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BUSINESS ENTERPRISE EMPLOYEE REPOSITORY

Administrators Documentation

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Introduction

BEER has been built as a entrant into Brian Teeman's "Joomla! Developer Challenge. The current build is strictly an Alpha release and should definitely **not** be used in a production environment.

The good news is we had so much fun we intend to complete and maintain BEER which means that in the not too distant future there should be a stable release.

Current features include...

- People, Departments, Offices
- Template Overrides support
- Gravatar support
- VCard support
- Plugin support
- Search engine friendly URL's
- Single installer
- Search plugin

Future Features that didn't quite make it into this release include...

- Google Maps
- Joomla! user mapping
- User Editing (of own profile)
- and a few secrets squirrel improvements ;)

BEER itself has been built atop Nooku Framework, an Object Orientated (OO) Rapid Application Development (RAD) framework that installs into Joomla! as a system plugin. For more information about Nooku Framework please go to http://www.nooku.org

The Team that built BEER was made up of people associated with Nooku including Core Developers as well as people from within Nooku Framework's user community.

Credits

Team

- Tom Janssens - http://www.janss.be
- Shayne Bartlett - http://nooku.org/
- Mathias Verraes - http://nooku.org/

Ideas, testing, patches, graphics, advice...

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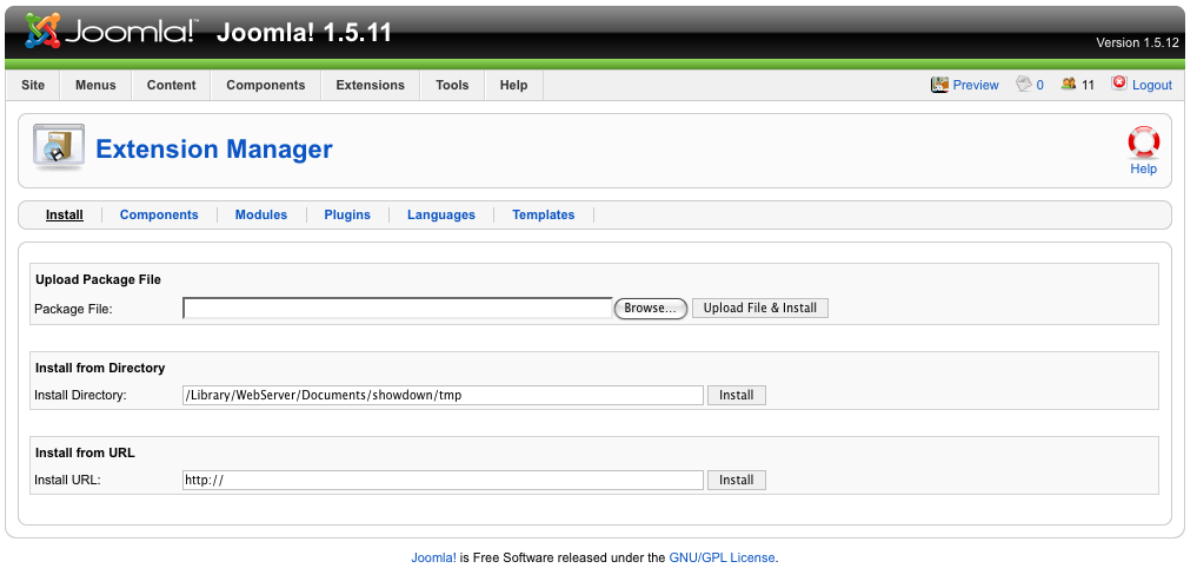
Installation

Installation of BEER is no different to any other Joomla! extension and includes the installation of BEER, the BEER search plugin and Nooku Framework. All three will be installed through a single install process, you do not install each part on it's own.

Requirements

1. PHP 5.2
2. MySQL 5.0.45
3. Joomla 1.5.12 with Database Type set to 'MySQLi' (during installation or in configuration.php: var $dbtype = 'mysqli';)
4. Nooku Framework 0.7alpha (installed automatically)



Process

- Login into Joomla! Admin
- From the top menu select Extensions-Install/Uninstall
- I the presented form click browser and select the BEER install file from your own computer
- Click Upload and Install

Upon a successful install you should see a screen indicating that BEER has been installed.

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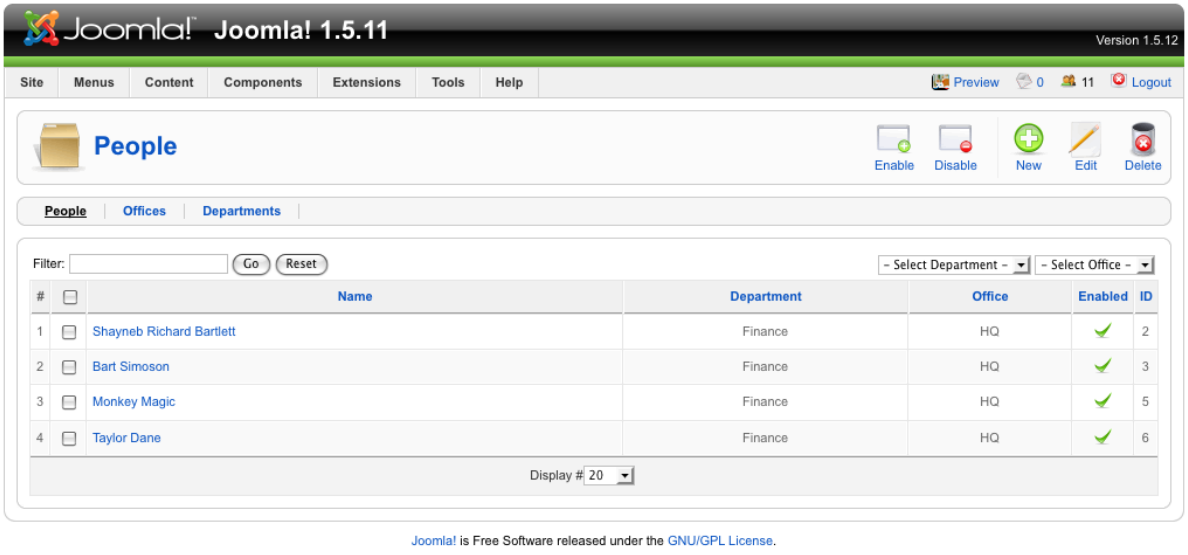
Note that the Nooku Framework and BEER search plugins will both be enabled automatically so you do not have to do anything with either.

BEER Administration

Once BEER is installed you can start using it immediately. By navigating to Components-BEER you will find yourself with the People list.

People

This screen provides a listing of all people you have entered.



Toolbar Options:

- Enable - Use this to enable people selected using the checkboxes at the far left of each row.
- Disable - Use this to disable people selected using the checkboxes at the far left of each row.
- New - This will take you to the form to enter a new person
- Edit - Check a user and click this to edit they're details.
- Delete - Use this to delete people selected using the checkboxes at the far left of each row.

Person

The Person Screen is used for both the creation of new, and the editing of existing people. From here enter/edit the details of a person. Note that unless you have already entered at least one office and one department you will not have any in the dropdown selects.

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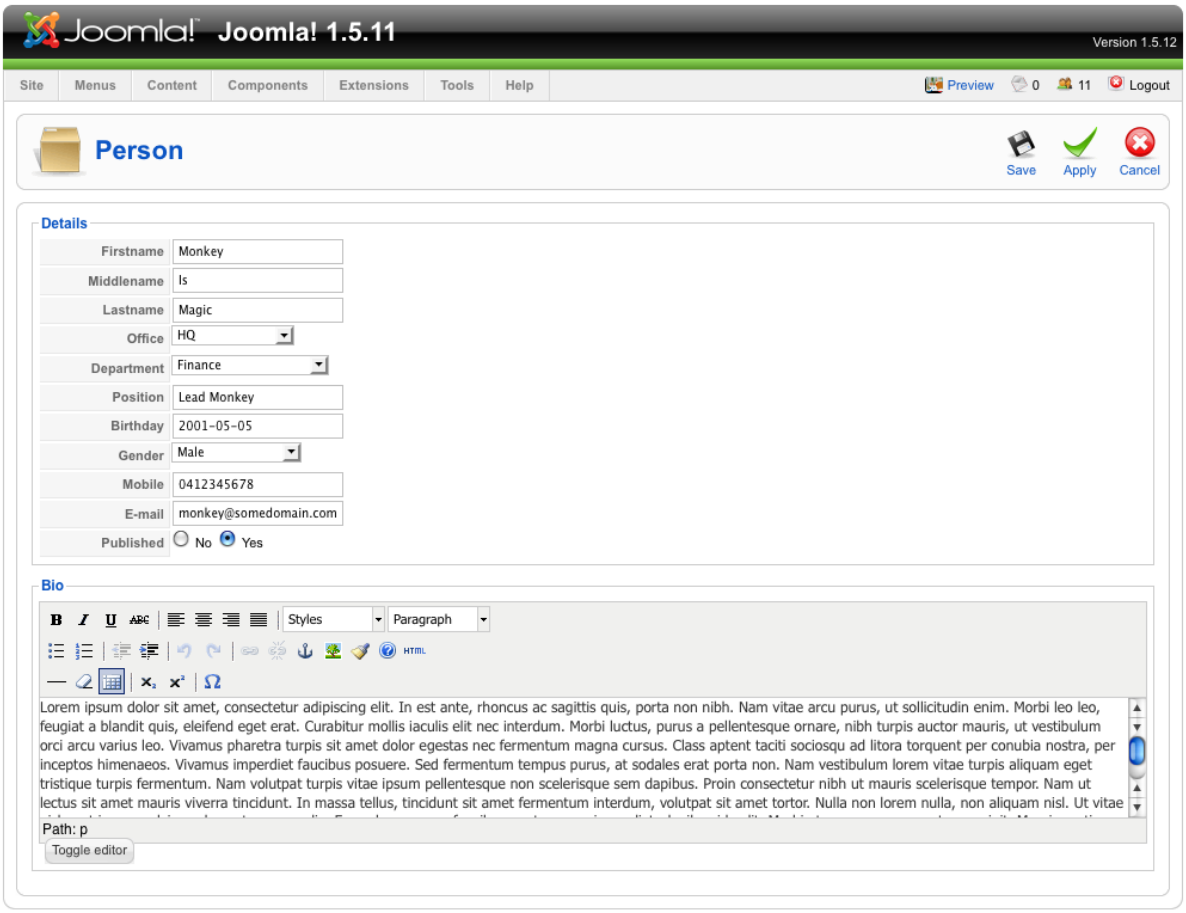
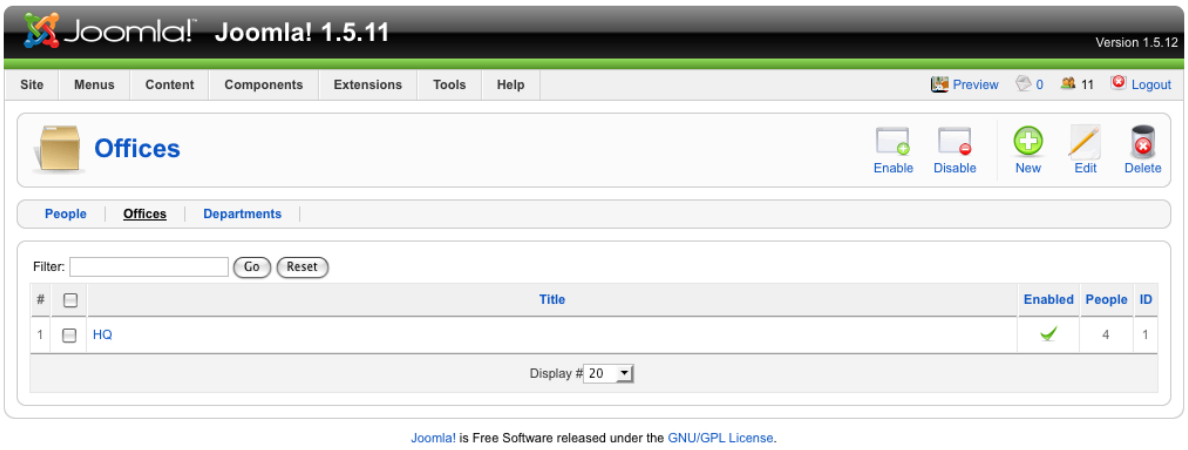


Toolbar Options:

- Save - Saves the form data and returns you to the People Screen.
- Apply - Saves the form data and returns you to the current Person form screen.
- Cancel - Saves nothing and returns you to the People screen.

Offices

This screen provides a listing of all Offices entered.



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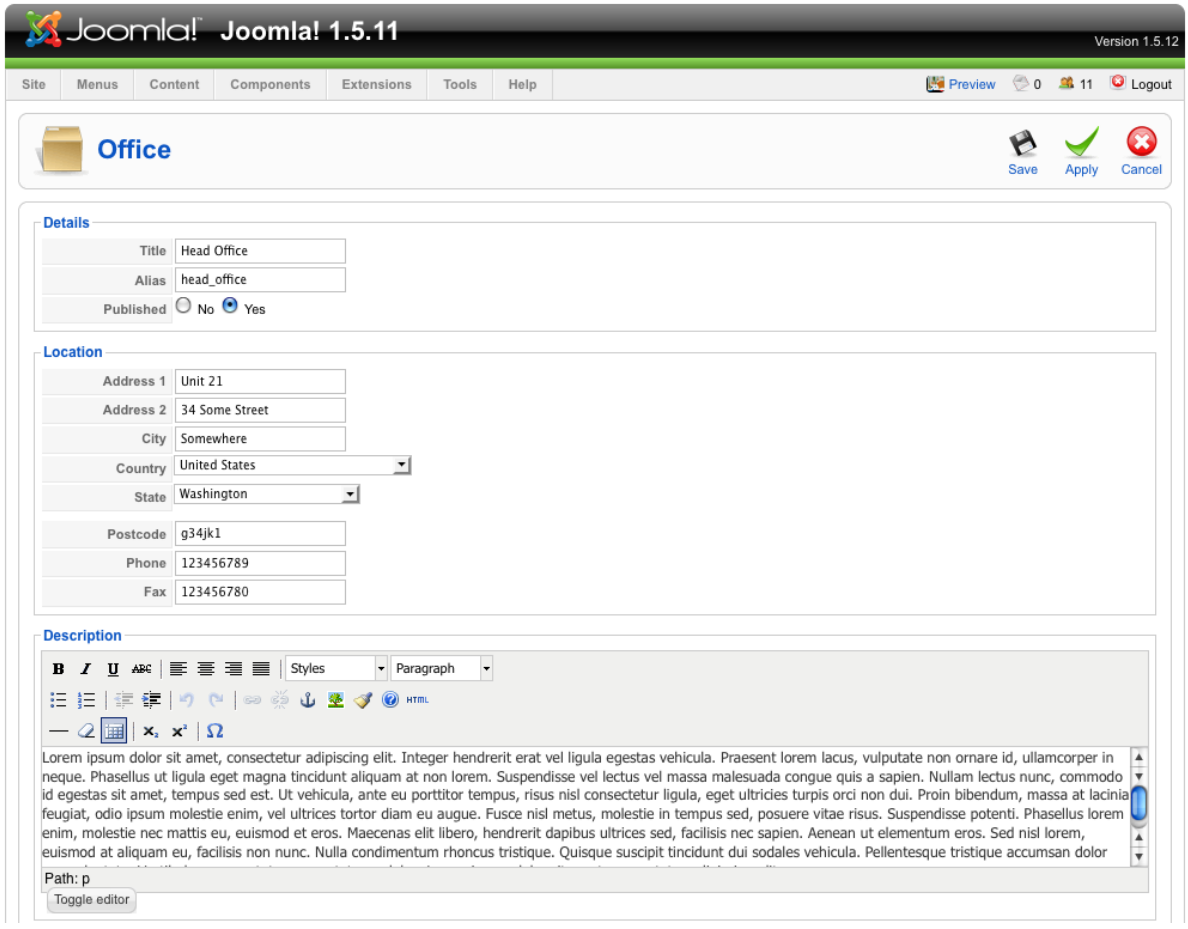
Toolbar Options:

- Enable - Use this to enable offices selected using the checkboxes at the far left of each row.
- Disable - Use this to disable offices selected using the checkboxes at the far left of each row.
- New - This will take you to the form to enter a new office.
- Edit - Check an office and click this to edit it's details.
- Delete - Use this to delete offices selected using the checkboxes at the far left of each row.

Office

This screen provides the form used to create/edit an office. Note that the State field auto-populates states based on your Country Selection



Toolbar Options:

- Save - Saves the form data and returns you to the Offices Screen.
- Apply - Saves the form data and returns you to the current Office form screen.
- Cancel - Saves nothing and returns you to the Offices screen.

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Departments

This screen provides a listing of all Departments entered.

Toolbar Options:

- Enable - Use this to enable departments selected using the checkboxes at the far left of each row.
- Disable - Use this to disable departments selected using the checkboxes at the far left of each row.
- New - This will take you to the form to enter a new department.
- Edit - Check an department and click this to edit it's details.
- Delete - Use this to delete departments selected using the checkboxes at the far left of each row.

Department

This screen provides the form used to create/edit an department.

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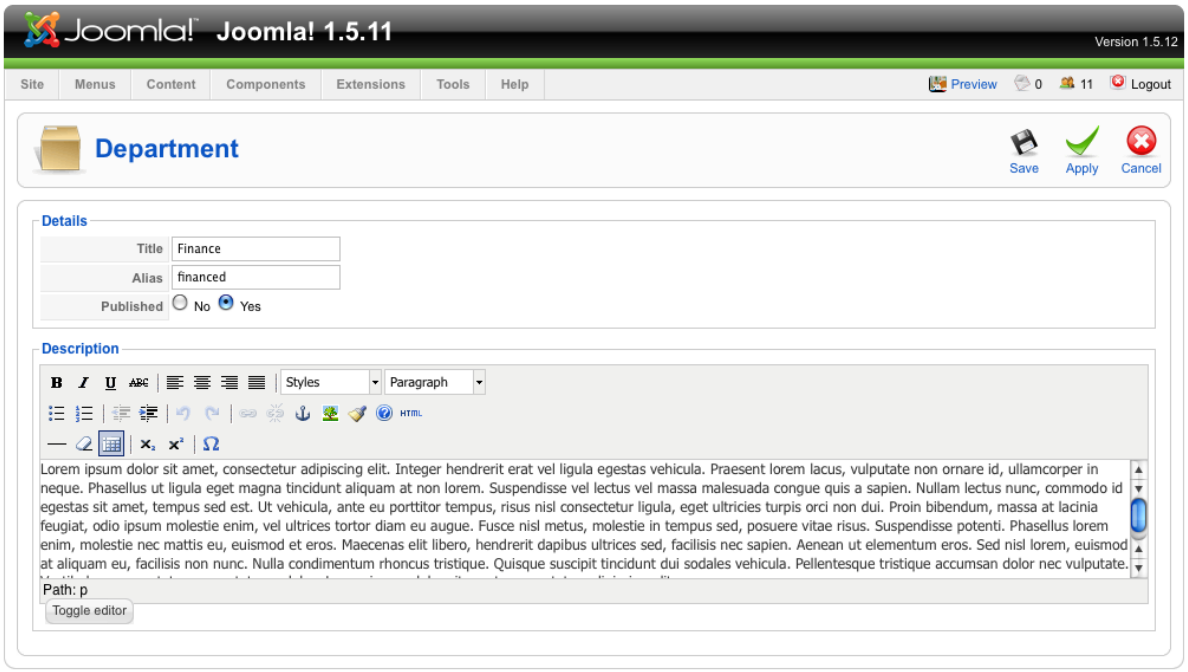

Toolbar Options:

- Save - Saves the form data and returns you to the Departments Screen.
- Apply - Saves the form data and returns you to the current Department form screen.
- Cancel - Saves nothing and returns you to the Departments screen.

Adding BEER Menu Links

Adding BEER to your menu's is done via the normal Joomla! Menu Manager. From the Menu Screen for the menu into which you want to place a link select "New" in the toolbar.

At the next screen(Menu Type) select BEER. This will refresh the page with the three menu options BEER provides.

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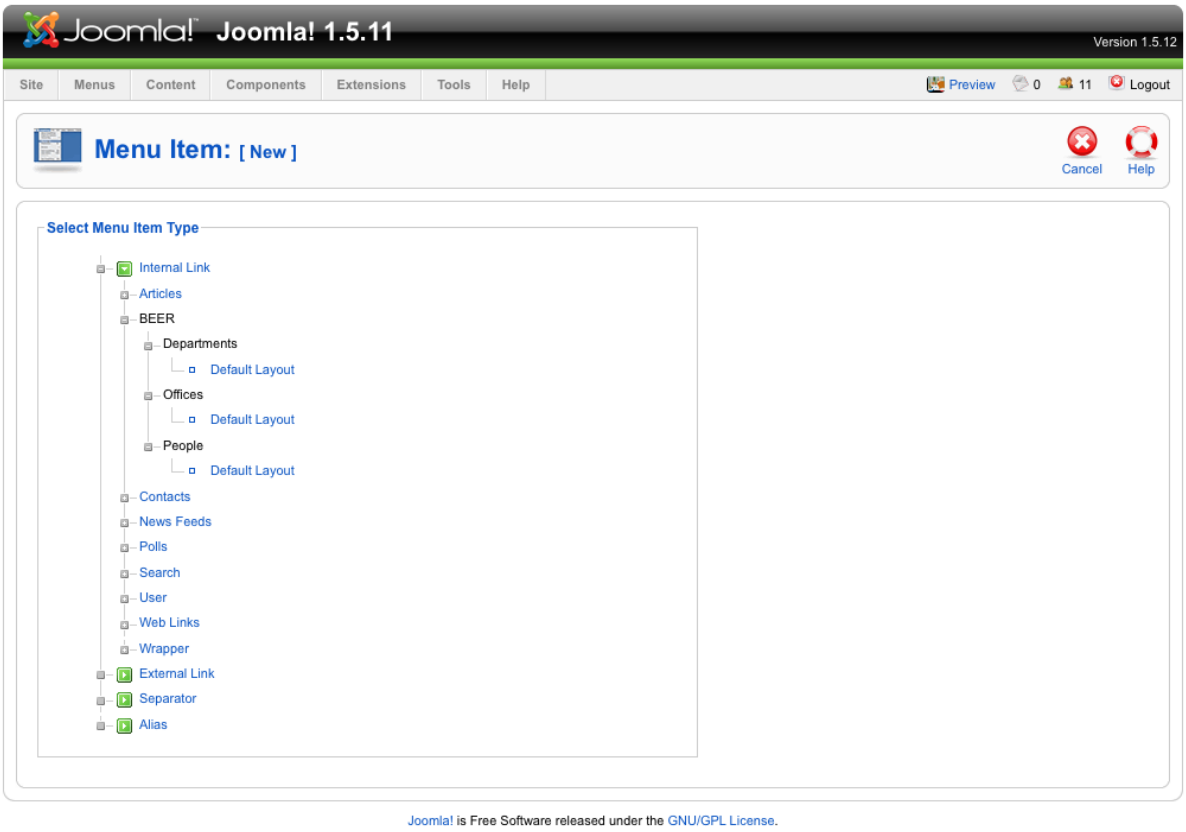

Menu Types

BEER provides menu types to the list view's of People, Offices and Departments. From each of these view front-end users will be able to navigate around the system.

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