Menu Item: Blog - Content Section

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Title:

com_menus - add (or edit)

Access:

menu=>Menu=>Menu Manager=>Menu Manager [menuname] - New (or Edit)

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Quick Icon=>Menu Manager=>Menu Manager [menuname] - New (or Edit)

User Level:

Manager; Administrator; Super Administrator

Screenshot:

Â Blog - Content Section

Description:

The Blog - Content Section Menu Item is a shortcut to a Blog style page
showing Intro Text of all the published Content Items of a particular Section. It is possible to change the way in which they appear on the display page by changing the number of columns the
articles are divided between.

Toolbar:

New Menu Item Toolbar
Edit Menu Item Toolbar

Back: Click Back to return to the previous screen to select a different type of Menu Item to create the new entry from.

Save: Click Save to save a New Menu Item or any changes made during the current editing session and return to the Menu Manager [menuname] screen.

Apply: Click Apply to save any changes made so far in the current editing session but remain in the current Menu Item screen to continue editing. Once the editing session is complete click Save as above. If a New Menu Item was being created the screen definition switches from New to Edit, and the New Menu Item will have been added to the particular Menu. The Toolbar changes to reflect the change of definition and it is no longer possible to select an alternative Menu Item type.

Cancel: Clicking Cancel at any point ends the creation of a New Menu Item and returns the display to the Menu Manager [menuname] screen. Any changes made since the session commenced will be lost.

Close: Clicking Close at any point ends the current editing session and returns the display to the Menu Manager [menuname] 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:

Name: Enter the name that is required to appear on the Menu to identify this Menu Item.

Section: Select the Section from the list of defined Sections to which this Menu Item will create a shortcut.

URL: The URL will be created automatically by Joomla! when the Apply or Save icons are first clicked. The URL represents the internal link to the display page of the Archive itself.

Parent Item: Select the existing Parent Item to which this
Menu Item is to be associated. By default this is Top. Top is the Menu
itself. The Menu Item will be visible in the normal view of the Menu.
If another Menu Item is selected then this Menu Item will become a sub-Menu Item and will not be
visible until the Parent is clicked.

Ordering: Control where this Menu Item will appear in its Menu,
in the Front-end. Select this position from the drop-down display of
current Menu Items contained in the Menu.

NOTE:
By default the new Menu Item is placed at the end of the Menu. Its
position can be changed once the New Menu Item has been saved for the
first time. The resulting drop down box displays all Menu Items in the
Menu whether they are published or not.

Access Level: Define which of the three document Access Levels applies to this Menu Item. Select from Public, Registered, or Special.

Published: Select Yes (the default setting) to Publish this Menu Item in the Menu. This will display the Name of the Menu Item, as entered above, in the Menu.{mospagebreak &title=Parameters}

Parameters:

Menu Image: Select a small image, from the drop down
list of available images, to be placed to the left or right of the Menu
Item Title in the Menu. Images must be located in joomla_root/images/stories/ directory

Page Class Suffix: This field can contain a suffix
that is to be applied to the CSS classes of this page. This allows
individual page styling with relative ease. For example, if the suffix
.bl (short for Blog) is entered here, all CSS code elements in this
page will have .bl added to them. h2 becomes h2.bl. Separate entries in
the CSS file of the template would then be applied as entered.

Back Button: Set whether there is a Back navigation button inserted at the base of the target page being displayed.

Options are Use Global (the setting made for the whole site in the Global Configuration), Hide, or Show. The Global site settings are overridden by these individual page settings.

Page Title: Enter the text that will be displayed at
the top of the target page display in the Front-end of the web site. If
left blank the entry defaults to the Menu Item name instead.

Page Title: Select Show or Hide to
set whether the Page Title text entered above will appear at the top of
their respective target page displayed in the Front-end of the web site.

Leading: Set the number of Content Items to be displayed on
the target display page as Leading (full width) Items . The Leading Item text
is taken from the Introduction (Intro) Text field of the Content Item.
0 (zero) will mean that no Content Items will be displayed as Leading
Items. Think of these as the main stories for the target page display.

Intro: Set the number of Content Items to be displayed on
the target page display with their Introduction (Intro) text showing. These
Content Items will fit into the layout set within the Column field
below.

Columns: Set the number of Columns that the Intro text will be
displayed within on the target page display. This creates the same effect as the
columns in a newspaper or magazine.

Links: Select the number of Content Items that will be shown
in a list of Links at the foot of the target page display. These will
simply be the Title of the Content Item displayed as clickable links to their corresponding Content Items. A mini contents list.

Category Order: Select the order in which the Categories will be displayed within the target page display . There are four choices:

- No, Order by Primary Order Only: Orders the Categories within the selected Section in accordance with the Primary Order setting configured in the next field.

- Title Alphabetical: Orders the Categories, within the selected
Section, alphabetically in ascending (A-Z) order, based on their

individual Title headings.

- Title Reverse-Alphabetical:
Orders the Categories, within the selected Section, alphabetically in descending (Z-A) order, based on their individual Title headings.

- Ordering:
Orders the Categories in accordance with the Order settings in the Category Manager for that particular Section, then by the Primary Order (as specified in the Primary Order field).

Primary Order: The Primary Order determines the Order in which the individual Content Items are displayed within the target display page. The Primary Order is applied after the Category Order.

- Default: Displays the Content Items in accordance with the Order set within the Content Items Manager [categoryname].

- Oldest First: Displays the Content Items in descending date order - Oldest to Newest.

- Most Recent First: Displays the Content Items in ascending order - Newest to Oldest.

- Title Alphabetical: Orders the Content Items alphabetically in ascending (A-Z) order, based on their individual Title headings.

- Title Reverse-Alphabetical:
Orders the Content Items alphabetically in descending (Z-A) order, based on their individual Title headings.

- Author Alphabetical: Orders the Content Items alphabetically in ascending (A-Z) order, based on the Author Name.

- Author Reverse-Alphabetical: Orders the Content Items alphabetically in descending (Z-A) order, based on the Author Name.

- Most Hits:
Orders the Content Items based on their Popularity. The greater the number of Page Impressions (Hits) that are recorded for the Item the higher it will be displayed in the target page display. The Item with the greatest number will show as the

- Least Hits: Orders the Content Items based on their Popularity. The lower the number of Page Impressions (Hits) that are recorded for the Item the higher it will be displayed in the target page display.

Pagination: Select Show, Hide, or Auto to set whether the Pagination support is displayed within the target page display. The
Pagination feature displays links to additional page displays of the Content Items for example:

<< Start < Prev 1 2 Next > End >>

- Show displays the feature whether it is required or not - it will just appear greyed out if not usable.

- Hide does not show the feature at all.

- Auto shows
the feature when the total number of Content Items exceeds the total number of Leading, Intro, and Link Items that are set to be displayed on the target page display.

If Auto is selected, the total number of Content Items to display, set in the Category Manager [categoryname], determines whether this feature appears or not. For example: If there are a total of ten Content Items set to be published on the target page display but the total of allocated spaces is only five (one Leading Item, two Intro Items, two links) then the feature will display. If however there are only five Items published it will not.

Pagination Results: Select Hide or Show to set whether the Pagination Results are displayed at the bottom of the target page display. The Pagination Results advise which Content Items of the total available (set within the Category Manager [categoryname]) are being displayed in the current view. For example: Results 1 - 5 of 10 or Results 6 - 10 of 10. In this case 10 is the total number of Content Items that are Published within the Category Manager [categoryname].

MOSImages: Select Hide or Show to set whether images are displayed by the use of the {mosimages} tag (see Mambots mosimages) within the Content Item. The images are uploaded/selected by the Author of the Content Item at the time of writing. These images can themselves be managed via the Media Manager.

Description: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Section Description is displayed above the Content Items at the top of the target display page. The Section Description is controlled within the Section Manaer.

Description Image: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Section Description Image is displayed above the Content Items at the top of the target display page. The image is controlled via the Section Manager, and must be stored in joomla_root/images/stories/ to be available.

Category Name: Select Show or Hide to set whether the name of the Category, the Content Item belongs to, is displayed beneath the Content Item name.

Category Name Linkable: It is possible to make the Category Name text appear as a link to the actual Category page and therefore display all Content Items within that Category. This function will only work if the Category Name is set to Show in the previous field. Select Yes or No (default) to set whether this function is activated.

Item Titles: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Content Items title is displayed or not at the beginning of the Item.

Linked Titles: The Global Configuration ->Content Tab screen has a setting within it that sets a Global rule with regard to whether Content Item titles are linkable, or not. It may well be that the Global rule is No. However, there may be occasions when it would be useful and/or essential that a title is linked. It is possible to do this using this feature which can override the Global rule and allow Items on the target page display to be displayed with linkable titles. The options available are Use Global, Yes, and No. Select Use Global to follow the Global rule for the web site. Select No to always use standard format text titles. This function will only work when the Item Titles field above is set to Show.

Read More: Use this feature to set whether the clickable Read More link is displayed in Content Items on the target page display. If set to Show and there is actually more content to follow at the end of the Intro text then the link will be displayed. Select Use Global to follow the Global rule for the web site. Select Yes to override the Global rule and always make the Read More link appear when needed. Select No to override the Global rule and never show the link.

Item Rating: Use this feature to set whether the Item Rating images are displayed in Content Items on the target page display. Select Use Global to follow the Global rule for the web site. Select Yes to override the Global rule and always make the Item Rating appear. Select No to override the Global rule and never show the Item Rating. This feature does not control the function of enabling rating.

Author Names: Use this feature to set whether the name of a Content Item's Author is displayed in the Content Item on the target page display. Select Use Global to follow the Global rule for the web site. Select Yes to override the Global rule and always make the Author Name appear. Select No to override the Global rule and never show the Author Name.

Created Date and Time: Use this feature to set whether the the date and time that this Content Item was created are displayed in the Content Item on the target page display. Select Use Global to follow the Global rule for the web site. Select Yes to override the Global rule and always make the Created Date and Time appear. Select No to override the Global rule and never show the Created Date and Time.

Modified Date and Time: Use this feature to set whether the the date and time that this Content
Item was last modified are displayed in the Content Item on the target page display.
Select Use Global to follow the Global rule for the web site. Select Yes to override the Global rule and always make the Modified Date and Time appear. Select No to override the Global rule and never show the Modified Date and Time.

PDF Icon: Use this feature to set whether the PDF icon is
displayed in Content Items on the target page display. The PDF Icon (sometimes
also just represented in plain text) allow the download of the Content
Item as a PDF file. Select Use Global to follow the Global rule for the web site. Select Yes to override the Global rule and always make the PDF Icon appear. Select No to override the Global rule and never show the PDF Icon.

Print Icon: Use this feature to set whether the Print icon is
displayed in Content Items on the target page display. The Print Icon causes a
new browser window to open with the basic text content of the Content
Item displayed without any of the web site graphics or design showing.
This allows a User to conveniently print the Item. Select Use Global to follow the Global rule for the web site. Select Yes to override the Global rule and always make the Print Icon appear. Select No to override the Global rule and never show the Print Icon.

E-mail Icon: Use this feature to set whether the E-mail Icon
is displayed in Content Items on the target page display. The E-mail Icon
permits the ever present 'Mail to a Friend' facility to be used
allowing a copy of a particular Content Item to be sent to an e-mail
address. Select Use Global to follow the Global rule for the web site. Select Yes to override the Global rule and always make the E-mail Icon appear. Select No to override the Global rule and never show the E-mail Icon.

NOTE: Changes
made to the Parameters within this Menu Item, only affect this instance
of the Blog - Content Section Menu Item display and does not alter the Global rules that may
be set for them within the Global Configuration.

Unpublished Items: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Unpublished Content Items are displayed for those Users with the appropriate access permissions.{mospagebreak &title=Related Information}

Related Information:

Â Category Manager
Â Mambots mosimages

Â Trash Manager
Â Media Manager

Â Move Menu Item
Â Section Manager

Â Copy Menu Item
Â Global Configuration

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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