
Require startup help

Posted by goga.ali - 2013/09/22 21:11

Hello ARI!

I recently purchased ARI Smart Contents extension, and I installed it to Joomla! v3.x via uploading the zip through the extension manager. It said successfully installed but please forgive me but I've used many extensions and modules so far but this seems different.

When I go into Modules, I only see one module that says 'ARI Smart Content', and I'm not sure how to implement this.

For instance if I wanted to create a table/chart from a .CSV file, how would I go about that?

I do know quite enough how to program but I've never seen such an implementation in Joomla!, I expected a separate module for every separate task, and a pretty GUI, but now I'm lost. So please, a little starters help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

and please forgive my inexperience.

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Posted by admin - 2013/09/23 06:20

Hello,

The extension contains a pack of plugins which works as a lot of other Joomla! content plugin. It is necessary to enter a plugin code into an article or other content. Sample plugin codes can be found in "Description" field on plugin settings page (see "Components -> ARI Smart Content -> Plugins" page on Joomla! backend).

"ARI Smart Content" module provides ability to enter plugin code in module settings and then shows plugins in selected module position.

If you want to configure table/chart as a module, you can be interested in ARI Data Tables extension.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Posted by goga.ali - 2013/10/08 00:16

Thank you for your response, I've been researching it since and today I tried to implement it the very first time but in vain.

I'm trying to draw a Table from a CSV file via CUSTOM_HTML Module. Please take a look at the 2 screenshots below to get the idea.

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/1518581/ARI/custom_html.jpg

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/1518581/ARI/frontpage.jpg>

Kindly verify if the "Path" I'm using is supposed to be this way, because in the examples there is direct use of the file-name without a path.

Secondly do I need to add any module suffix for it to work?

Please help me set this example up and I think I'll be able to manage the rest of it, Thank you.

The CSV file I wish to display:

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/1518581/ARI/BYCO_01012008_27122012.csv

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Posted by admin - 2013/10/08 16:15

Hello,

Could you specify where CSV file is located is relative to Joomla! root directory?

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Posted by goga.ali - 2013/10/08 16:29

I'm not sure but I uploaded via "JCE File Browser", screenshot of the path here:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/1518581/ARI/path.jpg>

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Posted by admin - 2013/10/08 16:49

It is not clear where is Joomla! located according to your screenshot.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Posted by goga.ali - 2013/10/08 17:02

The screenshot is via JCE Plugin's Filebrowser, so I'm guessing "Root" in the screenshot means the "public_html(www)" folder on the hosting, that is where joomla! is installed.

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Posted by goga.ali - 2013/10/08 17:22

Okay I went into the hosting cpanel, this is weird, i thought file manager's root would be real root.

But i just learned that the path to the same folder on the hosting is:

/home1/regnum/public_html/images/data/csv/file.csv

Please suggest what path I should use in the module path.

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Posted by admin - 2013/10/08 17:39

Use images/data/csv/file.csv as path to the file.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Require startup help

Posted by goga.ali - 2013/10/08 19:16

works like a charm, really powerful tool. You have my gratitude, thank you and God bless.

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Posted by fuxjaeger - 2013/10/18 11:36

Hi

I must say that I have also just loaded the Smart Content extension, but without proper content and examples and step by step documentation, the extension is too complicated. The "documentation" per plugin (instructions) are too cryptic.

Some questions:

Is there a plugin where I can create a table in the SQL database using the Joomla back-end?

How do I create a connection to the database/table?

Do I create a module as type "ari smart content" for every plugin I use and then have to paste in the "use" code snippet of the plugin?

and once I created the module?....

Previous ARI extensions I have used have nice and user friendly Module options - how do I get that for these plugins?

Please help me make sense of this extension.

Regards

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Posted by admin - 2013/10/18 11:50

Hello,

"ARI Smart Content" module is required only if you want to use plugin(s) from "ARI Smart Content" in a module position. In other case just place a plugin code in a content where you want to use it (in an article or other content). It works as most of content Joomla! plugin.

If you want to show data from a database, use ARI SQL Table plugin. A sample plugin code below:

```
{arisqltable}
  {arisqltablequery}
SELECT id,title
FROM #__content
  {/arisqltablequery}
{/arisqltable}
```

"ARI SQL Table" plugin can be wrapped with a table plugin. For example with "ARI JDataTable" plugin:

```
{arijdatatable}
{arisqltable}
```

```
{arisltablequery}
SELECT id,title
FROM #__content
{/arisltablequery}
{/arisltable}
{/arijdatatable}
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PS: Currently we are working on "ARI Smart Content" v. 2.0.0, it will provide a lot of new features and more user-friendly interface. It will be available within 1-2 months.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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