Section Manager

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How to Access

Click on the Section Manager icon in the Control Panel or click on 'Section Manager' in the 'Content' menu in the back-end of your Joomla! installation.

Description

Articles in Joomla! are organized into Sections and Categories. Sections are the top-level of organization and Categories go under Sections. The Section Manager is the place where you can edit existing Sections and create new ones. For example, a web site might have the following organization:

- People
  - Volunteers, Staff, Board Members
- Projects
  - Major Projects, Small Projects
- Events

Local Events, National Events

In this example, 'People', 'Projects', and 'Events' would be the Sections. The sub-topics under each Section (for example, 'Volunteers', 'Staff', and 'Board Members') would be the Categories for each Section. When an Article is added, it would be assigned a Section (for example 'People') and a Category (for example, 'Board Members').

You can have an many or as few Sections and Categories as you need. Joomla! has a built-in Section and Category called 'Uncategorized'. This allows you to create Articles without creating or assigning any Section or Category. You just assign the Article to the 'Uncategorized' Section.

Sections are used for two reasons. The first reason is for organizing Articles on your web pages. The Section Blog Layout and Section Layout allow you to display multiple Articles on a page for a given Section. So, in the example above, you could have a page for 'People' that shows Articles related to this Section. A second reason to use Sections is to help manage your Articles in the back-end Article Manager. If you have a large number of Articles, you can filter by Section so you only see the Articles from one Section.

Screenshot

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Column Headers

Click on the column heading to sort the list by that column's value.

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#. An indexing number automatically assigned by Joomla! for ease of reference.

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Checkbox. Check this box to select one or more items. To select all items, check the box in the column heading. After one or more boxes are checked, click a toolbar button to take an action on the selected item or items. Many toolbar actions, such as Publish and Unpublish, can work with multiple items. Others, such as Edit, only work on one item at a time. If multiple items are checked and you press Edit, the first item will be opened for editing.

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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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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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Order. The order to display items. If the list is sorted by this column, you can change the order by clicking the arrows or by entering the sequential order and clicking 'Save Order'. Note that the display order on a page is set in the Parameters - Advanced section for each Menu Item . If that order is set to use something other than 'Order' (for example, 'Title - Alphabetical'), then the order value in this screen will be ignored. If the Menu Item Order parameter is set to use 'Order', then the items will display on the page based on the order in this screen.

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Access Level. Who has access to this item. Current options are:

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Public: Everyone has access

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Registered: Only registered users have access

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Special: Only users with author status or higher have access

You can change an item's Access Level by clicking on the icon in the column.

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Categories. The number of Categories within this Section. Categories are added in the Category Manager .

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Active. The number of active Articles within this Section or Category. Active articles include published and unpublished articles but not Articles that have been moved to Trash.

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Trash. The number of Articles from this Section or Category that are currently in Trash. These articles can be seen in the Article Trash screen. An Article in Trash is still stored on the site and may be either Restored or Deleted permanently.

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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.

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Display #. The number of items to display on one page. If there are more items than this number, you can use the page navigation buttons (Start, Prev, Next, End, and page numbers) to navigate between pages. Note that if you have a large number of items, it may be helpful to use the Filter options, located above the column headings, to limit which items display.

Toolbar

At the top right you will see the toolbar:

The functions are:

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Publish. To publish one or more items, select them and click on this button.

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Unpublish. To unpublish one or more items, select them and click on this button.

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Copy. Select one or more items and click this button to copy them. A new screen will display showing the possible "Copy to" locations on the left and the list of item(s) being copied on the right. To complete the copy, select the desired "Copy to" location and press the Copy button. To cancel the operation, press Cancel.

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Delete. To delete one or more items, select them and click this button. The selected items will be deleted.

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Edit. Select one item and click on this button to open it in edit mode. If you have more than one item selected, the first item will be opened. You can also open an item for editing by clicking on its Title or Name.

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New. Click on this button to create a new item. You will enter the New page for this item.

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Help. Opens this Help Screen.

List Filters

Filter by Partial TitleYou can filter the list of items either by entering in part of the title or the ID number. You can also select a Published State.

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Filter. In the upper left corner just above the column headings is a Filter field and two buttons, as shown below:

If you have a large number of items on the list, you can use this filter to find the desired item(s) quickly. Enter either part of the title or an ID number and press 'Go' to display the matching items. You can enter in whole words or part of a word. For example, "ooml" will match all titles with the word "Joomla!" in them.

Filter by Published StateIn the area in the upper right, above the column headings, there is a drop-down list box that allows you to filter the Sections by Published state.

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Select State. Use the drop-down list box to select the published state: Published or Unpublished. For Articles, you may also select Archived.

Quick Tips

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You can enter a section's edit mode by simply clicking on its title.

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Click on the green check mark or the red X in the Published column to toggle between the states Published and Unpublished.

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Click on the Column Headers to sort the Sections by that column. Click a second time to sort descending (Z to A).

Related Information

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To add or edit Sections: Section Manager - New/Edit

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To work with Article Categories: Category Manager

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To create a page showing Articles for a Section in a Blog layout: Menu Item Manager - New/Edit - Section Blog Layout

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To create a page showing Articles for a Section in a List layout: Menu Item Manager - New/Edit - Section Layout

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