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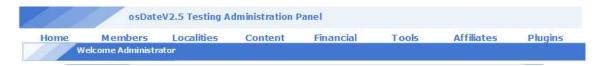
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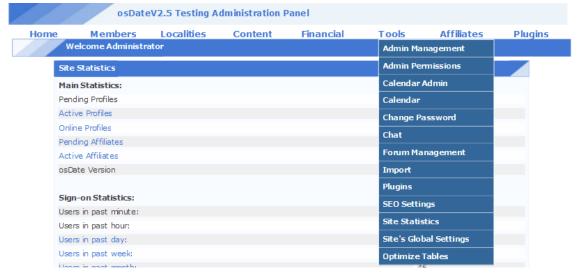
#### **SECTION 3: ADMINISTERING OSDATE**

osDate has many configurable options that are accessed through the administrator's panel:



# 3.1 Setting Site's Global Settings

osDate allows you to set many parameters which will affect general working of the system. This can be accessed by clicking *Site's Global Settings* link available in **Tools section** as shown below.



Let us examine these settings in detail.

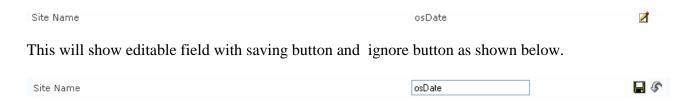


There are seven main sections of settings available as shown above.

#### 3.1.1 Site Information

Various parameters which govern the osDate working are defined here. You can modify the values to suit your site's requirements.

To change any parameter, click on the edit button available in the rightmost column for the particular parameter as given below.



Give correct value and save. After saving, Press on Reload button of the browser to see the changes.

#### 3.1.1.1 Site Name

This is the site name which will be displayed in all pages in the header portion, e.g. you can change the default "osDate" to your choice of site name. However, please ensure your skin will support the size of name you want to use. Lengthy names may distort the look of the skin.

# 3.1.1.2 Site Title

This is the title of your site which will appear as part of the page title in the browser title bar. Please give small but meaningful title.

#### 3.1.1.3 Site Banner

This is the logo which will replace the Site Name in the page header portion. This is available only in default templates provided with osDate distribution. The picture should be loaded into the template/yourskin/images and/images folders. For all practical purposes, this is not used any more as most skins (including the customized ones) will define a logo and provide space for Site Name.

#### 3.1.1.4 Default Admin language

This is the default language to be used to display all admin related options and page headings and other template captions. To use this properly, the required language should be loaded into DB.

#### 3.1.1.5 Cookie Prefix

This is the prefix to be assigned for the 'cookies' set in the browser of users' that access your site. Typically this will be your site name without any spaces in between.

# 3.1.1.6 Site Administrator's Name

This is the name of the Site's Administrator. This name appears in all emails sent by admin to users.

#### 3.1.1.7 Site Administrator's E-Mail

This is the email address used by the Site's email system as from address for all emails sent by your site. Hence, ensure this address is valid one and is recognized by the mail server you want to use.

#### 3.1.1.8 Feedback Email Address

This is the email address used by the mail sending functions to send internal emails addressed to administrator. This email address will receive all Feedbacks, Support Requests, admin notifications, etc. Ensure this is a valid email address and can receive unlimited emails.

# 3.1.1.9 Copyright text

This is the copyright text which will appear at the bottom of all pages.

#### 3.1.1.10 User Menu to be used



There are three options to display user menus. **Side Full Menu** will display the expanded Full Menu in the left or right side column, **Side Fold Menu** will display a Folded expandable menu in left or right side column and **Top Menu** will display the menu as a pull down menu at the top of the page, below header portion.

#### 3.1.1.11 Admin Menu to be used

As user menu, Administrator menu system also can be set. All three options are available.

#### 3.1.1.12 Display, but disable, menu items

Normally, the system will display only those options which are available to the user based on the membership level of the user. If you want to show all menu options to the user, but want to redirect the user to upgrade the membership level, then enable this option.

#### 3.1.1.13 Banner advertisements in email

You may want to display banner advertisement in all those emails which the system may be sending to various users. Enable this flag for sending emails with banner advertisements in it.

# 3.1.1.14 Auto time-out

This is the time in minutes after which the user will be logged off, if the user has closed browser window without logging off. Set this value to a reasonable limit, 5 minutes.

# 3.1.1.15 Captcha Length

osDate requires a captcha code in certain screens where user data inputs are required. This is to control automatic forced entry methods and to possibly control spam. Set this value to a reasonable limit (6-9 characters are good). If you don't want to enforce captcha entries, give 0 as the number of characters of captcha.

#### 3.1.1.16 Admin Notification

Set this flag to send an email to Administrator's email address (as given above) when a new user signs up. You need to set this flag if you have enforced profile approval system.

# 3.1.1.17 Disable caching mechanism

osDate provides for a limited caching mechanism for index and profile display pages. Caching the pages may improve performance, but it may take some system resource. As mysql caching can be set up and smarty templates compiled versions are cached automatically, you may disable caching mechanism in osDate.

#### 3.1.1.18 Cached page life

This is the time in minutes after which the osDate cached pages will be refreshed. If you have enabled osDate internal caching, give a value which is reasonable. (30 minutes is OK)

#### 3.1.1.19 Site theme/skin

Using this you can change the template theme you want to use with osDate. For this, your skin set should be uploaded to osdatehomedir/templates folder. Once your skin is available in /templates folder, it will be listed in the dropdown menu. Select the theme you want to use and save it. Then **Reload the page** to see changed skin.

# 3.1.1.20 New users section profile display method

This section display latest registered user profiles using the chosen profile display method. osDate provide for two types of profile display method for this section, Tiny and mini. **Tiny** will display 5 profiles in one line using a smaller version of the profile display. Set this based on your skin and available display space. **Mini** will display two profiles in one line (if space is sufficiently available for this display in the skin you are using).

# 3.1.1.21 Number of last new profiles to be displayed on home page

This is the number of latest profiles to be displayed in the home page. If you are using tiny as profile display method for this, set this number to multiples of 5. Otherwise, set the number to multiples of 2.

### 3.1.1.22 Profile display method for Featured Profiles display section

Same methods of New Profiles display section are available for Featured Profile display section also.

# 3.1.1.23 Number of Featured Profiles to be displayed on home page

Same method as available for New Profile display section should be applied for this too.

# 3.1.1.24 Profile display method for Recent Active Profiles display section

Same methods of New Profiles display section are available for Recent Active Profile display section also.

#### 3.1.1.25 Number of Recent Active Profiles to be displayed on home page

Same method as available for New Profile display section should be applied for this too.

# 3.1.1.26 Profile display method for Random Profiles display section

Same methods of New Profiles display section are available for Random Profile display section also.

# 3.1.1.27 Number of Random Profiles to be displayed on home page

Same method as available for New Profile display section should be applied for this too.

#### 3.1.1.28 Number of New Members to be listed

This is the number of usernames to be listed in the New Members Listing shown on the homepage.

#### 3.1.1.29 New members to be listed for last xx days

This is the number of days used to calculate the Starting Date to take registered date of profiles to be considered as new profiles. For logged in users, the last logged date or this calculated date, whichever later, is considered as Starting Date for this calculation.

### 3.1.1.30 Number of latest views and winks to be listed

This is the number of views and winks to be listed in the respective report.

#### 3.1.1.31 Latest views and winks to be listed since xx days

This is the number of days used to calculate the Starting Date to take the date of views/winks to be considered for listing. For logged in users, the last logged date or this calculated date, whichever later, is considered as Starting Date for this calculation.

# 3.1.1.32 Display list of xx events for the day

This is the number of events slated for the day to be listed in the Day's events display block. If you don't want to display this block, set this value to '0'.

# 3.1.1.33 Bypass user look gender matching in searches

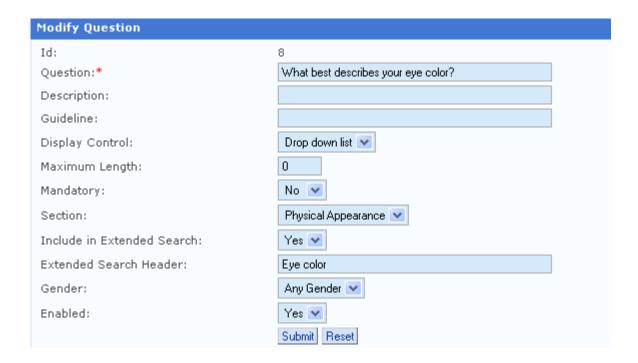
When searches are performed, osDate looks for cross gender matching condition also. E.g. when a Man is searching for Woman, system checks to ensure the resulted Woman profile is also looking for a Man. If you set this flag to 'Y', system will bypass this cross verification process.

# 3.1.1.34 Use extended search heading given in question

osDate will use the Question description as caption for search fields if this is not enabled. When you define questions with extended search headings and if this flag is set, system will use the extended search heading as caption in search forms. This is useful to use small text as search caption instead of lengthy description of the question.

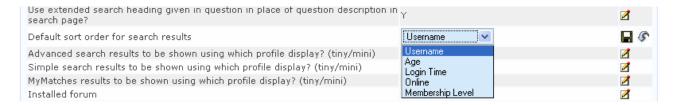
In the example given below screen shot, if this flag is not set to 'Y', system will display 'What best describe your eye color?' as caption in search form. If this flag is set then system will display 'Eye Color' as caption in search form which is more clear and smaller.

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#### 3.1.1.35 Default sort order for searches

You can set default sort order to display search results as shown below.



You can set UserName or Age or Last Login Time or Online Flag or Membership Level as default sort order. Though this is default sort order, you can sort the search result using the option available in the search result screen also as shown below



# 3.1.1.36 Profile display method to be used to show Advanced search results

Like Featured profiles section display method, advanced search results can also be shown using either **Tiny** or **Mini** profile display method.

# 3.1.1.37 Profile display method to be used to show Simple search results

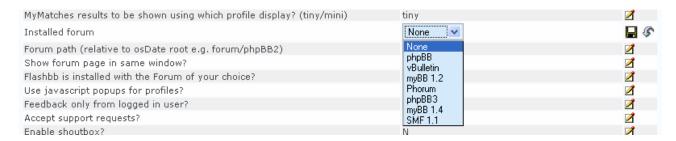
Like Featured profiles section display method, simple search results can also be shown using either **Tiny** or **Mini** profile display method.

#### 3.1.1.38 Profile display method to be used to show MyMatches Search results

Like Featured profiles section display method, MyMatches search results can also be shown using either **Tiny** or **Mini** profile display method.

#### 3.1.1.39 Installed forum

osDate can connect with the following forum software: phpBB2 and phpBB3, vBulletin, myBB 1.2 and myBB 1.4, Phorum and SMF1.1. If you have installed any forum from this list, select the same as shown below. Select None if you haven't installed any forum.



# 3.1.1.40 Forum path

This is the folder in which you have installed the forum software. The path should be given as a relative path to osDate home directory.

#### 3.1.1.41 Show forum in the same window

If you want to display the forum in a frame inside main osDate screen itself, set this flag. Otherwise, system will open a new window to show forum pages.

# 3.1.1.42 FlashBB is installed with the forum

This flag will tell the system if you have installed flashBB with the phpBB. If flashBB is installed, set this flag so that osDate will directly start flashBB.

#### 3.1.1.43 Use javascript popups for profiles

If you want to display profiles in a separate popup window, set this flag. If this flag is not set, system will display profile as part of the main window itself.

# 3.1.1.44 Feedback only from logged in user

If you want to restrict accepting of feedback only from logged in users, then set this flag. Otherwise, visitors will be able to send feedback.

# 3.1.1.45 Accept support requests

osDate can accept support request from logged in users. This is useful to get any support requests, complaints or suggestions. This is in addition to the available Feedback form. If you want to allow users to send support requests, enable this flag.

#### 3.1.1.46 Enable shoutbox

If you want to enable the shoutbox, set this flag. Shoutbox will use heavy system resources.

#### 3.1.1.47 Shoutbox refresh interval

This is the time interval in minutes to refresh shoutbox messages. This is used only if shoutbox is enabled.

# 3.1.1.48 Number of shoutbox messages to be displayed

This is the number of latest shoutbox messages to be displayed in the shoutbox window. Set this value to be reasonable, as the shoutbox uses a lot of resources. This is used only when shoutbox is enabled.

#### 3.1.1.49 Maximum number of shoutbox messages to be kept in system

This is the maximum number of shoutbox messages to be kept in the system. Keep a reasonable limit for this. Otherwise, you may find your system is over burdened. This is used only when shoutbox is enabled.

#### 3.1.1.50 Number of latest messages to be shown to the user

This is the number of latest IM messages to be shown to the user. Set this to a reasonable limit.

# 3.1.1.51 Number of IM messages to be kept in the system received by one user

This is the maximum of IM messages to be kept in the system by the receiving user. When a user receives a message above this limit, system will delete older messages. Set this value to a reasonable limit which will remove older emails automatically to make space for newer ones.

# 3.1.1.52 Maximum length of one message for IM

This is the length of an IM message in characters.

# 3.1.1.53 Interval for refreshing of IM messages

This is the interval, in seconds, between automatic refresh of IM messages.

### 3.1.1.54 Number of stories to be shown in menu panel listing

This is the number of stories to be shown in the left/right panel Stories display Block. Set this to a reasonable value based on your site's design and volume of data.

# 3.1.1.55 Number of words to display in short story

This is the number of words of each short story to be shown in the left/right side panel Stories display Block.

#### 3.1.1.56 Allow management of countries/states/cities

This flag tells if system should allow management of Countries and States and Cities. If you have pre-loaded these data and do not want to allow management of these, disable this flag.

#### 3.1.1.57 Starting and ending number of years for birth date field calculation

These are the maximum and minimum age. Basically these two values will decide the age range. The maximum age is the Starting Value and the minimum age is the End value.

# 3.1.1.58 Default value for start age and end age range in quick search

These are the starting age and ending of the age range to be used for simple/quick search

# 3.1.1.59 Number of words to display in short article text

This is the number of words to be displayed as short text for each article

# 3.1.1.60 Number of news items to display

This is the number of news to be shown in the news listing block in left/right column.

#### 3.1.1.61 Number of words to display in short news

This is the number of words to be displayed from each news in the short news display block of left/right column.

# 3.1.1.62 Price per referral for affiliates

This is the price to be paid for each referral coming from affiliates. If you don't want to calculate the amount, set this to 0. This is just the amount used to calculate total payment needed, but doesn't pay anything to affiliate. **This is just used for calculation purpose only.** 

#### 3.1.1.63 Default status of new affiliate

When an affiliate is created, the status will be inactive until the affiliate confirm back to Admin. This can be bypassed and the affiliate made active automatically if this flag is set.

# 3.1.1.64 Maximum allowed height and width of the Banner

This defines the maximum allowed banner width and height in pixels. These fields are accepted separately, i.e height and width are to be entered separately.

#### 3.1.1.65 Server time zone

This is the time difference from GMT of the server where your site is hosted and should be expressed based on the Server Time e.g. for India, time zone will be expressed as +4.30. This difference is used to calculate and display the times in user's emails and other interfaces.

# 3.1.2 User Management Controls

Home	Members	Localities	Content	Financial	Tools	Affiliates	Plugins
Gl	lobal Configurati	ons					
Global Setting	s Group: User Cor	ntrols	~				
Global Config	gurations > User	Controls					
	De	scription			Value	Edit	
Bypass regist	ration confirmation	by the user?		N		<b>⊿</b>	
By default, pr	ofile to be active o	r not?		Υ		<b>⊿</b>	

This section of site's global settings will set all user profile related controls.

# 3.1.2.1 Bypass registration confirmation by the user

osDate require new user to confirm their email address by clicking on the confirmation link given in the registration email. This is to verify the owner of the email has consented to be a member of the site. User profile will be in **inactive** status till email address is confirmed. If you don't want this restriction, but want all users to be active immediately upon registration, set this flag.

# 3.1.2.2 By default, profile to be active or not

osDate will keep all new profiles in inactive status until the member confirm the email address and admin approve the profile. When you are getting too many new signups, it may be difficult to approve each profile by admin. If you want to avoid the requirement of admin approval of profiles, enable this flag.

# 3.1.2.3 When a profile is modified, make status "Pending" for admin approval

Users are allowed to modify their profile information. It may happen that users may enter something in their profile which may be against the general site's rule and/or other unwanted information. To ensure the modified data is not against general site's working, you can set this flag to force admin approvals for changes in profiles. However, if you enable this flag, the profile will be in 'inactive' status until admin approve the changes. However, newly modified changes will be in the profile and you can't revert back to original data and you will need to work with the user to rectify the derogatory wordings in the profile.

#### 3.1.2.4 The default level of access to the use

You can set a default membership level for all users when the profile is made active (either by way of email confirmation or activation by admin). The default membership level is needed to be set. This should not be the 'Visitor' level.

# 3.1.2.5 The level of access for the user after current level expires

When a user's current membership level expire, that user will be assigned rights of this level. Typically this will be the level given for **Default Level**. Though the level of the user will not be changed when current membership level expire, system will assign the rights given for the membership level given here. E.g. if you give '**Free**' level for this and if the user was in '**Gold**' or any other level with more rights than '**Free**' level, system will assign the rights for '**Free**' level to the user once the higher level expire, **but will not change the membership level of the user in the system**.

# 3.1.2.6 Minimum and Maximum password length

Enter the maximum and minimum number of characters you want for the user password field. System will check this and make the password invalid if these conditions are not met.

# 3.1.2.7 Minimum and Maximum username length

Enter the maximum and minimum number of characters you want for the username field. System will check this and make the username invalid if these conditions are not met.

# 3.1.2.8 Maximum number of Blog Stories by a user

This is the number of blog stories a user can create in his/her blog, if blog is allowed in the membership level of the user.

# 3.1.2.9 Maximum blog length

This is the maximum number of characters a blog story can contain. Limiting this size is a good idea.

#### 3.1.2.10 Maximum number of User and Admin blog stories to be shown in homepage

These are the maximum number of blog stories that can be displayed in the home page Blog listing Block. Set this to a good number to suit your skin size.

# 3.1.2.11 Maximum comment length

This limits the number of characters for comments given for profile, blogs etc.

#### 3.1.2.12 Send email to online users

System will send emails to users when admin send messages or when other users communicate to the user. You may disable this default behavior and set it not to send emails when a user is online, but send the message to their Message Box only. This setting will save much system resource and your mail server will not be used. If you disable this flag, emails will be sent to the user's Internal Message box when the user is online.

# 3.1.2.13 Manage some user fields.

You can set following fields of the profile as not needed. This will allow some sites to accept minimum required profile information to a limited number of fields.

- a) First Name
- b) Last Name
- c) Country
- d) State
- e) County
- f) City
- g) Zip Code
- h) Time Zone
- i) About me
- i) Address line 1 and 2
- k) Looking for gender
- 1) Looking for age range
- m) Looking Country
- n) Looking State
- o) Looking County
- p) Looking City
- q) Looking Zip Code

r)

Same way, following fields can be made mandatory if these are set to be accepted.

- s) First Name
- t) Last Name
- u) Country
- v) State
- w) County
- x) City

- y) Zip Code
- z) Time Zone
- aa) About me
- bb) Looking Country
- cc)

Further you can set default values for following fields if they are set to be accepted.

- dd) Country
- ee) State
- ff) County
- gg) City
- hh) Zip Code

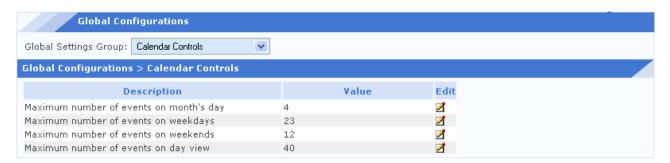
# 3.1.2.14 Allow view online flag

When a user is online, system will include that user in the online users list. The user can disable this flag so that the user will not be listed in online users list. You may set in admin to accept this field or not and make it mandatory, if desired. By default, this flag is enabled for all profiles.

# 3.1.2.15 Display About Me description in small profiles

A small portion of about me can be displayed in small profile displays if this flag is enabled. However, you must take care of the design of small profiles of used skin display before enabling this flag.

#### 3.1.3 Calendar Controls



You can set values for calendar management as show above and explained below.

# 3.1.3.1 Maximum number of events on month's day

This set the number of events to be listed in one day in Month View of Calendar.

# 3.1.3.2 Maximum number of events on weekdays and weekends

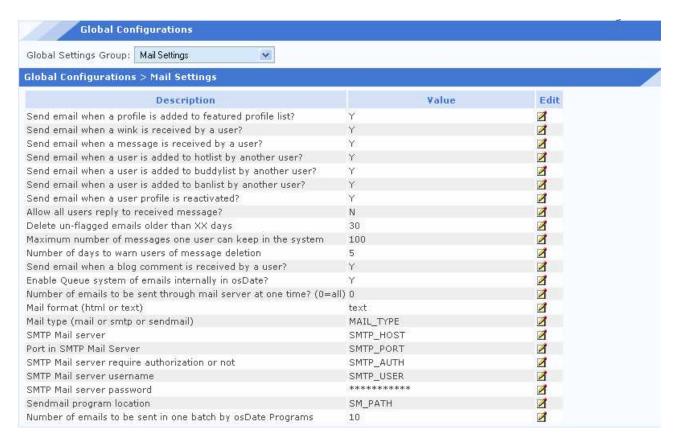
This set the maximum number of events that can be listed in weekdays and weekends in Week View of Calendar. Set this number to a practical size based on the skin display.

# 3.1.3.3 Maximum number of events on day view

This is the number of events listed in a Day View of Calendar.

#### 3.1.4 Mail Server and mail sending process settings

osDate allows admin and user to send emails to users. For successful working of mail sending process, following parameters can be set according to your need and server settings.



#### 3.1.4.1 Mail format

osDate allows you to use either **html** or **text** mail format for sending emails to users. If you allow html format, you can add your own banners and other advertisement materials in it. Please see osdatehomedir/templates/yourskin/html\_emails.tpl file to modify as you need.

# 3.1.4.2 Type of Mail Server

osDate allows to use either smtp or sendmail or php default mail server for sending emails. You need to set the correct mail server type.

# 3.1.4.3 SMTP Mail server and port and authorization details

If you are using SMTP Server, enter your SMTP mail server url with the correct port. On some mail servers, you may need authorization to send emails. In this case, enable the SMTP Server authorization requirement and enter username and password to access mail server.

# 3.1.4.4 Path to access Sendmail program

Enter the path to sendmail program, if available. Otherwise, enter ./ as value.

# 3.1.4.5 Enable mails Queue system

Some mail servers limit number of emails to be sent at a time by sites. osDate allows you to set number of emails to be sent in one batch through the mail server. osDate will keep all emails in a queue management system and will send those emails to the mail server periodically based on the count. However, for this system to work, you must set the cron job to send mails to mail server periodically. Set the flag to enable queue management and set the count of emails also.

#### 3.1.4.6 Number of emails to be sent in one batch by osDate Programs

osDate allows you to limit the number of emails that can be sent by various programs at a time. This is to limit system resources as some servers may timeout and may terminate in between.

# 3.1.4.7 Allow all users reply to received message

If you want to allow all users to read received messages even though they may not have rights to access messages according to their membership level, set this flag.

# 3.1.4.8 Delete un-flagged emails

osDate deletes older messages automatically which are not flagged. Set the number of days for calculating the age of the emails to be deleted. System will delete all un-flagged messages which are older than this days.

# 3.1.4.9 Number of days to warn users of message deletion

Set the number of days to raise warning signal to users that their un-flagged messages will be deleted. Set this value to a reasonable level. System will display warning message to the user whenever the user access the messaging system.

# 3.1.4.10 Maximum number of messages one user can keep in the system

This sets the maximum number of messages that can be kept in the system by the user. This messages count include all emails in all folders, including deleted folder. The user should delete messages from deleted folder to completely remove message from system. This is kept this way as a precaution.

# 3.1.4.11 Send admin message to users when an action is taken

System can send message to the users when following actions are taken by the admin. Set the appropriate flags to send the message to the user.

- ii) When a profile is added to the Featured Profiles list
- jj) When a wink is received by a user
- kk) When a message is received by a user
- ll) When a profile is added to Hot list by other user
- mm) When a profile is added to Friends list by other user
- nn) When a profile is added to Ban List by other user
- oo) When a user profile is reactivated
- pp) When a comment is received for the blog story of the user

# 3.1.5 Profile Images

You can set various parameter for profile displays and processes of pictures and videos management as shown and explained below.

Global Configurations > Profile Images and Thumbnails		7
Description	Value	Edi
Number of newest loaded profile pictures to be displayed.	20	<b>2</b>
Newest loaded profile pictures to be shown using which display method? (tiny/mini).	tiny	ø
Number of profiles to be displayed in the IP Location	10	<b>2</b>
Profile in IP Location to be shown using which display method? (tiny/mini).	tiny	<b>⊿</b>
Profile to be displayed within xx miles/kilometers radius of IP Location? (xxM/xxK)	50	<b>2</b>
Display profiles within xx miles/kilometers of Zip Code given for simple search? (xxM/xxK)	50	2
Pictures must be approved before it is displayed?	Υ.	<b>2</b>
Images are to be stored in DB?	N	<b>2</b>
Accept profile picture when signup?	N	<b>2</b>
Accept profile picture Compulsorily when signup?	N	<b>Z</b>
Maximum width of display of profile image (pixels)	250	<b>Z</b>
Maximum height of display of profile image (pixels)	350	Z
Thumbnail image size (pixels)	100	<b>2</b>
Maximum size for picture (bytes)	400000	<b>Z</b>
Upload image extensions	jpg,png,gif	<b>2</b>
Video display window width (pixels)	600	Z
Video display window height (pixels)	400	<b>2</b>
Delete thumbnail also when main picture is deleted?	Y	Z
Snaps watermark text	WaterMark	<b>Z</b>
Snaps watermark image file. (e.g. /images/watermark.jpg) Either the Text or Image can be given. If text is given, it will override image file		<b>2</b>
Watermark image intensity (in percent)	60	<b>2</b>
Snaps watermark horizontal position <left center="" right=""></left>	right	2
Snaps watermark vertical position <top bottom="" middle=""></top>	bottom	Z
Snaps watermark margin (pixels)	10	Z
Put shadow around snaps watermark text?	Y	2
Snaps watermark text color	#ffffff	Z
Number of thumbnail pictures to be displayed in user picture gallery in one row	.5	<b>Z</b>
Send email to Admin when a new picture is loaded by user?	Υ	<b>Z</b>
Send email to user when a new picture is approved/rejected by admin?	N	Z
Send email to Admin when a new video is loaded by user?	Y	<b>Z</b>
Send email to user when a new video is approved/rejected by admin?	N	Ø

# 3.1.5.1 Number of newest loaded profile pictures to be displayed

qq) You can set the number of latest loaded profile pictures to be shown in the Profile Pictures display block available in the homepage. Set this value to be based on the type of small profile display you use. If you are using tiny as small profile display method, set this count to be multiples of 5. Otherwise set it to be multiples of 2. However, this count will depend on skin you use.

# 3.1.5.2 Display method to be used for Newest loaded profile pictures

You can define the method of small profile display to be used for showing the latest loaded profile pictures. Define this based on the skin you use.

# 3.1.5.3 Number of profiles to be displayed near current IP Location of the user

This is the number of profiles displayed in the **Near IP Location profiles display block**. Set this count based on the small profile display method and the skin you use.

# 3.1.5.4 Display method to be used for Profiles near IP Location display block

You can define the method of small profile display to be used for showing the profiles near the IP location of the user. Define this based on the skin you use.

# 3.1.5.5 Display profiles within xxx miles of the IP location

You can set the radius for search for profiles to be included in the IP Location search. Set this value to a reasonable one based on the skin you use and system resources.

# 3.1.5.6 Display profiles within xxx miles – simple search criteria

In simple search, you can give a zip code in the selected country for a simple radius search. System will automatically take this value as radius for simple search. Set this value to a reasonable one based on your skin and system resources.

# 3.1.5.7 Pictures must be approved before it is displayed

This flag determine whether the pictures loaded can be immediately displayed to all users. Some site administrators want to verify the picture and ensure it is within the site's allowed criteria and sizing and other set parameters. In this case, enable this flag so the pictures will be kept in pending status until admin approve the picture.

# 3.1.5.8 Store images in DB

osDate allow to keep loaded pictures in File system or in DB. Set this flag to keep all pictures in DB. If pictures are kept in DB, it will consume much resources of mysql table space and resources. Also, the size of the picture will be limited to the mysql version you use. The field definition for pictures is text. On some systems, it is limited to 256K. With the new picture management system in place, it is strongly advised to keep the pictures in File System.

# 3.1.5.9 Accept profile picture when signup

osDate provide to accept one profile picture at the time of signup. If this flag is enabled, signup system will ask for picture. You can make it mandatory by setting the flag "Accept profile picture Compulsorily when signup".

# 3.1.5.10 Maximum width and height of display of profile image

These are the maximum size of the profile picture display, in pixels. In the profile display window, system displays picture using this parameter. Any picture above this size will be adjusted to this size. However, system will not adjust picture sizes if the original size is below these limits.

# 3.1.5.11 Thumbnail image size

This is the maximum size of thumbnails shown throughout the system. Set the limit based on your template design.

# 3.1.5.12 Maximum size for picture

This is the maximum allowed size of the picture in bytes. Basically it will be the file size.

# 3.1.5.13 Allowable file extensions of picture files

You can define valid file types you want to allow for pictures from .jpg, .gif and .png.

# 3.1.5.14 Video display window width and height

These parameters determine the window size of video display screen. Set these values to a reasonable size based on the template skin you use.

# 3.1.5.15 Delete thumbnail also when main picture is deleted

Set this flag if you want to delete thumb nail also when main picture is deleted by user or admin.

# 3.1.5.16 Watermark text or image

osDate allows to watermark each pictures shown to the user. You can define a text or picture to watermark picture. If picture is given, it should be loaded into the osdatehome/images/ folder first. If text is given for watermarking, it will override watermark picture.

#### 3.1.5.17 Watermark image intensity

This is the intensity for the watermark text to be shown on the picture.

#### 3.1.5.18 Watermark position and margin from sides

Define the vertical and horizontal co-ordinates for positioning watermark text or image. Define the margin you want for the watermark from sides. If right and top is given for vertical and horizontal positions, the margin will apply to right and top of the picture.

# 3.1.5.19 Put shadow around snaps watermark text

You can define if any shadow is to be added around the watermark text/image.

#### 3.1.5.20 Snaps watermark text color

This is the color of the watermark text. Change this color based on your skin color scheme.

# 3.1.5.21 Number of thumbnails to be shown in one row in user picture gallery

User picture gallery can display multiple pictures in one row. You can set this number based on the skin you use and the area available.

# 3.1.5.22 Send email to Admin when a new picture is loaded by user

Set this flag if you want admin to receive emails when a new picture is loaded by the user. This will allow speedy approvals or rejections.

# 3.1.5.23 Send email to user when a new picture is approved/rejected by admin

Set this flag to send an email to the user when a picture is approved or rejected by the admin. This will allow quick rectification process if a picture is rejected.

### 3.1.5.24 Send email to Admin when a new video is loaded by user

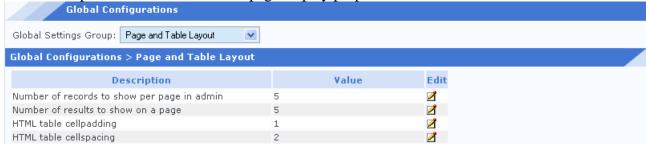
Set this flag to send an email to admin when a video is loaded by the user. This will allow admin to look the video and approve or reject it.

#### 3.1.5.25 Send email to user when a new video is approved/rejected by admin

Set this flag to send an email to the user when a loaded video is approved or rejected by admin.

# 3.1.6 Page and Table layouts

This define parameters used to set the page display properties.



# 3.1.6.1 Number of records to be shown in one page in admin interface

This is the number of records to be shown in admin interface when multi-records report/list is shown. Set this to an acceptable limit to reduce system load and faster interfacing with the server. This is visible in each report page and can be adjusted as shown below.



# 3.1.6.2 Number of results to show on page

This is the number of records to be displayed in the user interface pages when multi-record listing/report is shown. Set this limit to an acceptable level based on the system resources and the skin you use. The value is used as shown below and can be reset in each report.



### 3.1.6.3 HTML table cellpadding and cellspacing

These values determine the spacing between table reows and columns in the displays and reports. However, these are not relevant now as new templates are using Web2.0 style and reducing the table usage.

# 3.1.7 Profile Rating management

In this part, you can define various parameters which manage the Profile rating system as shown and explained below.



# 3.1.7.1 Minimum and Maximum value for rating scale

These values determine the minimum and maximum value allowed for rating the profile. System will display rating options based on these settings.

# 3.1.7.2 Rating incrementing number

This is the number to increment the rating. Normally it should be 1.

#### 3.1.7.3 Increment Order

This sets the order in which the rating options to be displayed to the user. This can be set from high to low order or the low to high.

# 3.1.7.4 Allow comments with ratings

If you want to allow comments by rating user of a profile, then set this flag.

#### 3.1.7.5 Maximum allowed comments

This limits the number comments for the rating for a profile by one user.

# 3.1.7.6 Allow replies to comments

If you want to allow replies to the comments of a profile by the profile owner, set this flag.

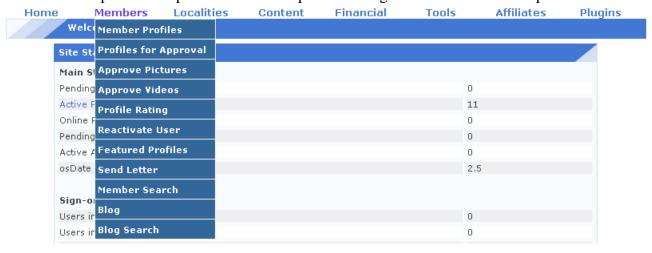
# 3.1.7.7 Remove comments and ratings older than xxx days

You can set the number of days to age the ratings and comments. System will remove all ratings and comments which are older than these days. Set this to a limit based on your system requirements and system resources.

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# 3.2 Member Profile Management System

This section explains all aspects of members' profile management as shown and explained below.



#### 3.2.1 Member Profiles

Clicking on **Member Profiles** link shows list of profiles with some details as shown below



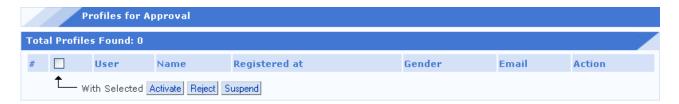
Using the search option given at the bottom, you can select profiles to be displayed. Using the **edit button**, you can edit the signup information given in the profile. You can delete the profile using the **delete button**. If you want to add a profile into Featured Profiles List, click on the **Golden Star** icon again the profile.

You can sort the results using the column heading. You can view the profile by clicking the username.

You can change the status and membership level of the user. For this, first Mark the profile by checking in the box in the left column, then click on the action you want to do.

# 3.2.2 Approve Profiles

If you have set that all profiles must be approved before they can be shown to general public, then this option will be available. Clicking on the link, following screen will be displayed.



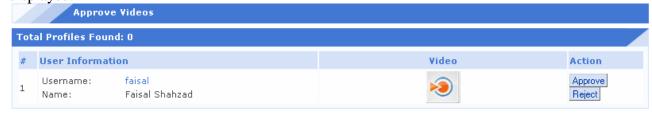
When profiles are listed, you can select those profiles to be approved and click on **Activate** to approve those profiles, **Reject** to reject those profiles or **Suspend** to suspend those profiles.

# 3.2.3 Approve Pictures and Videos

If you have set all pictures must be approved before it is shown to general public, then these options will be available.



If pictures are displayed, you can approve or reject them. For videos, following screen will be displayed.



Clicking on the button in the Video column, it will play the video. After viewing the same, you can approve or reject the same.

#### 3.2.4 Profile Rating Management

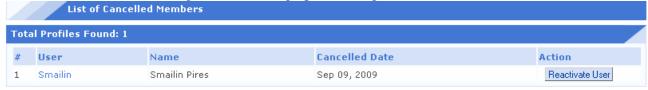


You can manage the headings under which you want the profile ratings to be done by users. You can define multiple rating heads. System will accept rating under each heading given here. IF you want to change the description, click on edit button and it will bring up following screen where you can change the description.



#### 3.2.5 Reactivate Users

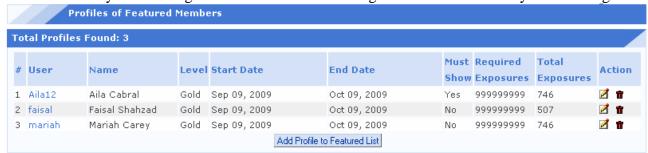
Users may cancel their membership periodically or admin may cancel the membership. You may decide to reactivate the user later. If there are cancelled users in the system, **Reactivate User** link will be available and clicking on it will bring up following screen.



You can reactivate the user if you decide.

# 3.2.6 Featured Profiles List Management

This will allow you to manage Featured Profiles. Clicking on the link will show you following.



Clicking on the username will display the profile of the user. Click on the edit button to manage the user's Featured Profiles activity as shown below.



You can change the start date and end date and make the profile to be shown compulsorily and set the number of exposures needed for the profile.

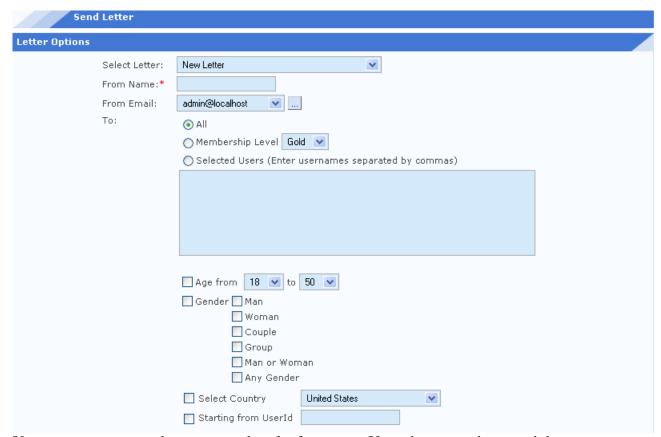
If you want to add a profile into Featured Profiles List, click on the **Add profile to Featured List** Button and it will show following screen.



Enter the username to be added into the list, set start and end dates. If the profile **MUST** be displayed, enable the flag for it. Set the number of exposure needed and save the information.

### 3.2.7 Sending letters to users

This option will allow the administrator to send mass messages to users. First select the letter from saved letter templates or create a new letter, then set various parameters for selecting users to whom the letter should be sent, then modify/create letter content and send the letter. Clicking on the link will bring up the screen shown below (the screen is divided into two parts – First dealing with parameters and second dealing with the message text).



You can save any new letter as template for future use. If you have saved any such letter templates, it will be listed as shown below.

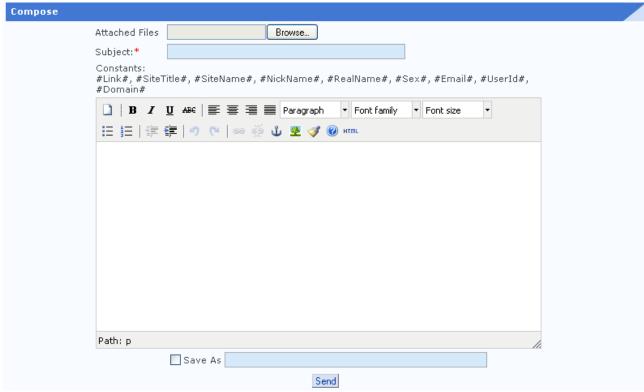


Select the letter template you want to use and the text will appear in the message text area for further editing.

Enter the sender's name and email address. This will appear as from address of the letter. Ensure the email address you use is recognized by the mail server you are using. In some cases, mail servers may reject emails sent by unknown email address.

Now select the user community to whom you want to send letter. You can opt for **All** or for **users** in a particular membership level or specific users. If you chose for specific users, then you can further restrict the list by selecting multiple options like

- rr) Age Group
- ss) Gender
- tt) Only for users within a country
- uu) Starting from a UserId
- vv) A specific list of usernames separated with ","

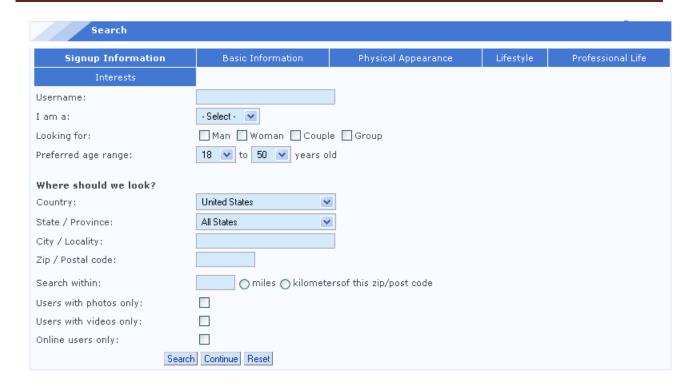


If you have opted for existing template, the text will appear in the text field for editing. Otherwise you can create a new message. You can use following contextual parameters in the message text. (These should be used same way i.e. #Link# should be used and Link or #link or Link# will not work.)

- ww) #Link# Site url
  xx)#SiteTitle# Site title
  yy) #NickName# The login username
  zz) #RealName# First and Last name of the user
  aaa) #Sex# User Gender
  bbb) #Email# User's email address
  ccc) #UserId# The User Id of the User
  ddd) #Domain# The site domain name
- eee)
  fff) After you create the message text, send the letter to users.

#### 3.2.8 Member Search

Admin can search for profiles using various parameters as shown below.



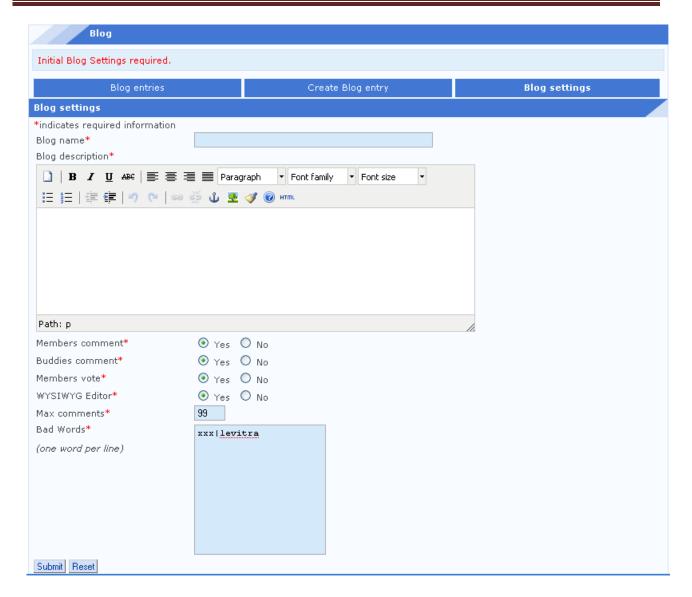
The search results will be shown using the profile display method specified for search results.

# 3.2.9 Administrator's Blog

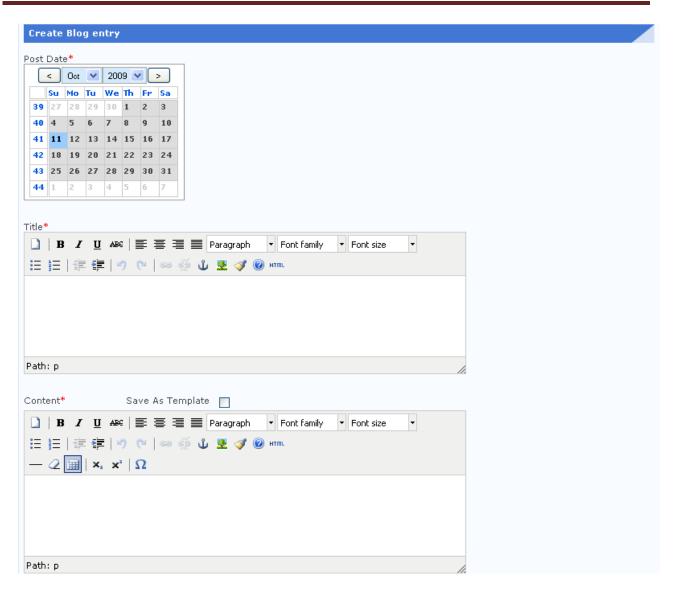
Administrators and users can create blog and manage stories within the blog. The management screen is as shown below.



First you need to set your blog using the screen shown below. Enter the blog title and blog description. Blog description can be entered using the editor available. HTML is allowed here. You can add pictures also. However, ensure it will not distort the blog display. Then set flag to enable Members comments, Buddies Comments, Members Vote and if WYSIWYG editor can be allowed for story description. Enter the maximum number of words allowed in a blog story and list of Bad Words which should not be allowed in the story.



Once you have set the blog, then you can create blog stories as shown below. Select the date of the story, enter a small and concise story title and story description. You can save the description and heading as a template for future use by opting for saving as template.



Once you finish story and saving the same, it will be listed in the blog stories as shown below.



You can manage blog stories using this screen. Edit the blog story using the edit button. You can delete the blog story if needed. Clicking on the blog story heading will display the story as shown below and you can comment on the blog story.

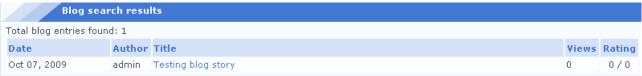


# 3.2.10 Blog Search

You can search blog stories using the **Blog search link** which brings up following screen.

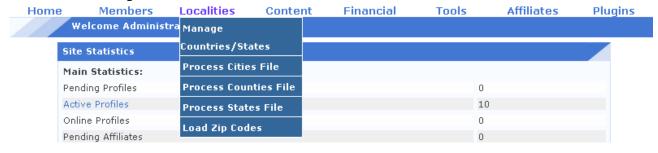


Enter parameters for blog search and system will display all blog stories which satisfy the search criteria as shown below.



# 3.3 Localities Management

This section manages the localities data as shown below.



# 3.3.1 Manage Countries/States

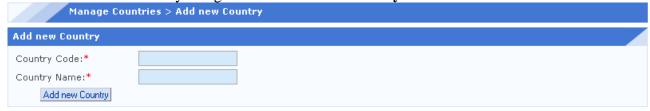
This option will allow you to manage the complete data for countries, states, counties, cities and zip codes.

## 3.3.1.1 Managing Country

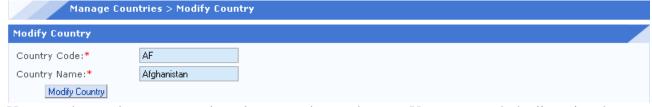
This will allow you to manage countries and drill down into a country to manage states within the country.



You can add a new country using the link **Add new Country** as shown below



Enter the country code and country name and save it. If you want to edit an existing country definition, click on edit button and following screen will be shown.



You can change the country code and name and save changes. You can search the list using the parameters available in the bottom of the listing page as shown above.

## 3.3.1.2 Managing States

Clicking on the country name from the countries list bring up the states list for the country as shown below.



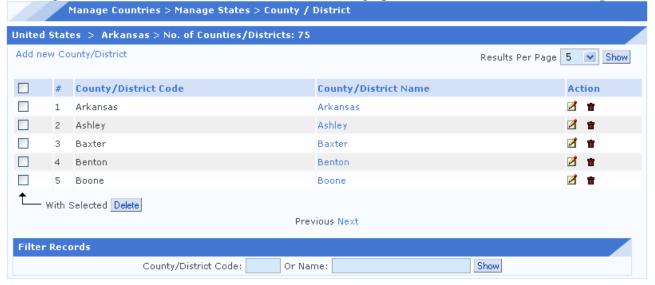
You can search for states using the search criteria boxes available at the bottom. You can edit the existing state by clicking on the edit button and add new state using the link available at the top left.



Enter/modify the state code and/or name and save changes.

## 3.3.1.3 Manage Counties

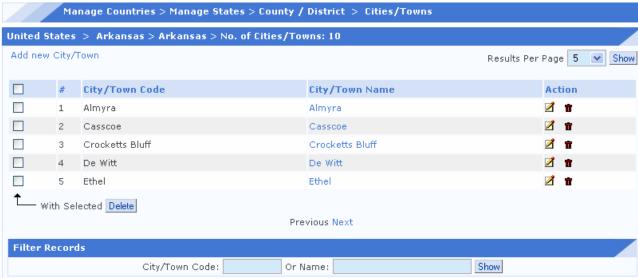
Clicking on the State Name from the states list will bring up counties list screen as shown below.



You can search for counties using search criteria boxes available in the bottom of the screen. Also, you can add or modify counties data.

## 3.3.1.4 Manage Cities

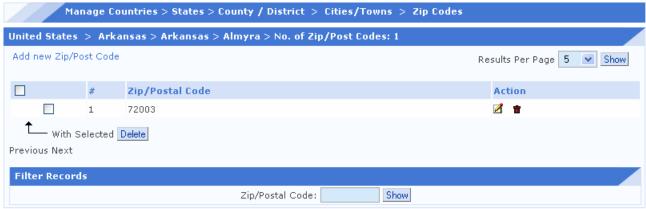
Clicking on the county name in the counties listing page will bring up the Cities Listing as shown below.



You can search for cities using search criteria boxes available in the bottom of the screen. Also, you can add or modify cities data.

#### 3.3.1.5 Manage ZipCodes

Clicking on the City name in the Cities listing page will bring up zip codes data for the city as shown below.



You can add or modify zip codes and search for zip codes using the search criteria box.

## 3.3.2 Process cities files



This option will load city data into the database for the selected country. The cities files should be loaded into osdatehomedir/cities/ folder. You can choose to load data directly into DB or create a sql file to be run separately using phpmyadmin interface. You can delete cities data from DB also.

#### 3.3.3 Process Counties file



This option will load counties data from the file into DB or create a sql file for later loading through phpmyadmin interface. You can delete counties data from DB also using this interface.

#### 3.3.4 Process states files



This option will allow you to load states data into DB or create a sql file for later use. You can delete states also using this option.

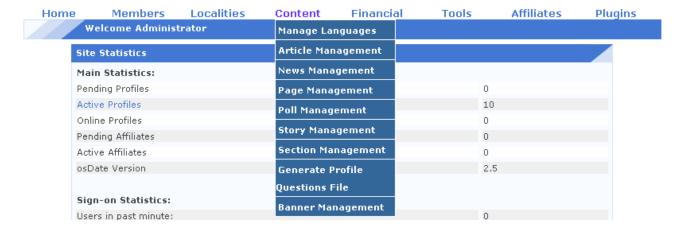
## 3.3.5 Load zip codes data



This option allows you to load zip codes for selected country into DB. If you have larger zip codes data, then using /admin/split\_zipcodes\_file.php program, you can create smaller files and load them using this load option. It is advised to create smaller files for quicker processing and lesser system resource usage.

## 3.4 Content Management

This section will help you to manage contents of the site as shown below



#### 3.4.1 Manage Languages

This option will help you to manage the languages you want to use with the site as shown below.



All language files should be loaded in the osdatehomedir/languages/lang\_langname/ folder based on the language you want to use. **Load language** option will load the language into DB after deleting the entries in DB for that language.

Once the language is loaded, you can modify the language using the **View/Edit Definitions** button.

If you have a partially modified language file and want to create a full concise file for the language, load the partially modified file for the language and use **Generate File** option to generate a full concise file with all definitions for the language. This file will contain the partial language definitions and English definitions for all other parts. This will help to modify and create a fully defined file.

If you want to remove all definitions for the language, use the option **Remove from DB**.

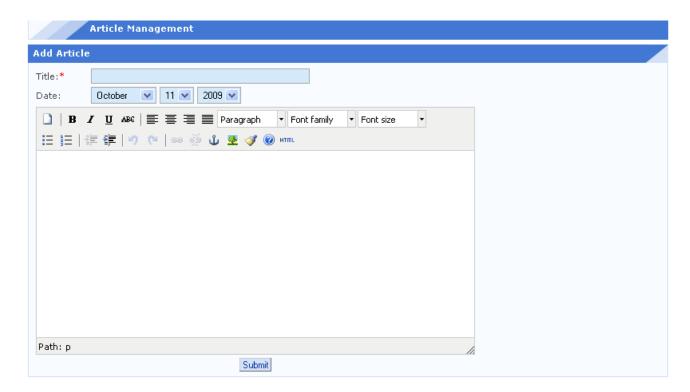
All contextual and caption definitions are in language file. Hence, the file should be modified periodically to update latest definitions and/or make necessary periodical changes. If you make any changes to language file, same should be loaded into DB to see the changes.

## 3.4.2 Articles Management

This option will allow you to manage articles kept in the system as shown below.



You can add new article using the link **Add Article** or edit existing article using the edit button.

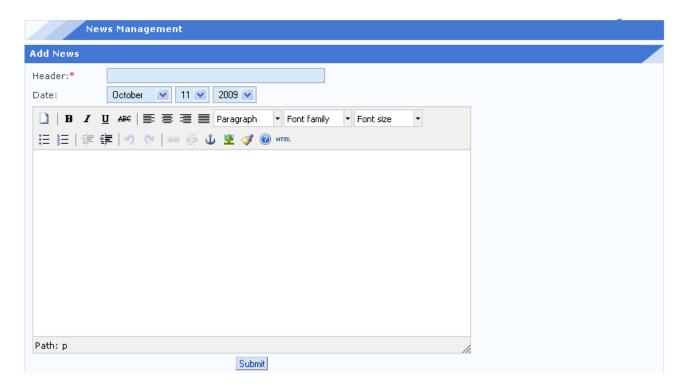


Enter the article title, date of the article and article text and save it.

# 3.4.3 News Management



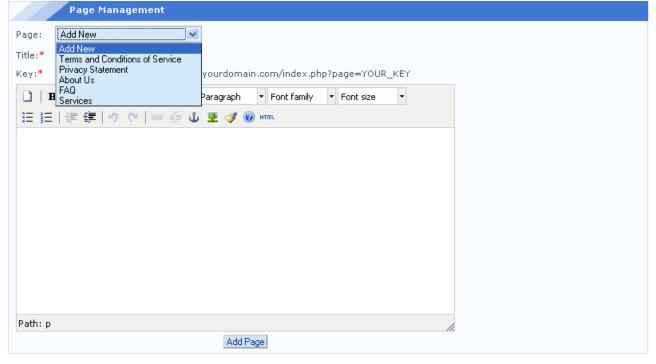
In this option, you can manage the news items which are displayed in the homepage. You can add new item using the **Add News** link and edit existing one using the edit button.



Enter the news title, date of the news and text.

# 3.4.4 Page Management

osDate provide for various help pages to be kept in the system which can be displayed to users as a result of footer links.

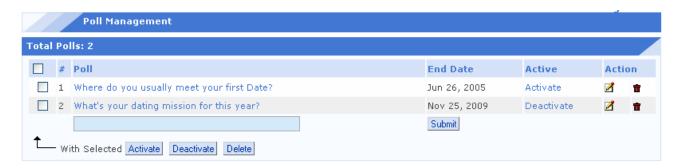


You can create a new page. In this case, enter the title, enter the key for the page which should be unique and text of the page. You can use HTML in the text. Treat this as simple page to be shown to user.

If you want to edit an existing page, select it from the list as shown above. Then make necessary modifications and save.

#### 3.4.5 Poll Management

This option allows you to manage poll system in osDate.



To create a new poll, enter the poll heading and submit. It will display the list of polls. Then click on edit button to set the ending date of the poll and change description if needed.



Click on the poll description to add poll options for the poll which will display following.



Enter option description to add a new option and enable it. IF you want to change something in the option, click on the edit button.



Change description if needed and enable/disable the option. You can reset the votes also.

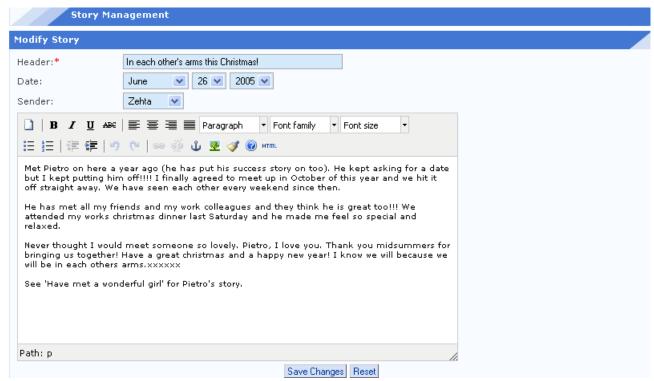
To activate the poll, click on **Activate** link against the poll or select multiple polls and click **Activate** button available at the bottom. Poll should be activated and it should end in a future date if that poll is to be shown to users.

## 3.4.6 Story Management

This option allows you to manage stories which are displayed in the home page. Stories may be given by users or added by admin.



The stories list will be displayed, as shown above. You can add a new story by clicking on the link **Add Story** available in top left part. You can edit the story by clicking on the edit button.



You can make changes in the story text, Header and date of the story. Add routine also has same screen and the username can be selected, if needed. When you add text, ensure you don't add pictures in between which may distort the display based on the skin you use.

## 3.4.7 Profile Questions and Options management

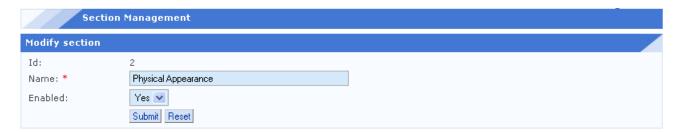
osDate allow you to manage profile questions and answer options for the questions. This is the **MOST critical part** in successful running of the site. osDate allow you to mark questions that are specific to a gender. This allows you to specify some questions only for specific gender and some are common. Common questions with its options will be displayed to everyone. Gender specific questions with options will be shown to only for profiles in the gender. These are explained in following sub sections. All profile questions are divided into Sections based on the nature of the question.



If you want to add a new section, enter the section title in the text box and enable the section and save. Using the Up and Down arrow, you can change the positioning of the Section in the user and admin interface.

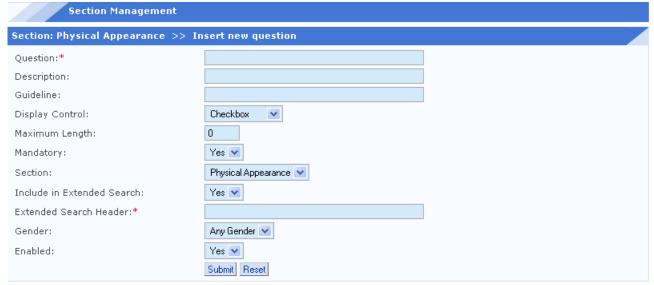
#### 3.4.7.1 Edit Section

Using the edit button, you can make changes to the text of the section.



#### 3.4.7.2 Add new question in Section

Click on the link **Add Question** to add questions in that section.

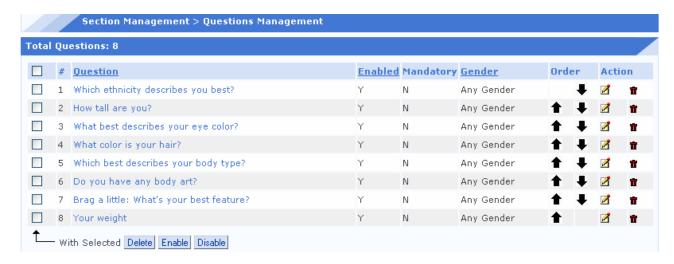


Enter the question caption with description and guideline in the columns as shown above. Caption is needed. You can choose the display control for the question which is the type of the question from Checkbox, Option Button, Drop Down list or Text input. For all options other than text input, set the maximum number of options allowed. Set the mandatory requirement for the question. Select the Section where the question should appear. If you want the question to appear in advanced search criteria selection screen, then mark the question for it and give the extended search header caption. Select the gender for the question, if question is specific to a gender. Enable the question and save.

You must have at least one question with options enabled for the section to show up in the profiles.

## 3.4.7.3 Manage Questions

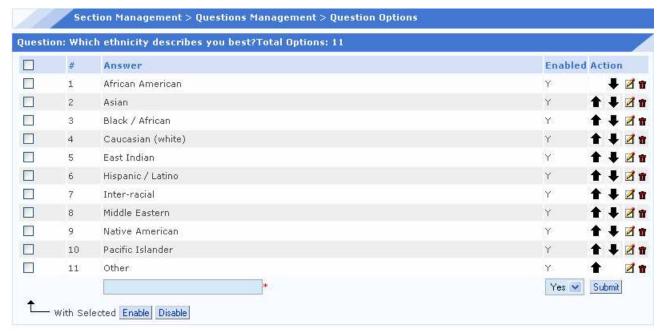
Click on the section heading to dwell further into the particular section and to add answer options to the questions within the section.



As shown above, all questions for the section will be listed. You can arrange the questions order by using the **Up** and **Down** arrows. You can edit the question using the edit button and edit screen will be same as **Question Add screen**. If you want to disable or enable or delete multiple questions, click in the check box against those questions and use respective buttons available at the bottom.

## 3.4.7.4 Manage question answer options

To add answer options for a questions, click on the Question description shown in the picture above, which will list all options available for the question as shown below.



If you want to add an option, enter the text in the box and enable it and save. You can arrange the order using Up and Down arrows. You can edit description using the edit button. You can enable/disable multiple options by clicking in the checkbox and using appropriate button available in the bottom.

## 3.4.8 Generate profile questions file

Once you have added all questions and options for questions and are ready, you must create profile\_questions.php file in English language using the link. The file will be created in /temp folder with the name profile\_questions.php. Copy the file to all language folders you use and make necessary language oriented changes in the file. Availability of this file in Language folder is a MUST for successful profile display and editing system.

Generate Profile Questions File

Profile question have been added to this file: E:xampphtdocsosDate\_v2.5/temp/profile\_questions.php

Please copy this to /language/lang\_english/ as profile\_questions.php. Also copy this to other language directories as profile\_questions.php which you want to use and modify the text for that language.

#### 3.4.9 Banner Management

osDate can display various banners. This can be managed in this option as shown below.



You can edit or delete banner through this. To add a banner, use the link **Add Banner**.



You can load the banner jpg or gif file using the browse option. Enter the link where the user will be taken when they click on the banner. Select the browser window target from the list. Enter small help text in the tooltip box. If you have a text banner, then enter the complete banner text in the text area shown above. Set the start and end date for the banner to appear.

## 3.5 Managing Financial related items

You can manage financial related items in this section. Available options are shown below.



## 3.5.1 Membership Management

Membership is the critical part of user management in osDate. All options and rights available to users are controlled in membership.



The page consists of two parts. Top portion shows all membership levels. By default if will display the rights assigned to the first level. You can choose the level you want to modify. If you want to add a new level, use the link **Add New Membership Type**.

There should be a **Visitor level** defined. It is a MUST for osDate to work. We recommend to have a Free Level also which may be the default level for the users when they signup and/or when their membership level expire (These are set in site's Global Settings)

Membership level rights are shown below. osDate allows you to define membership levels to be hidden from users while they try to upgrade. This is especially useful to allow section of users to have some rights which may not be available for others. Also, you can allow more limits like profile pictures, messages count, different expiry days, etc.

It is better to define as much as membership levels you require and hide some of them to be granted as special case.



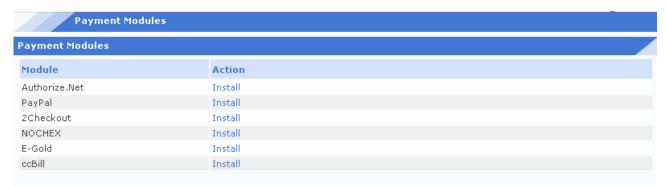
## 3.5.2 Sending membership expiry letters

osDate allow the administrator to send letters to users whose membership is nearing its expiry date. Such a reminder will help the user to renew membership. This can be sent for various intervals as shown below. You can send letter to those members whose membership is already expired.

System will display the number of users whose membership is nearing expiry which will help you to decide about sending letter.



## 3.5.3 Payment Modules



This shows the payment gateways integrated in osDate. You may choose any of these and set up. First install the gateway and then using the Edit link, set up the parameters for the gateway.



Once parameters are set up, you should test the payment gateway integration using a test case. Once satisfied, you can use it for general purpose.

## 3.5.4 Payment report

Once you have some membership upgrades by users, system will show the transactions in this option.



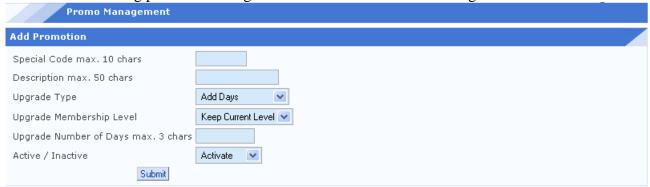
## 3.5.5 Promotions Management

osDate allow you to have promotions set up. Promotions are available for **New Memberships** only. When the user sign up, system will ask if they have a promo code and act accordingly.

System will display a list of current promotions available as shown below.



You can edit existing promotion using edit button or add a new one using **Add Promotion** link.



Enter a unique but easily recognizable promo code. Give a small description. There are two upgrade types available. First is to add xx days to existing expiry in current membership level itself. Second is to change membership level. If you have chosen Membership Level in upgrade type, then select the membership level to upgrade . Otherwise, leave it as Keep current level and enter the number of days to extend. Activate the promo code.

When the user uses the promo code, system will process it at the time of confirmation and/or activation by admin.

# 3.5.6 Promo report

osDate provide a report of all promotion codes used by users.



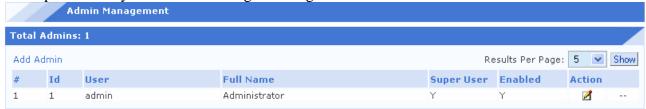
#### 3.6 Admin tools

osDate provide for various admin functions and tools as show below. Site's Global settings option is already addressed at the start.

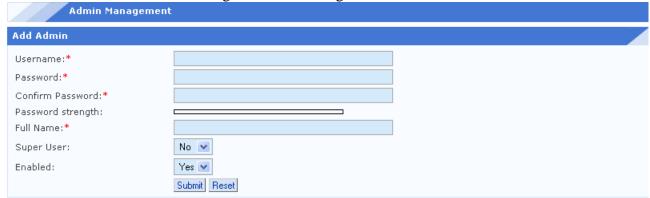


## 3.6.1 Admin Management

This option allow you to add or manage existing admin users.



All existing admin usernames will be listed here. You can add a new admin user using the link **Add Admin**. You can edit existing admin user using the edit button.



Enter a new admin username. This should not be an existing user including profiles. osDate require to have a unique username across user profiles and administrators. Enter password for the user. System displays the password strength in the password strength meter. Use a good strong password. Enter full name of the administrator, select if this is a super user and enable the user and save.

#### 3.6.2 Admin Permissions

Once an admin user is added, that user should be given appropriate permissions for various admin options.



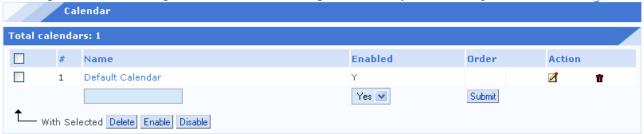
Created by: Darren Gates (tufat.com) | Leading Developer: Vijay Nair (nairvijay.com)

Select the admin username from the list available at the top and allowed permissions are shown in the list as above. Give appropriate permissions and save it. That admin user will have the allowed options in the menu panel of options.

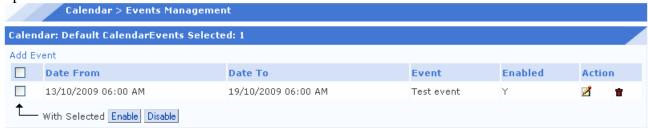
This allows you to create different admin users with different rights. E.g. you may have an admin user with only rights to News Management, Articles Management, Pages Management, etc. Another user only for profile and profile pictures and related items management, Third admin user with Section management, Site's global settings management, Promotions management, membership management, etc.

# 3.6.3 Calendar Management

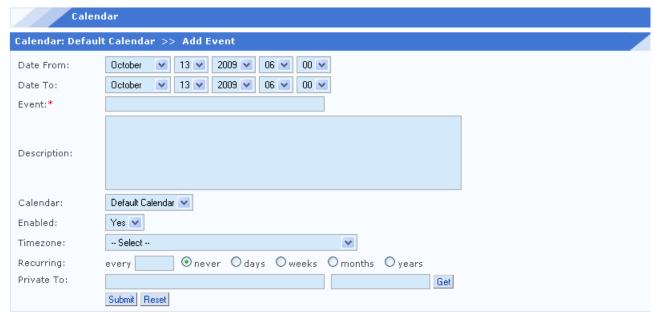
osDate provides for multiple calendars and this options allow you to manage those.



Enter calendar name in the box to add a new calendar. Clicking on the calendar name will bring up all events available in the calendar as show below.



You can manage all events for the calendar using this. Click on Add Event to add a new event or edit button to edit existing event.



Set the start and end date and time for the event, give a name for the event, give description for the event. Select the calendar in which this event to be added. Enable the event, Set the time zone of the place where the event is to occur. Set if the event will reoccur periodically and if yes, set the periodicity. If the event is private to some users, select the usernames (separated by comma). You may enter part of user name and select from the user list.

#### 3.6.4 Calendar

This option will display admin calendar as shown below.



Above display is part of month view of the calendar. Click on the **Folder Icon** to add new events for the day.

You can view calendar in weekly view as shown below.



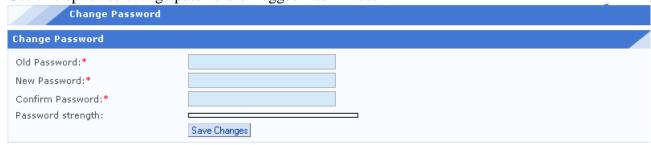
You can view Daily View also as shown below.



You can opt for public events, or private events or both using the buttons given in the heading.

# 3.6.5 Change password

Use this option to change password of logged I admin user.



Use a strong password as shown by the password strength meter.

#### 3.6.6 Chat

If you have installed FlashChat and integrated into osDate, this option will take you to chat admin page.

Chat

FlashChat 4.1.0 and higher include an integration class for osDate. Please purchase FlashChat from www.tufat.com/chat.php and copy the files to this folder. Then, run the FlashChat installer, and specify osDate as the CMS to integrate with.

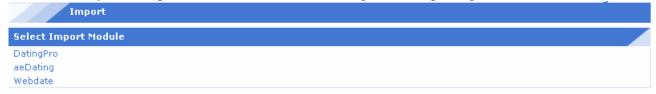
## 3.6.7 Forum Management

# You do not currently have a forum (Bulletin Board) integrated with osDate, or osDate could not locate or identify your forum. osDate supports the following forums: phpBB, Phorum, vBulletin, myBB, SMF 1.1 You may use any one of these forums with osDate by doing following: 1) Install the forum of your choice into the /forum/ folder of osDate. 2) Using the Global Settings tool (site information section) of osDate, specify the forum that you are using, and the full HTTP path to the forum. 3) Reload this page by using the Forum Management link in the osDate admin panel to administer the forum. Please note that in some cases, the latest versions of these forums may not be supported by osDate. If you find that this is true for your forum version, please let us know by reporting the version incompatability.

If you have installed any of the above mentioned forum and osDate is integrated with it, then this option will take you to the Forum Admin page.

## 3.6.8 Import

osDate allow you to import data from some other dating software packages as shown below.

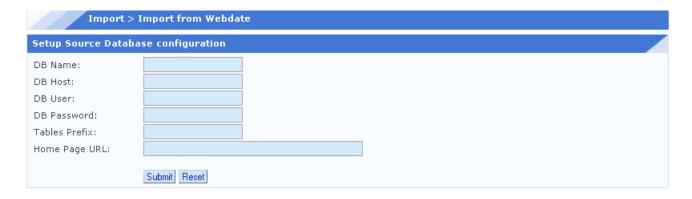


Each option has its own parameter screen as shown below. Enter required parameter and start the import process by clicking **Submit** button.

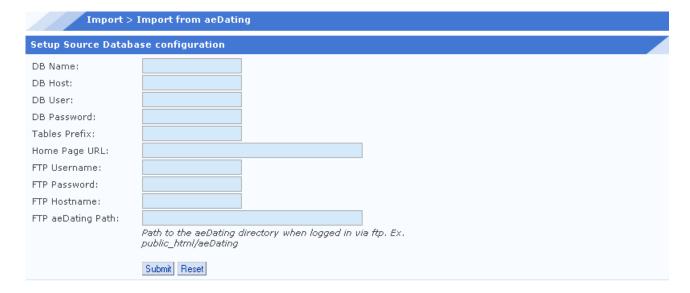
#### 3.6.8.1 DatingPro



#### 3.6.8.2 webDate



## 3.6.8.3 aeDating

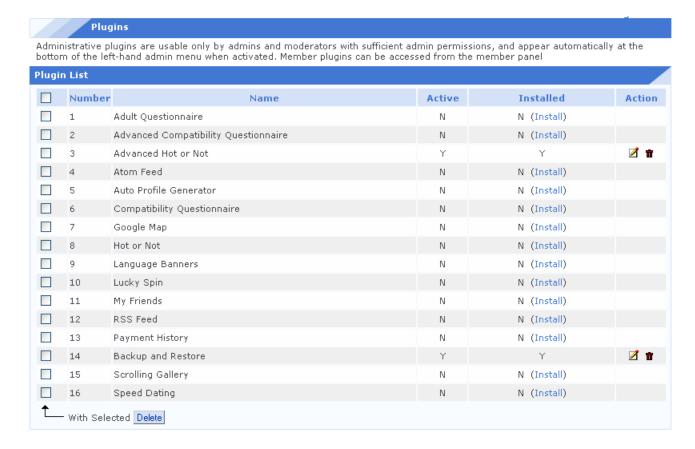


# 3.6.9 Plugins

osDate provide many plugins for various purposes. You can design and develop a plugin using the interfacing system available in osDate. When a plugin is developed, it should be loaded into /plugins folder and it should be in the format as available in plugins/pluginTemplate folder.

List of loaded plugins with the status will be shown as below. You can install the plugin. Usign the edit button, you can set parameters needed for the plugin.

Each plugin is explained below.



All plugins have a configurable permission screen as shown below.

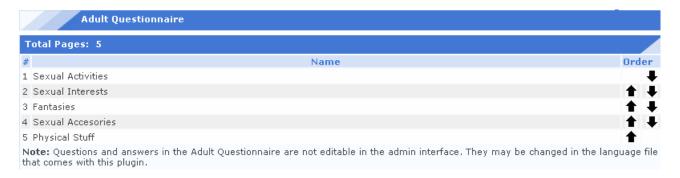


If there are advanced parameters available for the plugin, then the link will appear in the bottom as shown above.

#### 3.6.9.1 Adult Questionnaire

This plugin contain Adult oriented questions and answers. This can be used only by adult specific sites. Using this is at your own risk. All questions and answers are kept in the lang\_main.php file available in /plugins/adultQuest/language/lang\_english/ folder. If you want to translate to other languages, copy the file to the language specific folder in /plugins/adultQuest/language/ folder

and make changes. If you want to make any changes, it should be done in /plugins/adultQuest/language/lang\_xxxx/lang\_main.php file (where xxxx is the language).



You can adjust the order using Up or Down arrow.

# 3.6.9.2 Advanced Compatibility Questionnaire

A new plugin is added in place of old compatibility questionnaire. This provide for more advanced management of questions and answers and is easy to manage. Also, users can generate compatibility report between self and other profiles.



You can add a new section by entering the section name in the box shown below and submitting the same. You can edit the section description by using the edit button.



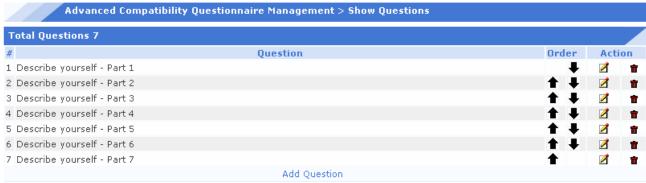
You can order the sections using the **Up** and **Down** arrows as shown above.

You can add questions to each section as shown above which will bring up following screen.



Enter the question and description, select type of question from the dropdown list, Enter minimum and maximum options and number of columns in which the options to be shown.

Click on the Section name to dwell further into the section.



You can add question in the section using the link available in the bottom. You can reorder the questions using the **Up** and **Down** arrows. Click on the Edit Button to dwell further into the question and to enter options for the question, which will bring up following screen.



You can change the question text and description. The maximum number of options is used only in case of Check Box type questions.

You can add answers using the option as shown above. Use edit button to edit the option details. When you add number of options and click on Add button, following will be shown as part of above screen.

Add	answers: Add
Answer 1:	
	Save
Enter the an	swer text and save the option. Edit button will bring up following screen.
Ad	vanced Compatibility Questionnaire Management > Show Questions > Question
Edit Answer	
Id:	3
Answer:*	Dominant
	Save Reset

Change text if needed and save.

#### 3.6.9.3 Advanced Hot or Not

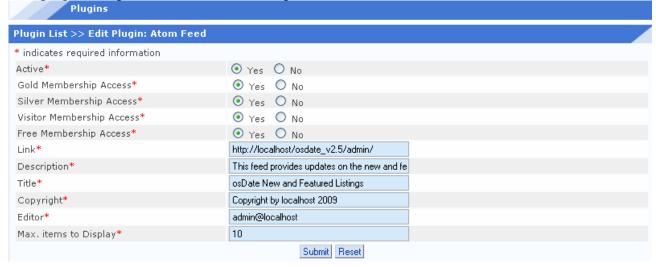
This plugin is rate user profiles. This can be used as an extension to Profile Rating.



You should mention which rating to be used as basis of comparison.

## 3.6.9.4 Atom Feed

This plugin is to provide new and featured profiles RSS feed data to outside world.

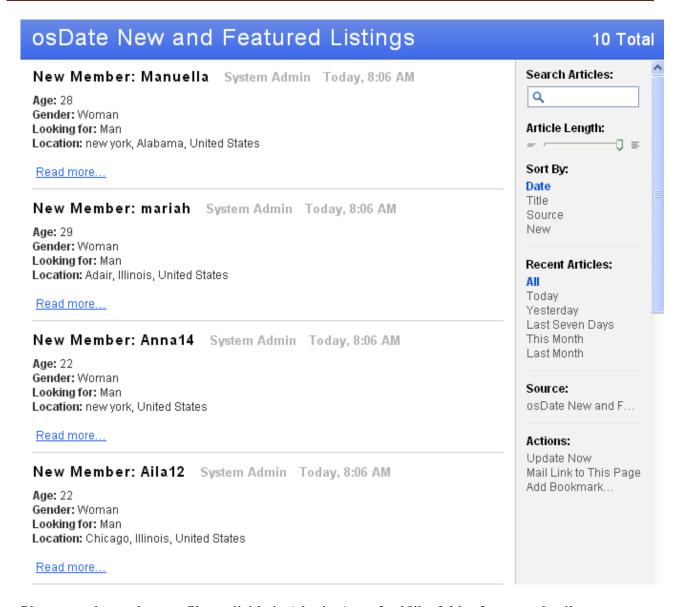


The link is the connection link from outside world to access data. Give meaningful description and small title and copyright info. These will be included in the feed data. Give the maximum number of profiles to be a reasonable limit.

The url to call this function is

http://yoursiteurl/pluginraw.php?plugin=atomfeed

This will display following



Please see the readme.txt file available in /plugins/atomfeed/libs folder for more details.

#### 3.6.9.5 Auto Profile Generator

This plugin will generate and add dummy profiles based on various criteria you give. However, these profiles are **CLEARLY DUMMY** and are not real persons. Hence, you should note down these profile IDs and remove them from system later.

Use this plugin AT YOUR RISK.

## 3.6.9.6 Compatibility Questionnaire

Please use Advanced Compatibility Questionnaire in place of this. This is included for supporting transfer of old systems.

# 3.6.9.7 Google Map

This plugin is an interface between osDate and google Map.



You should get a valid google Map key for your site. Enter this in google API Key. Enter the latitude and longitude to be default parameter for Google Map. Enter the maximum zoom level the user can zoom in. Please check google site to get more information about Google Map usage.

#### 3.6.9.8 Hot or Not

This plugin is same as advanced hot or not, but with lesser options. Kindly use advanced hot or not.

## 3.6.9.9 Language Banners

osDate provide for keeping language based banners. When a user visits the site and uses a specific language, the banners displayed will be based on the language the user has chosen if there are banners available for the language. Otherwise, English banners will be displayed.

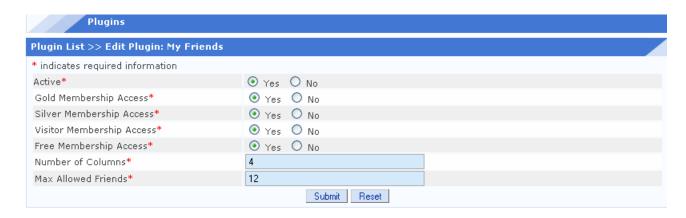
This is same as Banner Management with the addition of Language as option. Only pictorial banners can be added in this. Text banners are not supported.

## 3.6.9.10 Lucky Spin

This plugin display a random profile in the home page leftside panel.

#### 3.6.9.11 My Friends

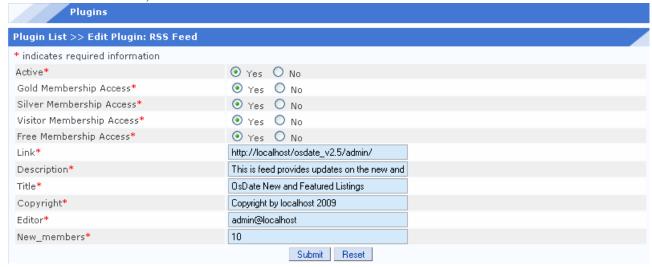
This plugin help you to manage the friends list by users. Recommend to install this and use it as a replacement to Buddy list.



In admin, enter the number of columns to be used to display friends list and the maximum number of usernames to be kept in this list.

#### 3.6.9.12 RSS Feed

This is like atom feed, but can transfer new user data.



## 3.6.9.13 Payment History

This plugin displays a list of transaction by a user. This is created using transactions history and is visible to users. This helps the user to see the upgrades done by them.

#### 3.6.9.14 Backup and Restore

This plugin allows the individual user to backup and restore user specific data. This will be useful for the user. However, this is not available in admin section.

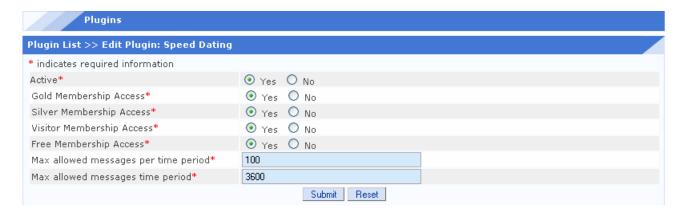
Once this plugin is enabled, user menu will have an option to Backup and Restore in Plugins menu.

# 3.6.9.15 Scrolling Gallery

This plugin displays the gallery for the user. This is not useful now as improved gallery is available as default. This iskept for backward compatibility.

## 3.6.9.16 Speed Dating

This plugin allow the user to contact multiple users by sending message or wink at one time. This is like sending mass message or wink to groups of users based on certain criteria.



Set the maximum number of messages and maximum time allowed for the process. This is extremely useful to users, but may load the system considerably. Before enabling this plugin, you should consider the pros and cons of using this plugin.

## 3.6.10 SEO Settings

If you want to enable Search Engine Optimization settings, use this option to enable it and set respective field values in the screen shown below. The information will be displayed in all pages (defined in index\_header.tpl file).

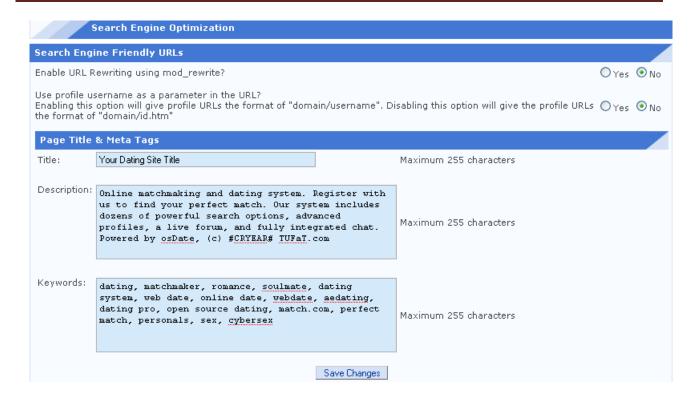
IF you enable URL reqriting, ensure you make necessary adjustments in .htaccess\_txt file and make it as .htaccess file. Please ensure you do a good testing with this before publishing the site.

osDate provide for username or userid as the url rewriting parameter. If you use username as parameter, then the url will be like

http://www.yoursitename/osdatehome/username

If you enabled userid, then it will be like <a href="http://www.yoursitename/osdatehomeuserid.htm">http://www.yoursitename/osdatehomeuserid.htm</a>

The successful working of this will depend upon .htaccess file settings.



#### 3.6.11 Site Statistics

This page displays all statistics for the site with a clickable link to look into more details. This is the home page of admin when the admin logs into the system.

## 3.6.12 Optimize Tables

This option allow you to optimize all mysql tables in the system used by osDate.

## 3.7 Affiliate Management

This section allow you to manage affiliates

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#### 3.7.1 Manage Affiliates

This will display list of registered affiliates. A user has to register as affiliate by using the link given in the home page. Once they register, that will be listed in this. You may edit the user data. You may activate, Make it pending, Reject or suspend an affiliate using the button as shown in the screen below.



## 3.7.2 Affiliate Stats

This lists all stats for the affiliates as shown below.

