Site Module: Edit [Latest News]

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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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Latest News Display

Description:
Module Type: mod_latestnews

The Latest News Module displays the titles of the most recently published Content Items and Static Items to have been added to the Front-end of the web site and that are
still current (some of these may have expired even though they are still the most
recently published). Items that are displayed in the Front Page Component are not
included by default in the list, but there is an option to include these if required.

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:

Module Class Suffix: Enter the suffix for the CSS class of this module, for example: .moduletable-latest. In this example, the -latest is the suffix. This suffix class must currently be in the template CSS Style file. This allows individual CSS classes to be applied to certain modules independent of the site's default Template CSS classes.

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.

Module Mode: It is possible to limit the type of Content that will be displayed in the Module. Select Content Items only, Static Items only, or Both from the drop down list of options.

Front Page Items: Select No or Yes to set whether items that are displayed in the Front Page Component (and are therefore the first Items that a visitor would usually see) are also included in the Latest News Module as well.

Count: Enter the number of Latest News Items that will be displayed in the Module. The default setting is five (5).

Category ID: Enter the Category Identification Number of the Category from which the Module will display the Latest News. Multiple Categories can be chosen, simply enter the Category ID's separated by a comma. For Example: 1,7,10. This function is only available for Content Items as Static Items are not assigned to a Category. The Category ID can be obtained from the Category Manager.

Section ID: Enter the Section Identification Number of the Section from which the

Module will display the Latest News. Multiple Sections can be chosen,
simply enter the Section ID's separated by a comma. For Example: 2,5,8. This function is only available for Content Items as Static
Items are not assigned to a Section. The Section ID can be obtained from the Section Manager.

Pages / Items:

Menu Item Links: Choose the Menu/Menu Item locations that this
Module should be displayed on in the Front-end display of the web site
if has been Published. In addition to individual pages it is possible
to assign the Module as follows:

- All - The Module will appear on every Menu/Menu Item location.

- None - The Module will be active but not present on any Menu. It can however, be selected directly by a non-standard link.

- Unassigned
- Where a Content Item is not targeted by a specific Menu/Menu Item
link select Unassigned for the Module to appear on that and all other
unlinked pages.

NOTE: Further clarity is being sought on the Menu / Menu Item options None & Unassigned.
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Related Information:

Â Category Manager

Â Section Manager

Â Module Positions
Â User Access Levels

NOTE: If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this Help screen then please post them in the Suggestions, Modifications, and Corrections forum in the User Documentation Work Group.

Thank you!

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