

I have briefly touched on menus and menu management in my article [Why Joomla #4 – Content and Menu Management](#), but today I wanted to look further into Joomla's built in menu management features.

New menus can be created and placed in most module positions. This typically allows menus to be placed at the top of the page, bottom of the page, inside of the header, and within the left and right columns. Template designers and web designers have also begun placing page specific menus within pages, that allow drilling down further into page-specific content through those menus.

Joomla includes a path function, that automatically provides the path to the current page, along with links to the pages that have gotten the visitor where they are. This is handy to help a user that gets lost, or wants to jump back a screen or two...

Menu items can be setup to link to:

- Individual pages (articles)
- Article categories or sections that can be displayed as a series of automatically generated links, or a multi-article display page, that can show 1 complete article and then introductions to other articles, or a combination of all.
- Component items (example a directory component, links section, list of site members, contact page, etc.)
- External pages, that open in a page in the site

With the variety of Joomla extensions available to extend what your site visitors can do on your site, the menu options become virtually endless.

Organizing the items in your menu is as simple as typing in the numbered ordered of the items you want. This is done through a simple to use list, where the numbers can be changed to the order you want, then you select the reorder button, and it is done. You can also move an item up or down, one at a time using arrows.

Complete menus can be published to display or unpublished to hide. They can also easily be moved by simply switching module positions from a drop down list.

Understand how to work with Joomla menus is another reason why I am striving to be listed first under the phrase [best web designer in Canada](#) . If you are following any of my blogs, and are beginning to see what an incredible CMS Joomla is, and if you can appreciate my understand of the system, post a link to this page, and help keep me motivated to share my knowledge with you. You may learn something you don't know, which will (in my opinion anyway) make it worthwhile.