Image links - carousel as menu ?

Posted by felixgrun - 2011/12/03 23:32

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Hi,

This is a great module. I've managed to install the carousel and get the basics to work but am having some issues with linking the images to specific html content.

My image folder contains the carousel images and an INI file with a general format as follows:

Image1.png="This is a description of the first image"
Image2.png="This is the description of the next image"
etc.

Image1.png="html://www.some_external_link.com"
Image2.png="html://....an article on this website created within Joomla...."
etc.

I'm developing my website offline in Joomla1.7 on a iMac viewed in Safari. Joomla Core Lightbox is enabled.

A couple of questions:
1) When I click on the carousel image, the larger image comes up in the lightbox but there is no link to either outside html sites, nor can I get a link to articles/content from other areas of my website.

Can I add a redirect link from the carousel image to a website page without bringing up the light box (i.e. have the carousel function as a menu) ?

What is the correct syntax for linking to "articles" within the Joomla management system i.e. do these always have to be unique html static links or can I use some form of index.php? syntax to link to content that changes ? At present when I pull up articles the html address is displayed under html://localhost/joomla17/index.php/..... I'd hate to have to go back manually and change all of these in the INI file when the site is activated.

2) My initial INI file worked great, but I now get the following type of error message:

Warning: syntax error, unexpected $end, expecting TC_DOLLAR_CURLY or TC_QUOTED_STRING or '"' in /Applications/XAMPP/xampfiles/htdocs/joomla17/images/TestImages/test.ini on line 46 in /Applications/XAMPP/xampfiles/htdocs/joomla17/modules/mod_aricloudcarousel/mod_aricloudcarousel/kernel/Utils/clas s.AppUtils.php on line 34.

I noticed previously that some of my quotation marks were different and have corrected them, but I do not see any issues at the end of the file line 46. Are there hidden characters that might be included ? The INI file was created in Word, saved as .txt and had the extension changed to .ini

The INI is being recognized and read - titles are being displayed when this option is active.

Any help and clarification would be appreciated.

Thank you.

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Re:Image links - carousel as menu ?

Posted by admin - 2011/12/04 08:15

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Hello,

It seems your INI file is incorrect. Send it by email please. Link to an article looks like:

index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=ARTICLE_ID

Where ARTICLE_ID is ID of an article. If ID = 77, a link will look like:

index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=77

It is not necessary to specify domain name in an INI file.

If you want to shows links in main browser window, set "Lightbox integration" parameter to "None".

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Image links - carousel as menu ?
Posted by felixgrun - 2011/12/05 17:30
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Thank you. I got the external and internal links to work now.
Turns out there was still one set of quotation marks that was the wrong character ID: leaning " instead of straight "
The wrong quotation marks (right double quotes, unicode 201D) was inserted instead of plain double quotes
(Unicode 0022).

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