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Unified module chrome

Module for Joomla!

Version 1.2

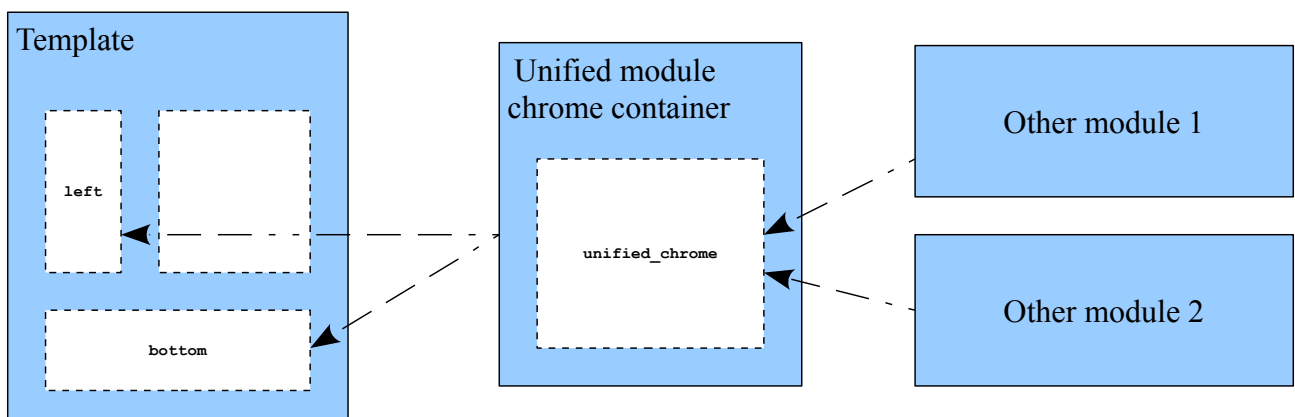
Preface

The module being placed into one of existing module positions creates a new position for modules while acting as a single module for the template or extension used to generate the position Unified module chrome is placed in.

It allows things like single border around several modules for templates that encompass each module separately within a border using module chrome.

It will also allow several modules per tab for some tabs implementations when each module is placed into separate tab (such as ja_tabs)

The way module integrates into Joomla templating system can be represented in the following way:



Joomla versions supported:

- Joomla! 1.5 (tested on 1.5.22 and confirmed working on 1.5.8);
- Joomla! 1.6 (tested on 1.6.0).

How to use it the module

To use the module:

- Install the using the extension manager;
- Configure your Unified moule chrome module:
 - Enable it (selecte Enabled – Yes on Joomla 1.5 or Published – published on Joomla 1.6);
 - Perform menu assignment to the menu items you wanted your target module to be shown;
 - In certain cases you might need to override CSS style if your menu shows incorrectly.
- Configure your desired target modules to be located into single unified module chrome (such as main menu module) :
 - Put your modules you want to appear within single chrome to position 'unified_chrome' (or what 'Module position to provide' parameter in Unified module chrome parameters is changed to) - this needs to be entered manually into the position as it is not provided by template and hence isn't present in its config;

The screenshot shows the Joomla! Module Manager interface for the 'Main Menu' module. The 'Details' tab is active, showing the following configuration:

- Title ***: Main Menu
- Show Title**: ☒ Show ☐ Hide
- Position ***: unified_chrome (with a 'Select position' button next to it)
- Published**: Published (dropdown)
- Access**: Public (dropdown)
- Ordering**: 1. Main Menu (dropdown)
- Start Publishing**: 0000-00-00 00:00:00 (calendar icon)

The 'Basic Options' tab is also visible, showing 'Select Menu' set to 'Main Menu'.

A red arrow points from a yellow callout box to the 'unified_chrome' position field. The callout box contains the following text:

Put cursor into this field and enter 'unified_chrome' with keyboard.

This position will not be available in drop-down (or in Select position button in 1.6) but can be entered manually since Joomla! 1.5

Parameters description

Default parameter values are configured to be of use in most often used configurations.

Parameter	Description
<i>Joomla template system integration</i>	
Debug	If enabled, will show a grey box with some debug information that will help solve integration problems.
Module position to provide	<p>The module will provide new position and this is the name of the position.</p> <p>It needs to be changed if several copies of the module are used to have multiple unified module chrome instances – it must be unique.</p>
<i>Advanced parameters</i>	
CSS style overrides (will be placed into html HEAD)	<p>Can include CSS definitions that will be placed into page header only on the pages the module is present.</p> <p>Will allow to make template CSS overrides.</p>
Module inclusion style (template-dependant)	<p>By default Unified module chrome will use the xhtml module inclusion style (module chrome) for child modules.</p> <p>This parameter when not empty will override that.</p> <p>Module inclusion style is a very template-dependant parameter. Most often used values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- xhtml- none- rounded <p>To see which styles are used to display contents by your template append ?tp=1 or &tp=1 (if there are parameters already) to your URL. This will show the page overlayed by module location names and inclusion style.</p> <p>For example, rhuk_milkyway template uses rounded module inclusion style to display rounded corners in modules such as mainmenu in left module position.</p>
HTML prelude for modules HTML finale for modules	<p>Prelude and finale to be used when rendering modules.</p> <p>It can be used for example when there should be a border around all the child modules, not around each child module separately.</p>

	<p>For example:</p> <pre>prelude <div style="border: 1px solid red"> finale </div></pre> <p>Will paint red border around all child modules as a whole.</p>
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