

## Menu Item: Separator / Placeholder

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Title:

com\_menus - add (or edit)

Access:

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

User Level:

Manager; Administrator; Super Administrator

Screenshot:

Menu Item: Separator/Placeholder

Description:

This Menu Item will add a Separator or Placeholder element into the Menu on the Front-end. A Separator could be used, for example, to break up the appearance of a Menu with a lot of Menu Items. This would give the appearance of sectioning within the Menu. As a Placeholder it can be used to enter the name of a Menu Item that is to be added at some point in the future, but an entry is required to assist in the general layout of the Menu. It creates a non-linked Menu 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:

**Pattern/Name:** Enter the sequence of characters or letters for a Separator style entry, or the name that will appear as a Placeholder in the Menu. This Menu Item is inert, and does not link to any other Items.

**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 (Child) 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.

**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 `in Joomla!_root/images/stories/` directory.

**Related Information:**

Menu Manager [ mainmenu ]

Trash Manager

Menu Manager [ othermenu ]

Move Menu Item

Menu Manager [ topmenu ]

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## Menu Manager [ usermenu ]

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