

We have used a number of modules which we want to display or hide by criteria other than the Joomla default control of attaching the module to specific menu items. For example, we use Jaggy Blog which provides a module for our blog categories. We want the blog tag words to appear when the blog is being viewed, but not on the rest of the site. Since the categories are delivered through the module, there is no menu item to attach the tag word module to.

Here is a way to accomplish this. First, you need some PHP criteria to identify the page you want to display or hide the module on. Next you need a couple of plugins. We are using [mod_PHP](#) and [Modules Anywhere](#).

mod_PHP allows you to create modules that include code like Javascript and PHP code. Being able to include PHP code is essential. Modules Anywhere allows you to include modules in various place on your site including content areas and in this case, inside another module.

For the criteria, in our case, it was the GET value of view which equals Jaggyblog when we want the module to display. If you are using SEF links, you may need to hack you template to temporarily display GET values, or look at the link on a menu item or in you SEF listing if you are using a 3rd party extension. In our case we created a couple of menu items for the blog to find the parameter we needed.

Next create the module that you want to include and attach it to no menu items:



Module: [Edit]

Details

Module Type:	mod_jaggyblog_tags
Title:	Blog Tags Include
Show Title:	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Enabled:	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Position:	right
Order:	0::Search
Access Level:	Public Registered Special
ID:	42
Description:	Show tag links for the JaggyBlog component

Menu Assignment

Menus:	<input type="radio"/> All <input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Select Menu Item(s) from the List
Menu Selection:	<i>main_menu</i> Home About Us Our Services - Web Design - Dynamic Development - Hosting - Promotion - Maintenance - Support - Training

~~Module (type) - Module type: mod_jaggyblog_tags - Module title: Blog Tags Include - Module description: Show tag links for the JaggyBlog component - Module ID: 42 - Module position: right - Module order: 0::Search - Module access level: Public - Module enabled: Yes - Module show title: Yes - Module menu assignment: None~~



Module: [Edit]

Details

Module Type:	mod_html
Title:	Blog Tags
Show Title:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Enabled:	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Position:	right
Order:	0::Search
Access Level:	Public Registered Special
ID:	41
Description:	This module allows you to add any html/javascript/css and PHP to a Joomla. It can be used to add affiliate code, copy and paste codes, google adsen module using Joomla's module copy feature, to create multiple versions w module is based on mod_html so has all the mod_html features, plus the e You can find some copy and paste code exmaples here: http://fijwebdesign.com/content/view/9

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Parameters

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Module Class Suffix	<input type="text"/>
Enable Cache	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
	<pre><?php if (\$_GET['view'] == jaggyblog) { ?> <div id="blogTags"> {module 42} </div> <?php } ?></pre>

While the code above is a simple example, it shows how to use the `$_GET` variable to display or hide a module based on the value of a GET parameter. In this case, the module is only displayed if the 'view' parameter is set to 'jaggyblog'.