

How to Add sub-menus to Joomla main navigation buttons (Making dropdown menus) in Joomla

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I'm using a template **youbizz** just recently for a website. The website is already configured to use Joomla as a CMS.

This is a website related to the university so Joomla was the perfect choice for a quick and easy to configure **Content Management System**

The *youbizz* template really makes difference and make the website layout look & feel quite a business looking.

However I needed a way to make my general configured menu buttons on the website to have a *dropdown sub-menus in it*

I even didn't know if Joomla is supporting this, but by a chance I've made a submenu to the website *Home* button menu and thus I learned it how I can make submenus.

It actually appears creating the submenus to a menu in Joomla is a piece of cake, all you have to do in Joomla administrator is go to to:

Menus -> Main Menu

From there you can configure as website buttons and link them to the ones already prepared in **Article Manager**

Just in case if you don't know to add a buttons to a new Joomla installation it's necessary from admin to first go to:

Content -> Article Manager

Next press the **New** button (a green button with an image of a plus sign)

Thereon put a *Title* , *Alias* and in the input box put on everything you want this button pressed to show up in ur website.

Completing that simply press the **Apply** button and it should be done.

Next step to make the article appear in *Menus -> Main Menu* is to go this section and respectively from there use the green button with the plus sign to add up a new element to the main menu.

Right after you will have the Menu Item: [New] to appear it looks like in the pic below:

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Menu Item: [New]

Select Menu Item Type

- ☒ Internal Link
 - ☐ Articles
 - ☐ Contacts
 - ☐ News Feeds
 - ☐ Polls
 - ☐ RSform!Pro
 - ☐ Search
 - ☐ User
 - ☐ Web Links
 - ☐ Wrapper
- ☐ External Link
- ☐ Separator
- ☐ Alias

From the list of items to select you need to select the **Article** menu element. A submenu will appear in your browser to the Articles reading:

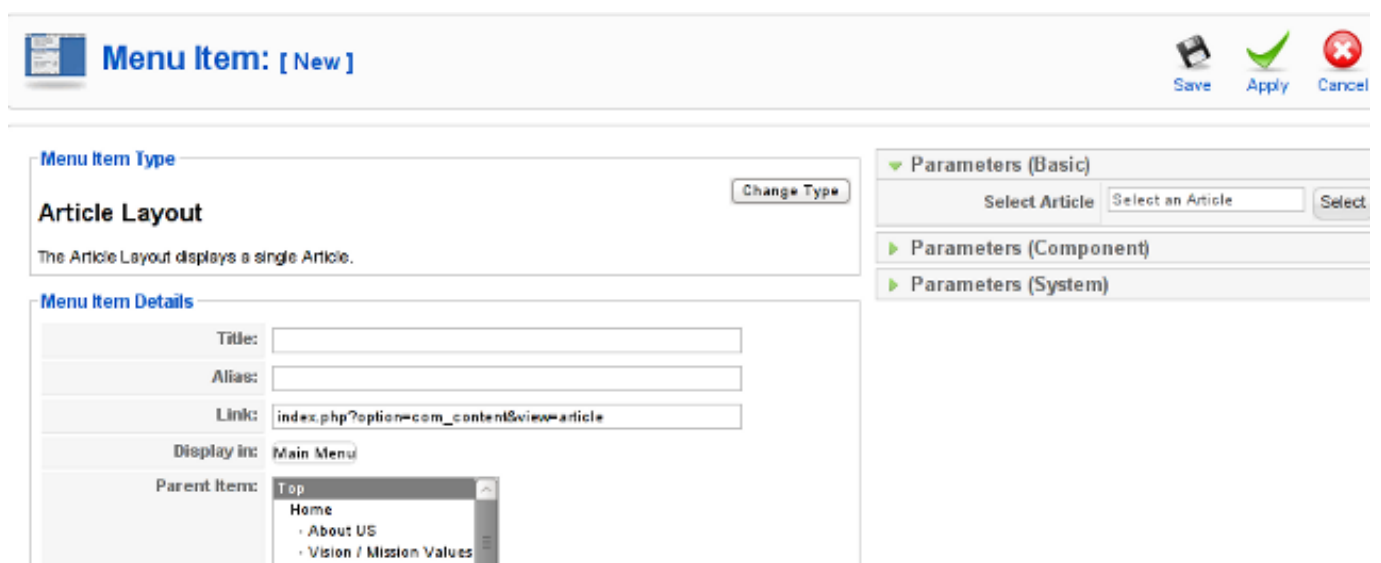
Article Layout

Article Submission Layout

etc.

From this menu you will have to select the *Article Layout*

The next screen to appear will look like the pic below:



The screenshot shows the Joomla! 'Menu Item: [New]' interface. At the top right are 'Save', 'Apply', and 'Cancel' buttons. The main area is divided into two columns. The left column has a 'Menu Item Type' section with 'Article Layout' selected and a description 'The Article Layout displays a single Article.' Below this is the 'Menu Item Details' section with fields for 'Title', 'Alias', 'Link' (containing 'index.php?option=com_content&view=article'), 'Display in:' (set to 'Main Menu'), and 'Parent Item:' (a dropdown menu showing 'Top', 'Home', 'About US', and 'Vision / Mission Values'). The right column contains 'Parameters (Basic)', 'Parameters (Component)', and 'Parameters (System)' sections. The 'Parameters (Basic)' section has a 'Select Article' dropdown and a 'Select' button.

Here in *article layout* few things needs to be adjusted, again you will need to place the Title and the Alias, further after from the **Parameters (Basic)** located on the right you will have to select an article to link the new menu you're just creating in Joomla's new menu.

This is achieved via pressing the **Select** button located nearby the *Select Article*

Here it's important to note the existence of **Parent Item** scrolldown field. This field will have all the created menu buttons in *Main Menu* . In case if this is the first one to create in main menu then it could be also empty.

The *Parent Item* field is really an important field and through it the menu's submenus are created in Joomla.

For instance let's say you want the current creating article to be listing as a sub-benu button to another already existing category, instead of listing as a separate button to the Joomla's main menu navigation.

Well it's pretty easy just choose from the **Parent Item** the name of an already existing menu button in Joomla **main menu** to be the parent of the sub-menu button you want to have.

That's it now you will have the sub-menu button to appear as a drop down button (if of course your template supports dropdown menus).

There are few more options to choose in between which I found to be quite self explanatory, so I want explain them

But I hope I was able to explain at least the basics **how menu subbuttons can be created in Joomla 1.5!** find it a bit harder to explain in a bit plain way, but anyways if some of my dear readers is not understanding how to achieve the sub-menus I'm more than willing to help out further via the comments.