

Joomla Multi Sites - Multi Sites Menu Item v1.0

User's Manual

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1. Introduction

Welcome to the **J**oomla **M**ulti **S**ites' world. This user manual describes the "Multi Menu Item for JMS" native 1.5 Joomla component.

"Multi Sites Menu Item" is a component that allow creating a menu from a website that is associated to another menu item in another website.

With "Multi Sites Menu Item", you can for example have a corporate website that have menu entries that correspond to specific slave site menu entries. This allow you to redirect the user to the corresponding sub-site like if the user has clicked on this specific sub-site menu item.

The referenced menu item can be modified without affecting the "Multi Sites Menu Item" entry as this component retreive each time the current menu item definition of the target website.

This component require "Joomla Multi Sites" version 1.1.5 or higher to get the slave site definition and their configuration.

The "Multi Sites Menu Item" definition consist in selecting a slave site with its "Site ID" and next select the target menu item of this slave site.

"Multi Sites Menu Item" will create you a new entry in your current website that will redirect the user to the corresponding target.

"Multi Sites Menu Item" uses the first domain name defined in JMS that correspond to the "Site ID" and rebuilt dynamically the real URL based on current menu definition.



2. Installation

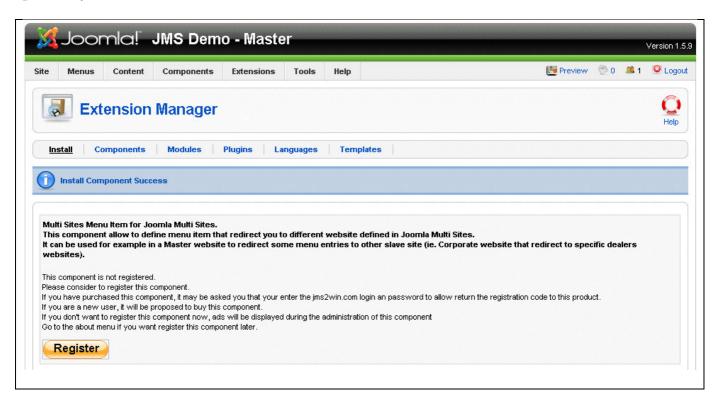
Joomla 1.5 provides a very simple installation interface.

The installation consists of setting the "Multi Sites Menu Item for JMS" Zip file into the package field (as shown below).



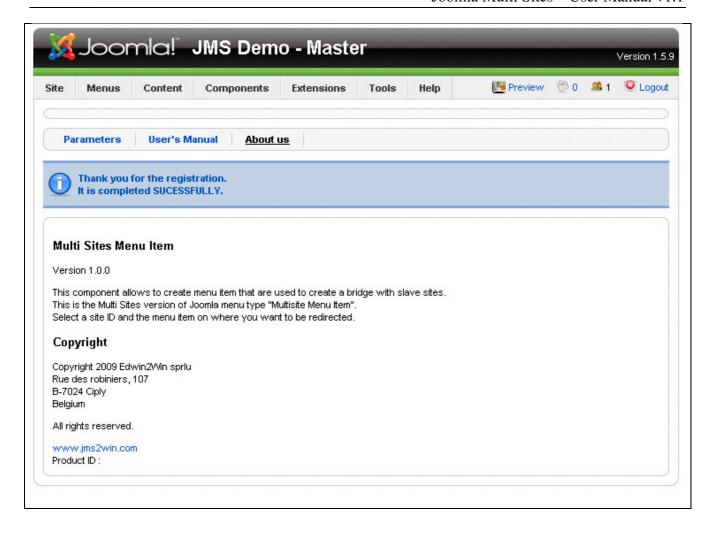


When the installation is complete, you are invited to register the application, although this is not mandatory. If you decline to register, the application will work perfectly.



When the registration is completed, you are redirected to the administration of the component.







3. Administration of the component

Normally, "Joomla Multi Sites Menu Item" does not really request administration.

There are very few option as illustrated below.

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3.1. Parameters

This allow to define the master domain name that must be used when you select the site "master".

This parameter is required because Joomla Multi Sites does not know the domain name that is used to manage the master website.

By definition, a master domain is a domain that is not defined in Joomla Multi Sites (Not in the site that are managed).

3.2. User's manual

This user's manual is available online.

It gives a direct access to this document.

A special feature is implemented to always give access to the latest version of this manual that matches your Joomla Multi Sites version.

3.3. About us and registration

The about menu displays the version of the extension and possibly shows you a registration button when you have not yet registered the component.

The registration is a mechanism that we use to determine if the user has paid a fee for the download of this product.

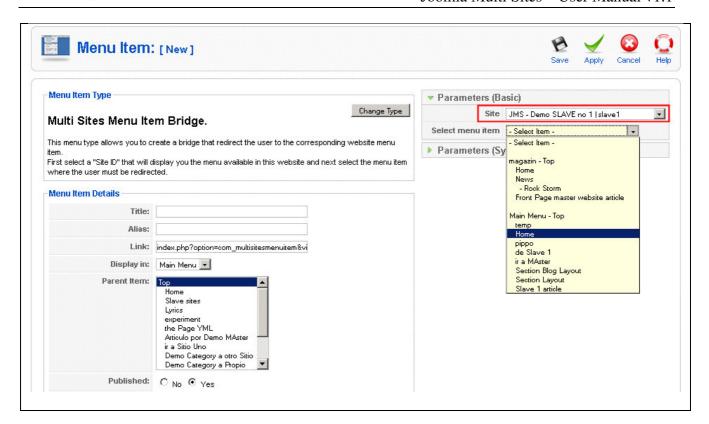


4. Menu Types

As explained in the introduction, "Multi Sites Menu" create a bridge between the current website and another menu item located into another website. This allow you create a kind of menu sharing.

Menu Item: [New] Select Menu Item Type - Articles a-Community Builder -Contacts ₫-Multi Sites Multi Sites Articles sharing Multi Sites Menu Item Bridge. -News Feeds Multi Sites Menu Item Bridge. -Polls Create a bridge between this menu item and an external website menu. <u>□</u> Search The external website is a website -User defined in Joomla Multi Sites. -Web Links -Wrapper i- D External Link ■ Separator





When you create a "Multi Sites Menu Item", you have to select the "Site" that correspond to the list of websites defined in Joomla Multi Sites and next you have to select the menu item in this website where the user you must be redirected.



5. Language and internationalisation

The current component uses the standard Joomla language mechanism to display most of the messages.

It delivers English messages located in:

- "/administrator/languages/en-GB/en-GB.com_multisitesmenuitem.ini".
- "/administrator/languages/en-GB/en-GB.com_multisitesmenuitem.menu.ini".

If you have installed this component in another language than "English", you probably need to create another file for the appropriate language and translate all entries.



6. System requirements

- "Multi Sites Menu Item" has been tested with Joomla 1.5.9 stable builds.
- The "Multi Sites Menu Item" version 1.0.x was originally developed on PHP 4.3.3 with MySQL 4.1.22.
- "Multi Sites Menu Item" require "Joomla Multi Sites" version 1.1.5 or higher
- We also tested the component on PHP 4.4.8, 4.4.9, PHP 5.2.6 with MySQL 5.0.32.



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