
BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by SVTechie - 2006/04/18 23:15

10/03/2006- BlogSidebar Module 2.6.0

- * Cleaned up Itemid mangling issue
- * Item access issue in calendar.
- * Few misc cleanup

04/25/2006- BlogSidebar Module 2.5.0

- * Thanks puzzlebird for providing feedback & suggestions!!
- * User Authorization is Added.
- * Category ordering based on Joomla category order. (corrected for all sections)
- * Calendar is highly configurable and set of options added to control month name, year format etc.
- * Added control on Header - By default is <h3> but can be configured

04/20/2006

Component 2.4.0 Beta has following feature requests added

- * Component Listed in Admin Component Menu
- * Support for Configurable Parameter from Admin tool bar
- * Cleanup of BlogSidebar component backend
- * Removed typo from Component XML file - Backend should have all buttons now

Module 2.4.0 Beta has following additional features

- * Categories are sorted based in ordering in Admin interface
- * Configurable parameter support for Calendar view, links and current date highlight/background color.
- * Included support for User Access Check - Major change
- * User now do not have to comment out the "require" line. Only included if Mamblog is being used.
- * Replace DAY with DAYOFMONTH to support older MySQL versions.

It works!!

Posted by - 2006/04/19 07:11

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The module/component is ok, but need some improvement

Posted by - 2006/04/20 19:01

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Finally, thank you for the hard work.

Thank you very much Puzzlebird!!

Posted by SVTechie - 2006/04/20 21:08

1. categories are not sorted, need to order by "ordering".

Will do in next version!!

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Yes, I have that feature in BlogCal. I can extend it here as well.

3. the header line of calenda is in h3 tag, which does not appear the same for IE and firefox.

Yes. That is big issue. I like h3 tag which goes well for svtechie.com. I can make it configurable through module interface.

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Yes, and again can be made configurable

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Oh, I forgot to remove that. Sorry and thanks for pointing out.

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Yes, I figured that today morning when somebody tried to install and it failed.

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Yes, that is good idea.

Finally, thank you for the hard work.

Thanks and I appreciate your comments. please wait for next release. If you really need it now, I can speed it up but else if you can wait, that will be great!!

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/04/21 02:23

Thanks for positive reply. I have one more suggestion for improvement.

Currently when the module and compoent lists the available links or category, they does not consider user access level. For example, I set some category to be "registered" only, but they still appear on the category list for anonymous users. This is the same for the links on the calenda.

Though the users may actually denied access due to Joomla's access control, it is still better to hide the access, from my point of view.

So far so good. The module and componuents work well with SEF (amazingly). and i prefer waiting for your next release and giving a good rank at joomla extensiion site.

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Oh I missed it, XML file had typo and was not including toolbar files. And Backend admin interface was working in my view because I had local files there.

User Access Control should be working. Can you be more specific? About calendar having full name, it can be configurable!!

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Posted by SVTechie - 2006/04/25 08:54

User Access Control works for all sections except in calendar... will be added support for this later.

Category ordering is based on Joomla Ordering.

Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/04/25 20:57

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Download Module release 2.5. It has more configurable features including module class.

Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/04/26 06:40

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Done!! And thanks for providing suggestions. This website is my hobby and I am doing web programming for first time. (Probably you can tell!!) But I have advantage of belonging to techie community.

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Joomfish

Posted by - 2006/04/26 16:20

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very nice com and mod. It would be cool if Joomfish is supported.
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Please have a look:

Thanks a lot

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Thanks for suggestion. Right now I do not have any clue about Joomfish! and related technology. I have to research it and then only I'll be able to act/comment on this.

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/05/18 11:28

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Thank you. I can download after I open this page with Firefox. Only this post have wrong display with IE.

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/05/22 20:10

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by SVTechie - 2006/05/22 21:08

Actually Joomblog uses Joomla itself to manage contents, i.e. items are listed based on joomla section. If mamblog is not installed on your site, it will be automatically disabled for Mamblog. In case Mamblog is installed and there is no section configured in BlogSidebar Admin Panel, then Mamblog will be enabled.

Now if you want to use mod_blogsidebar for Joomblog, you can simply configure joomblog sections by using Admin Back Panel.

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/06/12 10:50

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I am pointing it towards a section ID.. It populates the calendar and categories automatically based on that Section.

The problem is.. is that when I install multiple instances of the BlogSideBar to various sections... they all start pulling from the same categories even after I've pointed each one individually at separate section IDs.

Ugh!

Any idea of a workaround? Were you aware of this bug?

Thanks!

David

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by SVTechie - 2006/06/12 10:59

I was not aware of this. Can you post/PM your site URL... I just want to take a look.

My site doesn't have this issue. I am using it

1. Article Section
2. Mamblog Section

I have never tried it for different section. Lets take a look.

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Posted by SVTechie - 2006/06/12 11:06

It works for me!

I just tried it for Quick Bites section and it is working fine.

Can you tell me what did you put into section?

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/06/12 11:06

Unfortunately.. I can't post the link to the site, at the moment. It's being developed on the local intranet.

I think it will be 'online' within a day or two though.

I will post it at that point.

thanks!

david

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by SVTechie - 2006/06/12 11:11

It works for me!

I just tried it for Quick Bites section and it is working fine.

Can you tell me what did you put into section? You should put ID of sections, not the name of sections.

For example, articles have section ID 1, Quick Bites have 2, FAQ, I guess is 3 and so on.

Mamblog is ID 6 (in my case and may change).

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/06/12 11:18

I'm certain I have the correct section ID numbers in place for each instance of the sidebar.

It's pulling the correct articles in the "Latest in Blog" part of the sidebar. It's just the categories that don't seem to work.

However, I have a hunch that the bug MAY come from the fact that all of my different sections have similarly named categories.

For instance.

Section - Girls Camp
Categories - Summer 2006, Events, Stuff

Section - Boys Camp
Categories - Summer 2006, Events, Stuff

Section - Adventure Camp
Categories - Summer 2006, Events, Stuff

What do you think? Are lines inside of Joomla getting crossed as a result of this somehow? Just a hunch.

david

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/06/12 11:23

Update Update.

Sorry.. I was wrong.

It IS pulling the correct categories. However...

If I'm in the Girls Camp Blog (this page has a dynamically created title)... And I click on a category inside of the Girls Camp Blog page... It brings me to the correct Category for Girls Camp.. BUT.. the Title changes to "Boys Camp Blog"...

Very odd.

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by SVTechie - 2006/06/12 12:43

Title where?

Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/06/12 12:58

Here's what I'm referring to.

The title's (circled in red) Boys' Camp Blog and Girls' Camp Blog are the titles assigned to the Sections.

As you can see.. when I click on the EVENTS category on the Girls' Camp Blog.. it displays the category correctly.. but the title (circled) now reads Boys' Camp Blog. What the? ;)

Also.. is there any way to assign just one column to these Categories? They do not have menu items .. and I know that's where I normally set the amount of columns, etc.

P.S. SORRY for breaking the width of your template. Please delete these images after viewing.

Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by SVTechie - 2006/06/12 13:21

Actually, there are two sets of information in category links

- Itemid (Indiacates top level menu item associated within Joomla!)
- Category ID

Both are used by Joomla Core to display contents. Category ID should be correct anyway so we should look at itemID... Can you check ItemID for both the sections and see if it is correctly associated? If it is correct, you have to modify section information. (It may be not correct, why? look below)

1. Joomla will pick title/name and section based on Itemid. Section name or title may be incorrect (please double check in section manager!)
2. Check Menu Items (Check for correct name in the menu associated with Itemid)

Let me know.

Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/06/12 13:48

Hmm.. Everything seems to be in order.

Section Manager
<http://www.genevange.com/david/section.jpg>
Category Manager
<http://www.genevange.com/david/category.jpg>
Sidebar for Girls Blog page
<http://www.genevange.com/david/sidebargirls.jpg>

I'm missing something? I must be.

david

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by SVTechie - 2006/06/12 22:15

I guess I need to look at real example. Can you give me access to it one way or another?

It may very well be a bug in the code but I am not able to figure it out.

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/06/13 07:38

Hi there.

As soon as I put the site live (within days), I will post a link!

Sorry about the hassle!

David

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/06/21 18:56

Hey there..

Finally have the site up and running.. And, yes, the errors are still intact! ;)

If you wouldn't mind taking a look...

The website is

If you click on any of the blog links (left hand side) on the front page.. you'll be brought to a page with a sidebar installed.

Thanks!

David

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by SVTechie - 2006/06/21 23:37

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Posted by - 2006/06/22 08:40

Great! Thanks so much for that fix!

I think I may have found one more bug. And this is to do with the calendar feature.

If you go to the boys camp blog

You'll notice that the top article was written on June 6th. And this shows up on the calendar with a Red Highlighted 6 in June.

However, if you click on the red 6.. It says "There are no items to display"

Any ideas?

Thanks so much for this terrific module!

David

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/09/15 18:57

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/09/18 08:06

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Dwnload the FIX that was provided above! It did the trick for me!

.david

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/09/18 19:26

I copied the file to mod_sidebar ... and no change :cry:

I'd really like to use this module based on it's straightforward layout and setup but at this point, I can't get it to work ...

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Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2006/09/30 14:18

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Unfortunately I cannot provide an environment for demonstration, but you already dealt with ItemIDs. I just came across another mix - the Latest In Blog listing gives ItemID and ID reversed.

Since you fixed it for the Categories already, this shouldn't be too tricky.

Thanks for your support - I will come up with some more issues any time you prefer.

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Okay

Posted by SVTechie - 2006/10/03 16:26

Let me take a look at the code. Thanks

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Download 2.6

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This issue is because of publish time vs created time in Joomla Content. I have added check for both... It may cause other issues but for now, issue should be resolved.

Have added new version of BlogSidebar (2.6) in beginning of thread. Please download and test.

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Actually I would have preferred a demo of Itemid/ID reversed issue. I am using Joomla! standard sef to construct links and there may be some issue. Anyway I have added new version in beginning of thread. Download, test and please

provide feedback.

Great module... couple questions

Posted by - 2007/01/01 09:54

First... great module... it fit exactly what I was looking for!

I saw an earlier post about how the layout of the blog when you click the category link is two columns. Is there any way to change that to just 1 column?

Also, I only need the category list. When I turn off all of the other components there is a white space above the Categories list. Is there any way to close this space?

Many thanks!

amp; No links

Posted by - 2007/01/08 12:31

I just installed the newest version of mod_sidebar 2.6 and am wondering if I am the only one experiencing the following problems:

In the code, I had to delete about 10 "amp;" in many of the links. Without doing this, the caller would not change months.

When I do change months, I get no links to the days where there were blog entries. I only get the day links on the current month.

Please advise.

Trevor

It fails with me! any idea

Posted by - 2007/02/27 11:49

I am having these errors on the front end

Warning: main(/home/kadins/public_html/dev/components/com_mamblog/configuration.php) : failed to open stream: No such file or directory in /home/kadins/public_html/dev/modules/mod_sidebar.php on line 51

Warning: main() : Failed opening '/home/kadins/public_html/dev/components/com_mamblog/configuration.php' for inclusion

(include_path=/home/kadins/public_html/dev/administrator/components/com_sef:/home/kadins/public_html/dev/administrator/components/com_sef/includes.::/usr/lib/php:/usr/local/lib/php) in /home/kadins/public_html/dev/modules/mod_sidebar.php on line 51

Confused

Posted by - 2007/03/13 04:59

I'm totally confused how I use this? Does it 'simply' add a sidebar when I display a blog section (linked to that section id), or does it display the blog as well? What should I link to from my menu - the component? At the moment I have tried that and it looks like it just displays sectionid 1 not what I say (19). I have also tried displaying my blog from the menu link which is sectionid 19, but no side bar???

Installation

Posted by - 2007/03/30 14:33

Module 2.6 installs, Component 2.4 installs but the directory structure and file name does not match up for the component configuration file that the module is looking for. Is there a later version of the component?

Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2007/04/24 00:54

Installed v 2.6 and 2.5 and both times got fatal error:

Fatal error: main() : Failed opening required

'/homepages/43/d203511406/htdocs/components/com_mamblog/configuration.php' (include_path='.:usr/local/lib/php') in /homepages/43/d203511406/htdocs/modules/mod_sidebar.php on line 52

Re: BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by - 2007/06/19 13:56

I am having these errors on the front end:

Notice: Undefined index: bsb_midx in c:\archivos de programa\easyphp1-8\www\oumind\modules\mod_sidebar.php on line 256

Invalid query: Whole query: SELECT DAYOFMONTH(created) AS created_day, created, id, sectionid, YEAR(created) AS created_year, MONTH(created) AS created_month FROM #__content WHERE (sectionid = 6) AND (state = 1) AND access <= 0 GROUP BY created_year DESC, created_month DESC, created_day DESC

SQL error in BlogSideBar v2.6. Anyone seen it before?

Posted by - 2007/07/05 14:10

Just installed BlogSideBar module v2.6 and component v2.4.

I'm getting the following SQL error in the BlogSideBar window:

Invalid query: Whole query: SELECT DAYOFMONTH(created) AS created_day, created, id, sectionid, YEAR(created) AS created_year, MONTH(created) AS created_month FROM #__content WHERE (sectionid = 4) AND (state = 1) AND (publish_up = '0000-00-00 00:00:00' OR publish_up <= '2007-06-30 16:28:34') AND (publish_down = '0000-00-00 00:00:00' OR publish_down >= '2007-06-30 16:28:34') AND access <= 0 GROUP BY created_year DESC, created_month DESC, created_day DESC

Does this make sense to anyone? I'm using Mamblog v1.0, I see by the sectionid that it is finding it just fine without the need to configure this. However, that is all that I can see.

Customizable names

Posted by - 2007/07/29 20:11

Hi there!

SVTechie, great work, it looks great and it was what I was exactly looking for, keep going that way!!!

I just wonder if there is something that could be done. I use Spanish for my blog site, and the titles for the "categories" and "Latest in Blog" are fixed and in English, it could be good if any of the titles could be customize according to each one requirements.

Another thing, I have not been looking too much, but the categories name is cut to the first word or something like it, could it be more that that?

Thanks!

blogsidebar final install steps?

Posted by - 2007/08/14 14:13

i have blogsidebar installed and launching the way i want.

but it seems to bring a lot of other stuff with it

the first is in image with blogroll turned off

the second image is with blogroll turned on.

i see other installs apparently working fine. what am i missing?

unable to install

Posted by fulvio - 2008/06/17 12:01

I am utterly unable to install either the module or the component. I downloaded them today, and attempted to install them using the com_installer in the admin panel of Joomla. I tried on three different sites, all Joomla 1.0.12, same result. I also tried on a 1.5 site, but got a "missing XML file" error, so I doubt it's supposed to work on 1.5.

The error I get on 1.0.12 is:

Fatal error: Call to a member function getTagName() on a non-object in //my path.../contents/administrator/components/com_installer/installer.class.php on line 167

Can you offer any help, please?

Thanks!

Re:BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by jumpers - 2008/11/10 05:53

Not only does publishing Sidebar give me the error Invalid query: Whole query: SELECT id FROM #__categories WHERE section="com_weblinks" AND title="blogroll" but the whole format of my homepage is messed up and I lose all the content!

How on earth do people get this to work?

Re:BlogSidebar 2.0.5 (Module 2.6 Released)

Posted by SVTechie - 2008/11/11 08:11

On the earth, people read other posts and go to blog component/module section in admin panel and configure 'em

properly. :)

Fun aside, please go to modules in admin panel and configure it to pick correct category in Weblinks. (you can disable it as well).

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