User Guide

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About Kazaam!

Kazaam! is a powerful Joomla extension and creates automatic menus

Whenever you create a category or article, Kazaam! will automatically create a menu item for you.

If you use the full Kazaam! component, you can create multiple menus, using different settings.

Please read this documentation in full so you understand exactly how Kazaam! works, and so that you can get the most from your use of it.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or experience an issue that is not addressed in this guide, please contact support at http://www.php-web-design.com, where we will be happy to help you.

How Kazaam! will automatically update your category and article menu items

Kazaam! has a plugin, which automatically detects when your categories and articles are updated, created, saved or deleted.

It will then automatically update the Kazaam! menus to match the new category or article. If it needs to create a new menu item, it will do so. If the category or article has been deleted, the menu item will also be deleted. If the category or article has had its access level changed (for example, from Public to Registered) the menu item will also be automatically updated.

Just edit and use your Joomla system as normal, and make changes to categories and articles.

If you use Kazaam! as your default menu, and set one of its menu items to 'home', so long as the category or article it points to is kept published and publicly available, it will retain this setting for you.

You can also override the default Kazaam! options and parameters by setting your own configuration for each menu item in the Menu Manager.
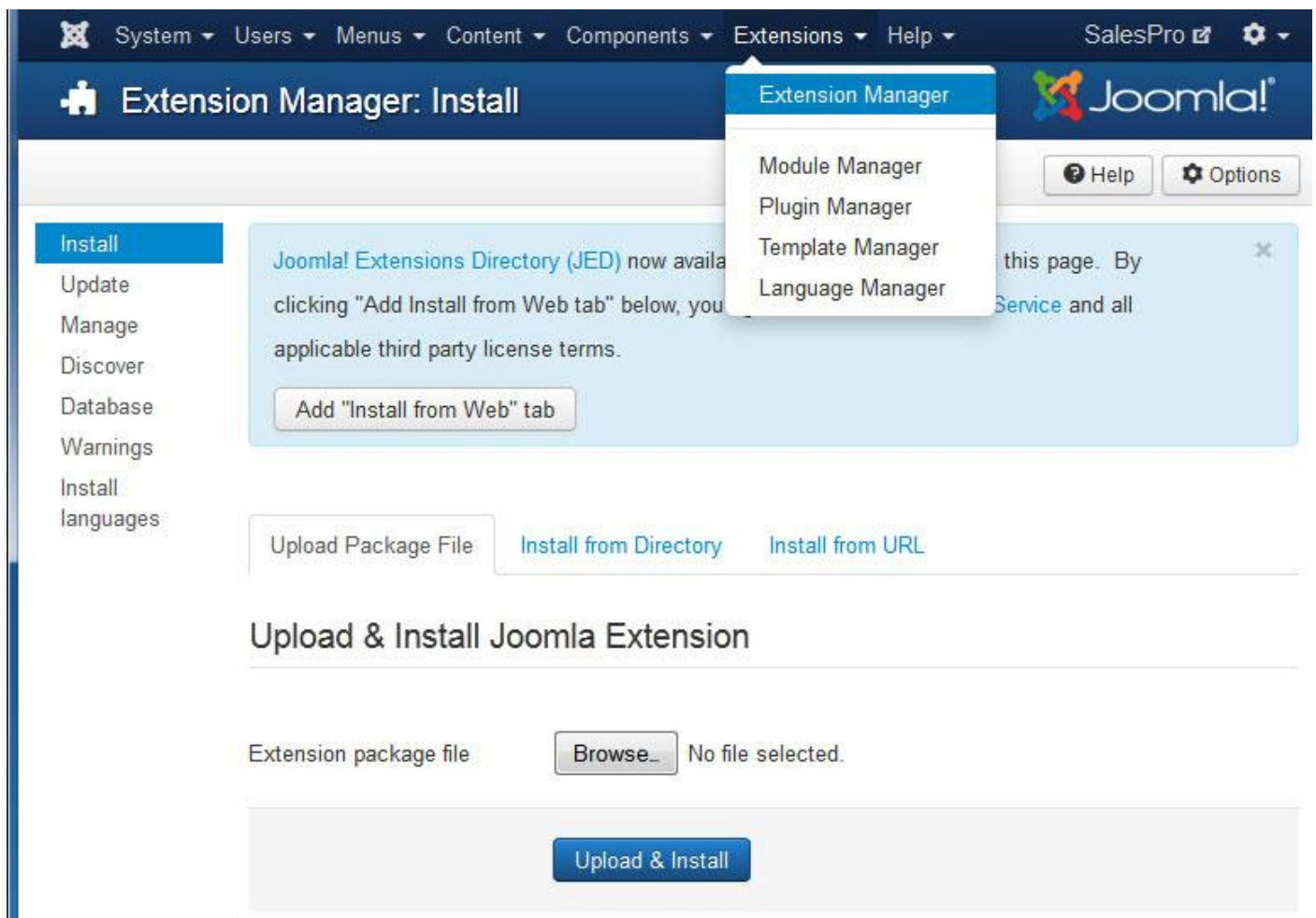
With Kazaam, you won't ever need to worry about creating or updating your menu items again!
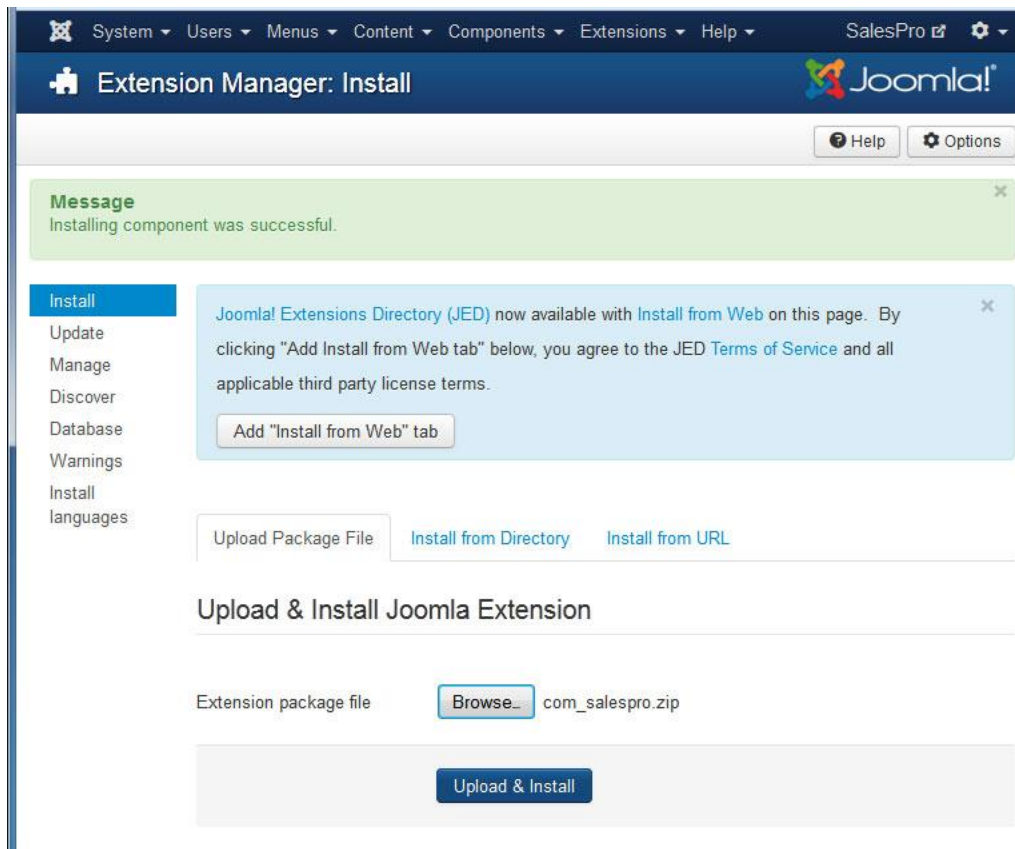
How to install Kazaam!

To install Kazaam, first log into your administrator area as normal

Open the Extensions Manager, and go to Upload Package File.

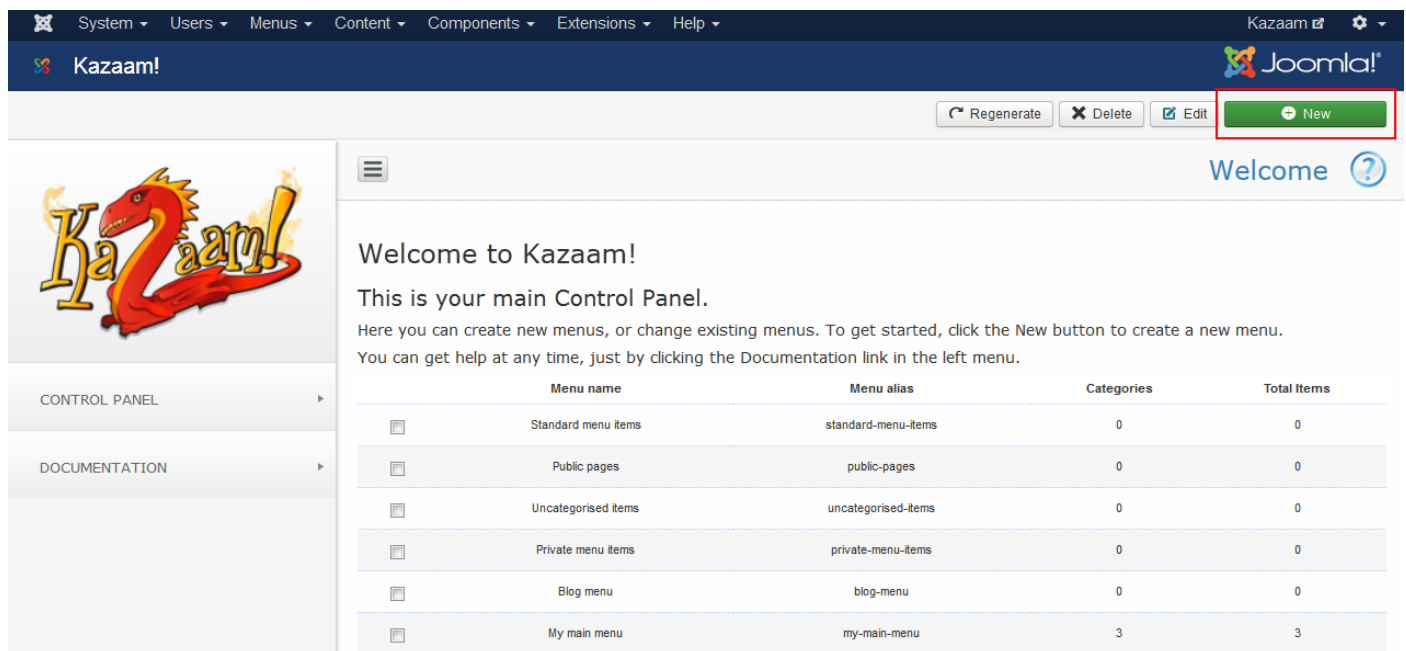Select the Kazaam component package, and then click Upload & Install.

Once the installation has completed, you can access Kazaam under Components > Kazaam.

You can access the Kazaam plugin (if needed) under Extensions > Plugin Manager > Kazaam

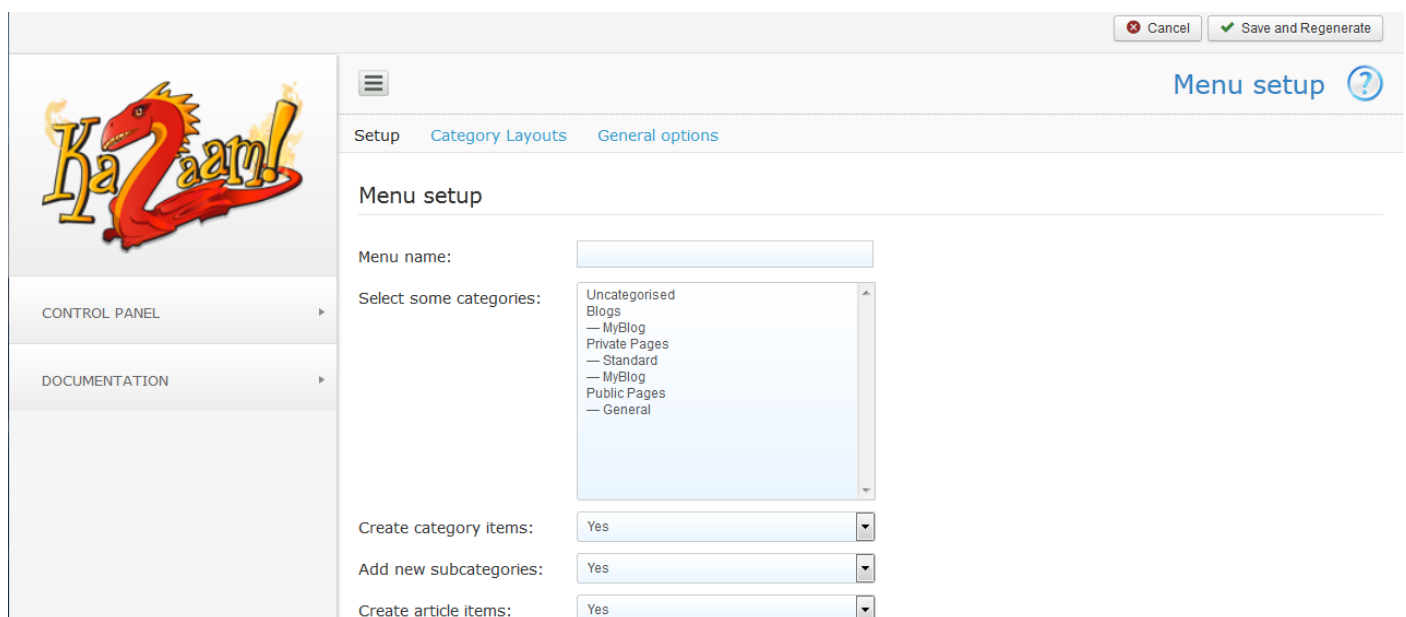## Create a new automatic menu

To create a new automatic menu in Kazaam, first open Components > Kazaam

Then, click the New button, as shown:

You can then start to enter your menu configurations as follows:

Configuration: Menu Setup

Menu name: Enter a name for your new menu (you can change this later)

Select some categories: Select all the categories to include in the new menu

Create category items: You can create a menu with or without category items. If you do not have category items, your menu will include articles only, in an unnested hierarchy.

Add new subcategories: If you set this to 'Yes', then when you create new subcategories of a category selected above, your new category will automatically be added to your menu

Create article items: Select Yes if you want to include articles in the menu, taken from the categories selected above.

Configuration: Category Layouts

Category Layout: Select blog or list layout. The option you select will determine which options are available to you.

All the following options are identical to the ones available when you create a new category menu item.

Important Note: You can leave all these options blank, or set to 'Use Global' to use your default settings automatically. If you do this, the categories will use the default settings set in Content > Category Manager > Options

If you leave the options as Use Global, you can also then edit each individual menu item in the Menu Manager, and set the options as you want them. This gives you very powerful individual control of individual menu items.

For more information on each category layout option, please open a standard menu item and hover your cursor over each option type to see what it does.

Configuration: General Options

As above, all the options are identical to the ones available when you create a new category or article menu item.

However, the options here apply to both categories and articles.

As above, you can leave all these options blank, or set to 'Use Global' to use your default settings automatically. If you do this, the categories will use the default settings set in Content > Category Manager > Options, and the articles will use the default settings set in Content > Article Manager > Options.
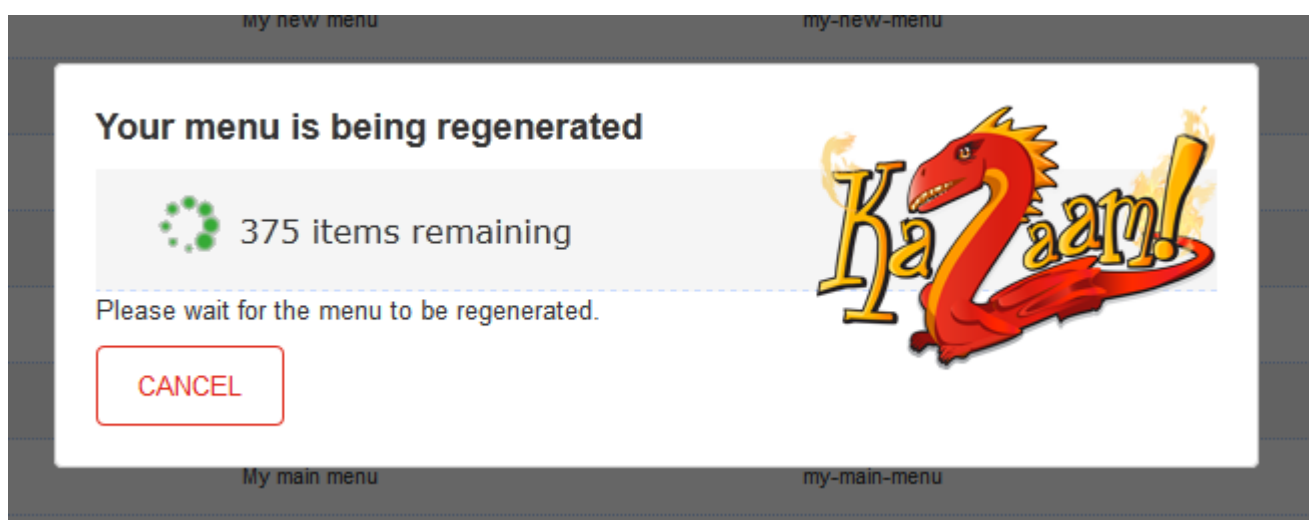
For more information on each option here, please open a standard menu item and hover your cursor over each option type to see what it does.

Save and Regenerate your new menu

When you have set up your new menu configuration, click Save and Regenerate to create the new menu.
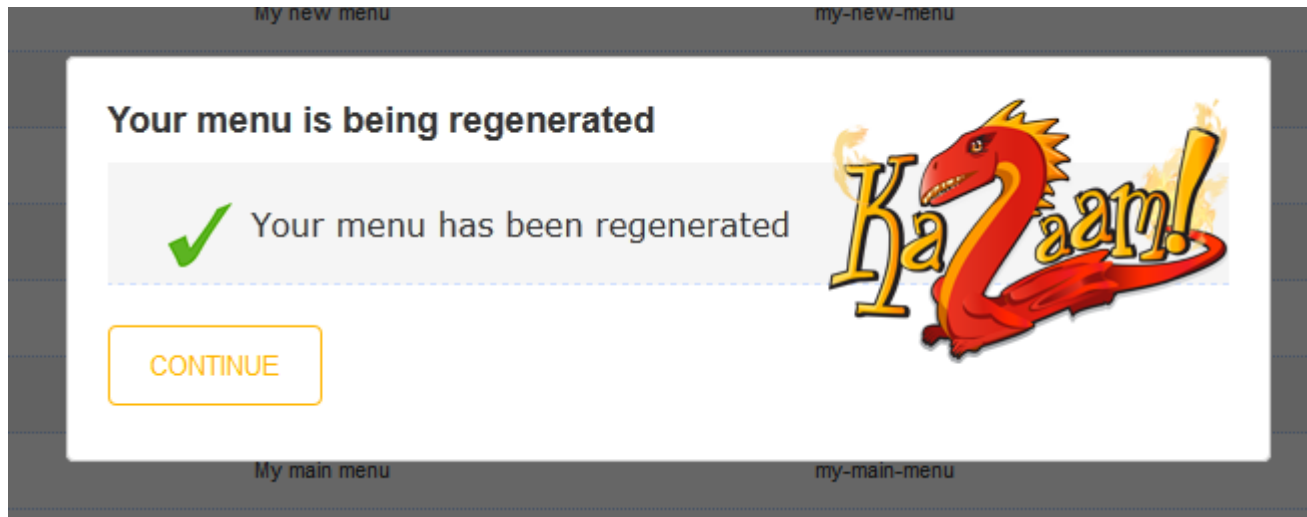

Your configuration will then be saved, and you will see the menu being regenerated:

During menu regeneration, please wait while the menu is regenerated, or click Cancel to cancel the process (this may leave your menu partially created).

When the menu regeneration is complete, you will see the following:

Simply click Continue to go back to your main Administrator window, and you can then see the menu in Menus > Menu Manager

Regenerating an automatic Kazaam! Menu

After you have created and regenerated a menu, you can normally leave it alone. It will automatically be populated whenever you change your categories or articles.

But if you want to regenerate the menu all over again, select the menu you want to regenerate, and click Regenerate.

Deleting an automatic Kazaam! Menu

To delete a Kazaam! menu, first open the Kazaam! extension. Then select the menu you want to delete, and click Delete.

Secondly, please open the Menu Manager, and delete the menu there.