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Version	Date	Description
1.0	23-Dec-2008	Initial version
1.1	26-may-2011	Add description relative to Joomla 1.6
1.2	23-jun-2013	Add Joomla 3.x compatibility

1. Introduction

Welcome to the Joomla Multi Sites’ world. This user manual describes the “Jms Multi Sites – Articles sharing” extension that is a native Joomla 1.5, 2.5 and 3.1 component.

The “Articles Sharing for JMS” is a component that extends Joomla 1.5, 2.5 and Joomla 3.1 with the ability to display articles coming from other websites defined under Jms Multi Sites.

This “Articles Sharing for JMS” provides a new menu type “Multi Sites articles sharing” that works like the standard Joomla menu type “Articles” except it adds the possibility to select from which websites the articles, categories, or sections are read.

In Joomla 1.5, the following menu types are available:

Standard Joomla 1.5 Article menu type	Multisites Article Sharing menu type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article Layout • Category Blog Layout • Category List Layout • Front Page Blog Layout • Section Blog Layout • Section Layout • Article Submission layout • Archived article list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi Sites articles layout; • Multi Sites Category Blog Layout; • Multi Sites Category List Layout; • Multi Sites Front Page Blog Layout; • Multi Sites Section Blog Layout; • Multi Sites Sections Layout; <p>It does not allow editing or submitting articles. “Archive” is not implemented.</p>

In Joomla 1.6, the following menu types are available:

Standard Joomla 2.5/3.1 Contact menu type	Multisites Contact menu type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Articles • List All Categories • Category blog • Category List • Featured Articles • Create articles • Archived articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi Sites articles layout; • Multi Sites List all Categories; • Multi Sites Category Blog Layout; • Multi Sites Category Layout; • Multi Sites Featured articles; <p>It does not allow editing or submitting articles. “Archive” is not implemented.</p>

The “Articles Sharing for JMS” is in fact an extension that converts the standard Joomla “articles” PHP source code “com_content” component into a “Jms Multi Sites” compliant code.

When an original source code is converted by the “Articles Sharing for JMS”, it is

saved into a cache to improve the performance. The cache is automatically rebuilt when you update your Joomla version and the conversion of the sources 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 extension require the “Jms Multi Sites” extension version 1.3.14 or higher.

The “Articles Sharing for JMS” does not work with extension like JoomFish because this kind of extension use the “local” articles to perform to their translation and JoomFish is not extended with Multi Sites version.

The standard joomla modules like “lastest news”, “most read news” or whatever are not extended with Multi Sites version.

Refers to the “Multisites Content Modules” product for such complementary functionalities.

2. Installation

The “Article Sharing for JMS” component is a zipped file that can be directly installed under Joomla 1.5 or Joomla 2.5 or Joomla 3.1.

2.1. Joomla 1.5 installation

Joomla 1.5 provides a very simple installation interface.

The installation consists of setting the “Joomla Multi Sites – Articles Sharing” Zip file into the package field (as shown below).



The screenshot displays the Joomla! Extension Manager interface. At the top, the Joomla! logo is followed by the text "Joomla Multi Sites / Multiple joomla configuration" and "Version 1.5.8". Below this is a navigation menu with tabs for "Site", "Menus", "Content", "Components", "Extensions", "Tools", and "Help". To the right of the menu are icons for "Legacy: 1.0", "Preview", a user icon with "0", a notification icon with "2", and a "Logout" button. The main content area is titled "Extension Manager" and includes a "Help" button. Below the title is a sub-menu with tabs for "Install", "Components", "Modules", "Plugins", "Languages", and "Templates". The "Install" tab is active, showing three installation methods: "Upload Package File", "Install from Directory", and "Install from URL". The "Upload Package File" section has a "Package File:" label, a text input field containing "C:\joomla\com_multisitescontent_V1.0.0.zip", a "Browse..." button, and an "Upload File & Install" button. The "Install from Directory" section has an "Install Directory:" label, a text input field containing "/home.10.15/edwinwin/w2w/tmp", and an "Install" button. The "Install from URL" section has an "Install URL:" label, a text input field containing "http://", and an "Install" button. At the bottom of the interface, a footer note states "Joomla! is Free Software released under the GNU/GPL License."

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

The screenshot shows the Joomla! Extension Manager interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Install', 'Components', 'Modules', 'Plugins', 'Languages', and 'Templates'. A blue banner at the top of the main content area displays an information icon and the text 'Install Component Success'. Below this, a text box contains the following information:

Joomla Multi Sites article content sharing.
This component allows to display the content (section, categories, articles) coming from any websites defined in Joomla Multi Sites. There is no administration to manage the content of the websites. To update the sections, categories and articles, use the standard Joomla content menu or similar tools.

This component is not registered.
Please consider to register this component.
If you have purchased this component, it may be asked you that you enter the jms2win.com login and password to allow return the registration code to this product.
If you are a new user, it will be proposed to buy this component.
If you don't want to register this component now, ads will be displayed during the administration of this component.
Go to the about menu if you want register this component later.

At the bottom of the text box is a yellow 'Register' button.

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

The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Purge all converted files', 'User's Manual', and 'About us'. A blue banner at the top of the main content area displays an information icon and the text 'Thank you for the registration. It is completed SUCCESSFULLY.' Below this, a text box contains the following information:

Multi Sites Articles sharing

Version 1.0.0

Share the Sections, categories and articles.
This is the Multi Sites version of Joomla menu type "Articles".
It can only be used to display sections, categories and articles.
It can **NOT** be used to edit or manage those sections, categories and articles.

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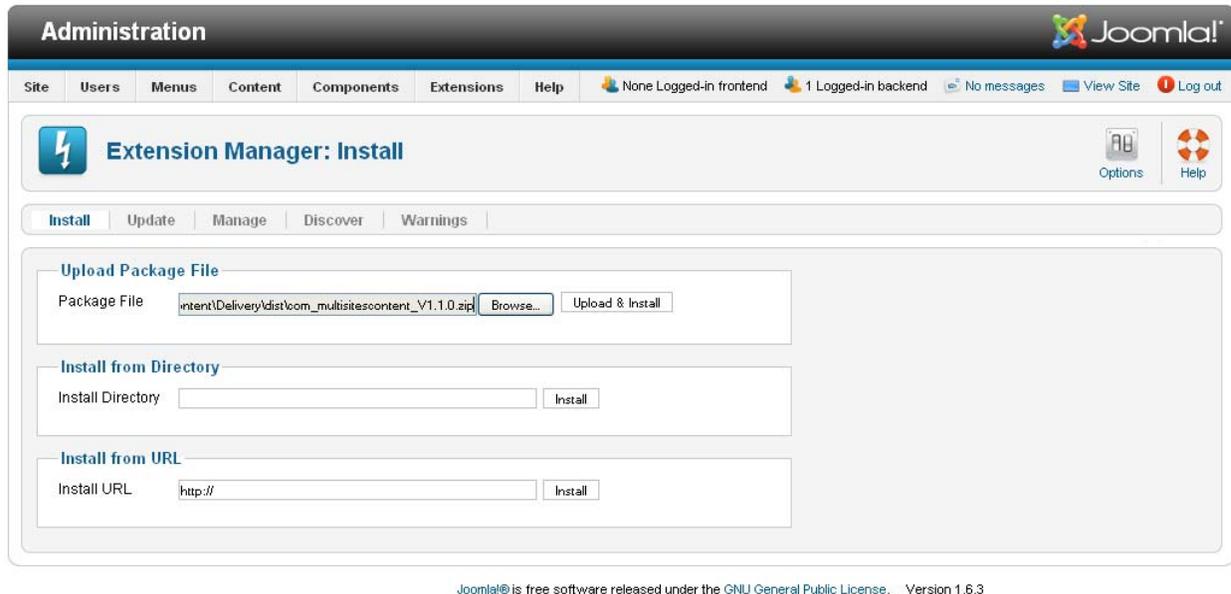
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2.2. Joomla 2.5, 3.x installation

Joomla 2.5/3.x provides a very simple installation interface.

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



During the installation, there is a check if the Jms Multisites version 1.3.14 or higher is present.

If it is not present, please install the extension before this “Article Sharing for JMS”.

Administration Joomla!

Site Users Menus Content Components Extensions Help None Logged-in frontend 1 Logged-in backend No messages View Site Log out

Extension Manager: Install

Options Help

Install Update Manage Discover Warnings

i Installing component was successful.

Jms Multi Sites article content sharing.
This component allows to display the content (section, categories, articles) coming from any websites defined in Joomla Multi Sites.
There is no administration to manage the content of the websites. To update the sections, categories and articles, use the standard Joomla content menu or similar tools.

Version 1.1.0 is compatible with Joomla 1.5 AND 1.6.

This component is not registered.
Please consider to register this component.
If you have purchased this component, it may be asked you that your enter the jms2win.com login an password to allow return the registration code to this product.
If you are a new user, it will be proposed to buy this component.
If you don't want to register this component now, ads will be displayed during the administration of this component
Go to the about menu if you want register this component later.

Register

Upload Package File
Package File

Install from Directory
Install Directory

Install from URL
Install URL

3. Administration of the component

Normally, “Jms Multi Sites Articles Sharing” does not really request administration.

There are very few options as illustrated below.



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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 the “Articles Sharing for JMS” to re-convert 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 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 in Joomla 1.5

As explained in the introduction, the “Articles Sharing for JMS” consists in providing an equivalent to the standard Joomla menu type “Articles”



In the following chapter we give you screenshot of each layout that are supported and we highlighted the added field “select site”.

We don't re-describe each standard Joomla Parameters. See the standard Joomla documentation for this kind of information.

4.1. Article Layout

The screenshot shows two Joomla! menu item configuration screens. The top screen is for a 'Standard Joomla' menu item. The 'Menu Item Type' is 'Article Layout'. The 'Menu Item Details' section shows the title 'Standard Joomla Article' and the link 'index.php?option=com_content&view=article'. The 'Parameters (Basic)' section has a 'Select Article' button and a 'Select' button. The bottom screen is for a 'Multi Sites Article Layout' menu item. The 'Menu Item Type' is 'Multi Sites Article Layout'. The 'Menu Item Details' section shows the title 'Multi Sites article' and the link 'index.php?option=com_multisitescontent&view'. The 'Parameters (Basic)' section has a 'Site' dropdown menu set to '- Select Site -'. A red box highlights the 'Site' dropdown, and a red arrow points to it from a yellow callout box that says 'Multi Sites Articles Sharing adds the selection of the website where the article to display is stored'. The 'Display in' dropdown is set to 'Main Menu'.

4.2. Category Blog Layout

The screenshot shows two Joomla! menu item configuration screens. The left screen is for a 'Category Blog Layout' menu item. The 'Menu Item Type' is 'Category Blog Layout'. The 'Parameters (Basic)' section has a 'Category' dropdown set to '- Select Category -', 'Description' and 'Description Image' radio buttons set to 'Hide', '# Leading' set to 1, '# Intro' set to 4, 'Columns' set to 2, and '# Links' set to 4. The right screen is for a 'Multi Sites Category Blog Layout' menu item. The 'Menu Item Type' is 'Multi Sites Category Blog Layout'. The 'Parameters (Basic)' section has a 'Site' dropdown set to '- Select Site -', 'Category' dropdown set to '- Select Category -', 'Description' and 'Description Image' radio buttons set to 'Hide', '# Leading' set to 1, '# Intro' set to 4, 'Columns' set to 2, and '# Links' set to 4. A red box highlights the 'Site' dropdown in the right screen.

4.3. Category List Layout

<p>Menu Item Type</p> <p>Category List Layout</p> <p>This layout displays Articles in a Category.</p> <p>Parameters (Basic)</p> <p>Category: - Select Category -</p> <p># Links: 10</p> <p>Table Headings: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Date Column: Hide</p> <p>Date Format: </p> <hr/> <p>Filter: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Filter Field: Title</p> <p>Parameters (Advanced)</p> <p>Parameters (Component)</p> <p>Parameters (System)</p>	<p>Menu Item Type</p> <p>Multi Sites Category List Layout</p> <p>This layout displays Multi Sites Articles in a Category.</p> <p>Parameters (Basic)</p> <p>Site: - Select Site -</p> <p>Category: - Select Category -</p> <p># Links: 10</p> <p>Table Headings: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Date Column: Hide</p> <p>Date Format: </p> <hr/> <p>Filter: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Filter Field: Title</p> <p>Parameters (Advanced)</p> <p>Parameters (Component)</p>
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4.4. Front-Page Blog Layout

<p>Menu Item Type</p> <p>Front Page Blog Layout</p> <p>The standard Front Page Blog Layout displays Articles that have been s format.</p> <p>Parameters (Basic)</p> <p># Leading: 1</p> <p># Intro: 4</p> <p>Columns: 2</p> <p># Links: 4</p> <p>Parameters (Advanced)</p> <p>Parameters (Component)</p> <p>Parameters (System)</p>	<p>Menu Item Type</p> <p>Multi Sites Front Page Blog Layout</p> <p>The Multi Sites Front Page Blog Layout displays Articles that have been s blog format.</p> <p>Parameters (Basic)</p> <p>Site: - Select Site -</p> <p># Leading: 1</p> <p># Intro: 4</p> <p>Columns: 2</p> <p># Links: 4</p> <p>Parameters (Advanced)</p> <p>Parameters (Component)</p> <p>Parameters (System)</p>
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4.5. Section Blog Layout

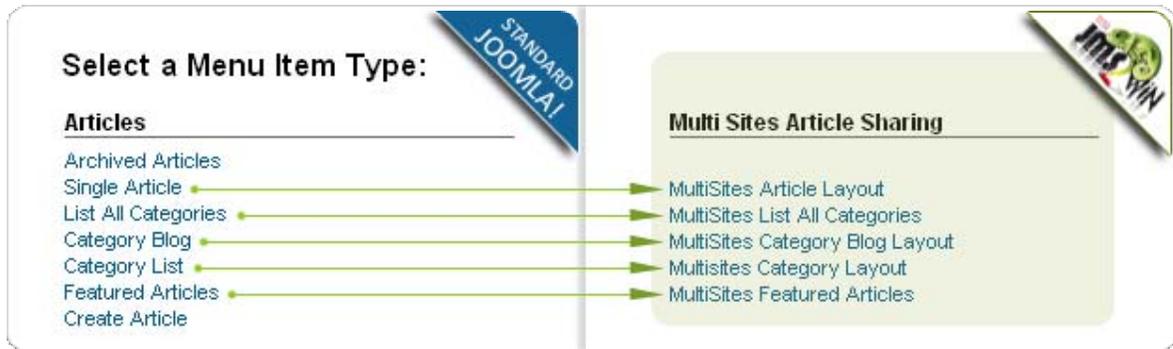
<p>Menu Item Type</p> <p>Section Blog Layout</p> <p>Displays a list of Articles in a Section in a Blog format.</p> <p>Parameters (Basic)</p> <p>Section: - Select Section -</p> <p>Description: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hide <input type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Description Image: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hide <input type="radio"/> Show</p> <hr/> <p># Leading: 1</p> <p># Intro: 4</p> <p>Columns: 2</p> <p># Links: 4</p> <p>Parameters (Advanced)</p> <p>Parameters (Component)</p> <p>Parameters (System)</p>	<p>Menu Item Type</p> <p>Multi Sites Section Blog Layout</p> <p>Displays a list of Multi Sites Articles in a Section in a Blog format.</p> <p>Parameters (Basic)</p> <p>Site: - Select Site -</p> <p>Section: - Select Section -</p> <p>Description: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hide <input type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Description Image: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hide <input type="radio"/> Show</p> <hr/> <p># Leading: 1</p> <p># Intro: 4</p> <p>Columns: 2</p> <p># Links: 4</p> <p>Parameters (Advanced)</p> <p>Parameters (Component)</p> <p>Parameters (System)</p>
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4.6. Section Layout

<p>Menu Item Type</p> <p>Section Layout</p> <p>Displays a list of Categories in a Section.</p> <p>Parameters (Basic)</p> <p>Section: - Select Section -</p> <p>Description: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hide <input type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Description Image: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hide <input type="radio"/> Show</p> <hr/> <p>Category List - Section: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Empty Categories in Section: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hide <input type="radio"/> Show</p> <p># Category Items: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Category Description: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Parameters (Advanced)</p> <p>Parameters (Component)</p> <p>Parameters (System)</p>	<p>Menu Item Type</p> <p>Multi Sites Section Layout</p> <p>Displays a list of Multi Sites Categories in a Section.</p> <p>Parameters (Basic)</p> <p>Site: - Select Site -</p> <p>Section: - Select Section -</p> <p>Description: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hide <input type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Description Image: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hide <input type="radio"/> Show</p> <hr/> <p>Category List - Section: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Empty Categories in Section: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hide <input type="radio"/> Show</p> <p># Category Items: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Category Description: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Parameters (Advanced)</p> <p>Parameters (Component)</p> <p>Parameters (System)</p>
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5. Menu types in Joomla 2.5, 3.x

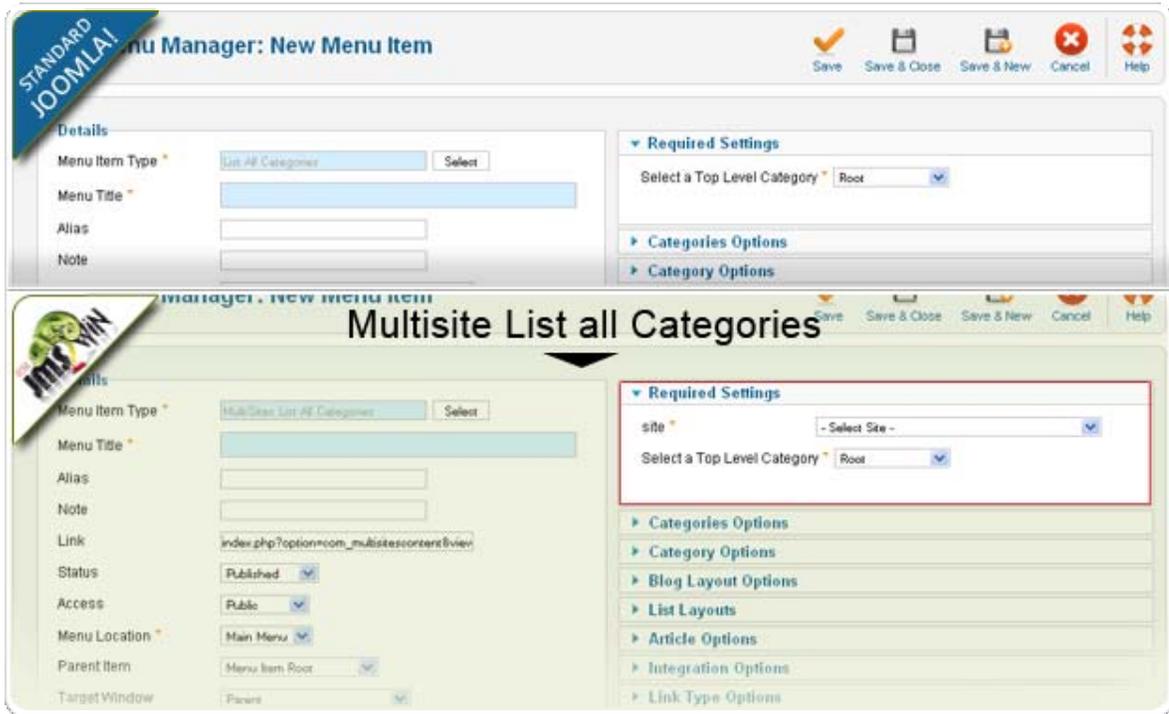
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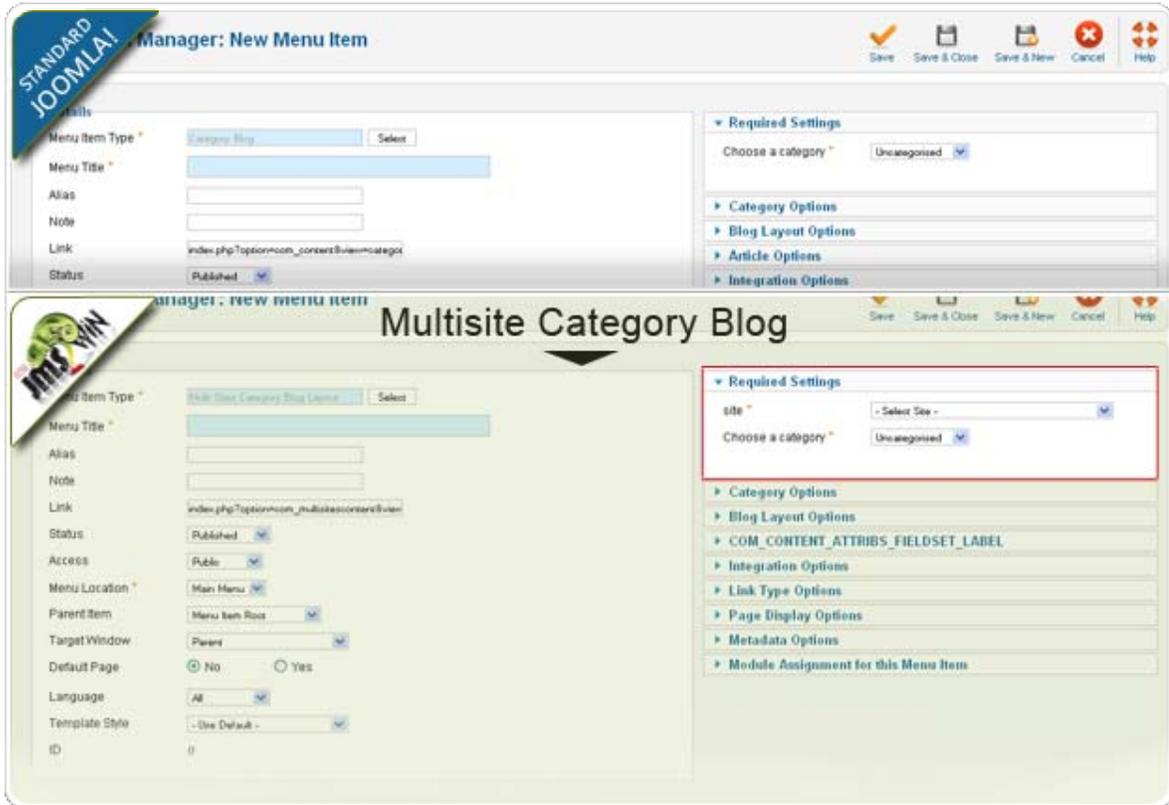
In the following chapter we give you screenshot of each layout that are supported and we illustrate the place where the “select site” field is appended. We don’t re-describe each standard Joomla Parameters. See the standard Joomla documentation for this kind of information.

5.1. Single article / Article Layout

5.2. List all categories



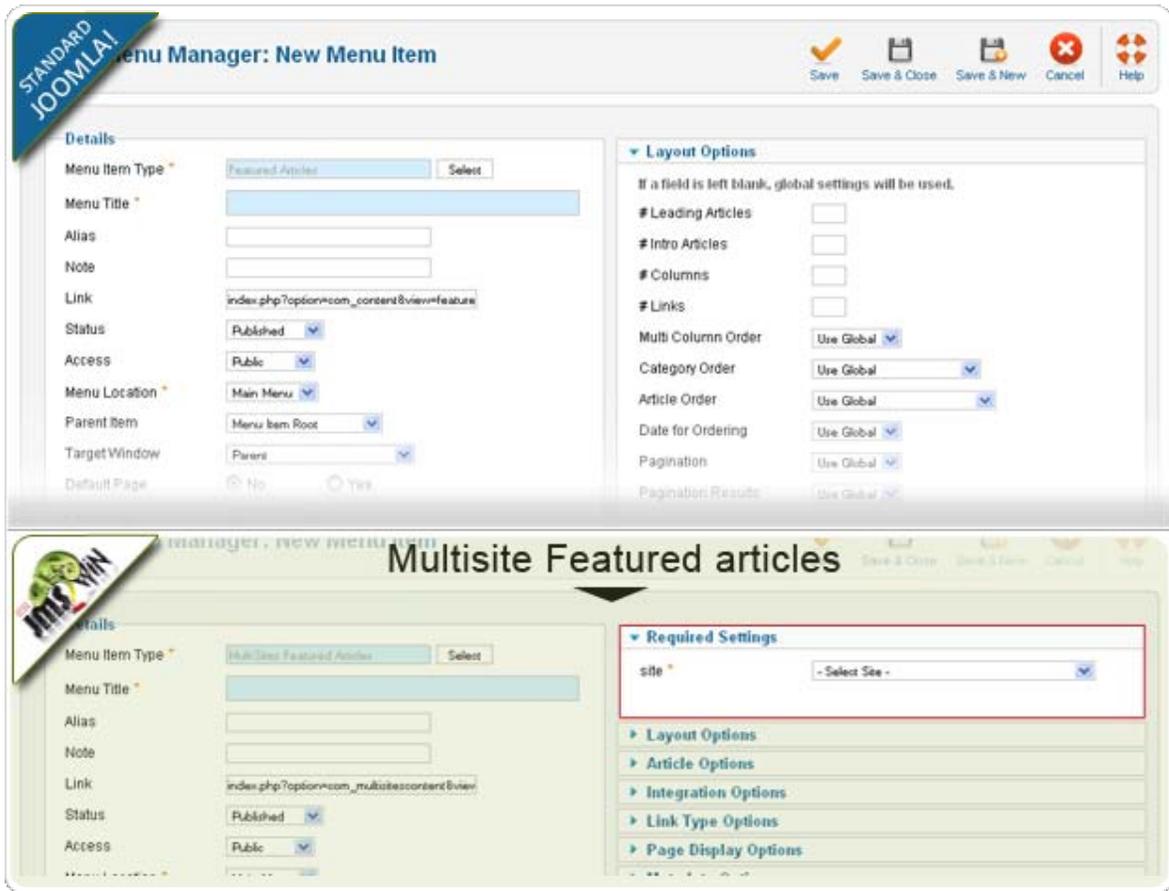
5.3. Category Blog



5.4. Category list / category

The image displays two screenshots of the Joomla! Menu Manager interface. The top screenshot shows the configuration for a 'Category List' menu item. The 'Menu Item Type' is set to 'Category List'. The 'Required Settings' section includes a 'Choose a category' dropdown set to 'Uncategorized'. The bottom screenshot shows the configuration for a 'Multisite Category List' menu item. The 'Menu Item Type' is set to 'Multisite Category List Layout'. The 'Required Settings' section includes a 'site' dropdown set to '- Select Site -' and a 'Choose a category' dropdown set to 'Uncategorized'. A red box highlights the 'site' dropdown in the bottom screenshot. The 'Link' field in the bottom screenshot contains the URL 'index.php?option=com_multisitecontent&view=...'. The 'Status' is set to 'Published', 'Access' to 'Public', 'Menu Location' to 'Main Menu', 'Parent Item' to 'Menu Item Root', 'Target Window' to 'Parent', 'Default Page' to 'No', and 'Language' to 'All'.

5.5. Features articles



6. 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_multisitescontent.ini”.
- “/administrator/languages/en-GB/en-GB.com_multisitescontent.menu.ini”. (Joomla 1.5)
- “/administrator/languages/en-GB/en-GB.com_multisitescontent.sys.ini”. (Joomla 2.5/3.x)
- “/languages/en-GB/en-GB.com_multisites.ini”.

It delivers French messages located in:

- “/administrator/languages/fr-FR/fr-FR.com_multisitescontent.ini”.
- “/administrator/languages/fr-FR/fr-FR.com_multisitescontent.menu.ini”. (Joomla 1.5)
- “/administrator/languages/fr-FR/fr-FR.com_multisitescontent.sys.ini”. (Joomla 2.5/3.x)
- “/languages/fr-FR/fr-FR.com_multisites.ini”.

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

7. System requirements

- “Joomla Multi Sites- Articles Sharing” has been tested with Joomla 1.5. 26 stable, Joomla 2.5.12 stable and Joomla 3.1.1 stable.
- The “JMS – Articles Sharing” version 1.0.x was originally developed on PHP 4.3.3 with MySQL 4.1.22.
- “JMS – Articles Sharing” require “Joomla Multi Sites” version 1.3.14 or higher
- We also tested the component on PHP PHP 5.2.15, PHP 5.3.3 with MySQL 5.1.32, MySQL 5.1.52.

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