The Home Page

Setting a Home Page

The home page is determined by a "default" menu item that has been marked as the default.

If you wish to change the current home page to a different article, you must add the desired article to the default menu and mark it as "default".

Edit

First login to the administrative back-end.

Once logged in, find “Content” in the main menu bar located toward the top of the page. You should be presented with a drop-down menu containing items such as “Article Manager”, “Article Trash”, etc.

Choose “Article Manager” from the available options.

You should now be presented with a list of all the content articles on your site. There are a variety of methods to find the specific entry you wish to edit: you can filter by selecting section, category, author, or even state (published, unpublished, archive). The home page should **not** be in a section or category (uncategorized). You may also search for the title of your home page in the filter search box or navigate your way through the entire list. Once found, click the article title to edit it.

The home page may look a little different than other pages you've edited, such as the "About" page. Some of the content you see on the front page doesn't appear to be in the page you're editing! This is because the home page embeds modules to output some of its content. This is done with {xhub} tags:

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{xhub:module position="frontLeft"}
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You may assign multiple modules to a position. The {xhub} tag will output **all** active (published) modules assigned to the position specified. The style attribute determines if the module(s) should be wrapped in a containing div or not and is optional.

Note: The animated banner and welcome message on the front page are also modules and managed through Joomla's "Module Manager" found under the "Extensions" menu item.

Once you feel ready to save your changes, scroll back to the top of the page and click "Save" (the icon that looks like a floppy disk) in the upper right portion of the page.

Welcome

The "welcome" text, typically found to the right of the Flash banner on the home page is a module. To edit this module (or any module):

First login to the administrative back-end.

Once logged in, find "Extensions" in the main menu bar located toward the top of the page. You should be presented with a drop-down menu containing items such as "Module Manager", "Plugin Manager", etc.

Choose "Module Manager" from the available options.

You should now be presented with a list of all the modules installed on your site. There are a variety of methods to find the specific module you wish to edit: you can filter by selecting position, type, or even state (enabled, disabled). The welcome module would be in position “welcome” and of type “mod_custom”. You may also search for “welcome” in the filter search box or scroll to the bottom of the page and navigate your way through the entire list. Since modules are alphabetically sorted by their position by default, “welcome” will most likely be on the last page of results. Once found, click the module name to edit it.

Once in edit mode you will be presented with some options such as the title, position, etc. To edit the actual content of the module, scroll down until you see a large text area called “Custom Output”.

Edit the HTML/text to be outputted.

Scroll back to the top of the page and click “Save” (the icon that looks like a floppy disk) in the upper right portion of the page.

Your changes should now be applied and immediately viewable on the front page.