Alternate source for image files
Posted by chewk2 - 2015/03/17 22:16

Is there any way to dynamically provide a list of images to be included in the carousel? I would like to set up a filter for a large list if images and constrain that list with a filter.

Examples are an ini file with a subset of the source images listed (I presume there are thumbnail challenges if we use alternate folders on the fly.

A reload of the page would then look for the updated ini file and it's filtered list of image files to include in the carousel.

Thanks for considering or otherwise letting me know how to do this.

BTW great module!!
Jim

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Re:Alternate source for image files
Posted by admin - 2015/03/18 12:57

Hello,

You can use "Module Plant" or "Module Anywhere" plugin to load "ARI Cloud Carousel" into articles (or other content) and set "Image path" parameter dynamically (for example with a custom PHP code). The plugins support ability to override parameters of a loaded module directly in plugin code.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Alternate source for image files
Posted by chewk2 - 2015/03/18 15:27

Thanks for the reply!

I'm thinking on your solution an while it may have application, I'm not sure it's optimal. I like the idea of the two products you mentioned. Thanks.

My issue is that I have a dynamic filtering requirement for example a date range of images. There is a likelyhood of a significant amount of bandwidth required to copy the specified files to a temporary area then override with one of the modules you mentioned. Because the date range is under user control, there's no way to construct a static folder organization.

It would be ideal to be able to pass a csv, or array or otherwise access an array which i could reconstruct based on the set if files which reperesent the filtered set of files. As I also mentioned I could create an ini file which had the set of image files identified.

Other thoughts?
Thanks again for considering

Jim

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Re:Alternate source for image files
Posted by admin - 2015/03/18 17:04

It is possible to specify path(s) to specific images in "Image path" parameter. Separate them by a new line (\n symbol).

Regards,

ARI Soft

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Re:Alternate source for image files

Posted by chewk2 - 2015/03/18 17:57

For clarity, are you referring to your "ini" file containing an "image path" parameter.

If so then in the ari-soft...ini file?

{image path]
a.jpg
/images/b.jpg
/somewhere/c.jpg

etc...

if so, that's a perfect answer

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Re:Alternate source for image files

Posted by admin - 2015/03/19 12:01

You can use a custom PHP code (for example using DirectPHP plugin) to create a variable which will contain files which want to show into the carousel and load the module with overridden "Image path" parameter using "Module Plant" or "Modules Anywhere" plugin.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Alternate source for image files

Posted by chewk2 - 2015/03/24 04:33

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got it! Thank you for the great support!!

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Re:Alternate source for image files

Posted by chewk2 - 2015/03/27 16:59

Ok, I got the overrides to work as you suggested, Thanks!
I also got the arisexylightbox to display titles using a CSV file (based on another qurestion re arisexylightbox and special characters in the filename) Thanks!

What I would like to do is be able to use the titles I placed in a csv for the lightbox when I select an image from cloudcarousel (i'm configured to use arisexylightbox in the carousel module).

Any way to pass the csv for lightbox as a part of the carousel?

The desire is to filter image files in carousel and tag a title(using ini or csv) with an image filename that contains special characters like "()"

BTW, thanks for the great support!

Jim

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Re:Alternate source for image files

Posted by admin - 2015/03/27 19:10

The carousel (and integrated lightbox extensions) uses INI file to define titles and description. It doesn't support ability to work with CSV files.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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