

Chapter 15: Managing Modules

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Modules are used to display various information and/or interactive features throughout your Joomla Site.

A Module can contain just about anything from simple plain text, to HTML, to complete standalone Third Party applications. Modules can also display interactive content, such as polls, tagboards, latest news, newsfeeds and more. Site Modules are different from Administrator Modules because they display their content on the Front-end of your site while Admin Modules pertain to various Administrative (or Back-end) tasks and/or features.

Modules can be created by you (custom/user module) or downloaded and installed.

The management of the modules is always done in the Administrator (Admin Section). Go to Modules > Module Manager on the Menu Bar. There you can Install/Uninstall a module and modify the common configurations such as: the Name, the page/s it should appear on, the area it should be placed in, and the access level. From the list choose the module you want to configure.

The Module Manager is at first set to display a certain number of modules. At the bottom of the list you may see a pagination feature, which will allow you to navigate to the next set of modules in the list. You can also set the number of modules displayed on a page by selecting the number in the drop down box on the right of the screen.

Here you may find a list of all site modules instances set by default when installing Joomla. Each refers to a specific module type as defined above. Under the specific list headings are displayed the status of the Modules installed on your system.

Modules are defined by a Type (ex: mod_mainmenu). Many instances of a same module may be created by copying a specific module type, giving it a different title and different parameters to fit your needs.

To learn how to install a new Module, click this [Help Screen link](#).

[Install/Uninstall Components, Modules and Mambots](#)

Go to Modules > Site Modules or > Administrator Modules in the Menu bar.

To manage your modules, click this [Help Screen link](#).

[Module Manager](#)

To edit your modules, click this [Help Screen link](#).

[Module: Edit](#)

You may create a custom module with a "User" Type by clicking on the 'New' icon. This is a very useful module which may be used to display Content (this content is not related to Sections, Categories or Static Content Items) or RSS Feed. It can be used as a text box or image module or even to include customized code.

The following Site Modules are bundled with Joomla:

The titles for each module are the default titles in Joomla's release. These titles may be renamed or translated to suit your needs.

- Archive
- Latest News
- Login Form
- Main Menu
- Popular
- Newsflash
- Who's Online
- Polls
- Random Image
- Related Items
- Syndicate

- Sections
- Statistics
- User (Custom & RSS Feeds)
- Template Chooser
- Wrapper

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Note: References to other Chapters (Quite a few)

Note: If you have suggestions/corrections for this chapter, please visit the doc forum.

<http://forum.joomla.org/index.php/board,59.0.html>

Thank you!

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