Menu Item: Link - Content Item

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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:

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Add Menu Item - Link Content Item

Edit Menu Item - Link Content Item

Description:

This Menu Item allows a shortcut to be added to a Menu for an individual Content Item (not a Static Content Item).

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 a name for this Menu Item as it should appear on the Menu.

Content to Link: Select the individual Content Item, from the displayed list of all Content Items, that this Menu Item should be a shortcut to. This field is not editable after it has been saved. In addition, within the Edit display, the following new fields appear:

- Item: Displays the title of the Content Item that this Menu Item relates to. This is a clickable link direct to the Content Item to facilitate easy access without having to navigate through the various Menus.

- Category: Displays the Category that this Content Item belongs to.

- Section: Displays the Section that this Category belongs to.

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 Content Item itself.

On Click, Open
in: Determines where the new target display page will open. Choose from the three available options:

- Parent Window With Browser Navigation - Opens the Content Item within the current browser window.

- New Window With Browser Navigation - Opens the Content Item in a new instance of the browser window, with the normal toolbars and menus displayed.

- New Window Without Browser Navigation - Opens the Content Item in a new instance of the browser window, without the normal toolbars and menus being displayed.

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 Top 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.

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

Unique ItemID: Select Yes or No to set whether the Menu Item will be allocated a Unique IDentification number or not.

This has the effect of treating a new link to a Content Item, that already has a Menu Item directed to it, as a separate Item and will use a new ID rather than adopt the same as the first link.

For example, a Menu Item Link - Content Item is used to place a link to the License information in the Main Menu (standard installation of Joomla! with content). If a new Menu Item Link - Content Item is also created to the License information, it will use the same internal URL as the first. If however, a further Menu Item Link - Content Item is created to the same Content Item but the Parameter Unique ItemID is set to Yes the internal URL will show a different ItemID, one that has not been previously used.

Related Information:

Menu Manager [mainmenu]

Trash Manager

Content by Section

Menu Manager [othermenu]

Move Menu Item

Category Manager

Menu Manager [topmenu]

Copy Menu Item

Section Manager

Menu Manager [usermenu]

All Content Items
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Thank you!

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