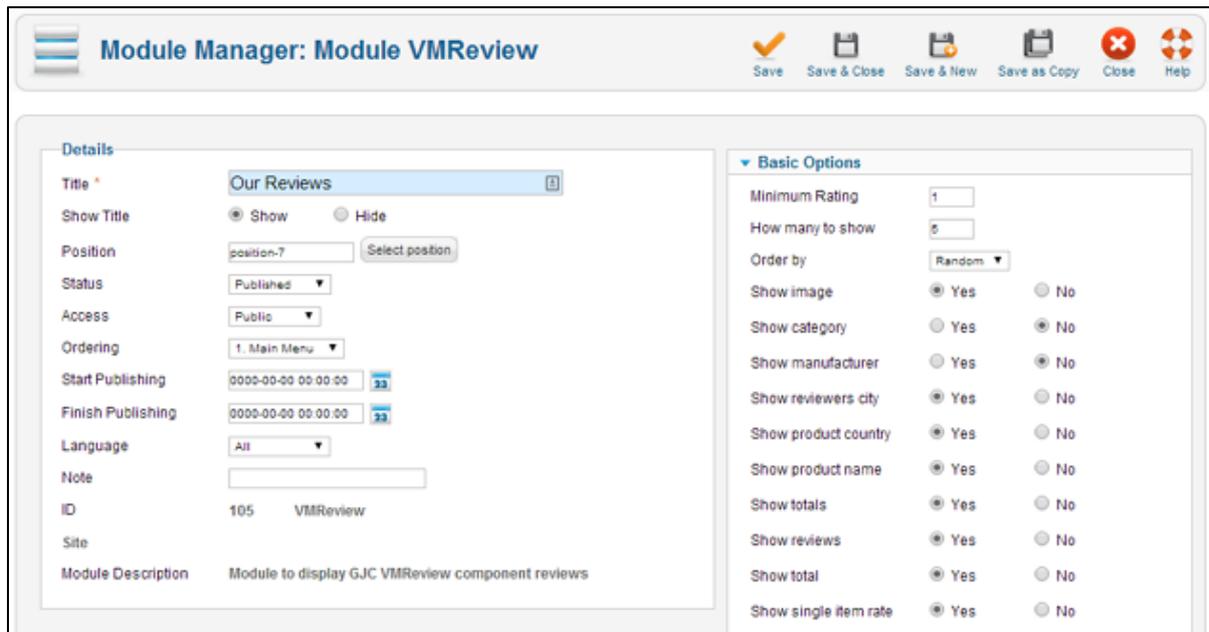
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echo $this->loadTemplate('reviews');
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?>
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Any styling you need can be done in the provided css file :

plugins/vmcustom/showreviews/assets/plgvmreviews.css

There is also a highly configurable VMReviews module included that can display the reviews in many different ways. Number of reviews, filter by Manufacturer, Category, what to display etc etc



This plugin is a little more complex than some to install and configure and if you need any help we are always here. Just contact us by the <http://www.gjcwebdesign.com/home/support.html> page.

You can always read some of the reviews on Joomla Extensions to see what other customers think of our service!

<http://extensions.joomla.org/extensions/extension-specific/virtuemart-extensions/virtuemart-shipping/20740>

e.g

"Well I have to say, the Support from GJC Web Design is fantastic!"

I have been designing and playing about with Joomla site and Virtuemart since the good old days of Joomla 1.0, and I can't say



I have ever had the same speedy response time, or carefully guided advice on how to fix the bugs, from others in the past.

We ran into a difficulty with using taxcloud in a cart set up to not only use authorise only as the transaction type but also have the facility for customers to check out as guest.

John, quickly responded with suggested steps to try and debug the process so that we knew what was and what wasn't working. In the end John spotted that it was a virtuemart issue limiting the number of characters a generated checkout as guest cart id was set at. This resulted in a TaxCloud lookup issue. John quickly altered the plugin and... yep, Check Out As Guest feature back in action!!"

Thank you

John

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