

# JMyLife

## Installation and User Guide



# Introduction

JMyLife was originally conceived as a clone of the popular site FMyLife. Since its inception, however, JMyLife has started to take on a life of its own as a microblogging tool for Joomla!®

The basic premise of JMyLife is to allow users, and even guests, to submit stories to your site, and to allow other users to interact with the story by voting it up or down, adding comments, and sharing with their friends. JMyLife can be used not only as a microblogging tool, but also as a guestbook or an advice component.

JMyLife Pro integrates with both JomSocial and Community Builder, the most popular community extensions for Joomla!® JMyLife will automatically install plugins to integrate with your user profiles with profile menus and lists of the users' own stories and their favorites! It also links stories to the authors by showing avatars!

Another community advantage of JMyLife Pro is the ability to allow your users to moderate stories for you, by presenting them with unpublished stories which can be voted upon, and if desired automatically published once enough individual users agree vote in favor of its publication.

For those that require more power in managing their comments, JMyLife Pro supports the integration of the following 3<sup>rd</sup> party comment engines:

- Disqus
- JomComment
- !JoomlaComment
- Jcomments

Also, JMyLife Pro offers extra security on the story submission form by supporting multiple captcha engines:

- reCAPTCHA
- captchas.net
- Bigo Captcha

Pro also includes over a half dozen helper extensions, like a submission module, a category menu, modules to display comments and stories, and a search plugin. These extensions enhance the user experience by allowing more information and interaction with the component.



# Feature Overview

## Free

- Guest Story Submission
- User Comment Submission
- Story Voting
- Story Moderation
- Comment Moderation
- Optional Story Title
- Built-in RSS Feeds
- Built-in "Share on Facebook" Link
- Built-in "Share on Twitter" Link
- Abusive Story Reporting
- User Comment Reporting
- Support for both jQuery and Mootools

## Pro

- 3<sup>rd</sup> party Captcha on Submission Form
- WYSIWYG/BBCode Support
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Comment Engine Support
- sh404sef Support
- User Favorites
- Email to Friend
- Custom CSS Editor
- User/Guest Moderation View
- Category Overview View
- ShareThis Integration
- Community Builder Support
- JomSocial Support
- XMap Support
- Submission Module (v1.0.13)
- Category Menu Module (v1.0.12)
- Latest Stories Module (v1.0.5)
- Latest Comments Module (v1.0.2)
- Top Authors Module (v1.0.2)
- RSS Feed Module (v1.0.1)
- Menu Counts Plugin (v1.0.2)
- Story/Comment Search Plugin (v1.0.12)
- Search Plugin Avatars plugin (v1.0.0)
- Community Builder Favorites Plugin (v1.0.3)
- Community Builder User Stories Plugin (v1.0.3)
- Community Builder Menu Plugin (v1.0.1)
- JomSocial Favorites Application (v1.0.1)
- JomSocial User Stories Application (v1.0.1)
- JomSocial Menu Plugin (v1.0.1)



# Installation

JMyLife takes a simple approach to installation and upgrade – everything is handled by a single package! Just install the downloaded .zip file as you would any other component, even when upgrading!

All Pro helper extensions will be installed with JmyLife. Any 3<sup>rd</sup> party integrations will also be installed automatically!

Once JMyLife is installed, it needs to have a menu item set up for at least the default List view. This can be done in the core Joomla!® “Menus” section.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! installation progress for JMyLife 1.0.12. It includes a JML logo, a request for a rating and review, and a list of successful installation steps. The steps are: Checking Database Schema... (All database operations successful!), Checking Configuration... (All keys created successfully!), Installing helper extensions... (JMyLife Category Menu Module, JMyLife Submit Story Module, JMyLife Latest Story Module, JMyLife Latest Comments Module, JMyLife Top Authors Module, JMyLife Feed Module, JMyLife Search Plugin, JMyLife Search Avatars Plugin, and JMyLife Menu Counts Plugin all successfully installed), Checking for JomSocial... (JomSocial found, installing plugins...; JMyLife Stories JomSocial Plugin, JMyLife Favorites JomSocial Plugin, and JMyLife JomSocial Toolbar Plugin all successfully installed), Checking for Community Builder... (Community Builder NOT FOUND... not installing CB plugins), Checking for !JoomlaComment... (JoomlaComment NOT FOUND... not installing plugin), Checking Categories... (Categories found!), and Checking Custom CSS... (Custom CSS Files already installed). The final status is 'Install Complete.'

**Installing JMyLife 1.0.12 ...**

If you use JMyLife, please post a rating and a review at the [Joomla! Extensions Directory!](#)  
*(Yes, I know, the first part of the last sentence seems redundant... here's why!)*

Please send any inquiries, bug reports, complaints, flames, or million dollar Paypal transfers to [me@jeffchannell.com](mailto:me@jeffchannell.com)

Checking Database Schema...

✓ All database operations successful!

Checking Configuration...

✓ All keys created successfully!

Installing helper extensions...

✓ JMyLife Category Menu Module successfully installed.

✓ JMyLife Submit Story Module successfully installed.

✓ JMyLife Latest Story Module successfully installed.

✓ JMyLife Latest Comments Module successfully installed.

✓ JMyLife Top Authors Module successfully installed.

✓ JMyLife Feed Module successfully installed.

✓ JMyLife Search Plugin successfully installed.

✓ JMyLife Search Avatars Plugin successfully installed.

✓ JMyLife Menu Counts Plugin successfully installed.

Checking for JomSocial...

JomSocial found, installing plugins...

✓ JMyLife Stories JomSocial Plugin successfully installed.

✓ JMyLife Favorites JomSocial Plugin successfully installed.

✓ JMyLife JomSocial Toolbar Plugin successfully installed.

Checking for Community Builder...

Community Builder **NOT FOUND**... not installing CB plugins.

Checking for !JoomlaComment...

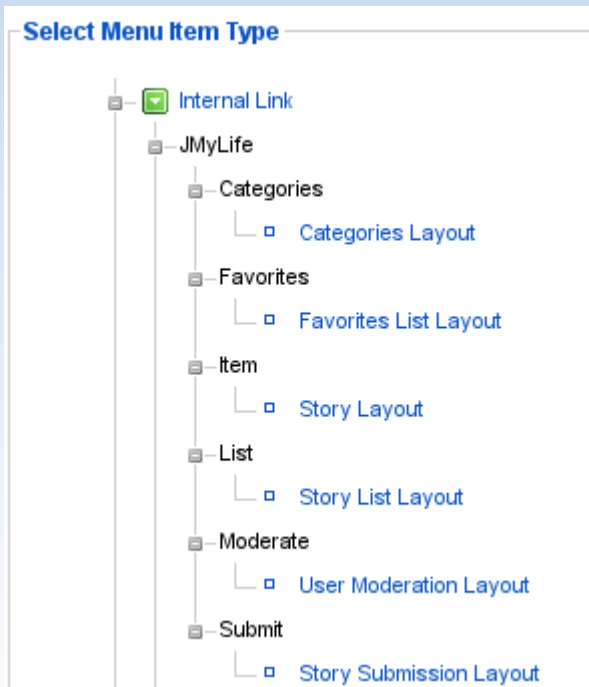
JoomlaComment **NOT FOUND**... not installing plugin.

Checking Categories... Categories found!

Checking Custom CSS... Custom CSS Files already installed.

**Install Complete.**

Once JMyLife has been installed, the next step you'll want to take is to create a menu item. This is done using Joomla!®'s core Menus component.



JMyLife offers six different views for the frontend user:

*Categories* – display a static list of the available, with descriptions of each.

*Favorites\** - displays a list of a user's favorite stories. This view is best used as a Registered menu item, incorporated into your User menu.

*Item* – display a single story, and can also double as a Random story.

*List* – the most important view of JMyLife, the list view displays a list of stories based on the parameters given for this view:

*Moderate\** - this view allows users to vote on unpublished stories. This allows your community to “self moderate.”

*Submit* – a static view to allow users to submit stories. It is recommended to create a Menu Item of this type to be assigned to the Submission Module's Javascript toggle.

\* these views are only available in JMyLife Pro







# Administrator Navigation

## Control Panel

The Control Panel is a simple screen that shows links to other Administration screens, as well as a list of the latest submitted stories, the latest comments, and the best stories.



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 Categories	 Stories	 Comments	 Configuration
 Integrations	 About JMyLife	 Visit Author's Site	

Latest Stories		
1	<a href="#">test test testy</a>	30.03.10
2	<a href="#">admin booeey</a>	29.03.10
3	<a href="#">from jomsocial!</a>	29.03.10
4	<a href="#">sdfgsdfgdg</a>	29.03.10
5	<a href="#">dfgdfgd</a>	29.03.10

Latest Comments		
▶		







Best Stories		
▶		

















# Administrator Navigation

## Categories

JMyLife is useless without Categories. Categories provide a single level of story classification. Each category allows for controlling the ability to post comments or vote on stories, and can be edited by clicking its name.

 **JMyLife - Categories** Publish  Unpublish  New  Edit  Delete

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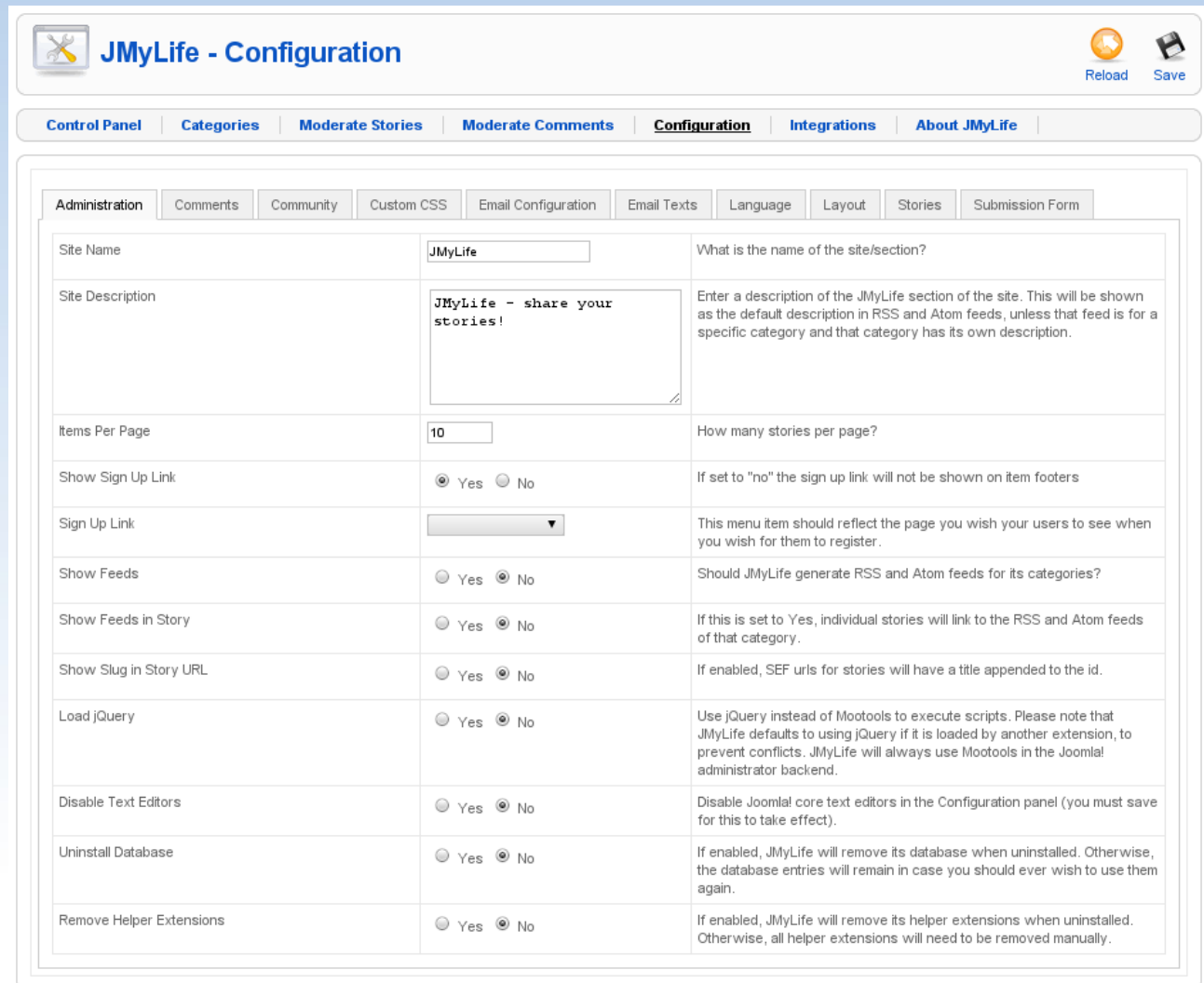
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## Configuration

JMyLife has its configuration split into multiple tabs for easier navigation. Each option has a description of its function, so consult the description for each individual option.

It is possible to safely browse all tabs before committing any changes, and this view enables the core keepalive behavior, so your session will not end while editing the configuration.



Administration	Comments	Community	Custom CSS	Email Configuration	Email Texts	Language	Layout	Stories	Submission Form
Site Name	JMyLife		What is the name of the site/section?						
Site Description	JMyLife - share your stories!		Enter a description of the JMyLife section of the site. This will be shown as the default description in RSS and Atom feeds, unless that feed is for a specific category and that category has its own description.						
Items Per Page	10		How many stories per page?						
Show Sign Up Link	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		If set to "no" the sign up link will not be shown on item footers						
Sign Up Link	▼		This menu item should reflect the page you wish your users to see when you wish for them to register.						
Show Feeds	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		Should JMyLife generate RSS and Atom feeds for its categories?						
Show Feeds in Story	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		If this is set to Yes, individual stories will link to the RSS and Atom feeds of that category.						
Show Slug in Story URL	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		If enabled, SEF urls for stories will have a title appended to the id.						
Load jQuery	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		Use jQuery instead of Mootools to execute scripts. Please note that JMyLife defaults to using jQuery if it is loaded by another extension, to prevent conflicts. JMyLife will always use Mootools in the Joomla! administrator backend.						
Disable Text Editors	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		Disable Joomla! core text editors in the Configuration panel (you must save for this to take effect).						
Uninstall Database	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		If enabled, JMyLife will remove its database when uninstalled. Otherwise, the database entries will remain in case you should ever wish to use them again.						
Remove Helper Extensions	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		If enabled, JMyLife will remove its helper extensions when uninstalled. Otherwise, all helper extensions will need to be removed manually.						

## Moderate Stories

Moderate, edit, or create stories. Any story can be edited by clicking its text (or title, if enabled). Each story also allows for individual controls for limiting comments or voting.




### JMyLife - Moderate Stories

  
Publish

  
Unpublish

  
New

  
Edit


  
Delete

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<input type="checkbox"/>	#	Text	Author	Admin Response	Reported	Allow Comments	Allow Votes	Published	Category	Date	ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<a href="#">test test testy</a>	testy			✔	✔	✔	Miscellaneous	30.03.10	20
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<a href="#">admin boeey</a>	Administrator			✔	✔	✔	Miscellaneous	29.03.10	19
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<a href="#">from jomsocial!</a>	testt			✔	✔	✔	Miscellaneous	29.03.10	18
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	<a href="#">self-test</a>	testt			✔	✔	✔	Miscellaneous	29.03.10	17

## Moderate Comments

Moderate, or edit comments. Please note this screen is useless if 3<sup>rd</sup> party comment engine is used.



### JMyLife - Moderate Comments

 Publish
  Unpublish
  Change
  Delete

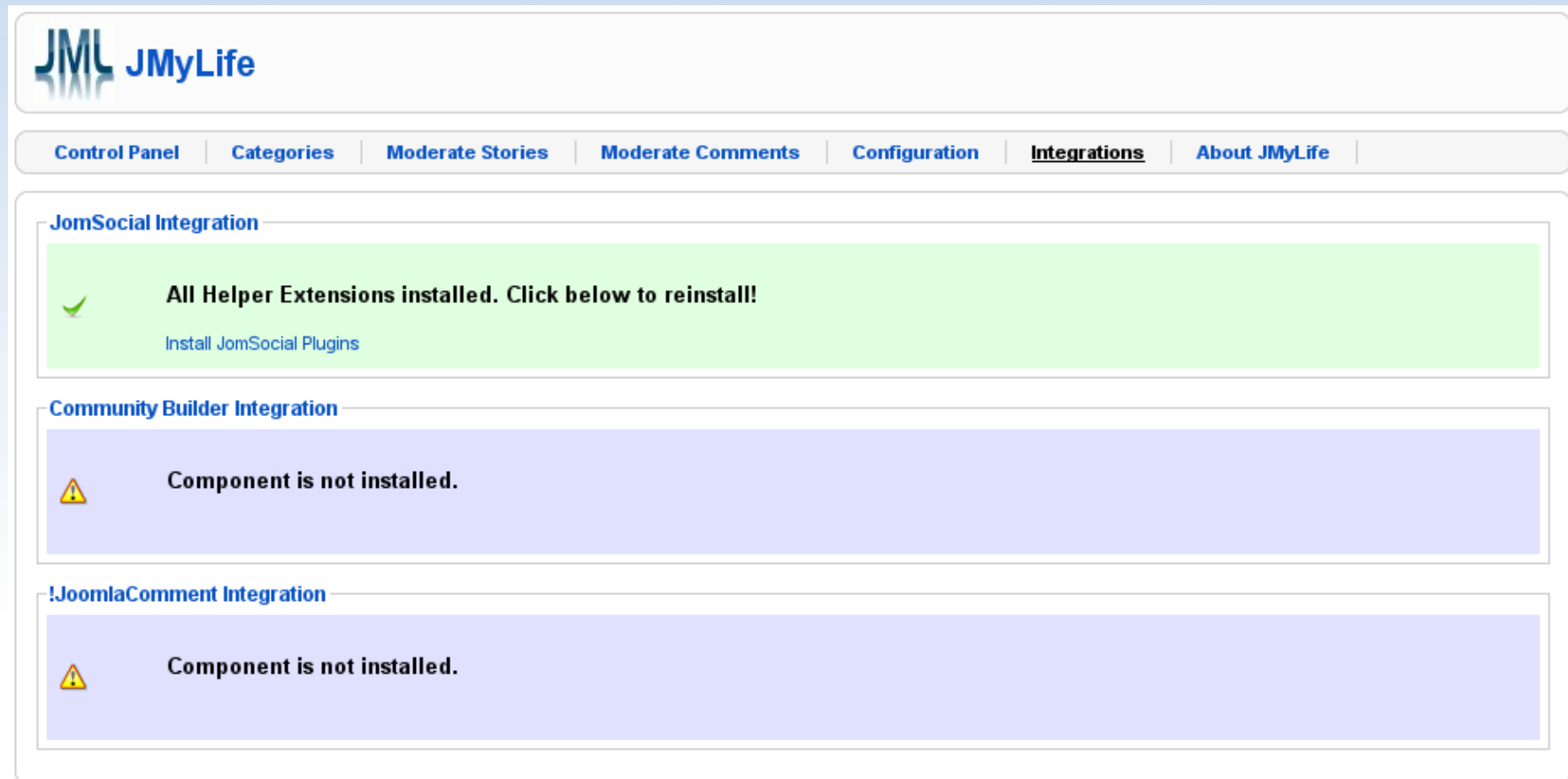
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## *Integrations*

Install Plugins related to 3<sup>rd</sup> party integrations, such as JomSocial or Community Builder.



The screenshot displays the JMyLife administrator interface. At the top left is the JML JMyLife logo. A navigation bar contains links for Control Panel, Categories, Moderate Stories, Moderate Comments, Configuration, Integrations, and About JMyLife. The Integrations section is expanded, showing three integration status boxes:


- JomSocial Integration:** A green box with a checkmark icon. Text: "All Helper Extensions installed. Click below to reinstall!". Below the text is a link: "Install JomSocial Plugins".
- Community Builder Integration:** A purple box with a warning triangle icon. Text: "Component is not installed."
- JoomlaComment Integration:** A purple box with a warning triangle icon. Text: "Component is not installed."




# Administrator Navigation

## About JmyLife

The About JMyLife screen contains information about the component, including a description, version check, and changelogs.



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Colorpicker jQuery Plugin (23.05.2009) by [Stefan Petre](#). Dual licensed under the MIT and GPL licenses.  
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**Installed Version :** 1.0.12beta2  
**Latest Available :** 1.0.11

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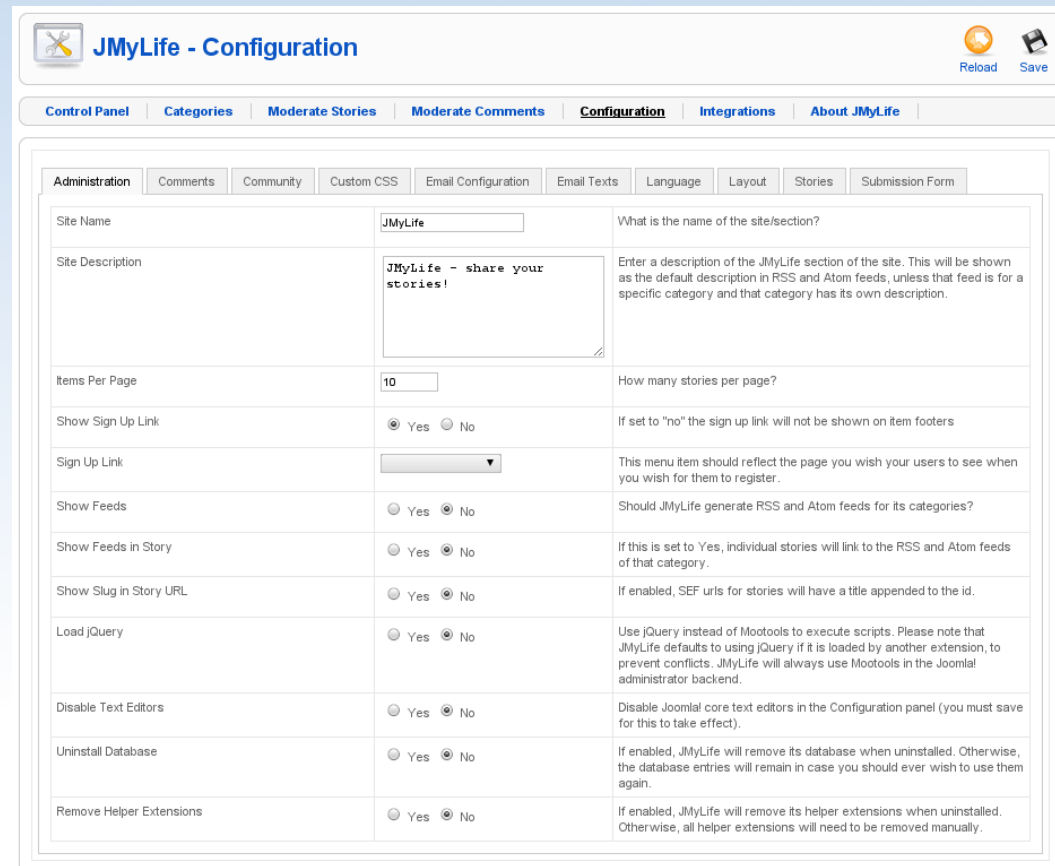
**CHANGELOG:**  
Key:  
\* : change  
+ : addition  
- : removal  
^ : bugfix  
! : security update

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JMyLife has quite a few configuration options. These options have been grouped into tabs related to their function. Some tabs have sliders inside to group certain elements that are related. The following tabs are available:

- Administration
- Comments
- Community
- Custom CSS
- Email Configuration
- Email Texts
- Language
- Layout
- Stories
- Submission Form



The screenshot shows the 'JMyLife - Configuration' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Control Panel, Categories, Moderate Stories, Moderate Comments, Configuration (selected), Integrations, and About JMyLife. Below these are sub-tabs for Administration, Comments, Community, Custom CSS, Email Configuration, Email Texts, Language, Layout, Stories, and Submission Form. The main content area is a table of configuration options:

Site Name	<input type="text" value="JMyLife"/>	What is the name of the site/section?
Site Description	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">JMyLife - share your stories!</div>	Enter a description of the JMyLife section of the site. This will be shown as the default description in RSS and Atom feeds, unless that feed is for a specific category and that category has its own description.
Items Per Page	<input type="text" value="10"/>	How many stories per page?
Show Sign Up Link	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	If set to "no" the sign up link will not be shown on item footers
Sign Up Link	<input type="text" value=""/>	This menu item should reflect the page you wish your users to see when you wish for them to register.
Show Feeds	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Should JMyLife generate RSS and Atom feeds for its categories?
Show Feeds in Story	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	If this is set to Yes, individual stories will link to the RSS and Atom feeds of that category.
Show Slug in Story URL	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	If enabled, SEF urls for stories will have a title appended to the id.
Load jQuery	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Use jQuery instead of Mootools to execute scripts. Please note that JMyLife defaults to using jQuery if it is loaded by another extension, to prevent conflicts. JMyLife will always use Mootools in the Joomla! administrator backend.
Disable Text Editors	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Disable Joomla! core text editors in the Configuration panel (you must save for this to take effect).
Uninstall Database	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	If enabled, JMyLife will remove its database when uninstalled. Otherwise, the database entries will remain in case you should ever wish to use them again.
Remove Helper Extensions	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	If enabled, JMyLife will remove its helper extensions when uninstalled. Otherwise, all helper extensions will need to be removed manually.

## Administration Tab

- **Site Name** - What is the name of the site/section?
- **Site Description** - Enter a description of the JMyLife section of the site. This will be shown as the default description in RSS and Atom feeds, unless that feed is for a specific category and that category has its own description.
- **Items Per Page** - How many stories per page?
- **Show Sign Up Link** - If set to "no" the sign up link will not be shown on item footers
- **Sign Up Link** - This menu item should reflect the page you wish your users to see when you wish for them to register.
- **Show Feeds** - Should JMyLife generate RSS and Atom feeds for its categories?
- **Show Feeds in Story** - If this is set to Yes, individual stories will link to the RSS and Atom feeds of that category.
- **Show Slug in Story URL** - If enabled, SEF urls for stories will have a title appended to the id.
- **Disable Text Editors** - Disable Joomla! core text editors in the Configuration panel (you must save for this to take effect).
- **Uninstall Database** - If enabled, JMyLife will remove its database when uninstalled. Otherwise, the database entries will remain in case you should ever wish to use them again.
- **Remove Helper Extensions** - If enabled, JMyLife will remove its helper extensions when uninstalled. Otherwise, all helper extensions will need to be removed manually.
- **Remove Images** – If enabled, JMyLife will remove any images uploaded to `/images/jmylife/`



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## Attachments Tab

- **Allow Story Attachments** – If enabled, users will be able to add attachments to stories.
- **Allow Blank Stories with Attachments** – Under normal circumstances, stories are not allowed to be blank. Enable this to allow blank stories if an attachment is provided.
- **Story Attachments in List View** – Enable this to show story attachments in List view. This is recommended if Blank Stories are allowed.

## Please Note:

Each attachment type has its own options. For details about each option available, please refer to the Configuration screen.

## Comments Tab

- **Allow Comments** - Should comments be allowed? Setting to "no" will disable comments site-wide!
- **Show Comment Counts** - If this is disabled, stories will not display comment counts and will instead display story links as #id, as if the story's comments were disabled.
- **Show Comment Balloon** - If enabled, when a user mouses over the 'read comments' link, a balloon will appear showing the latest comments for that story.
- **Comment Balloon Count** - How many comments maximum should be shown in the Comment Balloon.
- **Comment Balloon Width** - Set the width, in pixels, of the comment balloon.
- **Comment Balloon Preview Length** - Set a limit on the length of the comments shown in the Comment Balloon.
- **Comment Engine** - Comment engine to use. Only detected and supported options are shown. JMyLife currently supports JomComment, JComments, ! JoomlaComment and Disqus. PLEASE NOTE any settings regarding email notifications for comments in the Email tab will be ignored when using 3rd party comment solutions.

## Comments Tab, continued

### ▪ Core

- **Comment Pagination** - When enabled, comments will be paginated. When disabled, all comments for a single story will be shown.
- **Autopublish Comments** - Should comments be published automatically?
- **Warning Level** - How many warnings should a comment get before being hidden?
- **Show username instead of Real Name on comments** - Show commenter's username instead of real name?

### ▪ Disqus

- **Disqus Shortname** - The shortname associated with your Disqus account. This is required for the correct operation of Disqus.
- **Disqus API Key** - This key is used to retrieve certain information from your Disqus account. To get your API key, first log in to Disqus then visit [http://disqus.com/api/get\\_my\\_key/](http://disqus.com/api/get_my_key/) to retrieve it.
- **Disqus Forum Key** - This key is used to retrieve certain information from your Disqus account.
- **Disqus Developer Mode** - This option enables developer mode, which allows testing to be done on local, protected, or otherwise inaccessible servers.

### ▪ JomComment

- **Hide Disabled JomComment** - When this setting is disabled, stories whose comments have been disabled will still show JomComment in a disabled state.
- **Use JomComment Content Tools** - Enable this to use the JomComment tools instead of the JMyLife core item footer.
- **Use JomComment Template Cache** - Use JomComment template cache.

## Community Tab

- **Social Engine** - Choose the social engine to be used with JMyLife. Only detected engines will be displayed. Supported engines include JomSocial and Community Builder.
- **jAwards**
  - **Enable jAwards** – jAwards is a 3<sup>rd</sup> party component that allows for users to be given awards. Enable this to show random awards given to each user under their stories
  - **jAwards Icon Count** - The number of random jAward icons to display.
  - **jAwards Icon Width** - Individual jAwards icon width, in pixels.
  - **jAwards Icon Height** - Individual jAwards icon height, in pixels.
- **Common**
  - **Show Story Avatar** - Show author's avatar in story?
  - **Link Story Avatar** - Link story avatar to user's profile.
  - **Link Story Author** - Link story author name to profile.
  - **Show Comment Avatar** - Show user avatar in comments.
  - **Link Comment Avatar** - Comment avatar is linked to the user's profile.
  - **Link Comment Author** - Link user name to profile in comments.
  - **Disable Avatar Alt Tags** - Normally, avatars will have the username as the alt tag. This will disable this behavior and instead leave an empty alt tag.

## Community Tab, continued

- **Community Builder**

- **Extra Community Builder Fields** - Custom Community Builder fields to be added to the story footer. The selected fields will be shown in the same order given in the Community Builder Field Management screen. PLEASE NOTE your database user MUST have permissions to create views in order for this to function properly!

- **JomSocial**

- **Story Publication Updates Activities** - If enabled, when a story is published it updates the JomSocial activity stream.
- **Guest Story Publication Updates Activities** - If enabled, guest stories will appear in the JomSocial activity stream.
- **Comment Publication Updates Activities** - If enabled, published comments will appear in the JomSocial activity stream.
- **Adding Favorites Updates Activities** - If enabled, whenever a user adds a new favorite story it will appear in the JomSocial activity stream.

## Custom CSS Tab

- **Use Custom CSS?** - Custom CSS will only be used if explicitly enabled.
- **Custom CSS** - Select your custom css here. Any files that appear disabled exist but are unwritable. These files are located in `components/com_jmylife/assets/css/custom/`

The Custom CSS tab contains a simple demo of a story, and a textarea for editing your custom CSS. Please note that the preview does not include every element available, nor does it import the CSS from any template, and therefore may not be an accurate representation of how JMyLife will appear on your site. It is recommended to use development tools such as Firebug for determining the classes and ids applied to each element.



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## Email Configuration Tab

- **Enable Notification Email** - Should emails be sent when an event occurs?
- **Email To** - Who should receive event emails?
- **Capture Guest Email** - If this option is enabled, the submission form will have a field to allow guests to leave their email in order to allow guests to receive notifications.
- **Notify on New Stories** - Should the configured address be notified when someone submits a new story?
- **Notify Authors on Story Publication** - If this is set, authors will be sent email notifications when their stories are published. If "Capture Guest Email" is disabled while this is enabled, only registered users will be notified. If this is disabled and "Capture Guest Email" is enabled, guest author emails will be captured but no notifications will be sent.
- **Notify on New Comments** - Should the configured address be notified when someone submits a new comment?
- **Notify Author on New Comments** - Users will be notified when a comment is posted on their story. If "Capture Guest Email" is disabled or the guest did not leave an email, this setting will be ignored.
- **Notify Others on New Comments** - Any user that comments on a story will be notified if a new comment is posted for the same story.
- **Notify on Warning Level** - Should the configured email receive notification when a comment has reached its warning level?
- **Notify on Any Warning** - Notify when any comment receives a warning?
- **Notify on Moderation Limit** - Should the configured email be notified when a story reaches its moderation limit?
- **Allow Guests to Send to Friend** - If enabled, guests will be allowed to send links to their friends via email.

## Email Texts Tab

The Email Texts tab contains sliders for each configurable email text. Each email has a subject and a body. Please refer to the Configuration > Email Texts tab for the available replacements for each.

**▼ Submission Approved**

Story Approved Subject	<input type="text" value="Your story has been published!"/>	
Story Approved Body	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p> <b>B</b> <i>I</i> <u>U</u> <del>ABC</del>                           Styles <span style="float: right;">Paragraph</span> </p> <p>         </p> <p>     </p> </div> <p>Your story has been published at {JMLSiteLink} :</p> <p>{JMLStory}</p> <p>{JMLStoryLink}</p> <p>Path: p</p> <p><input type="button" value="Toggle editor"/></p>	<p>This email will be sent to the author of a story upon publishing.</p> <p><b>Available Tags:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ {JMLSite}</li> <li>▪ {JMLSiteLink}</li> <li>▪ {JMLSiteURL}</li> <li>▪ {JMLUser}</li> <li>▪ {JMLUserID}</li> <li>▪ {JMLStory}</li> <li>▪ {JMLStoryAuthor}</li> <li>▪ {JMLStoryTitle}</li> <li>▪ {JMLStoryURL}</li> <li>▪ {JMLStoryLink}</li> <li>▪ {JMLStoryCategory}</li> <li>▪ {JMLStoryCategoryURL}</li> <li>▪ {JMLStoryCategoryLink}</li> </ul>

## Language Tab

The Language tab allows the admin to change the text of certain elements found throughout JMyLife.

- **Story**

- **Read More Text** - This text will appear on the link that leads to each story.
- **Pre Text** - This text will be shown before every story.
- **Post Text** - This text will be shown after every story.
- **Default Admin Response** - If text is entered here, each story will show this as the default admin response. This setting affects all stories retroactively.

- **Voting**

- **Vote Good Text** - What should the "Good" vote text say? This will override the installed language file.
- **Vote Good Response Text** - What should the "Good" vote response text say? This will override the installed language file.
- **Vote Bad Text** - What should the "Bad" vote text say? This will override the installed language file.
- **Vote Bad Response Text** - What should the "Bad" vote response text say? This will override the installed language file.

## Language Tab, continued

- **Submissions**

- **Submission Form Pre Text** - This text will be shown before the core submission form.
- **Submission Form Post Text** - This text will be shown after the core submission form.
- **Submission Form Button Text** - This text will be displayed on the story submit button.

- **Moderate**

- **Moderate View Yes Button** - Text to be displayed on the "Yes" button in Moderation view.
- **Moderate View No Button** - Text to be displayed on the "No" button in Moderation view.
- **Moderate View How-To Link Text** - Text to be displayed on the "How To" link in Moderation view.
- **Moderate View How-To Text** - Text to be displayed on the "How To" drop down in Moderation view.

## Layout Tab

- **Footer Toggle** - Use Mootools to toggle item footer
- **ShareThis Link** - Enable ShareThis Link? If enabled, the options to show a "Share on Facebook", "Share on Twitter", and "Send to Friend" will be ignored and the links will not be shown. In order for this link to be shown, you MUST sign up for an account at ShareThis and ensure that your site is in compliance with the Terms and Conditions of ShareThis.
- **ShareThis Link Code** - In order for the ShareThis link to function properly, you must first create a ShareThis button. At the end of the creation process, you will be given a snippet of code that looks like this: `<script type="text/javascript" src="http://w.sharethis.com/button/sharethis.js#publisher=XXXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXXXXXXXXXX&type=website"></script>` Please copy ONLY the publisher code (XXXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXXXXXXXXXX) to this input, not the entire script.
- **ShareThis Layout** - Choose a layout for your ShareThis Icons.
- **Facebook Link** - Enable link to share on Facebook?
- **Open Facebook in Modal** - Should Facebook be opened in a modal window? Note that by doing so, the cancel button will be useless in the window itself.
- **Twitter Link** - Enable link to share on Twitter?
- **Favorites Link** - Disable this to disable the Add to Favorites link.
- **Send to Friend Link** - Show a link to open a simple inline form that allows a user to send a link to a story to a friend via email.
- **Send to Friend Form Button Text** - This text will display on the Send to Friend form button.
- **Report Link** - Show a link that allows users to report stories for being spam or otherwise abusive. Please note that this link will not show if "Enable Notification Email" is "No" or "Email To" is not set.

## Layout Tab, continued

- **Powered By Link?** - Show the "Powered By" link on front end?
- **Show Site Description** - When enabled, the Site Description given in the Administration tab will be shown above the main List view when the category is set to "All".
- **Show Category Description** - When enabled, the description given for each category will appear above the stories in List view when viewing a specific category.
- **Story Background** - Background color for story items.
- **Rounded Corners** - Should layout use rounded corners?
- **Rounded Corners in IE** - Load JS library to make rounded corners in IE
- **Rounded Corner Radius** - Radius, in px, of rounded corners.
- **Break Long Words?** - Should long words be broken with null characters?
- **Graphical Voting?** - If enabled, voting links will be shown to the left of the story and have icons, rather than being inline text.
- **Graphical Voting Size** - The size of the graphical voting icons, if graphical voting is enabled.

## Stories Tab

- **Autopublish Stories** - Should stories be published automatically?
- **User Stories Only?** - Only allow registered users to submit stories?
- **Force User Name** - If this is enabled, logged in users will not be able to submit Anonymous (or aliased) stories. If "User Stories Only" is disabled, guests will still be able to submit aliased stories but users will not. This setting has no effect on stories already submitted.
- **Force User Username** - If enabled, user stories will use a user's username instead of real name. This setting has no effect if "Force User Name" is disabled, and will not change any stories already submitted.
- **Allow Voting** - Should voting be allowed? Setting to "no" will disable voting site-wide!
- **Allow Guest Voting** - Should guests be allowed to vote?
- **Only Allow One Vote Per IP** - If "no" JMyLife will use a cookie to prevent multiple votes instead of IP.
- **Allow Only Good Votes** - When enabled, Bad Vote links are not shown.
- **Allow User Moderation** - Allow your users to moderate unpublished stories?
- **Allow Guest Moderation** - If "no", only logged in users will be allowed to moderate stories. This setting has no effect if the setting above is set to "no".
- **Moderation Limit** - How many "Yes" votes should a story receive before either being published or alerting the admin?
- **Publish on Moderation Limit** - Should stories be automatically published when they reach their moderation limit?
- **Moderation Report Link** - Show Report link in Moderation view?

## Stories Tab, continued

- **Allow Titles** - If set to "yes" stories will allow users to submit titles for stories
- **Require Titles** - If set to "yes" titles will be required for stories
- **Link Titles** - If set to "yes" titles will be linked to story item view
- **Bad Words Filter** - This will filter bad words from the stories. Each filter should appear on its own line in the format "bad word:good word". These filters are case sensitive. Bad words are filtered at the display level only, so the original profanities will still appear in the database.
- **Story List Preview Limit** - Limit stories in List and Favorites views to a number of characters. 0 to disable.
- **Story List Preview Limit Read More Link** - If the story limit is reached, should a "read more" link be appended to the story?
- **Story Title Meta Limit** - Limit story meta titles to a certain number of characters, 0 to disable.
- **Story Description Meta Limit** - Limit story meta descriptions to a certain number of characters, 0 to disable.

## Submission Form Tab

- **Submission Redirect** - Which menu item should the submission form redirect to upon successful request? Defaults to site frontpage.
- **Use BBCode** - Parse BBCode? When enabled, the following tags will be converted to html elements: [b] for bold, [i] for italics, [u] for underline, [color=rgb] for colors, [ul][li][li][ul] for unordered lists, [url=href]text[/url] for links, and [img]src[/img] for images. This setting will be ignored when using WYSIWYG editor. If neither this nor the editor are enabled, BBCode tags will be stripped.
- **Use WYSIWYG** - Use WYSIWYG editor?
- **Allow Links** - Allow links in stories?
- **Open Links in New Window** - When enabled, links embedded in stories will open in a new window.
- **Links Have nofollow** - When enabled, links embedded in stories will have the "nofollow" tag appended to them.
- **Allow Images** - Allow images in stories?
- **Allow Lists** - Allow lists in stories?
- **Allow Colors** - Allow colors in stories?
- **Editor Width** - How wide should the story submission textarea be?
- **Editor Height** - How tall should the story submission textarea be?
- **Disable Submission Textarea Resize** - If this option is enabled, JMyLife will attempt to disable resizable textareas in browsers that support this feature.

## Submission Form Tab, continued

- **Captcha Engine** - Select a captcha engine to protect the submission form from automated bots. Currently supported captchas include reCAPTCHA, captchas.net and BigoCaptcha.
- **reCAPTCHA**
  - **ReCaptcha Public Key** - reCAPTCHA Public Key
  - **ReCaptcha Private Key** - reCAPTCHA Private Key
  - **ReCaptcha Theme** - Theme to use with reCAPTCHA.
- **captchas.net**
  - **captchas.net Client** - "Client" sent to you after signing up at <http://captchas.net>
  - **captchas.net Secret** - "Secret" sent to you after signing up at <http://captchas.net>
  - **captchas.net Character Count** - Number of characters used in the captcha.
  - **captchas.net Width** - Width of the captcha, in px.
  - **captchas.net Height** - Height of the captcha, in px.

## Story Submission Module

The Story Submission module allows a user to post stories from any page on your site. It allows for text to be placed either before or after the form. The module is initially hidden, and can either be toggled by a link present in the module itself, or by hooking to a menu item link (NOTE: this feature ONLY works when your menu module uses a List type menu). There are two layouts available, Horizontal and vertical, and the dimensions used by the submission textarea can also be set.

**Parameters**

▼ **Module Parameters**

<b>Module Class Suffix</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Use Core Texts</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>Pre Text</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 100px;"></div>
<b>Post Text</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 100px;"></div>
<b>Javascript Toggle</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>Toggle Menu Item</b>	- Select Item - ▼
<b>Form Layout</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Horizontal Wide <input type="radio"/> Vertical
<b>Text Area Width</b>	<input type="text" value="300"/>
<b>Text Area Height</b>	<input type="text" value="180"/>
<b>Form Height</b>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<b>Custom CSS</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 100px;"></div>

## Category Menu Module

The Category Menu module allows you to have a menu that imitates the core mod\_mainmenu List layout to generate a list of links to each published category. It also has options for other links relative to JMyLife, including Best/Worst, Random, Submit and Favorites views.

**Parameters**

▼ **Module Parameters**

Module Class Suffix	<input type="text"/>
Show Categories	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Show Category Counts	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Show Category Counts First	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Disable Category Count Parenthesis	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Ignore Categories	<input type="text"/>
Invert Ignore	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Show Categories View Link	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Show Best/Worst Link	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Show Random Link	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Show Submit Link	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Show Favorites Link	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Show Moderate Link	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Show Categories First	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Show Main Page Link	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Text for Main Page Link	<input type="text" value="All"/>
Link Ordering	<input type="text" value="0,1,2,3,4,5"/>
Show Category Colors	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Show Component Color	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Apply Category Colors to Link	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

## Latest Stories Module

This module can be used to show the latest stories published, or display stories in the following formats:

- logged in user's latest stories
- best or worst rated
- random stories.

**Parameters**

▼ **Module Parameters**

<b>Module Class Suffix</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>User Stories Only</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>Blank Message</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Disable Preview</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>Story Info Format Override</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Preview Length</b>	<input type="text" value="60"/>
<b>Title Length</b>	<input type="text" value="20"/>
<b>Name Length</b>	<input type="text" value="20"/>
<b>Latest Count</b>	<input type="text" value="5"/>
<b>Category List</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Invert Category List</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>Show Footer</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>Sort Order</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Latest <input type="radio"/> Best <input type="radio"/> Worst <input type="radio"/> Random
<b>Custom CSS</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>

## Latest Comments Module

Display the latest comments for the site, or show a user either their own latest comments or the latest comments on their own submitted stories.

**Parameters**

▼ **Module Parameters**

Module Class Suffix	<input type="text"/>
Blank Message	<input type="text"/>
User Comments Only	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Latest Comments <input type="radio"/> User Comments <input type="radio"/> Latest Comments for User
Show Avatar	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Preview Length	<input type="text" value="60"/>
Name Length	<input type="text" value="20"/>
Latest Count	<input type="text" value="5"/>

## Top Authors Module

The Top Authors module allows you to promote either your highest ranked authors, or the author with the most stories published.

**Parameters**

▼ **Module Parameters**

Module Class Suffix	<input type="text"/>
Result Limit	<input type="text" value="10"/>
Good Votes Color	# 00CC00 <input type="color" value="#00CC00"/>
Bad Votes Color	# CC0000 <input type="color" value="#CC0000"/>
Order by	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Highest Rated <input type="radio"/> Most Published
Link Profile	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Show Avatar	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Link Avatar	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Ignore 'Anonymous'	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

## RSS Feed Module

Link an image to your JMyLife RSS feeds! This module can not only add the JMyLife RSS tags to any page, but it can also auto-detect it's location within JMyLife and only show feeds relevant to where the user is on the site!

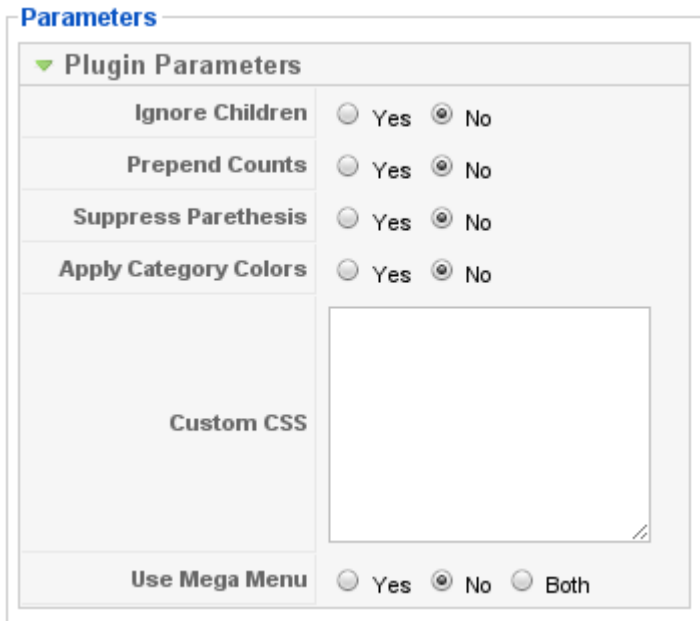
**Parameters**

▼ **Module Parameters**

<b>Module Class Suffix</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Feed Type</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> RSS <input type="radio"/> Atom
<b>Feed Image</b>	jmylife.gif ▼
<b>Alt Text</b>	JMyLife
<b>Select Category</b>	All Categories ▼
<b>Live Feed Detection</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>Add Link Tag</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

## Menu Counts Plugin

This plugin allows the number of stories in each category to be appended to the core mod\_mainmenu on links to each category. This is for users that wish to incorporate their categories inside the main Joomla! Menu while still showing the counts after each category.



The screenshot shows the 'Parameters' configuration window for the Menu Counts Plugin. It features a title bar 'Parameters' and a main content area with a dropdown arrow and the text 'Plugin Parameters'. Below this, there are four rows of radio button options: 'Ignore Children' (Yes/No), 'Prepend Counts' (Yes/No), 'Suppress Parenthesis' (Yes/No), and 'Apply Category Colors' (Yes/No). The 'No' option is selected for all four. Below these is a large text area labeled 'Custom CSS'. At the bottom, there is a 'Use Mega Menu' option with three radio buttons: 'Yes', 'No' (selected), and 'Both'.

## JMyLife Search Plugin

This plugin enables users to be able to search through your stories using the core Joomla search option. Please note this plugin is disabled when installed, and **MUST** be enabled before use.

3<sup>rd</sup> party comments will **NOT** be available using this search plugin, as most provide their own.

**Parameters**

▼ Plugin Parameters

Search Stories	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Show <input type="radio"/> Hide
Search Comments	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Show <input type="radio"/> Hide
Search Stories by Name	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Show <input type="radio"/> Hide
Search Comments by Name	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Show <input type="radio"/> Hide
Search Stories by Title	<input type="radio"/> Show <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hide

## JMyLife Search Avatars Plugin

Enable this plugin to show linked avatars in your JMyLife search results!

**Parameters**

▼ Plugin Parameters

Enable Plugin	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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- **I have an older version of JMyLife Installed. How do I upgrade?**

Just install the latest .zip file! The JMyLife installer doubles as an upgrade install, adding the new functionality and fixes to your existing installation! It is even possible to install the latest Pro version over the Free version, so if you have already started configuring your site using JMyLife Free, an upgrade to Pro is just a few clicks away!

- **Why is reCAPTCHA not showing on my submission form?**

reCAPTCHA requires a Public and Private API key to be entered in the JMyLife configuration. Sign up for your keys at <http://recaptcha.net/>

- **Why does my submission form return a blank page?**

Sometimes, templates, modules or plugins can cause incompatibilities with the functions of JMyLife. The issue is generally caused by Javascript errors which halt the execution of the JMyLife scripts.

- **Why is there nothing but links in the Categories View?**

Ensure that your Category View is assigned to a Menu Item.

- **Why is the text not shown in my editor when I edit the site texts or emails?**

You are likely using a WebKit based browser like Safari or Google Chrome. There is a known issue with the most popular editors (TinyMCE, JCE) when they are used in the core sliders. There is a toggle in the Administration tab that will disable editors if this is an issue for you.

- **How do I make Disqus work?**

First, go to <http://disqus.com> and sign up for an account. During the signup process, you will be asked to provide a shortname, which needs to be input into JMyLife's "Disqus Shortname" configuration field. Once your account is set up, while logged in visit [http://disqus.com/api/get\\_my\\_key/](http://disqus.com/api/get_my_key/) and copy that key into the "Disqus API Key" configuration field. Once these two fields are correctly configured, the "Disqus Forum Key" configuration field has a link within its description. Clicking this link should retrieve your Fourn API Key automatically.

- **What happened to my background colors?**

If you find your background colors are “missing” go to Configuration and immediately save. Due to a change in JMyLife 1.0.11, certain configurations may temporarily lose their backgrounds. Simply saving the configuration page once will resolve this.

- **How do I make my Submission Form module slide in and out of view?**

Edit the instance of mod\_jmylifesubmit in Extensions > Module Manager and ensure that the “Javascript Toggle” parameter is set to “Yes” and you have selected an item that appears in a non-Legacy *List*-type menu module for the “Toggle Menu Item”.

- **Where are the modules? Where are the plugins?**

Modules and plugins are only available in JMyLife Pro.

- **Can I remove the “Powered By” link?**

This option is available in JMyLife Pro.

- **Where can I download the latest version?**

Log in to your account at <http://jeffchannell.com> and go to Account Maintenance > View Orders. The latest release is available in your order details.

- **I need JMyLife to support feature X. Can you add this for me?**

Feature requests are always taken under advisement, but I cannot guarantee that every requested feature will make it into JMyLife. If you are in need of the immediate inclusion of some feature into JMyLife, I offer customization services. More details can be found at <http://jeffchannell.com/Services/jmylife-customization.html>

- **How do I show my stories on the frontpage?**

Set a “JMyLife – List View” menu item as “Default” in your Menu Manager.

- **Are you, or have you ever been, a cabbage?**

No.

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