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User's Manual

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1.0.0	20-sep-2010	Initial version



1. Introduction

Welcome to the Jms Multi Sites' world.

"Multi Sites Contact" is a component that extends Joomla 1.5 and 1.6 with the ability to display contacts information coming from any websites defined under Jms Multisites.

The "Multisites Contact" component provides new menu types for each standard joomla "contact" menu type where it is possible to select from which website the information is read.

In Joomla 1.5, the following menu types are available:

Standard Joomla 1.5 Contact menu type	Multisites Contact menu type
Contact Category Layout	Multisites Contact Category Layout
 Standard Contact Layout 	Multisites Contact Layout

In Joomla 1.6, the following menu types are available:

Standard Joomla 1.6	Multisites Contact menu type
Contact menu type	
List All Contact Categories	List All Multisites Contact Categories
 List Contacts in a Category 	 Multisites Contact Category Layout
 Single Contact 	 Multisites Contact Layout
 Featured Contacts 	 Multisites Contact Featured

In fact the "Multisites Contact" component convert the standard Joomla contact component (the "com_contact" php code) into a "Multi Sites" version that add the possibility to select from which website must read the contact information. When "Multisites Contact" converts an original joomla source code, it is saved its result into a cache to improve the performance. The cache is automatically rebuilt when you update your Joomla version or update the "Multisites Contact" component. In this case the conversion is re-executed. By this way, this let you benefit of the Joomla bug fix and re-apply them into the Multi Sites version.

This "Multisites Contact" component is compatible with joomla tm 1.5 and 1.6 contact component.

"Multisites Contact" requires the JMS Multisites version 1.2.35 or higher and in case where "Article Sharing for JMS" is also present, requires it version 1.0.11 or higher.

"Multisites Contact" does not work with JoomFish or similar because such extension use the "local" translation of the information that is not read by the Multisites extension.



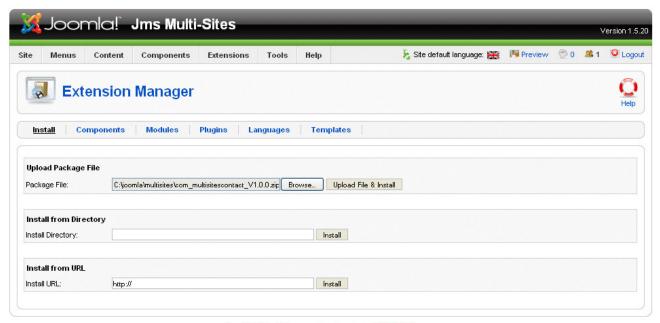
2. Installation

Multisites Contact component is a zipped file that can be directly installed under Joomla 1.5 or Joomla 1.6.

2.1. Joomla 1.5 installation

Joomla 1.5 provides a very simple installation interface.

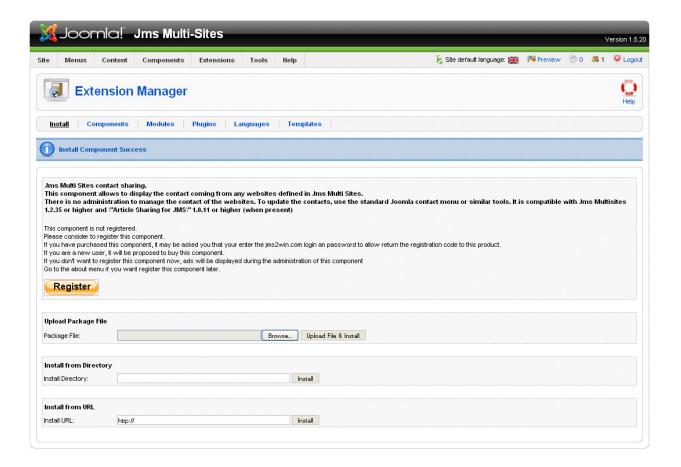
The installation consists in selecting one of the com_multisitescontact_Vxxxx.zip files with the browse button and after click on the "Upload File and Install" button (as shown below).



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When the installation is completed, you are remembered that these modules requires the Jms Multisites version 1.2.35 or higher and in case where you have the "Article Sharing for JMS" that you need its version 1.0.11 or higher.

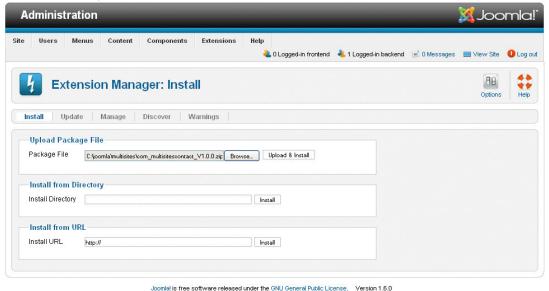




2.2. Joomla 1.6 installation

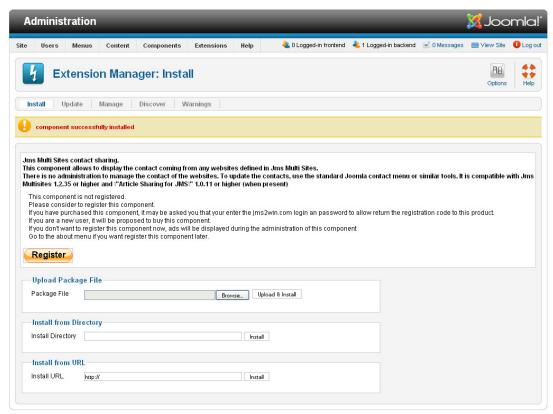
Joomla 1.6 provides a very simple installation interface.

The installation consists in selecting one of the multisitescontact_Vxxxx.zip file with the browse button and after click on the "Upload File and Install" button (as shown below).



When the installation is completed, you are remembered that these modules requires the Jms Multisites version 1.2.35 or higher and in case where you have the "Article Sharing for JMS" that you need its version 1.0.11 or higher.





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3. Administration of the component

Normally, the "Multisites Contact" does not required and back-end administration.

There is a very few option as illustrated below.



3.1. Purge all converted files

This operation allows removing all the converted files that this component has generated.

When removing the files in the cache, this force "Multisites Contact" to reconvert the standard Joomla the next times it needs them.

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 giving the access to the latest version of this manual.

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

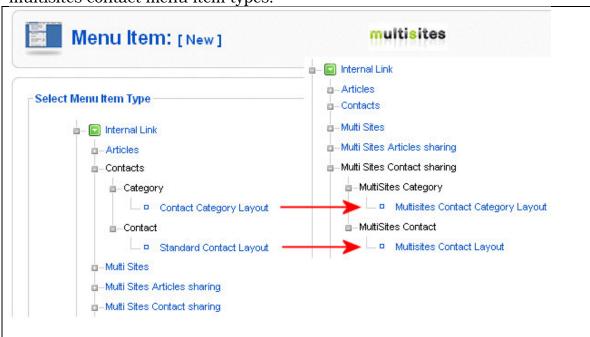
As explained in the introduction, the "Multisites Contact" consists in providing an equivalent to the standard Joomla menu type "Contact" in which is added a "Site ID" parameter that is used to select from which website the contact information is read.

In following section, we provide a screenshot of the different parameters available for each layout and we highlight the "site" parameter that is the additional parameter added with "Multisites Contact" to allow select the website from which the information must be read.

4.1. Joomla 1.5

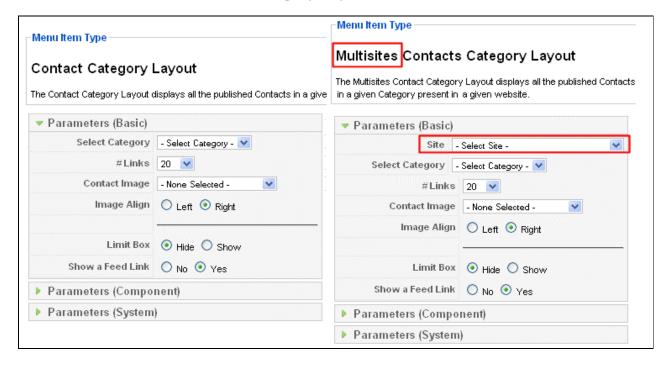
Here we show the parallel between the standard joomla contact and the

multisites contact menu item types.

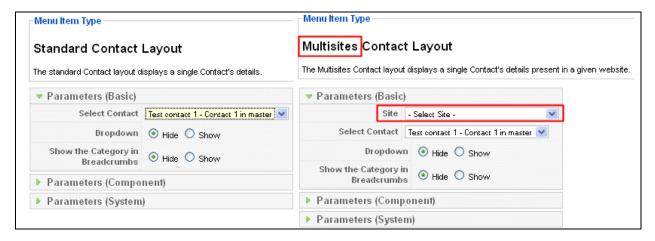




4.1.1. Multisites Contact Category Layout



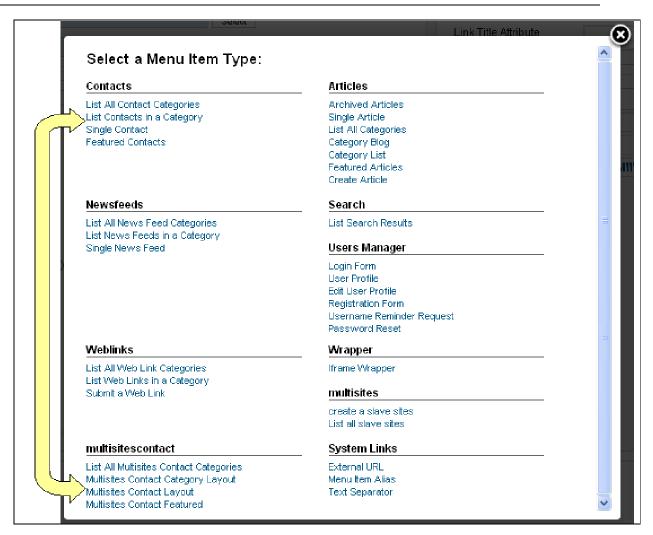
4.1.2. Multisites Contact Layout



4.2. Joomla 1.6

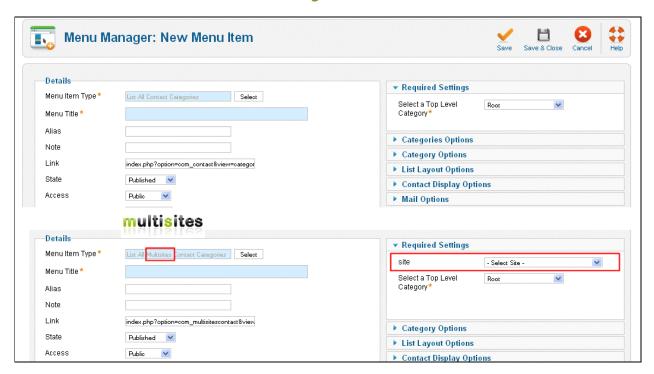
In Joomla 1.6, joomla has completely redo the contact component and they also have created new layout.



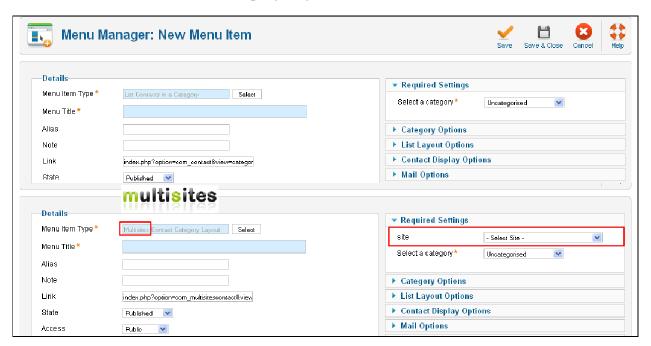




4.2.1.List All Multisites Contact Categories

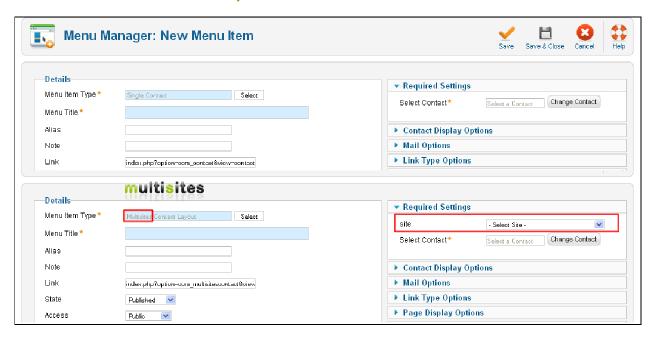


4.2.2. Multisites Contact Category Layout

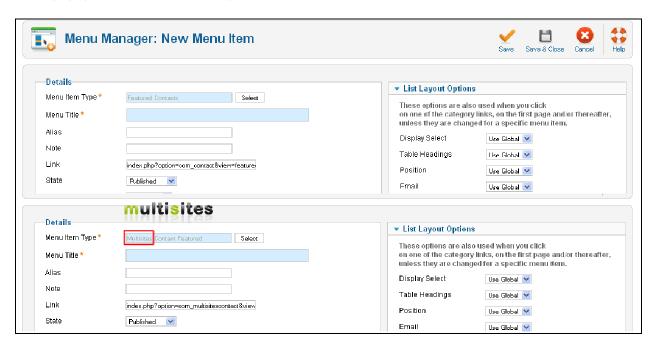




4.2.3. Multisites Contact Layout



4.2.4. Multisites Contact Featured





5. Language and internationalisation

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

"Multisites Contact" is delivered with English language files.

The location and file names are different depending on Joomla version

In Joomla 1.5:

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

In Joomla 1.6:

- "/administrator/languages/en-GB/en-GB.com_multisitescontact.ini".
- "/administrator/languages/en-GB/ en-GB.com_multisitescontact.sys.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

The "Multisites Contact" component were developed and tested on Joomla 1.5.20.

6.1. Joomla 1.5.x

- MySQL 4.1.x or higher is required.
- PHP 4.3.3 or higher is required.

It is recommended to use a PHP 5.2 or higher.

- The Jms Multisites Version 1.2.35 is required.
- When present, "Article Sharing for JMS" 1.0.11 or higher

6.2. Joomla 1.6.x

- MySQL 5.x or higher is required.
- PHP 5.3 or higher is required.
- The Jms Multisites Version 1.2.35 is required.
- When present, "Article Sharing for JMS" 1.0.11 or higher



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