

Menu Item: Component [Front Page]

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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:

Edit Menu Item : Component: Front Page

Description:

This particular Menu Item creates a shortcut to the Front-end display of the com_frontpage Component. Typically this is the Home Menu Item that will be seen on most pages.

In addition, it is the controller of the Front Page display properties for the Main section to determine how many Content Items are shown and how these appear. The Content Items are displayed in a Blog style. The Blog style displays articles as a series of short summaries (utilising the Intro text section) of the Content Items.

The Front Page is also important because the Content Items displayed here form the primary source of the web sites RSS News Feeds that are available for people to link to.

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.

Component: Identify the Component from the list of installed Components to which this Menu Item will create a shortcut. This will create a new Component Item.

A Component Item is a variant of the Front-end display of that Component. There can be more than one representation of a Component Item but with different Access Levels, for example.

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 element of the Component 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.

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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 `.fp` (short for front page) is entered here, all CSS code elements in this page will have `.fp` added to them. `h2` becomes `h2.fp`. Separate entries in the CSS file of the template would then be applied as entered.

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.

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), Hide, or Show. The Global site settings are overridden by these individual page settings.

Leading: Set the number of Content Items to be displayed on the Front 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 Front Page.

Intro: Set the number of Content Items to be displayed on the Front Page 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 Front Page. 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 Front 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 Front Page. There are four choices:

- **No, Order by Primary Order Only:** Orders the Categories within the selected Section in accordance with the Content Item 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 Section 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 Front Page. The Primary Order is applied after the Category Order.

- **Default:** Displays the Content Items in accordance with the Order set within the Front Page Manager.
- **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 Front Page.

- 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 Front Page.

Pagination: Select Show, Hide, or Auto to set whether the Pagination support is displayed within the Front Page. 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 Front Page.

If Auto is selected, the total number of Content Items to display, set in the Front Page Manager, determines whether this feature appears or not. For example: If there are a total of ten Content Items set to be published on the Front Page 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 Front Page display. The Pagination Results advise which Content Items of the total available (set within the Front Page Manager) 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 Front Page Manager or have had their Show in Front Page check box Checked.

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 .

Section Name: Select Show or Hide to set whether the name of the Section, to which the Content Item belongs, is displayed on the within the Content Item.

Section Name Linkable: If Show the Section Name is chosen in the previous setting there is now the option to make the Section Name text a link to the actual Section page and therefore display all Categories and/or Content Items of that Section and not just those published to the Front Page. Select Yes or No (default) to set whether this function is

activated.

Category Name: Select Show or Hide to set whether the name of the Category, the Content Item belongs to, is displayed in the Content Item. If the Section name is set to Show as well then the Category Name will follow this.

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 Front Page 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 Front Page. 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 Front Page. 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 Front Page. 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 Front Page. 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 Front Page.

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 Front Page. 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 Front Page. 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 Front Page. 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 Component 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.

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Related Information:

Menu Manager [mainmenu]

Move Menu Item

Menu Manager [othermenu]
Copy Menu Item

Menu Manager [topmenu]
Front Page Manager

Menu Manager [usermenu]
Mambots mosimages

Trash Manager

Media Manager

Global Configuration
Section Manager

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