Menu Item: List - Content Section

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Title:

com_menus - add (or edit)

Access:

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

or

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

or

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

User Level:

Manager; Administrator; Super Administrator

Screenshot:

Add Menu Item - List Content Section
Edit Menu Item - List Content Section

Description:

This Menu Item allows a shortcut to be added to a Menu that links to a display of all the Category Items in a particular Section. These in turn link directly to a list of the Content Items within each Category.

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.

Section: Select the Content Section that this Menu Item will create a shortcut to, from the displayed list of all Sections. The display will be a list of Category names.

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 Section 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 Section target page within the current browser window.

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

- New Window Without Browser Navigation - Opens the Section target page 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 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.

Section Title: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Section Title is displayed or not. The Section Title is the name given to the Section when it was created in the Section Manager, and any changes needed are made there.

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.

Section Description: Select Show or Hide to set whether
the Section Description is displayed above the list of Categories at the
top of the target display page. The Section Description is edited within the Section Manager.

Section Description Image: Select Show or Hide to set
whether the Section Description Image is displayed above the list of Categories 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.

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

- Default: Orders the Categories in accordance with the system default.

- Title Alphabetical: Orders the Categories, within the displayed list, alphabetically in ascending (A-Z) order, based on their individual title headings.

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

- Ordering: Orders the Categories in accordance with the Order settings in the Section Manager for that particular Section.Â

Category List - Section: Select Show or Hide to set whether a list of Categories is displayed in list form in the target page. Selecting Hide will not show any Content Categories at all.

Empty Categories in Section: If Show is selected in the previous field it is also possible to display Categories without any Content Items in them as well.

Category Description: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Category Description is displayed with each Category name in the Category List - Section display page, or not.The Category Description is controlled within the Category Manager.

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

Category List - Category:Â Select Show or Hide to set whether a list of Categories is displayed in the target page. Selecting Hide will not show any Content Categories at all.

Empty Categories: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Categories without published Content Items in them are displayed in the Category List - Category display page or not.

Category Items:
Select Show or Hide to set whether the number of Content Items in a Category is shown next to its name. This feature adds the suffix (# Items) after each Category name. # is replaced with the relevant numeric. This setting affects both the Category List - Category and Category List - Section displays.

Category Description: Select Show or Hide to set whether
the Category Description is displayed with each Category name in the
Category List - Category display page, or not.The Category Description
is controlled from within the Category Manager.Â

Date Format:
Configure the format of the date displayed for each Content Item in the Date Column. This setting uses the PHP strftime command format. If the field is left blank (the default), it will load the format specified in the active Language file. See http://uk.php.net/strftime for more details.Â

Date Column: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Date Column will be displayed in the Category List - Category display page or not. The Date Column will display the Creation Date of the individual Content Items. Select Use Global to apply the settings made in the Global Configuration->Content Tab.

Author Column: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Author Column will
be displayed in the Category List - Category display page or not.
The Author Column will display the name of the Author of the individual
Content Items. Select Use Global to apply the settings made in the Global Configuration->Content Tab.

Hits Column: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Hits Column will
be displayed in the Category List - Category display page or not.
The Hits Column will display the number of individual Page Impressions received on the individual
Content Items Select Use Global to apply the settings made in the Global Configuration->Content Tab.

Table Headings: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Table Headings will
be displayed above the relevant columns in the Category List - Category display page or not.

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

- 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.

NOTE: Whilst a visually 'enhanced' Navigation Bar is shown above this will often simply be represented as text. It depends upon the Template in use.

The total number of Content Items to
display, set in the Display Number field below, determines whether this feature is active or not. For example: If there are a total of ten Content Items
that can be shown on the target page display, but the total of allocated spaces
is only five, then the
feature will be active. If, however, there are only five Items to show it
will not be. The User can override this 'default' setting if the Display Select field below is enabled.

Order Select: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Order Select drop down list will
be displayed at the top of the list of Categories or not. This function allows a User to choose the order in which they view the display of Categories in their browser.

Display Select:Â Select Show or Hide to set whether the Display Number function below is available to Users.Â

Display Number: Select one of the predefined numbers from the drop down list. Once chosen this will be the 'default' number of Content Items that will be displayed in the List Category - Category display page. If Display Select is set to Show, then a User will be presented with a similar drop down list of settings from where they can choose how many Content Item Titles are displayed to them at a time. Set to Hide and the Display Number function is not visible.

Filter: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Filter facility below is displayed above the List Category - Category listing in the display page.

Filter Field: Select the particular criteria that this function will filter against in the list of all the Content Items, within a Category in the display page. The Filter Field options are Title, Author, or Hits. By default the field is set to Title.

Unpublished Items: Select Show or Hide to set whether the Unpublished
Content Items are displayed for those Users with the appropriate access
permissions.

NOTE: Many of the parameters above have Global settings that are established within the Global Configuration or appropriate Manager screen, any changes made to the settings in this page only affect this instance of the Menu Item and display pages and will not interfere with those Global settings.

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Related Information:

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Â Page Impressions
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Â Category Manage
Menu Manager [othermenu]

Â Copy Menu Item
Â Section Manager
Menu Manager [topmenu]

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NOTE: If you have any suggestions or comments for this Help Screen, please submit them on the Suggestions, Modifications, and Corrections forum.

Thank You

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