



# Understanding the structure of Joomla

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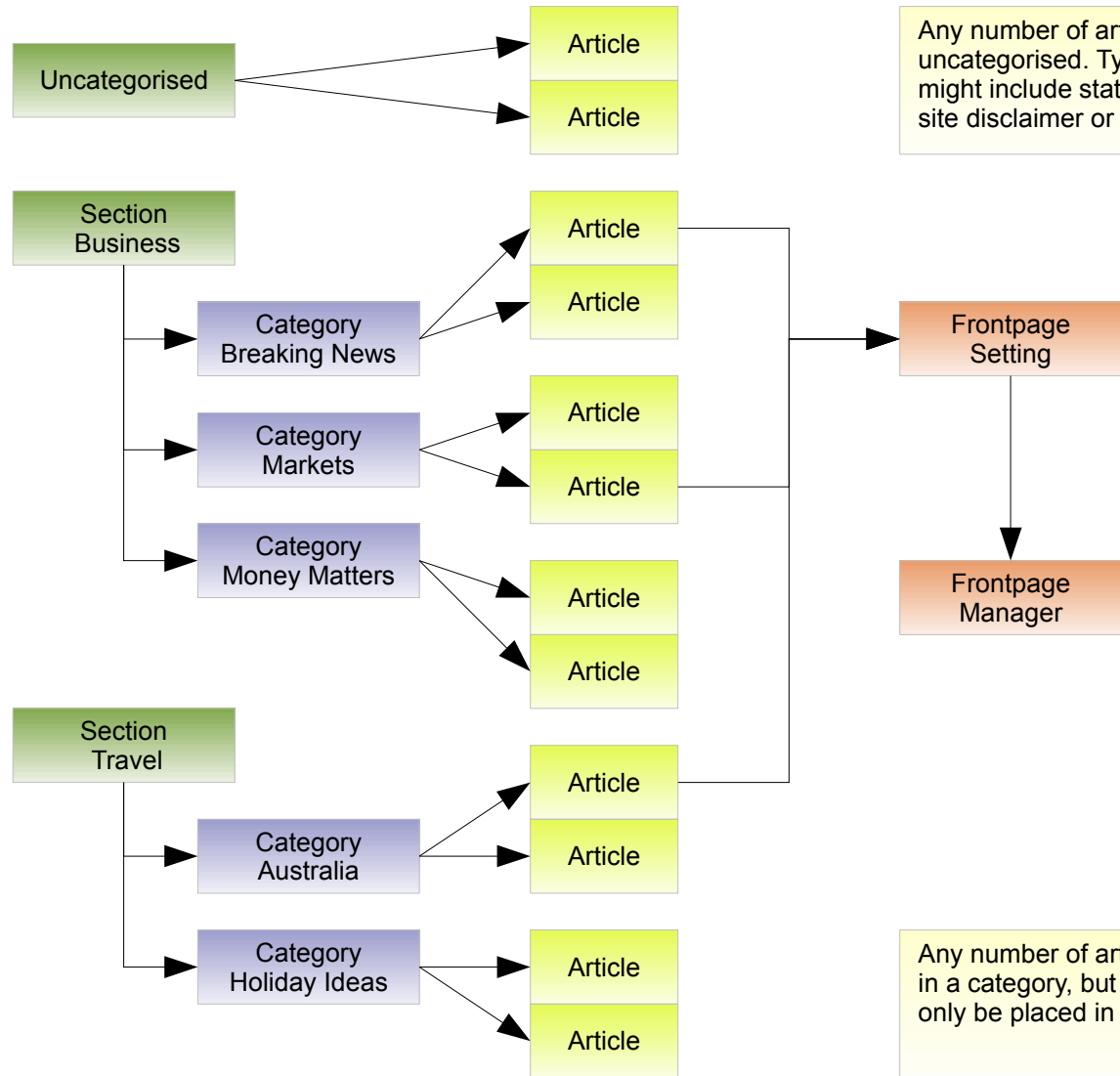


# Understanding how Joomla sections and categories work

Joomla articles can be uncategoryed.

Or Joomla articles can be placed in a 2-level Section and Category heirarchy.

You can have an unlimited number of sections, and an unlimited number of categories in each section.



Any number of articles can be left uncategoryed. Typically these might include static pages like the site disclaimer or privacy policy.

Each article has a "frontpage" setting. The "Frontpage" is a special view in Joomla that can display these articles regardless of the section and category they are in.

The Frontpage Manager allows you to put each item in a specific order. The Frontpage View allows you to display articles in this order, or gives you other options such as by date, etc.

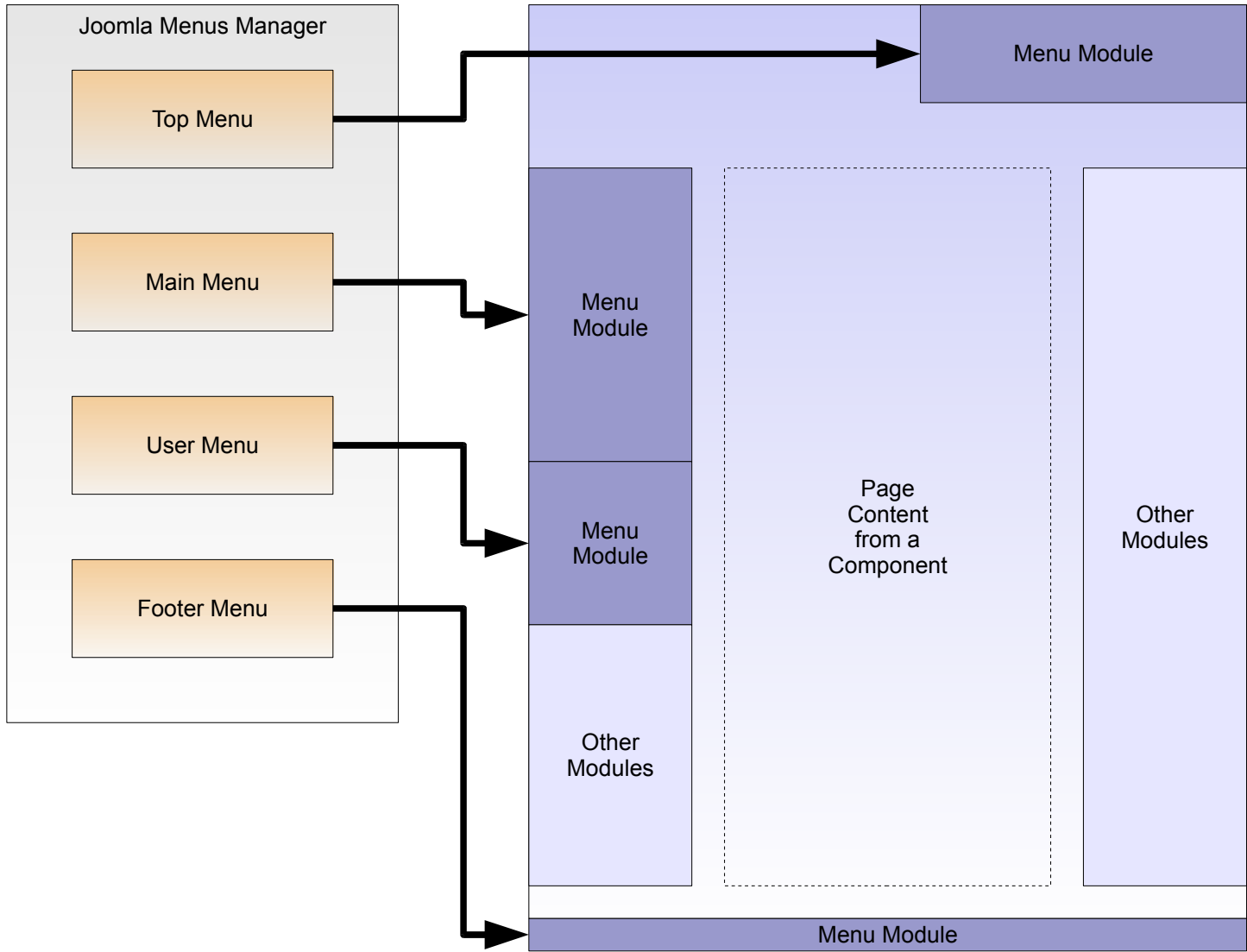
Any number of articles be placed in a category, but an article can only be placed in one category.



# Understanding how Joomla menus work on your web site

Joomla supports more than one menu.  
Extra menus can be added via the Menus Manager in the Joomla Administrator.

Because modules are access controlled, you can set some menus to display only when the user is logged in (like a User Menu with a link to edit their profile).



The Joomla template is made up of positions in which modules and the component output can be displayed.  
Each menu is displayed with its own module.  
Different styles applied to the modules in the template allow each menu to take on a different appearance.



# Understanding how sections and categories work with the menu

## Main Menu Example

Each menu can have an unlimited depth.

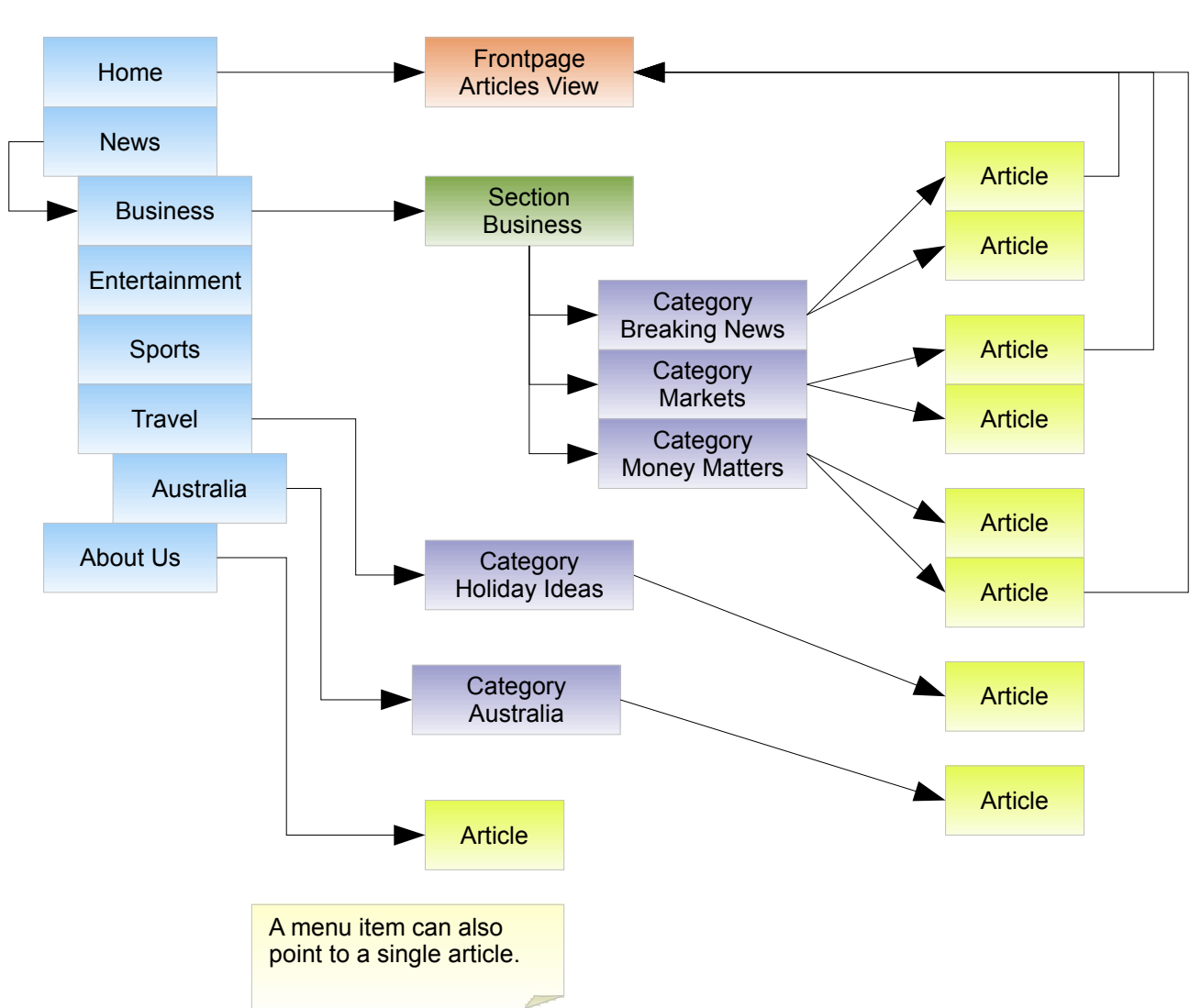
A Menu "Alias" can be set up so that the News item jumps to the first sub-menu item.

A menu item can point to a section or a category.

The section could be displayed as a "blog" of items, or as a list of its categories.

A category could be displayed as a "blog" of items, or a formal list of articles in the category.

It is important to note that sections and categories "add" to the navigation. So even though you are limited to 2-levels of categorisation, to your visitor the site can appear much deeper.



The Frontpage view can display articles from any other section or category. This view might be linked to the Home menu link (the first page your visitor sees).

A menu item can also point to a single article.