

Site Module: Edit [Main Menu]

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Type:

com_modules

Access:

menu=>Modules=>Site Modules=>Module Manager=>Main Menu->edit

User Level:

Administrator; Super Administrator.

Screenshot:

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Main Menu Display

Description:

Module Type: mod_mainmenu

mod_mainmenu is the key Module within Joomla! for creating the Menu displays in the Front-end of the web site. In a standard Joomla! installation, that includes the sample data for the database, there are a number of Menus that are created by default.

The Main Menu is the most important of the Menus as it includes the Home Page Menu Item which is the controller for the Front Page.

The mod_mainmenu creates the main shell of all the Menus and sets many of the display requirements for them. The Main Menu cannot be deleted.

Toolbar:

Preview: To check the appearance of the current Module in a browser-style window, click the Preview icon. A pop-up display page will appear. Close the pop-up by clicking anywhere upon it.

Save: Click Save to save any changes made during the current editing session, and return to the Module Manager screen.

Apply: Click Apply to save any changes made so far in the current session, but remain in the Module screen to continue editing. Once the editing session is complete click Save as above.

Close: Click Close at any point to end the current editing session and return to the Module Manager screen. Any changes made since the session commenced, or since the last time Apply was clicked, will be lost.

Help: Click the Help icon at any time to view this Help Screen.

Details:

Title: Enter a name for the Module being created. This will be displayed at the top of the Module display page - if the option to Show is selected below. The Page Title is also used by the Module Manager to identify it in its display list.

Show title: Select the No or Yes radio button to set whether the Title, entered above, will be displayed or not in the Front-end of the web site.

Position: Select the position in which this Module will be displayed, from the drop down list of all available Positions. These positions are determined by the Template in use and the menu=>Site=>Templates=>Module Positions screen.

Module Order: This option allows the place for this Module in the order of all Modules that are assigned to this Position in the Template to be set, and therefore its place in the Front-end display of the Template.

Access Level: Identify which User Group level can view this Module. Select from Public, Registered, or Special. See: User Access Levels for further details on these.

ID: The unique Module Identification Number that Joomla! (MySQL) has assigned to the Module.

Published: Check this check box to Publish the Module. If there is no check mark in the check box, then the Category is Unpublished.

Description: Enter a description of the Module that explains its function in the open text field. The text will be displayed within the Administrator Back-end only and is for future reference purposes.

Parameters:

Menu Class Suffix: This field can contain a suffix that will be applied to the CSS classes for the Menu styles of this page. This allows individual Menu styling with relative ease. For example, if the suffix .foo is entered here, all CSS code elements in the CSS file within the Template for Menu styles will have .foo added to them. table.moduletable becomes table.moduletable.foo. Separate entries would then need to be added in the CSS file of the Template, for each corresponding difference.

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Menu Name: Select the name of the Menu - added to the list automatically by Joomla! when the Menu was first created in the menu=>Menu Manager->new - from the drop down list of all Menus created on the web site.

Menu Style: Select the style of Menu that should be displayed in the Front-end from the drop down list of Menu Style Types:

- Vertical - The Vertical Menu Style Child Menu Items will be displayed in an extended form when the Parent Item is clicked upon. These will be presented with an indented offset Title that will distinguish them from the Parent. This is the type of Menu Style adopted for the Main Menu in the standard Template installed with Joomla!. However, alternative Templates may treat this differently.

- Horizontal - The Horizontal Menu displays the Menu Items one above the other in a tabular layout. Child Menu Items are not displayed. The appearance is similar to the Vertical Menu Style.

- Flat List - The Flat List Menu displays Menu Items in list format (tags). Depending on the CSS settings of the active template, the Menu may display horizontally or vertically. This option does not display Child Menu Items. This is the Style used for the Menu Bar at the top of the standard Template installed with Joomla!.

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Full Active Highlighting: Enable full active Menu Item highlighting, including for Link - Component Item and Link - URL, which can cause the loss of XHTML compliance for the site, if more than one item is active.

Enable Cache: Select No or Yes to set whether the Cache will be enabled for the content of this Module. This will speed up delivery of the content - particularly where changes are less frequent - as the information is held within the web server in a "holding file" rather than the database having to be queried each time a request is made to view the content.

Show Menu Icons: Select No or Yes to set whether the mini icons selected for the Menu Items will be displayed or not.

Menu Icon Alignment: Select Left or Right to set whether the Menu Icon is located to the left or right of the Menu Item name in the Menu display.

Expand Menu: Select No or Yes to set whether any Child level Menu Items are permanently displayed in the Menu or not, rather than only being available when the Parent Item is clicked upon.

Activate Parent: Select No or Yes to set the activation ID for all Parent Menus in the tree.

Indent Image: In addition to the Menu Icons, that are selected above, for the parent Menu Item Title it is also possible to set the source of the images used for the indented child Menu Items. Select the source from the drop down display list.

Select from:

- Template - The indent images specified by the current Template being used for the Front-end.
- Joomla! Default - The indent images that are included with a standard Joomla! installation.
- User parameters below - This setting uses the choices made for Indent Images 1-6 below.

Indent Image 1 - 6: Select the required image for each of the 6 Indent Image fields. Choose from the drop down list of all appropriate images currently located in the `joomla_root/images/M_images` directory. Additional images can be uploaded via the Media Manager.

Spacer: Enter the keyboard character that is to be used as the separator between individual Menu Item entries in the Flat List or Horizontal Menu style. See above.

End Spacer: Enter the keyboard character that is to be used as the terminal separator at the end of a Flat List or Horizontal style Menu . See above.

Related Information:

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