

The Home Page

Setting a Home Page

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

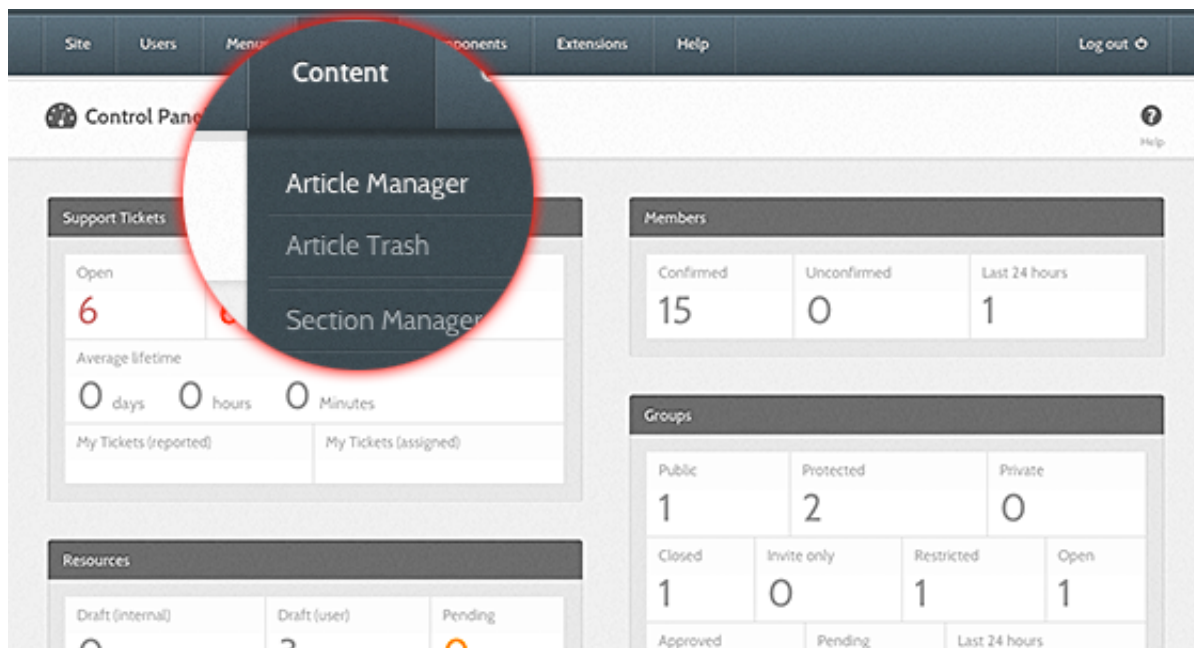
If you wish to change the current home page to a different article, you must add the desired article to the default menu and mark it as "default".

Edit

First login to the administrative back-end.

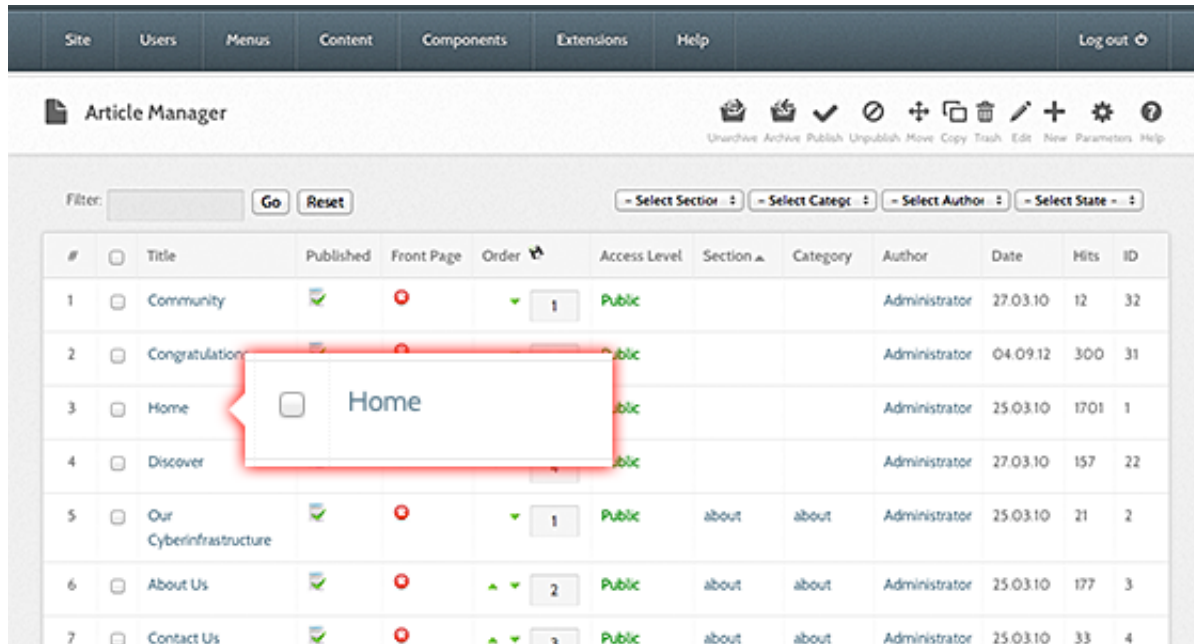
Once logged in, find "Content" in the main menu bar located toward the top of the page. You should be presented with a drop-down menu containing items such as "Article Manager", "Article Trash", etc.

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the specific entry you wish to edit: you can filter by selecting section, category, author, or even state (published, unpublished, archive).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.

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The screenshot shows the Joomla! Article Manager interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with items: Site, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, Help, and Log out. Below the menu is the 'Article Manager' header with various icons for actions like Unarchive, Archive, Publish, Unpublish, Move, Copy, Trash, Edit, New, Parameters, and Help. A filter bar is present with a 'Filter:' input, 'Go', and 'Reset' buttons, along with dropdown menus for 'Select Section', 'Select Category', 'Select Author', and 'Select State'. The main content is a table of articles with columns: #, Title, Published, Front Page, Order, Access Level, Section, Category, Author, Date, Hits, and ID. The 'Home' article (row 3) is highlighted with a red box. The table data is as follows:

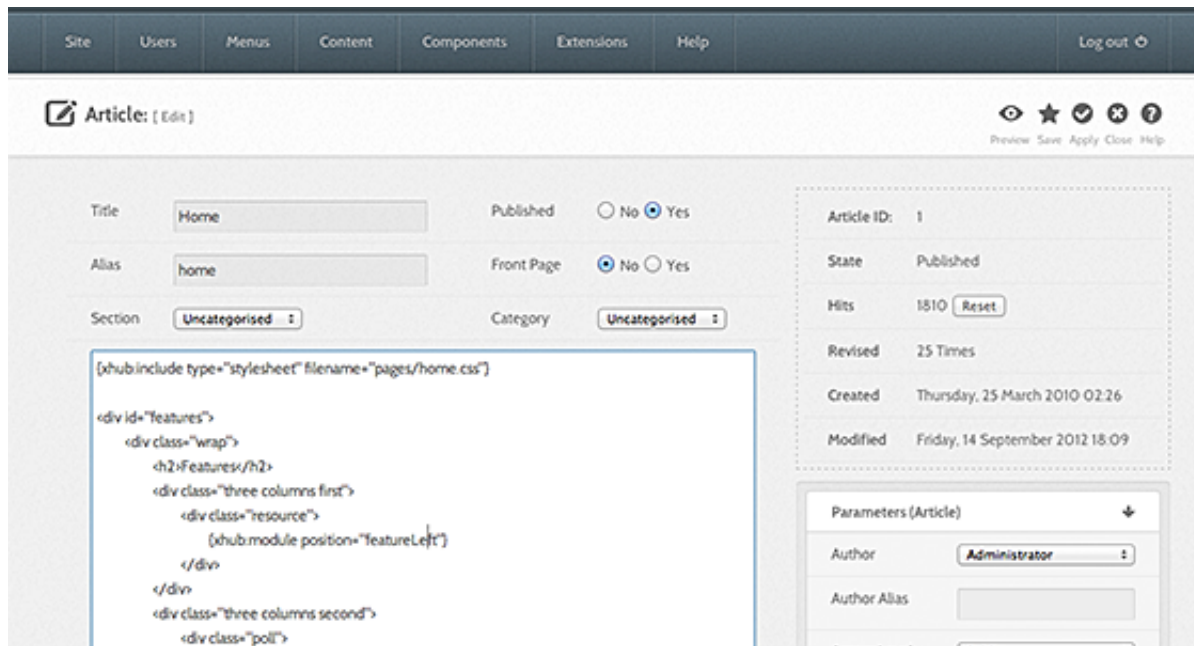
#	Title	Published	Front Page	Order	Access Level	Section	Category	Author	Date	Hits	ID
1	Community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Public			Administrator	27.03.10	12	32
2	Congratulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Public			Administrator	04.09.12	300	31
3	Home	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Public			Administrator	25.03.10	1701	1
4	Discover	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Public			Administrator	27.03.10	157	22
5	Our Cyberinfrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Public	about	about	Administrator	25.03.10	21	2
6	About Us	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	Public	about	about	Administrator	25.03.10	177	3
7	Contact Us	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	Public	about	about	Administrator	25.03.10	33	4

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.

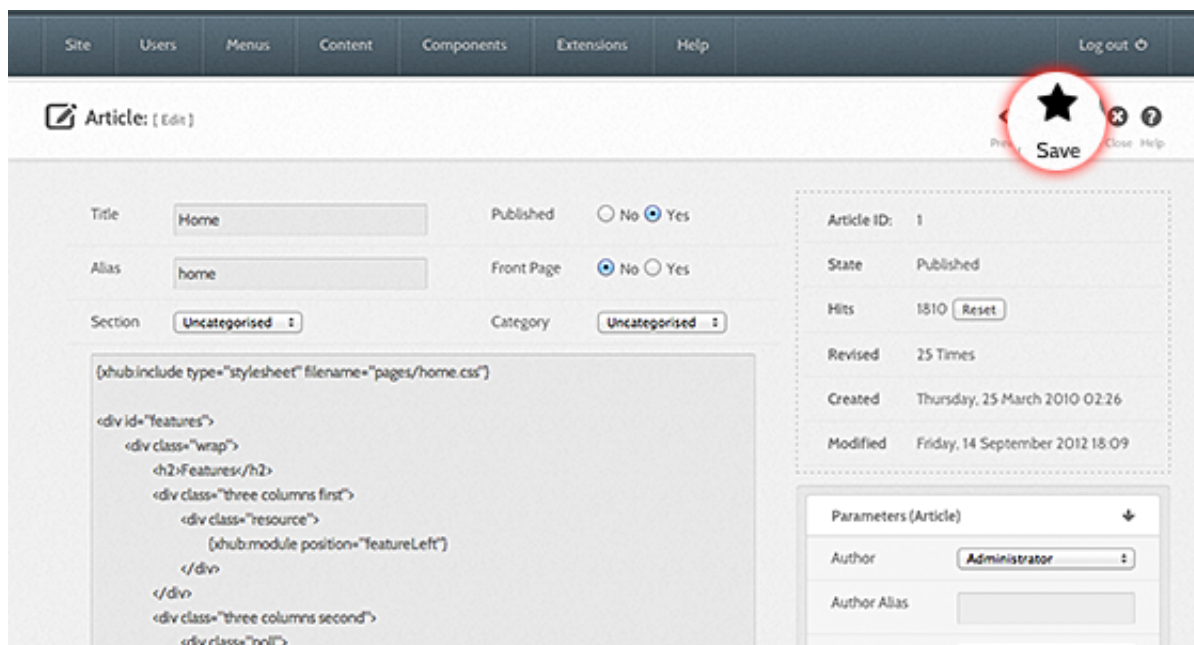
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The screenshot shows the Joomla! Article Manager interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with items: Site, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, Help, and Log out. Below the menu, the article title is 'Home' and the alias is 'home'. The article is published and is the front page. The section is 'Uncategorised' and the category is 'Uncategorised'. The article ID is 1, the state is 'Published', and it has 1510 hits. It was created on Thursday, 25 March 2010 02:26 and modified on Friday, 14 September 2012 18:09. The author is 'Administrator'. The article content is displayed in a code editor, showing XML tags for a feature module. The 'Save' button, represented by a star icon, is highlighted in the top right corner.

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.



This screenshot is identical to the one above, but with a red circle highlighting the 'Save' button (star icon) in the top right corner of the article editor interface.

Welcome

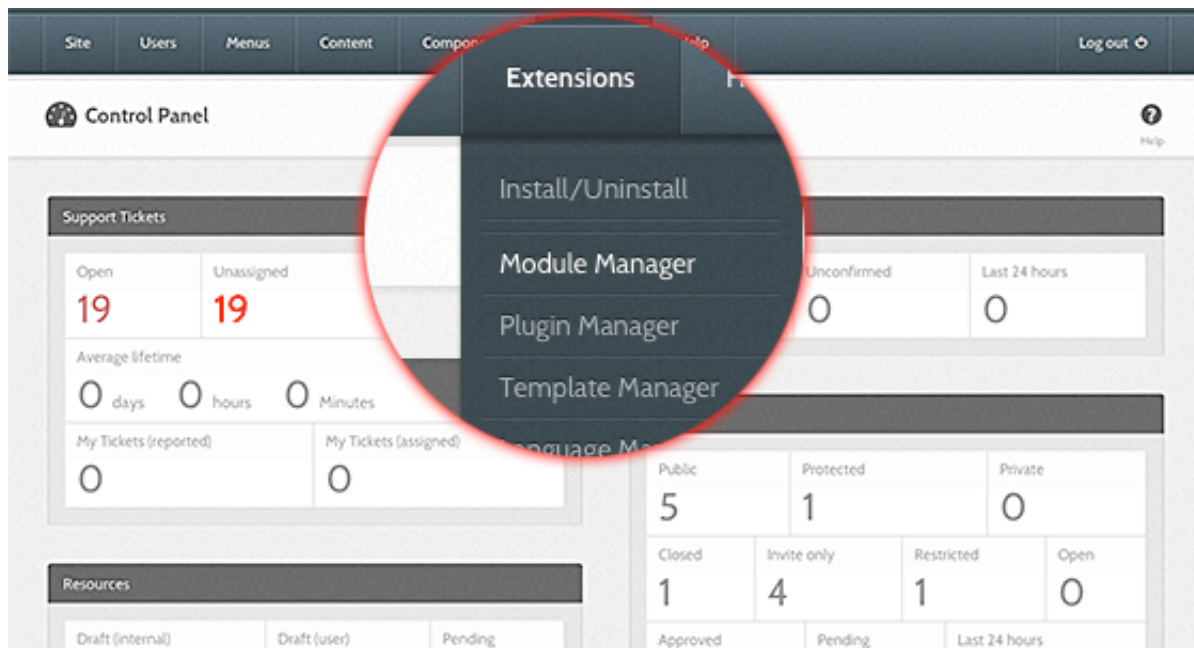
The "welcome" text, typically found to the right of the Flash banner on the home page is a module. To edit this module (or any module):

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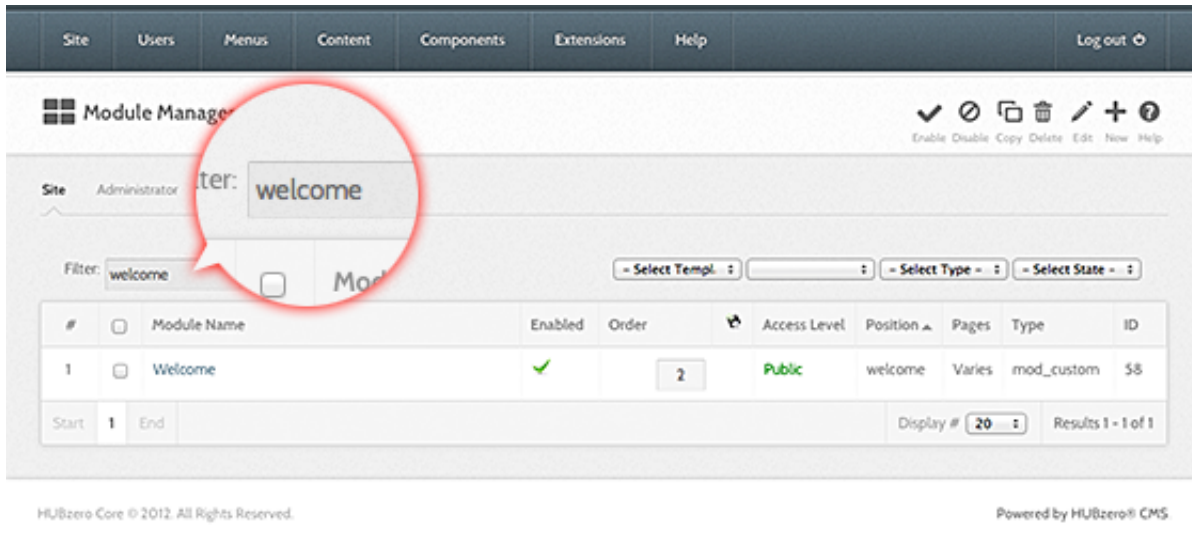
Once logged in, find “Extensions” in the main menu bar located toward the top of the page. You should be presented with a drop-down menu containing items such as “Module Manager”, “Plugin Manager”, etc.

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.

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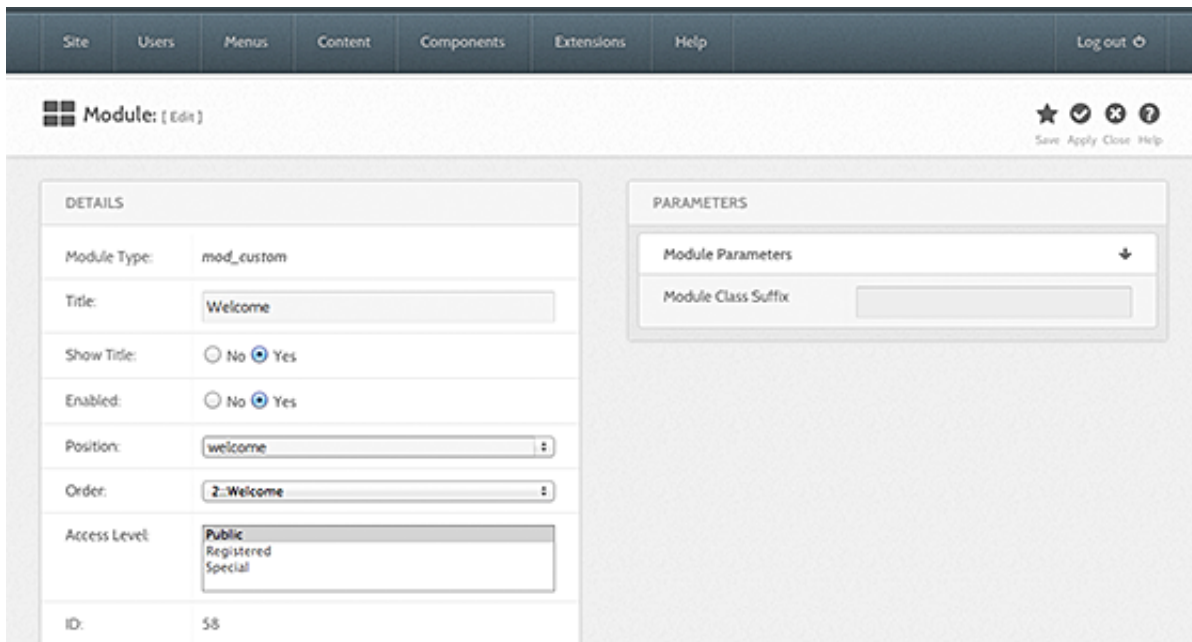


The screenshot shows the HUBzero Module Manager interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Site, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, Help, and Log out. Below this, the 'Module Manager' title is circled in red. The interface displays a table of modules with the following data:

#	Module Name	Enabled	Order	Access Level	Position	Pages	Type	ID
1	Welcome	✓	2	Public	welcome	Varies	mod_custom	58

Additional details include a filter set to 'welcome', a 'Select Templ.' dropdown, and a 'Display #' set to 20. The footer indicates 'HUBzero Core © 2012. All Rights Reserved.' and 'Powered by HUBzero® CMS'.

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”.



The screenshot shows the HUBzero Module Edit interface. The title is 'Module: [Edit]'. The interface is divided into two main sections: 'DETAILS' and 'PARAMETERS'.

DETAILS

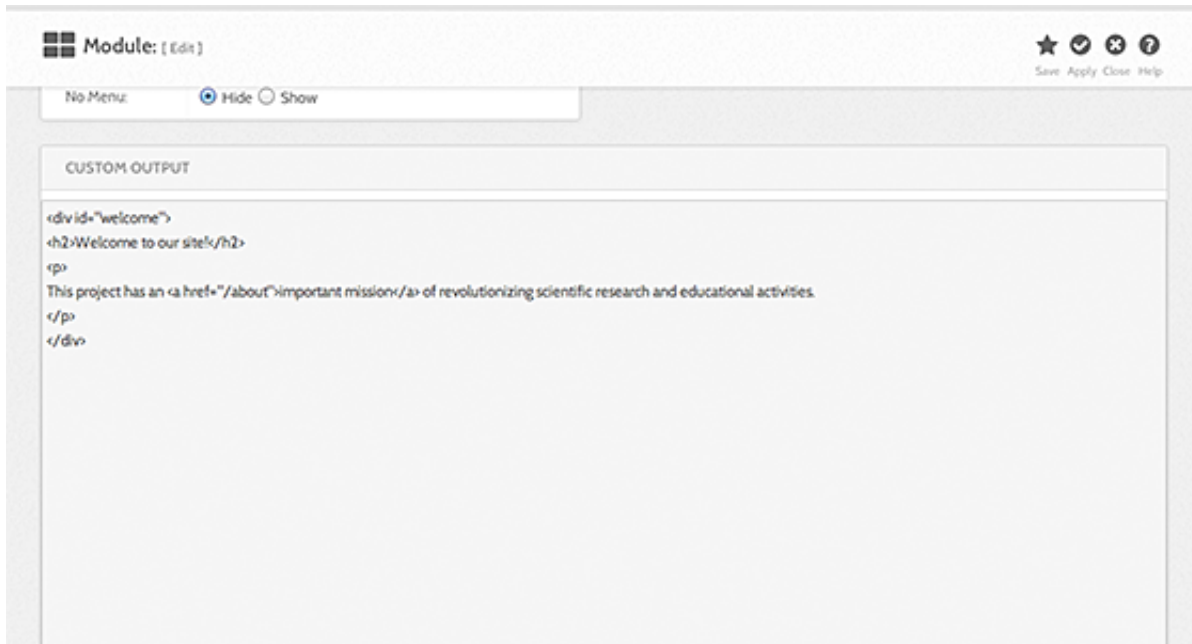
- Module Type: mod_custom
- Title: Welcome
- Show Title: No Yes
- Enabled: No Yes
- Position: welcome
- Order: 2: Welcome
- Access Level: Public (Selected), Registered, Special
- ID: 58

PARAMETERS

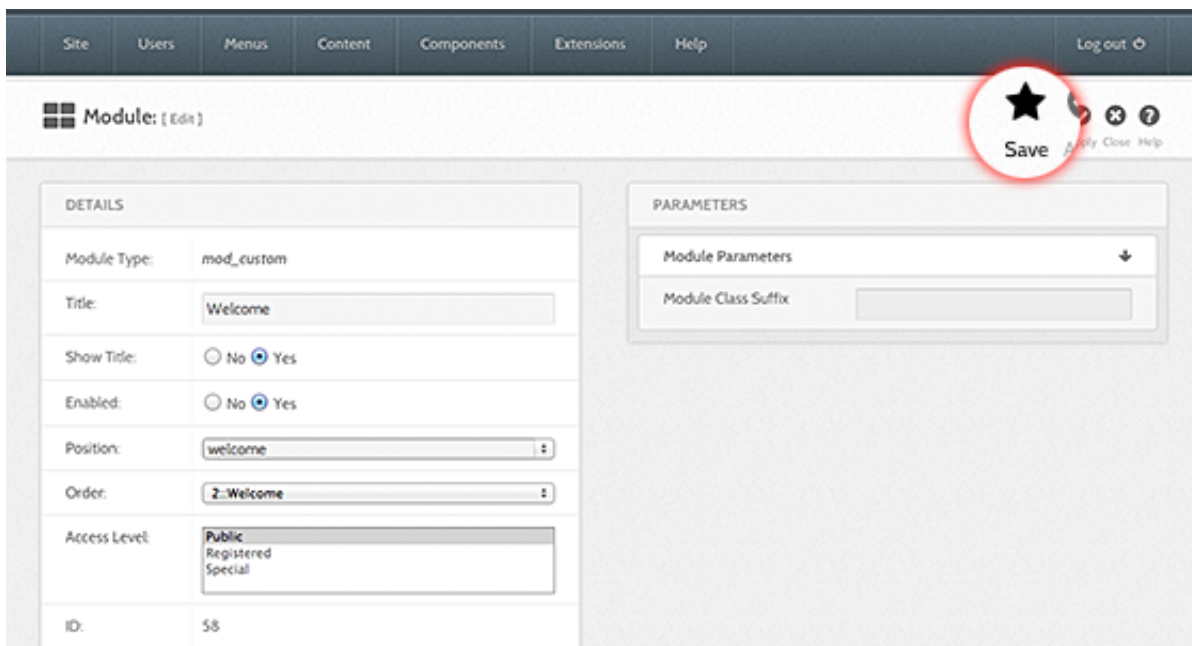
- Module Parameters (Dropdown)
- Module Class Suffix (Text input)

Edit the HTML/text to be outputted.

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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.