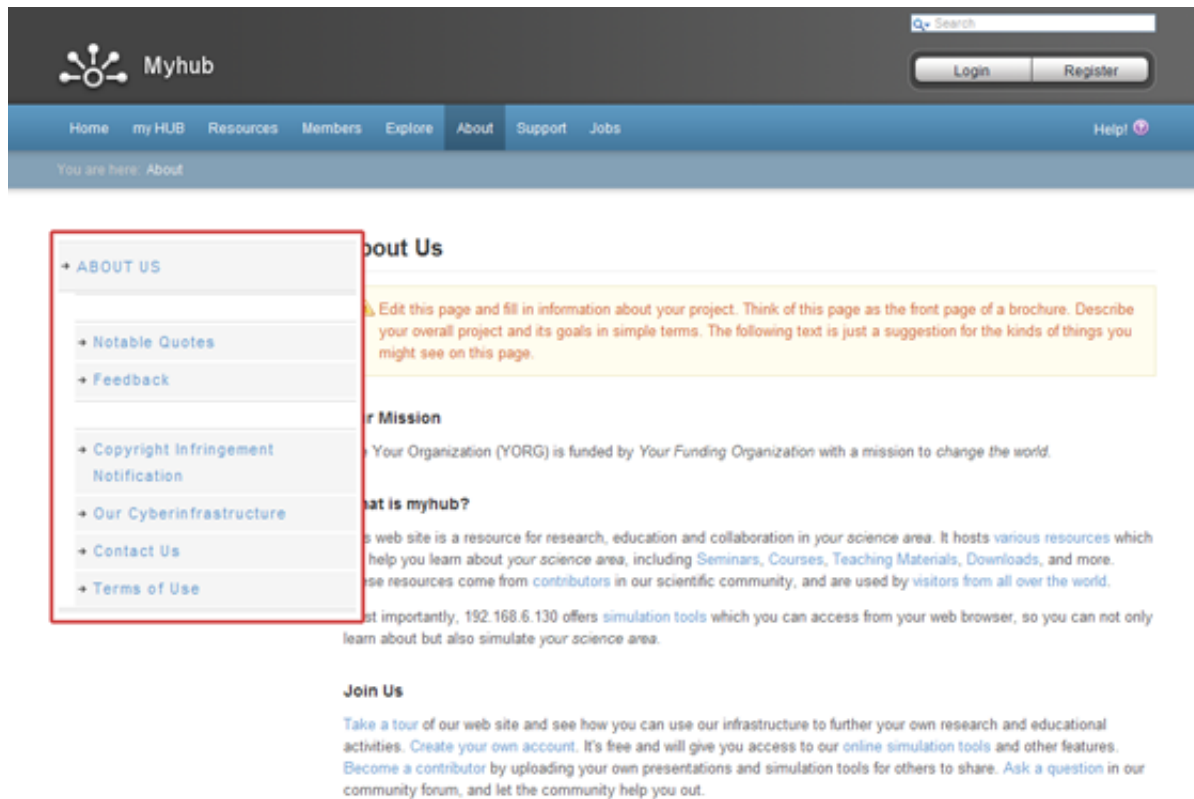


# Menus

## Organizing Your Articles Using Menus

If you have a set of articles that you would like to group together, you can use *Joomla!* menus to organize those articles in an easy-to-navigate fashion.


An example of this can be found on the default hub under the "About" section (see also below).



1. To begin, find the URLs of the articles that you're interested in grouping together

**Note:** If you can't find, or don't know the URL, it comes from the article alias, the section and the category (see below and view these documentation pages: [Sections and Categories](#), [URLs](#)).


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**Article: [ Edit ]**





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Title	<input type="text" value="test1"/>	Published	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Alias	<input type="text" value="test1"/>	Front Page	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Section	<input type="text" value="example"/> ▼	Category	<input type="text" value="example"/> ▼

2. With your article pages created, you'll need to make the menu structure
3. Navigate to "Menus -> Menu Manager" on the *Joomla!* backend and select "New"


**Menu Manager**




#		Title	Type	Menu Item(s)	# Published	# Unpublished	# Trash	# Modules	ID
1	<input type="radio"/>	Main Menu	mainmenu		36	-	1	1	1
2	<input type="radio"/>	About	about		9	-	-	1	2
3	<input type="radio"/>	Default	default		1	-	2	-	3
4	<input type="radio"/>	News	news		1	-	-	1	5

Display # 20 ▼

4. Give your new menu a unique name and title, then click "Save"

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Unique Name:  ⓘ

Title:  ⓘ

Description:  ⓘ

Module Title:  ⓘ

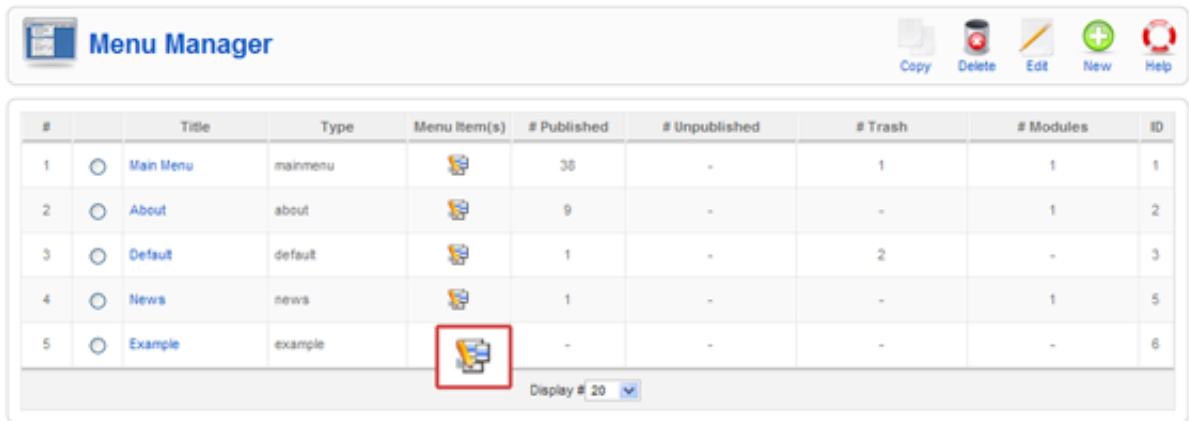
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Now you will see your new menu in the list.

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5. Click the icon indicated below to start adding menu items to your new menu



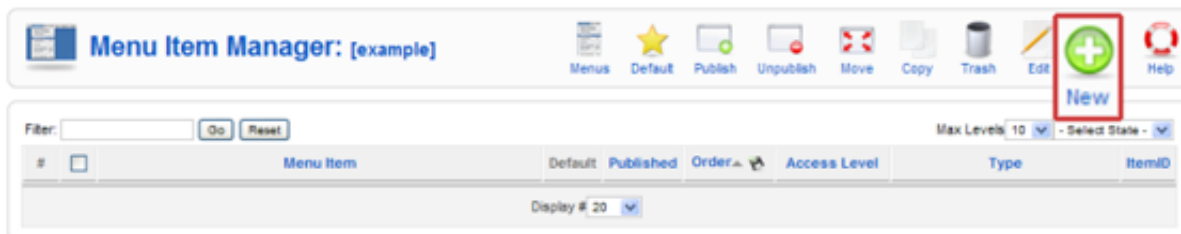
The screenshot shows the 'Menu Manager' interface. At the top right, there are buttons for Copy, Delete, Edit, New, and Help. Below is a table with the following data:

#		Title	Type	Menu Item(s)	# Published	# Unpublished	# Trash	# Modules	ID
1	<input type="radio"/>	Main Menu	mainmenu		38	-	1	1	1
2	<input type="radio"/>	About	about		9	-	-	1	2
3	<input type="radio"/>	Default	default		1	-	2	-	3
4	<input type="radio"/>	News	news		1	-	-	1	5
5	<input type="radio"/>	Example	example		-	-	-	-	6

A red box highlights the 'Add' icon (a document with a plus sign) in the 'Menu Item(s)' column for the 'Example' menu. Below the table is a 'Display # 20' dropdown menu.

**Note:** It is important to realize, for clarity's sake, that there is a difference between "Menu" and "Menu Item". "Menu Item" represents an instance, or individual menu link, while "Menu" represents the entity as a whole.

6. Now click the "New" button to add new menu items to your menu

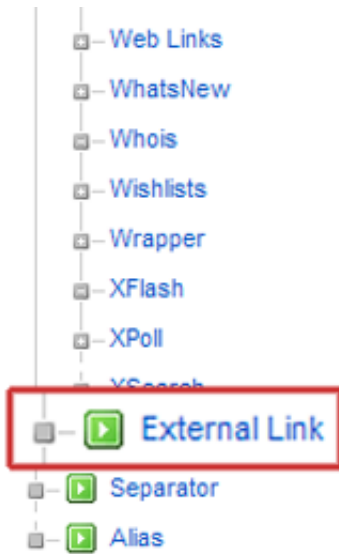


The screenshot shows the 'Menu Item Manager: [example]' interface. At the top right, there are buttons for Menus, Default, Publish, Unpublish, Move, Copy, Trash, Edit, New, and Help. The 'New' button (a green circle with a plus sign) is highlighted with a red box. Below the buttons is a filter input field with 'Go' and 'Reset' buttons. The table has the following columns: #, Menu Item, Default, Published, Order, Access Level, Type, and ItemID. Below the table is a 'Display # 20' dropdown menu.

7. After clicking "New", scroll down and select "External Link"

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### 8. Next, fill in the necessary information

- This is where you'll need to remember the URLs for the articles that you've created (you'll add the URL to the "Link" field)
- After creating this menu item, you'll be able to access this article page via the URL for the article, or the Alias of the menu item

**For example:** according to the screenshot below, both <http://yourhub.org/example/examplearticle1> & <http://yourhub.org/article1> will work when trying to access this page via the browser (See [URL Redirects](#) for more details). For the navigational menus to display properly, though, you'll want to use the menu item alias when trying to access your article page (<http://yourhub.org/article1> in this example).

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Menu Item: [ New ]

Save Apply Cancel Help

Menu Item Type Change Type

**External Link**  
Create a Menu Item that links to another Web site.

Menu Item Details

Title: Article 1  
Alias: article1  
Link: /example/examplearticle1

Display in: Example

Parent Item:

Published:  No  Yes

Parameters (Basic)  
Menu Image: - None Selected -

Parameters Advanced

9. Click "Save" in the upper right-hand corner

If you switch over to the front-end and navigate to your article page (via the menu item URL), you should see a page similar to this one:

yourhub.org/article1

Myhub

Search

Login Register

Home my HUB Resources Members Explore About Support Jobs Forum Discussions Help!

You are here: Article 1

### Example Article 1

This is my first example article

Home About Get Started Explore Members

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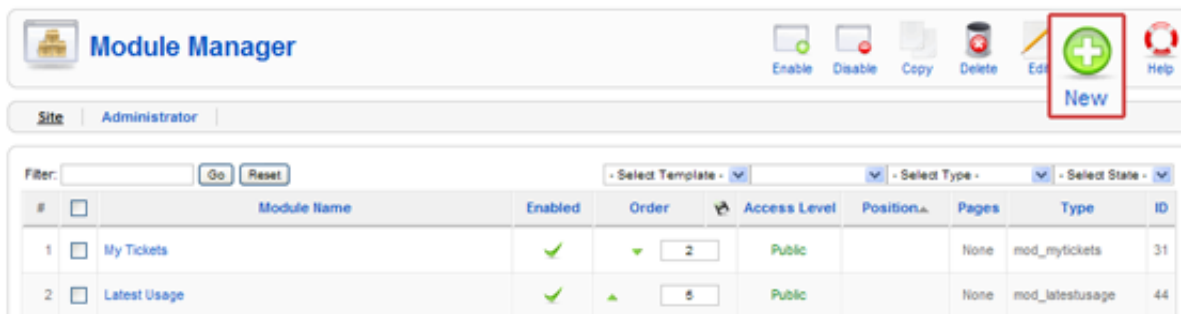
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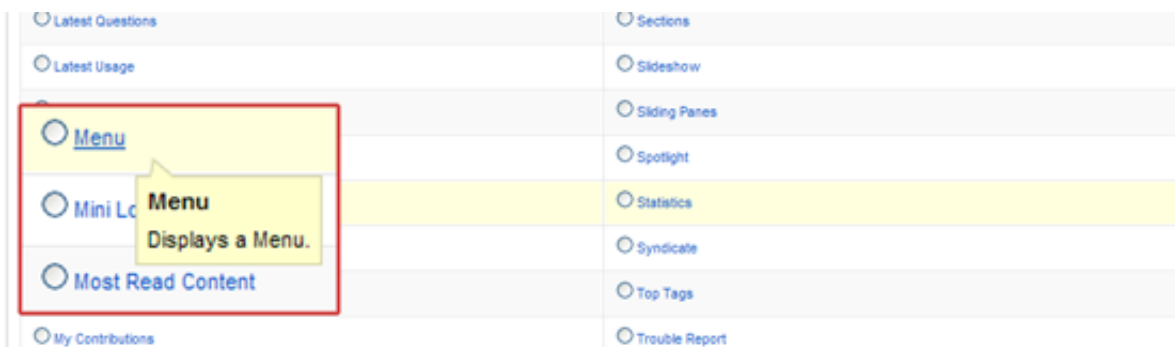
- At this point, simply repeat the previous steps to create menu items for all of the articles that you want to use together

The final step in this process is to assign the menu items that you've created to display on the article pages.

- To do this, navigate to "Extensions -> Module Manager" on the backend *Joomla!* interface
- Next, select "New"



- Scroll down and select "Menu" from the list (either click on the link, or select the radio button then scroll back up and click "Next")



14. Now fill in the correct information...make sure to:

- Give it a "Title"
- Be sure "Enabled" is set to "Yes"
- Give it the position "Left"
- Set it to display on the correct pages
  - Under menu assignment, "control click" the menu items that we made in the preceding steps. This is what tells *Joomla!* which pages to display our new menu on.
- Under "Module Parameters", "Menu Name" should be the title of the menu that we created earlier ("example" in this case)
- "Menu Style" should be "List"

The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for editing a module. The title bar reads "Module: [ Edit ]". In the top right corner, there are icons for "Save", "Apply", "Close", and "Help".

The form is divided into two main sections: "Details" and "Parameters".

**Details Section:**

- Module Type: `mod_mainmenu`
- Title:
- Show Title:  No  Yes
- Enabled:  No  Yes
- Position:

**Parameters Section:**

- Module Parameters
  - Menu Name:
  - Menu Style:
  - End Level:
  - Always show sub-menu Items:  No  Yes

**Menu Selection Section:**

Menus:  All  None  Select Menu Item(s) from the List

Menu Selection:

- Terms of Use
- Copyright Infringement Notification
- Our Cyberinfrastructure
- default
  - Default
  - Example
- example
  - Article 1
  - Article 2
- mainmenu
  - Home
  - my HUB
  - Resources
    - What's New
    - Upload

15. When all of this has been done, click "Save"

16. Now if you navigate back to your article page on the front-end, you should find something similar to this:

# MENUS

yourhub.org/article1

Myhub

Search

Login Register

Home my HUB Resources Members Explore About Support Jobs Forum Discussions Help

You are here: Article 1

- + ARTICLE 1
- + ARTICLE 2

## Example Article 1

is my first example article