

Syndication Settings

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Type:

com_syndication

Access:

menu=>Components=>Syndication

User Level:

Administrator; Super Administrator

Screenshot:;

Syndication

Description :

The Syndication Component creates the News Feeds of the web site that other web sites, or Users, can link to in order to view what is happening on it. The information available is taken from the Content Items published to the Front Page of the web site.

Toolbar:

Save: Click Save to save any changes made during the current editing session, and return to the Control Panel screen.

Cancel: Click Cancel to terminate the current editing session and return to the Control Page. Any modifications that have been made will be lost.

Help: Click the Help icon at any time to view this Help Screen.

Parameters:

Security Check: Joomla! should always check whether the Syndicate Module mod_rssfeed is published or not before supplying the feed following a request.

Cache: Select No or Yes to set whether the Syndication News Feeds are cached or not. If Yes is selected a time for the Feeds to be cached must be entered into the following field. If the cache is not enabled every request for the feed will make a fresh call to the database. Caching effectively speeds up the provision of the feed but does not necessarily provide the most up to date information.

WARNING: Setting the Cache
to No will cause the News Feed link to be checked every time a web user visits any site where the News Feed is Syndicated. This can potentially cause excessive bandwidth usage as well as extreme draw on the database resources.

Cache Time: If the Cache field above is set to Yes the Cache will be refreshed according to the number of seconds entered in this field. Web sites with a high volume of Users generating a lot of new Content - for example the Joomla! Forums - would probably benefit from a lower period of time being set, than those sites whose Content is less dynamic for example, an information only based site.

The following may be of use:

- 3,600 = 1 hour;

- 86,400 = 1 day; (the default)

- 604,800 = 1 week;

- 2,419,200 = 4
weeks;

- 31,536,000 = 1 year!

Items: Identify the maximum number of Content Items that are included in an outgoing News Feed from the web site.

Title: Enter a name that clearly identifies the web site.

Description: Enter a brief description of the web site and the News Feed. This information would be displayed in the News Feed Reader (aggregator) of the receiving site. So make it informative and it will be used.

Image: Select an image from the list of available images that will be sent with the outgoing News Feed, hopefully to be displayed upon the web site or desktop of the requester of the News Feed. The images are located in the `joomla_root/images/M_images/` directory. New images can be added via the Media Manager.

Image Alt: Enter a description of the image selected above that will be displayed in the event that the outgoing News Feed is being displayed in a text only browser, text reader, hand-held device, or in the event of there being a problem with the image.

Limit Text: Select No or Yes to set whether the amount of text that is supplied in the outgoing News Feed is limited. This could be utilised to encourage visitors to the web site to read the rest of a story and hopefully stick around, or if over vigorous use is made of the setting it could put people off!

Text Length: Enter the number of words that are sent within the outgoing News Feed. The setting is applied on a per Article basis. A setting of zero (0) will show no text.

RSS 0.91: Select No or Yes to set whether this standard of RSS feed will be available from the web site feed.

RSS 1.0: Select No or Yes to set whether this standard of RSS feed will be available from the web site feed.

RSS 2.0: Select No or Yes to set whether this standard of RSS feed will be available from the web site feed.

ATOM 0.3: Select No or Yes to set whether this standard of RSS feed will be available from the web site feed.

OPML: Select No or Yes to set whether this standard of RSS feed will be available from the web site feed.

Order: Select the way in which the Articles will be ordered within the outgoing News Feed.

- Default - The Articles will be listed in accordance with the order defined in the Front Page Manager.
- Front Page Ordering - The Articles will be listed in accordance with the order defined in the Front Page Manager.
- Oldest first - The Articles will be listed in date order, with the oldest items first.
- Most recent first - The Articles will be listed in date order, with the newest Articles first.
- Title Alphabetical - The Articles will be listed alphabetically. A - Z
- Title Reverse-Alphabetical - The Articles will be listed alphabetically in reverse.>Z- A
- Author Alphabetical - The Articles will be listed by the author name in an alphabetical list.A - Z
- Author Reverse-Alphabetical -The Articles will be listed by the author name in a reversed alphabetical list. Z - A>
- Most Hits - The Articles will be listed in accordance with their popularity and the number of unique hits that have been received. Those Articles with the highest number of hits will be first.
- Least Hits - The Articles will be listed in accordance with their popularity and the number of unique hits that have been received. Those Articles with the lowest number of hits will be first.

Live Bookmarks: Determine whether there is support provided, within the web site News Feed, for the Mozilla Firefox - Live Bookmarks. Select the appropriate protocol from the list of RSS feed protocols. If support is not to be provided within the web site select Off from the list of entries.

Related Information:

For further details on the types of RSS feed please see: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS>.

For further details on Mozilla Firefox Live Bookmarks visit: http://kb.mozillazine.org/index.php?title=Live_Bookmarks_-_Firefox&printable=yes

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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!

The User Documentation Team