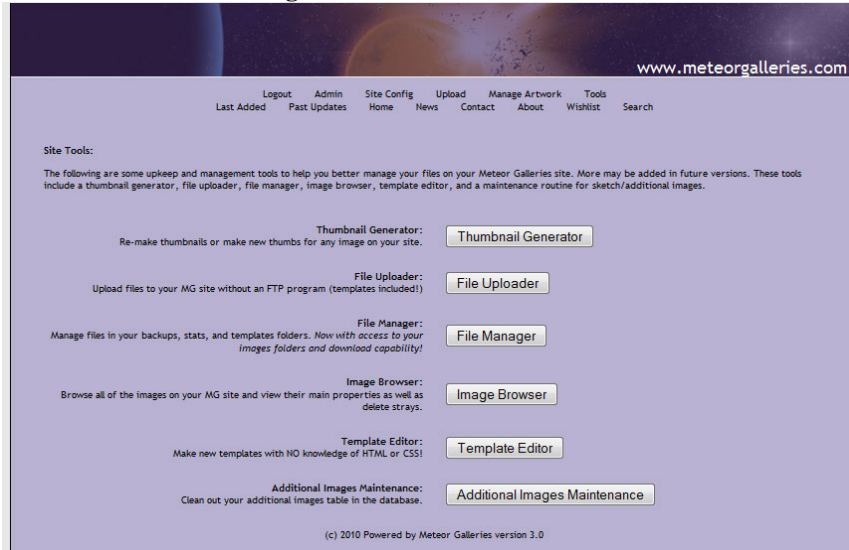


Meteor Galleries – Site Tools Guide (v3.0)

Meteor Galleries v2.5 introduce a new Site Tools area. Some of these tools have been improved upon or upgraded for v3.0. This document outlines the tools on the Site Tools menu and how to use them.

Figure 1: The Site Tools menu



The Thumbnail Generator

The first new tool is the Thumbnail Generator. The primary purpose of this tool is to allow you to re-create thumbnails for items or images on your MG site. You may want to do this if you have uploaded a new version of an image and don't want to have to make the thumbnail yourself. There are other possible uses for this tool as well. It should be noted that once you select your file (works very similar to the choosing of an item for the Single Item Upload – FTP process), that the thumbnail generated will be stored in the same directory as the main image and with a file name of "thumb_OriginalImageNameHere.ext".

File Uploader

Probably one of the most useful new tools is the file uploader—this will allow you to upload files to either the images directory or the templates directory. This means that you can add new image or template files without needing to use FTP. Note that if you create a new folder within the templates directory, an "images" folder for that template will automatically be created. The file uploader uses your browser to upload as many files as you wish to the folders you choose. Files WILL retain the same name once copied to the server, so please be sure you don't upload a file with the same name as a previously uploaded file in that folder!

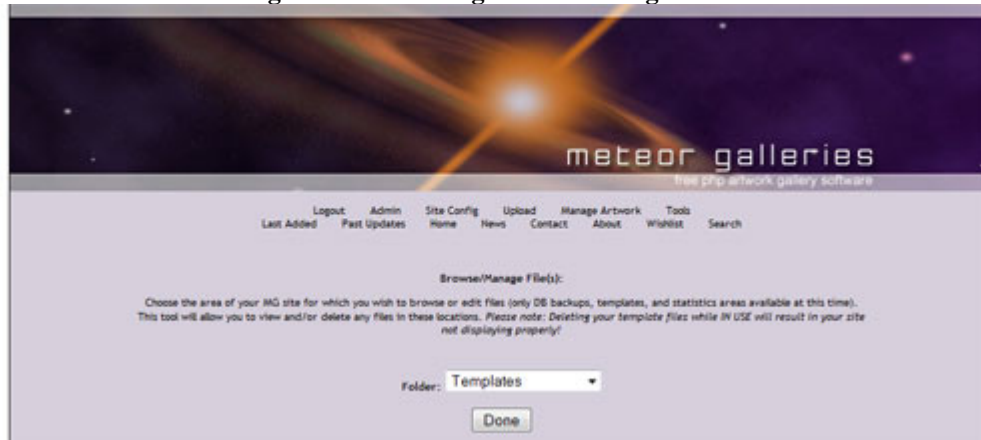
Figure 2: File Uploader



File Manager

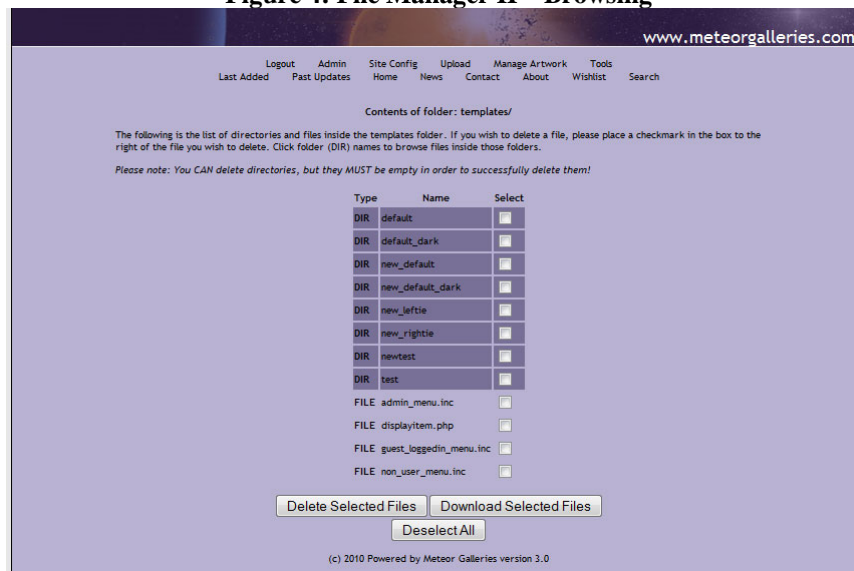
The file manager allows you to view and delete files within the backups, stats, and templates folders. This is primarily to facilitate site maintenance that otherwise requires FTP or control panel access.

Figure 3: File Manager I – Choosing a folder



Once a folder is chosen, the file manager displays the contents of that folder noting directories and files. Directories may be clicked to view files in deeper folders, while files will display a checkbox to use for selection.

Figure 4: File Manager II – Browsing



To remove files, just place a check in the box next to the file(s) you wish to delete and click the delete button at the bottom of the page. To download files, check the checkboxes for the files you wish to download and then click the download button at the bottom of the page. You will next confirm deletion or download before it actually happens. ***Deletion is permanent, so be careful that you don't delete any files you are currently using!***

Image Browser

The image browser is a powerful tool to help you figure out if you have any unused or undisplayed images in your gallery's images folders. You are first asked to choose a folder to browse images – to select a folder for viewing, use the radio buttons next to folder

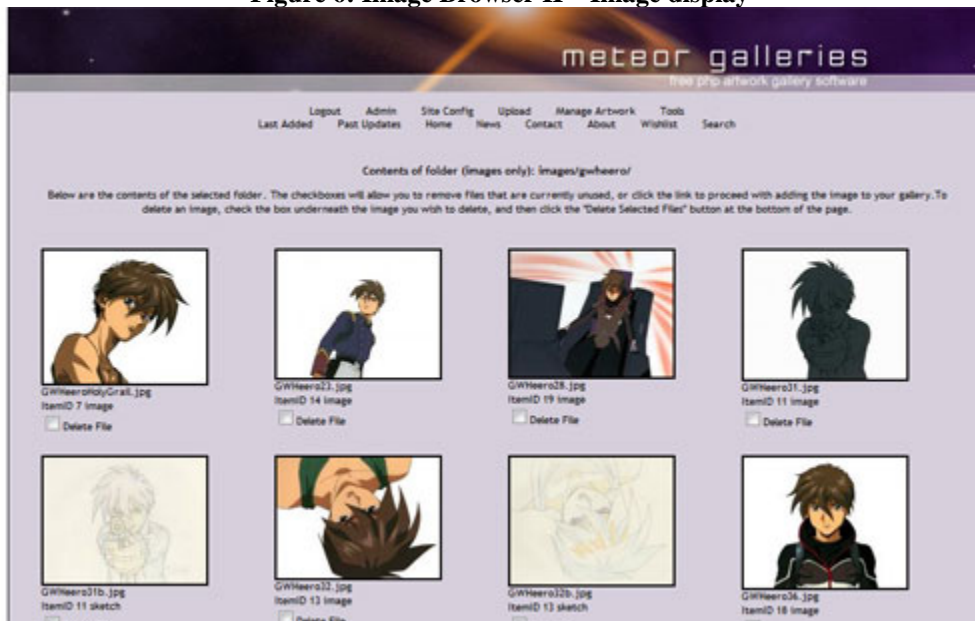
names, to browse into deeper folders, click the folder name. You can only view images from one folder at a time! The image browser will allow you to permanently delete images that are currently unused – it will also help you to identify images that should be displayed but may not have ever been added to your gallery.

Figure 5: Image Browser I – Selecting a folder



Once you select a folder, you may then choose how many images to display per page – it gives you options in increments of 4 up to 40. Only thumbnails are displayed, but if a thumbnail does not exist, the full image will be displayed, just shrunk down to thumbnail size. Click “Go!” when you’re done and you’ll see your images as shown in figure 6.

Figure 6: Image Browser II – Image display



Below each image, the browser will show you where it is used, the file name, and an optional checkbox to delete the image. Please note that you will be UNABLE to delete images currently being used by your gallery, so be sure that no usages are showing under the image you wish to delete. If there are, you will have to remove the image from use first.

Template Editor

This topic is covered in the Template Editor Guide.

Additional Images/Sketches Maintenance Tool

This is essentially a single-use tool for anyone who used any pre-version 2.5 copies of Meteor Galleries. It allows you to “clean” your sketches table of sketches that no longer link up to any item (happens when items were deleted under previous versions where the sketches were not correspondingly removed from the database). Please note that this **WILL NOT REMOVE ANY FILES!** It will only remove entries from the database.

This tool should only need to be used once for anyone whose gallery ran on a pre-v2.5 version of MG at some point. Once run, you should not need this tool again, as v2.5 and later automatically deletes associated sketch entries from the database when you delete an item.