USAGE INSTRUCTIONS
The concept is simple. You want to add image galleries inside your articles (content items)! So, create a folder anywhere inside **images/stories**/, for example call it summer_trip_to_italy and upload there all your images. Now create a new content item (or open an existing one) and simply insert **{gallery}summer_trip_to_italy{/gallery}**, where you want your image gallery to appear. It doesn't have to be at the end of your article, it can be anywhere you insert it inside your content item. That's it! Fire up your favorite browser, navigate to your content item et voila! An image gallery inside your content item!

You can have as many galleries as you want inside each content item, but for performance purposes try to only add one at a time (unless you're having only 2-3 images per gallery). If you want to create a gallery from subfolders inside images/stories/, simple add them like this: {gallery}folder/subfolder/othersubfolder{/gallery}. In other words, write the path to your target folder without any slashes at the beginning or the end of your path (it's added automagically!).

Don't forget to adjust the width and height of each thumbnail. Decreasing the width means you are adding more thumbnails in each row of the gallery. So, experiment before going public. Also, set the image quality of the created thumbnails. Low quality means better loading times. For performance issues, prefer not to use more than 16-20 images per content item.

TROUBLESHOOTING
Our experience has indicated that most users face 3 issues mostly, regarding the proper operation/display of the "Simple Image Gallery" Plugin.

Thumbnails do not show up (user sees red X's - in IE). If this is the case, the problem is due to wrongly enforced file permissions from your server (the file showthumb.php should be writable - 755 or 777). Or your server is missing the GD Image Library. Either way, ask your hosting company to fix this.

Thumbnail layout gets messed up (shadows display wrongly). This can occur only in IE and only if your template has an XML declaration on top. This XML declaration "tells" IE to run in quirks mode, which means it does not recognize standards-based CSS styling (like the one used inside the plugin's code). Remove the XML declaration from your template to fix this once and for all. This XML declaration must not exist in any case, cause it's bad templating! After you remove it, chances are you'll fix one or two things in your template to get it showing up as it did before, in IE, and as it always did in standards based browsers, like Mozilla Firefox. To give you an example, the default Solarflare template only requires you to fix the height of the navigation buttons on the left, after you remove the XML declaration.

The "lightbox-styled" popup does not show up with the black "mask", as it does in the JoomlaWorks demo site. The answer is simple: it's your template's fault. Revert to the default template of Joomla! to make sure.