Menu Manager

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Description

The Menu Manager controls how Joomla!'s menus will look and act.

Screenshot

Column Headers

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Title. The name of the item. For a Menu Item, the Title will display in the Menu. For an Article, Section, or Category, the Title may optionally be displayed on the web page. This entry is required. You can open the item for editing by clicking on the Title.

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Menu Type. The type column in the menu manager will actually be the Unique Name of the menu.

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Menu Items. An icon that links to the Menu Item Manager. Clicking this icon takes you directly to the Menu Items for the selected Menu, where you can add or edit Menu Items.

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Published. Whether the item has been published or not. You can change the Published state by clicking on the icon in this column.

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Unpublished. The unpublished column shows the the number of items that aren't published or publicly available.

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Trashed. The trashed column shows the number of items that have been deleted, but not purged from the trash manager.

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Modules Column. Because all menus are also modules, and can have more than module associated with them, this column lists the number of modules associated with the menu.

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ID. The ID number. This is a unique identification number for this item assigned automatically by Joomla!. It is used to identify the item internally, for example in internal links. You can not change this number.

Toolbar

At the top right you will see the toolbar:

The functions are:

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Copy. To copy a menu, select the radio button next to it and click the "Copy" button. You can than then enter in a new title and module name for the new menu. The title is what the menu will be

referred to as in the Menu Manager. Module Name is what the menu will be referred to as in theÂ Module Manager.

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Delete. To delete a menu, select the radio button, and then the "Delete" button. You will be given one last chance to change your mind. If you're sure you want to delete the menu, click the delete button one last time.

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Edit. The "Edit" button allows you to change the unique name, title, description, and module name for the selected menu.Â

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New. To create a new menu, click the "New" button. You can enter a unique name, a title, description, and the name for the module that will also be created with the menu.

Quick Tips

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It is expedient to give a descriptive title for new menus because, later, you will see it in the Backend Menus menu. It is a good idea to fill in the Description field with information about the menu. If you enter a short title in the Module title field, you can identify the menu's module using that title in theÂ Module Manager.

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Though you can create a copy of a selected menu by clicking the Copy toolbar button, you can make another instance in the Module Manager as well.

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Â When you create a new menu, use only English alphanumeric characters without space in the Unique Name field. It is a good idea using only a-z, 0-9 and underscore (_) characters. Please read the tooltips as well.

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Â If you don't enter a Module title, no module will be created and the menu cannot be displayed in the front end. However you can use the Module Manager later to create a new mod_mainmenu module, and assign it to the menu.

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Â If you delete an existing menu, do not forget that all the menu items of the respective menu will be also deleted.

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Â The Main Menu has your default menu item, so it should not be deleted. The default menu item is your home page, and your site will not function if it is deleted. If you change the default menu item, make sure that you don't delete that menu item either! The menu with the default menu item is marked with an asterisk (*) in the Menus menu. More information can be found at the Menu Manager page

Related Information

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To add new Menus:
Menu Manager New/Edit

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To add or edit Menu Items:
Menu Item Manager

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To add or edit Menu Modules: Module Manager

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