AMS 2.41 is publically released - Modules

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Please read on for detailed information on new features & enhancements and fixes.

NEW FEATURES & ENHANCEMENTS

- Koivi WYSIWYG editor intergration. Your choice of using the default Xoops editor or Koivi editor selectable via AMS preferences. When using koivi editor also has a separate area for the article description as well as the main area for putting your article, so there is no need for use of the [extend] tag anymore.
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- Advanced Spotlight management. Choose your AMS spotlight block layout from three different template layouts, and add unlimited spotlight blocks with the option to display article mini stats including total articles, total article reads and total article comments. The all new spotlight block administration area allows you to configure exactly how and where to display your AMS spotlight item. From here you can add new spotlight items, selecting the latest article, the latest article in a topic, a specific article, or use the custom setting to display an image or banner using straight HTML code. You can also set things such as what image to display, wether to use an auto or manual teaser, how many characters the auto teaser should display, what text a manual teaser should contain, wether to display the spotlight item in the spotlight block or not, and item weighting where the lowest weighted item is treated as the main spotlight item.

- Complete migration and upgrade script. This script enables you to migrate all content, permissions and comments from all presently released version of the News module. It also enables you to upgrade from AMS 2.2.

- View by topic revamped. The view by topic view has undergone a huge overhaul and now presents itself with much more emphasis on navigation via topic and sub-topic.-

- New breadcrumb navigation system viewable in the topic and article views for easier browsing.

- Topics Manger. Topics manager now has a topic weighting system so you can set the listing order when using the view by topic mode.

- Article image selection. You can now select to display the user avatar in addition to the topic or no image when viewing an article.

BUGFIXES

- Webmasters are no longer able to submit articles unless they have the submit permission to that topic. This will get rid of these errors when a non existant topic ID is entered against the article and the article is orphaned.

Fatal error: Call to a member function on a non-object in path\to\xoops\modules\AMS\class\class.newsstory.php on line 740

Notice [PHP]: Undefined index: 0 in file path\to\xoops\modules\AMS\class\class.newsstory.php line 82

Details here

- The default audience level is no longer able to be deleted. This will avoid orphaned articles in the event that users with the submit permission, but not the approve permission submit articles where the default audience ID is set to one, and the user is unable to select which audience level to use.

- Navigate thru topics block. The navigate through topics block has been enhanced so that AMS level permissions are able to (if selected to do so) dictate what menu items are actually displayed no matter where you view the block from on your site. Formerly the restrict topics to viewable by user option did not restrict the menu items listed when view content outside of the AMS module.

- Setting blocks to be visable on all pages results in a bank page where $xoopsModule is not being set on the top page, if the top page module is set to "none" .

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- class.newsstory.php' included twice in submit.php.

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- Fatal PHP error when changing block order.

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- Moderate News block shows no news items waiting for approval.
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- Notification message for new article awaiting approval contains the wrong link. It is linked to index.php instead of submit.php.

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- Multipage articles do not show correctly when viewing non active versions. When trying to view anything other the the first page of a non active version of a multipage article you are given a "Sorry, selected article does not exist" message. The article is still fully intact, as if you set it as the active version you are then able to read the rest of the article without any issues.

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