
CM Coupon Listing Documentation

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This documentation gives you instruction how to install and setup CM Coupon Listing on your Joomla! website.

Overview

CM Coupon Listing is a Joomla! component which gives you ability to setup a coupon listing website, where merchants or customers can register and submit discount offers like coupon code, coupon image, discount activation link, affiliate link; this helps the merchants promote their trademarks, promote their services and earn more sales, this also helps customers purchase for their favorite products and services with discount prices.

1.1 License

CM Coupon Listing is released under [GNU Public License version 2 or later](#).

1.2 Technical Requirements

- Joomla! 2.5.x and Joomla! 3.x.x. Please check [Joomla!'s Technical Requirements](#) for more information.
- Bootstrap 2 if using responsive layout. Bootstrap 3 is **NOT** supported.

1.3 Additional extensions

- CMCouponListing Category List module: a module listing all categories.
- CMCouponListing Featured Merchants module: a module showing random featured merchants.
- CMCouponListing Search module: a module showing a search form.
- cmcouponlistingmerchant plug-in: a plug-in for integration with [Akeeba Subscription](#) component, a merchant is automatically created in CMCouponListing when he/she subscribes a subscription in Akeeba Subscription component. Merchant is inactive when subscription expires.
- tagcmcouponlising plug-in: a tag plug-in for [ACYMailing](#), this helps you insert many coupons from a specific category into ACYMailing's newsletter automatically.

1.4 Main features

Front-end:

- 2 layouts: non-responsive and responsive (Bootstrap 2).

- Menu item for listing all coupons, coupons in specific categories.
- Menu item for listing all categories and merchants in them.
- Menu item for listing all merchants.
- Menu item for search page.
- Coupons from featured merchants or featured coupons can be displayed on the top of coupon list.
- Merchant's management area, where merchant edits profile and manages coupons.
- Integrate with Akeeba Subscription, only active merchant can access management area, when merchant's subscription expires his/her account is deactivated so he/she can't access this area any more, unless he/she extends the subscription in Akeeba Subscription.
- Merchant can upload his/her own logo image.
- Merchant can create, edit and delete his/her own coupons.
- Registration form for user to sign up as a merchant.
- Facebook, Twitter and Google+ sharing for coupon and merchant.
- Coupon detail page.
- Support Joomla!'s access control. Coupon can be configured to available to a specific user group, this give you ability to deliver special coupons to special users, for example, users who pay for monthly fee to have access to special offers.
- Merchant registration settings inherit from Users component's settings.
- Merchant logo upload settings inherit from Media component's settings.
- User feedback for working coupon and not working coupon.
- Ask user for how much user saves (for example \$50, 10€) and what user purchases if coupon works.
- Ask user for the reason why coupon doesn't work.
- User can post comment for coupon.

Back-end:

- Manage category, merchant, coupon.
- Manage where coupon images and logo images are stored.
- Enable or disable Facebook, Twitter and Google+ buttons.
- Enable or disable coupon detail page.
- Control where users can get offers, in coupon listing page or in coupon detail page.
- Manage users's votes.
- Manage users's comments.
- Ability to setup custom reasons for not working coupons.
- Ability to setup currencies for asking how much user saves.

Install & Upgrade

Install CM Coupon Listing is very easy, just like installing any other Joomla! extension.

We strongly recommend to backup your site before installing any new extension on your site.

Log into your Joomla! back-end. On the top menu, you navigate to Extensions -> Extension Manager to access Extension Manager. Click “Browse” button and select the package of CM Coupon Listing that you downloaded from our website, click “Upload & Install” button to upload the package to your server to install.

If the installation is successful, you will receive the message “Installing package was successful.”

To upgrade CM Coupon Listing, you just need to install the package of the new version. Please note that when you upgrade, all the files of CM Coupon Listing will be overwritten, so if you have customized CM Coupon Listing’s source code, your customizations will be lost.

Configuration

After you install CM Coupon Listing, you need to configure it first. In CM Coupon Listing's Dashboard, you click Options button on the toolbar, you are taken to Config component where you can configure many options in CM Coupon Listing.

We have 9 tabs: General, Coupon types, Layout, Vote & comment, Submission page, Sharing buttons, Pagination, Access and Permissions.

3.1 General

The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for the CM Coupon Listing component. The top navigation bar includes links for System, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. The main header displays 'CM Coupon Listing Configuration' and the Joomla! logo. Below the header, there are buttons for 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Cancel', and 'Help'. The left sidebar lists various system components, with 'CM Coupon Listing' selected. The main content area shows the 'General settings' tab, which includes the following configuration options:

- General settings**
- Logo folder:** A text input field containing 'merchantlogo'.
- Coupon folder:** A text input field containing 'merchantcoupon'.
- Notify admin for new merchant:** A radio button group with 'Enabled' and 'Disabled' (selected).
- Date format:** A radio button group with '2014-07-31', '31-07-2014', '2014/07/31', and '31/07/2014' (selected).
- Notify admin for new submitted coupon:** A radio button group with 'Enabled' and 'Disabled' (selected).
- Auto activate merchant:** A radio button group with 'Enabled' (selected) and 'Disabled'.

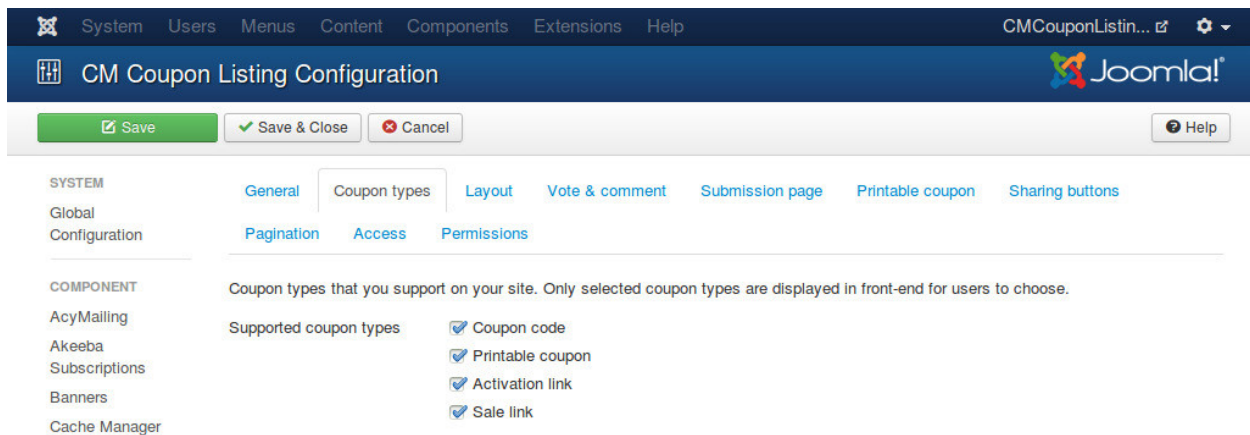
- **Logo folder:** The folder where logos of merchants are stored.
- **Coupon folder:** The folder where coupons of merchants are stored.

- **Notify admin for new merchant:** Enable or disable mailing to administrators when a new merchant registers. All administrators will receive this notification mail.
- **Date format:** The date format used which is used in merchant and user's submission forms.
- **Notify admin for new coupon:** Send notification mail to administrators when there is a new coupon submitted in front-end by merchant or user.
- **Auto activate merchant:** Auto activate merchant after merchant registers.

Logo and coupon folders are inside your Joomla!'s image folder. You can configure your Joomla!'s image folder in Media Manager.

The email's templates are stored in the language file of the component, to customize the templates you can modify the language file.

3.2 Coupon types



- **Supported coupon types:** Coupon types that you support on your site. Only selected coupon types are displayed in front-end for users to choose.

3.4 Vote & comment

The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for the 'CM Coupon Listing' component. The top navigation bar includes links for System, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. The main header displays 'CM Coupon Listing Configuration' and the Joomla! logo. Below the header are buttons for 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Cancel', and 'Help'. The left sidebar lists various system components, with 'CM Coupon Listing' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Settings for voting and comment.' and contains the following configuration options:

Setting	Value
Vote	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled
Who can vote	Public
Ask questions	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled
Comment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled
Who can comment	Public
Captcha	<input type="radio"/> Enabled <input checked="" type="radio"/> Disabled
Comment's pagination	5

- **Vote:** Enable or disable vote.
- **Who can vote:** Only users in selected access level can vote.
- **Ask questions:** When voting, ask user what he/she bought and how much he/she saved (good coupon), or the reason why coupon didn't work (bad coupon).
- **Comment:** Enable or disable comment.
- **Who can comment:** Only users in selected access level can comment.
- **Captcha:** Use the captcha plugin in comment form. You may need to enter required information for your captcha plugin in the Plugin Manager.
- **Comment's pagination:** The number of comments which are displayed below coupon, this is also the number of comments which are loaded next when user want to view more comments.

3.5 Submission page

The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for the CM Coupon Listing Configuration. The top navigation bar includes links for System, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. The main header displays 'CM Coupon Listing Configuration' and the Joomla! logo. Below the header, there are buttons for 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Cancel', and 'Help'. The left sidebar lists various system components like Global Configuration, AcyMailing, Akeeba Subscriptions, Banners, Cache Manager, and Check-in. The main content area is titled 'Submission page' and contains settings for coupon submission. The settings include: 'Access submission page' set to 'Public', 'Return page' set to 'Home', and 'Captcha' set to 'Enabled'. A note states: 'Settings for coupon submission page. Only used for allowing normal users to submit coupon, not used for merchants.'

- **Access submission page:** Only users who are in the selected access level can access submission page to submit new coupon.
- **Return page:** The page where user is taken to after a successful submission.
- **Captcha:** Use the captcha plugin in submission form. You may need to enter required information for your captcha plugin in the Plugin Manager.

3.6 Printable coupon

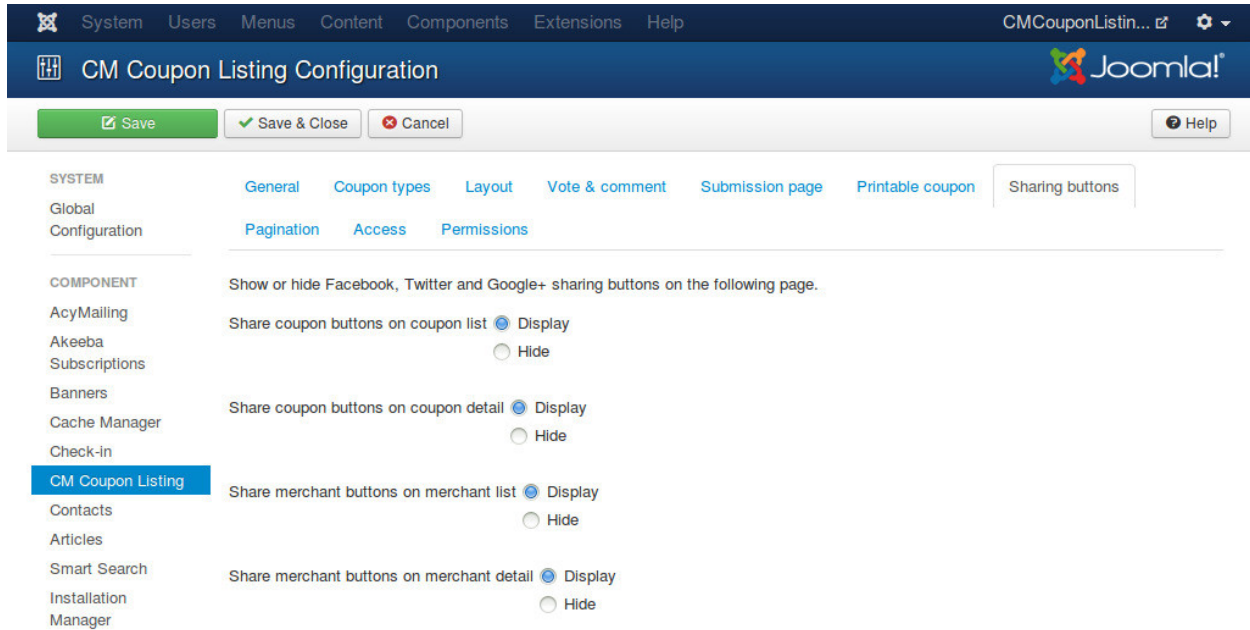
The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for the CM Coupon Listing Configuration, specifically the 'Printable coupon' tab. The top navigation bar and main header are identical to the previous screenshot. The left sidebar lists various system components, with 'CM Coupon Listing' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Printable coupon' and contains settings for printable coupons. A note states: 'Settings for printable coupon. ONLY APPLIED FOR NON-RESPONSIVE LAYOUT.' The settings include: 'Coupon image's max width in download modal' set to 550, 'Coupon image's max height in download modal' set to 400, 'Download modal's width' set to 600, and 'Download modal's height' set to 500.

These options are only used for non-responsive layout.

- **Coupon image's max width in download modal:** Allowed maximum width in pixel of coupon image which is displayed in download modal. If coupon image's width is greater than this value, coupon image's width is forced to display in this value. This value should be smaller than modal's width.
- **Coupon image's max height in download modal:** Allowed maximum height in pixel of coupon image which is displayed in download modal. If coupon image's height is greater than this value, coupon image's height is forced to display in this value. This value should be smaller than modal's height.

- **Download modal's widthl:** Width of coupon download modal in pixel.
- **Download modal's heightl:** Height of coupon download modal in pixel.

3.7 Sharing buttons



The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for the CM Coupon Listing extension. The top navigation bar includes links for System, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. The main header displays 'CM Coupon Listing Configuration' and the Joomla! logo. Below the header, there are buttons for 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

The configuration interface is divided into two main sections: 'SYSTEM' and 'COMPONENT'. The 'SYSTEM' section includes tabs for 'General', 'Coupon types', 'Layout', 'Vote & comment', 'Submission page', 'Printable coupon', and 'Sharing buttons'. The 'COMPONENT' section lists various Joomla! components, with 'CM Coupon Listing' currently selected.

The 'Sharing buttons' configuration for the 'CM Coupon Listing' component is shown. It includes the following options:

- Show or hide Facebook, Twitter and Google+ sharing buttons on the following page.**
- Share coupon buttons on coupon list:** ☒ Display, ☐ Hide
- Share coupon buttons on coupon detail:** ☒ Display, ☐ Hide
- Share merchant buttons on merchant list:** ☒ Display, ☐ Hide
- Share merchant buttons on merchant detail:** ☒ Display, ☐ Hide

- **Share coupon buttons on coupon list:** Display sharing buttons for coupon on coupon list page.
- **Share coupon buttons on coupon detail:** Display sharing buttons for coupon on coupon detail page.
- **Share merchant buttons on merchant list:** Display sharing buttons for merchant on merchant list page.
- **Share merchant buttons on merchant detail:** Display sharing buttons for merchant on merchant detail page.

3.8 Pagination

The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for the CM Coupon Listing Configuration. The top navigation bar includes links for System, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. The main header displays the title 'CM Coupon Listing Configuration' and the Joomla! logo. Below the header, there are buttons for 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Cancel', and 'Help'. The left sidebar lists various system components, with 'CM Coupon Listing' highlighted. The main content area is divided into tabs: 'General', 'Coupon types', 'Layout', 'Vote & comment', 'Submission page', 'Printable coupon', and 'Sharing buttons'. The 'General' tab is active, and within it, the 'Pagination' sub-tab is selected. The 'Pagination' section contains the following settings:

- Limit:** A text input field containing the value '5'.
- Display Select:** Radio buttons for 'Display' (selected) and 'Hide'.
- Table Headings:** Radio buttons for 'Display' (selected) and 'Hide'.
- Pagination:** A dropdown menu set to 'Auto'.
- Pagination Results:** Radio buttons for 'Display' (selected) and 'Hide'.

- **Limit:** Number of items displayed per page. Only applied for coupon list in categories, merchant list. Not applied for coupon list in merchant detail page.
- **Display Select:** Whether to show or hide the Display Select dropdown listbox.
- **Table Headings:** Show or Hide the headings in list layouts.
- **Pagination:** Show or hide Pagination support. Pagination provides page links at the bottom of the page that allow user to navigate to additional pages. These are needed if the information will not fit on one page.
- **Pagination Results:** Show or hide pagination results information, for example, "Page 1 of 4".

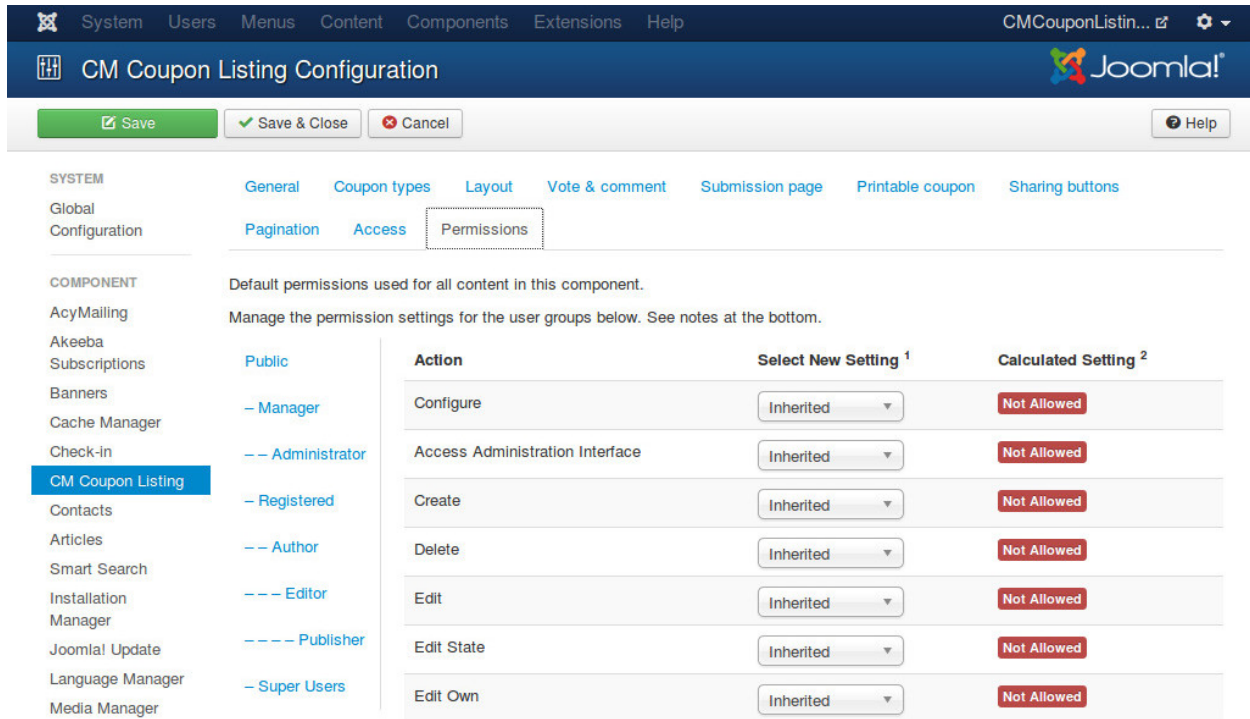
3.9 Access

The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for the CM Coupon Listing Configuration. The top navigation bar and main header are identical to the previous screenshot. The left sidebar is the same. In the main content area, the 'General' tab is active, and within it, the 'Access' sub-tab is selected. The 'Access' section contains the following setting:

- Coupon's default access level:** A dropdown menu set to 'Special'.

- **Coupon's default access level:** The access level group that is allowed to view coupons. This setting is applied for new coupons submitted by merchants and users in front-end.

3.10 Permissions



The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for the CM Coupon Listing component. The top navigation bar includes links for System, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. The main header displays the component name and the Joomla! logo. Below the header, there are buttons for Save, Save & Close, and Cancel, along with a Help button.

The left sidebar lists various system and component options. The 'CM Coupon Listing' option is selected and highlighted in blue. The main content area shows the 'Permissions' tab, which is also highlighted. The permissions table lists actions and their settings for different user groups.

Action	Select New Setting ¹	Calculated Setting ²
Configure	Inherited	Not Allowed
Access Administration Interface	Inherited	Not Allowed
Create	Inherited	Not Allowed
Delete	Inherited	Not Allowed
Edit	Inherited	Not Allowed
Edit State	Inherited	Not Allowed
Edit Own	Inherited	Not Allowed

Default permissions used in CM Coupon Listing. The component doesn't support access level group in back-end so actions Create, Delete, Edit, Edit State and Edit Own are not supported.

Create menu items

CM Coupon Listing provides the following menu items:

- **Categories:** List categories and merchants in these categories.
- **Category:** List coupons in a specific category.
- **Coupon:** Used as a hidden menu item. This menu item helps you have a friendly URL for coupon detail page and manage modules displayed on the page.
- **Coupon submission:** Where user contribute new coupon to the site.
- **Coupons:** List all coupons.
- **Merchant:** Used as a hidden menu item. This menu item helps you have a friendly URL for merchant detail page and manage modules displayed on the page.
- **Merchant management area:** Where merchant edits profile and submits new coupon.
- **Merchant registration:** Merchant registration form.
- **Merchants:** List all merchants.
- **Search:** Display search form and search result.

To create hidden menu item, you need to create it inside a menu which is not assigned to any menu module so that this menu is not displayed on your site.

For example, you create a new menu “Hidden menu”, in this menu you create menu items for Coupon detail and Merchant detail page. Now this menu and these 2 menu items are available but they are not displayed on your site at all.

Merchants

5.1 Create merchant

In your Joomla! back-end, go to Components -> CMCouponListing -> Merchants to access the list of merchants on the site

The screenshot shows the Joomla! back-end interface for the CM Coupon Listing: Merchants page. The top navigation bar includes links for System, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. The main title bar reads "CM Coupon Listing: Merchants" with the Joomla! logo. Below the title bar is a toolbar with buttons: New, Edit, Publish, Unpublish, Feature, Unfeature, and Delete. A secondary navigation bar contains links for Dashboard, Merchants, Categories, Coupons, Votes, Comments, Currencies, and Bad coupon's reasons. A search bar is located below the navigation bar, with a "Search" button and a "Clear" button. The main content area displays a table of merchants.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Title ^	Manager	Categories	Featured	Published	Active	ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	Abebooks (Alias: abebooks)	Super User (Username: admin)	Books, News & Magazines	✓	✓	✓	11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Automotive (Alias: automotive)	merchant01 (Username: merchant01)	Automotive Sub-Automotive	✗	✓	✓	29
<input type="checkbox"/>	jcpenny (Alias: jcpenny)	jcpenny (Username: jcpenny)	Baby & Kids Clothing, Shoes & Jewelry Department Stores Health & Beauty	✓	✓	✓	6

Click "New" button on the toolbar to create a new merchant.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for the 'CM Coupon Listing: Merchants' component. The top navigation bar includes menus for System, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. Below the navigation bar is a toolbar with buttons for Save, Save & Close, Save & New, Save as Copy, Cancel, and Send activated notification mail. A secondary toolbar contains links to Dashboard, Merchants, Categories, Coupons, Votes, Comments, Currencies, and Bad coupon's reasons. The main content area is titled 'New Merchant' and contains two columns of form fields.

Left Column Fields:

- Name ***: Text input field.
- Alias**: Text input field.
- Manager**: Select a User button with a user icon.
- Categories ***: A list of categories with checkboxes:
 - ☐ Automotive
 - ☐ — Sub-Automotive
 - ☐ Baby & Kids
 - ☐ Books, News & Magazines
 - ☐ Clothing, Shoes & Jewelry
 - ☐ Department Stores
 - ☐ Electronics & Computers
 - ☐ Food & Grocery
 - ☐ Gifts & Collectibles
 - ☐ Health & Beauty
 - ☐ Home & Garden
 - ☐ Movies, Music & Entertainment
 - ☐ Office
 - ☐ Pet Care & Supplies
 - ☐ Services
 - ☐ Sports & Outdoors
 - ☐ Toys & Games
 - ☐ Travel

Right Column Fields:

- Overview ***: Large text area for merchant overview.
- Logo ***: Image upload button with a user icon.
- Address**: Text input field.
- Website**: Text input field.
- Phone**: Text input field.
- Meta Description**: Text input field.
- Meta Keywords**: Text input field.
- Featured**: Radio buttons for Yes and No (No is selected).
- Published**: Radio buttons for Published and Unpublished (Published is selected).
- Active**: Radio buttons for Yes and No (No is selected).
- ID**: Text input field with the value 0.

A merchant has the following data:

- **Name:** Merchant's name.
- **Alias:** Merchant's alias for search engine friendly URL. An alias is created automatically if you don't provide any alias when you create or edit merchant.
- **Manager:** A Joomla! user who manages merchant. This Joomla! user has ability to edit merchant's profile and coupons in front-end.
- **Categories:** Categories of products/services that merchant provides.
- **Overview:** A short overview of merchant.
- **Logo:** Merchant's logo.
- **Address:** Merchant's address.
- **Website:** Merchant's website.
- **Phone:** Merchant's phone number.
- **Featured:** Merchant is featured. Coupons of featured merchants could be displayed on the top of coupon lists, you can configure this in the component's configuration.
- **Published:** Merchant and merchant's coupons are displayed in front-end if merchant is published.
- **Active:** If merchant is inactive, Joomla! user who manages merchant can't manage profile and coupons in front-end any more. Inactive merchant and his/her coupons are still displayed in front-end.

- **ID:** Record number in database.

5.2 Merchant registration

User can register as a merchant on your site via Merchant Registration menu item.

User Registration

* Required field

Name: *

Username: *

Password: *

Confirm Password: *

Email Address: *

Confirm email Address: *

Already have an account? [Login](#)

Merchant Registration

Merchant name *

Categories *

- ☐ Automotive
- ☐ Baby & Kids
- ☐ Books, News & Magazines
- ☐ Clothing, Shoes & Jewelry
- ☐ Department Stores
- ☐ Electronics & Computers
- ☐ Food & Grocery

Overview *

Logo *

No file selected.

Address

Website

5.2.1 Guest

A guest can register as a merchant and as a Joomla! user at the same time.

When a guest registers, Joomla! notification and activation mails could be sent to user and administrators, this depends on your configuration for Users component. Go to your back-end, User Manager, click Options button on toolbar to configure Users component.

5.2.2 Registered user

Registered user can login and then register as a merchant.

A user can only manage 1 merchant. If a user who already manages a merchant access registration form, he/she receives an error message.

5.2.3 Send activated notification mail

When a user registers as a merchant, a merchant is created automatically in CM Coupon Listing, however this merchant is inactive. You can edit inactive merchant, set it to “Active”, then press “Send activated notification mail” button on merchant edit page, an email is sent to merchant to notify him/her that his/her merchant account is now active and he/she can submit coupon now.

You can customize the content of activated notification mail in the language file of CM Coupon Listing component.

5.2.4 Edit profile

You need to create a menu item for “Merchant management area” page, this is where merchant manage his/her coupons and the profile information.

Your profile

Edit profile

Merchant name

Categories

Overview

Logo

Address


Phone

Website

Abebooks

Books, News & Magazines

Abebooks is the world's largest online marketplace for new, used, rare and out-of-print books. Books are shipped directly to you from the bookseller. That means you don't have to wait for Abebooks to receive and repackage your book at a warehouse. Abebooks showcases over 70 million books listed by independent booksellers from around the world.



Your coupons

New coupon

Delete

☐ Coupon


Status

Unpublished

☐ Save 50-90% Off Textbooks

Access the page, merchant can see an overview of the merchant's profile and coupons. To edit the profile merchant click "Edit profile" button.

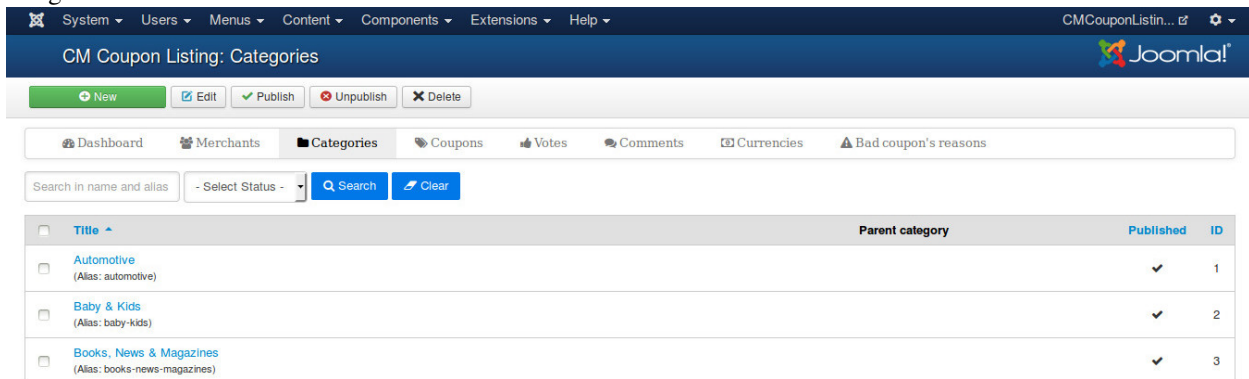
Edit profile

Merchant name *	<input type="text" value="Abebooks"/>
Overview *	<div>Abebooks is the world's largest online marketplace for new, used, rare and out-of-print books. Books are shipped directly to you from the bookseller. That means you don't have to wait for Abebooks to receive and repackage your book at a warehouse. Abebooks showcases over 70 million books listed by independent</div>
Categories *	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Automotive <input type="checkbox"/> Baby & Kids <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Books, News & Magazines <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing, Shoes & Jewelry <input type="checkbox"/> Department Stores <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics & Computers <input type="checkbox"/> Travel</div>
Logo	<div> <input type="button" value="Browse..."/> No file selected.</div>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Website	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Submit"/> or Cancel	

Categories

6.1 Create category

In your Joomla! back-end, you navigate to Components -> CMCouponListing -> Categories to access the list of categories.



On the toolbar, you click “New” button to create a new category.

New Category

Name *

Alias

Parent category *

Meta Description

Meta Keywords

Published ☒ Published ☐ Unpublished

ID

In the form, there are the options:

- **Name:** Category’s name.
- **Alias:** Category’s alias for search engine friendly URL. An alias is created automatically if you don’t provide any alias when you create or edit category.

- **Published:** Category is displayed in front-end if category is published.
- **ID:** Record number in database.

6.2 Category list

With “Categories” menu item, you can list all your parent categories and the merchants in these categories.

Automotive

Walmart
Sportsmans Guide
Advance Auto Parts
Sears Espanol
Automotive

Baby & Kids

Macys
jcpenney
The Childrens Place
Target
Boden

Books, News & Magazines

Target
Overstock
Abebooks
Magazines.com
Alibris

Clothing, Shoes & Jewelry

Macys
jcpenney
Target
Boden
Nordstrom

Department Stores

Macys
jcpenney
Target
Nordstrom
Kohls

Electronics & Computers

Walmart
Target
Overstock
Best Buy

Food & Grocery

Macys
Target
Overstock
Crate and Barrel
Walgreens

Gifts & Collectibles

Walmart
Sears Espanol
Macys
Target
Kohls

Health & Beauty

Macys
jcpenney
Target
Nordstrom
Vision Direct

Coupons

7.1 Create coupon in back-end

In your Joomla! back-end, you navigate to Components -> CMCouponListing -> Coupons.

Title	Merchant	Categories	Type	Starting date	Ending date	Access	Featured	Published	ID
Back to School: Save Up to 80% Off Textbooks (Alias: back-to-school-save-up-to-80-off-textbooks)	Alibris	Books, News & Magazines	Coupon code	2013-09-01	2014-12-31	Public	✗	✓	3
Buy Any 3 Items and Get the 4th Item for \$1 (Alias: buy-any-3-items-and-get-the-4th-item-for-1)	Boden	Baby & Kids Clothing, Shoes & Jewelry	Sale link	2013-09-01	2014-12-31	Public	✗	✓	5
Check Out Current Deals & Discounts at Musician's Friend (Alias: check-out-current-deals-discounts-at-musician-s-friend)	Musician's Friend	Movies, Music & Entertainment	Sale link	2013-09-01	2014-12-31	Public	✗	✓	12
Exclusivos ahorros en línea! Ahorre \$5 de su compra de \$50 en Sears.com (Alias: exclusivos-ahorros-en-linea-ahorre-5-de-su-compra-de-50-en-sears-com)	Sears Espanol	Automotive Gifts & Collectibles Travel	Activation link	2013-09-02	2014-12-31	Public	✗	✓	17

On the toolbar, you click “New” button to create a new coupon.

New Coupon

Name *

Alias

Short description

Description

Starting date *

Ending date *

Featured ☐ Yes ☒ No

Access

Meta Description

Meta Keywords

Published ☒ Published ☐ Unpublished

ID

Type * ☐ Coupon code ☐ Printable coupon ☐ Activation link ☐ Sale link

Coupon code

Coupon code's link

Printable coupon

Sale link

Activation link

Merchant *

Categories * ☐ Baby & Kids ☐ Books, News & Magazines ☐ Office ☐ Pet Care & Supplies

- **Name:** Coupon's name.
- **Alias:** Coupon's alias for search engine friendly URL. An alias is created automatically if you don't provide any alias when you create or edit coupon.
- **Short description:** A short description about coupon, it is displayed in coupon list and coupon detail pages.
- **Description:** A detailed description about coupon, it is only displayed in coupon detail page.
- **Type:** Coupon type. There are 4 types: coupon code, printable coupon, sale link and activation link. You can configure what types are used, what types are not used in the component's configuration.
 - **Coupon code:** Coupon is a code to enter when check out.
 - **Printable coupon:** Coupon is an image to print or save to smartphone and bring to merchant.
 - **Sale link:** Coupon is a deal or an offer from a third-party website.
 - **Activation link:** A link to merchant's website which automatically activates discount, no coupon code is required when checkout.

- **Merchant:** Merchant who owns coupon.
- **Categories:** Categories which coupon is in.
- **Starting date and Ending date:** The date when coupon starts valid and the date when coupon expires. Coupon is only displayed in front-end if current date is between these two dates.
- **Featured:** Featured coupons could be displayed on the top of coupon lists, you can configure this in the component's configuration.
- **Published:** Coupon is displayed in front-end if it is published.
- **Access:** Joomla!'s access level group. Only users in selected access level can see and get coupon. This is useful if you want to have some special coupons which are only available for registered users, or users who have already purchased for subscriptions on your site.
- **ID:** Record number in database.

























7.2 User submits coupon in front-end

To allow users to contribute coupons to the site, you need to configure some options in *Configuration* section. The most important options is "Access submission page", it provides the options for access levels, only users in the selected access level can access the form. For example if you select "Public" then all users including guests can submit new coupon. If you want to limit access to the form you need to select a different access level, for example you select "Registered" to only allow logged-in users to access the form.

To create new new access level you can do it in your back-end (access Users -> Access Levels on the top menu).

You need to create a menu item for "Coupon submission" page. Visit the page in front-end with an account which is in the configured access level, you can see the form with less fields than the coupon form in back-end. After user submits coupon, you can receive an notification email if you enable it in the component's configuration, you need to log into your back-end, review the coupon, assign it to a correct category and publish it.

Submit new coupon

Name *	<input type="text"/>
Short description	<input type="text"/>
Description	<div><div>Edit ▾ Insert ▾ View ▾ Format ▾ Table ▾ Tools ▾</div><div>B <i>I</i> <u>U</u>     Paragraph ▾  </div><div>          x_z x^z Ω</div></div> <div><p>p</p></div> <div> Toggle editor</div>
Type *	<input type="radio"/> Coupon code <input type="radio"/> Printable coupon <input type="radio"/> Activation link <input type="radio"/> Sale link
Coupon code	<input type="text"/>
Coupon code's link	<input type="text"/>
Printable coupon	<input type="button" value="Browse..."/> No file selected.
Sale link	<input type="text"/>
Activation link	<input type="text"/>
Starting date *	<input type="text"/> 
Ending date *	<input type="text"/> 
Captcha *	<div></div> <div><input type="text" value="Type the text"/> Privacy & Terms</div>

7.3 Merchant manages coupon in front-end

“Merchant management area” menu item is required to allow merchant to manage coupons. To create a new coupon, merchant needs to click “New coupon” button. To delete coupons, merchant needs to select the coupons and click “Delete” button.

Your profile

Edit profile

Merchant name

Abebooks


Categories

Books, News & Magazines

Overview

Abebooks is the world's largest online marketplace for new, used, rare and out-of-print books. Books are shipped directly to you from the bookseller. That means you don't have to wait for Abebooks to receive and repackage your book at a warehouse. Abebooks showcases over 70 million books listed by independent booksellers from around the world.

Logo



Address

Phone

Website



















Your coupons

New couponDelete

<input type="checkbox"/> Coupon	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> Save 50-90% Off Textbooks	Unpublished

Merchant needs to fill the required fields. After coupon is saved, it is published immediately. If email notification is enabled in the component’s configuration, administrators will receive emails for new coupon submission.

New coupon

Name *	<input type="text"/>
Short description	<input type="text"/>
Description	<div><div>Edit ▾ Insert ▾ View ▾ Format ▾ Table ▾ Tools ▾</div><div>B <i>I</i> <u>U</u> S     Paragraph ▾  </div><div>         x_2 x^2 Ω</div></div> <div><p>p</p></div> <div></div>
Categories *	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Automotive</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Baby & Kids</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Books, News & Magazines</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Clothing, Shoes & Jewelry</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Department Stores</div>
Type *	<div><input checked="" type="radio"/> Coupon code</div> <div><input type="radio"/> Printable coupon</div> <div><input type="radio"/> Activation link</div> <div><input type="radio"/> Sale link</div>
Coupon code	<input type="text"/>
Coupon code's link	<input type="text"/>
Starting date *	<input type="text"/> 
Ending date *	<input type="text"/> 
<div><input type="button" value="Submit"/> or Cancel</div>	

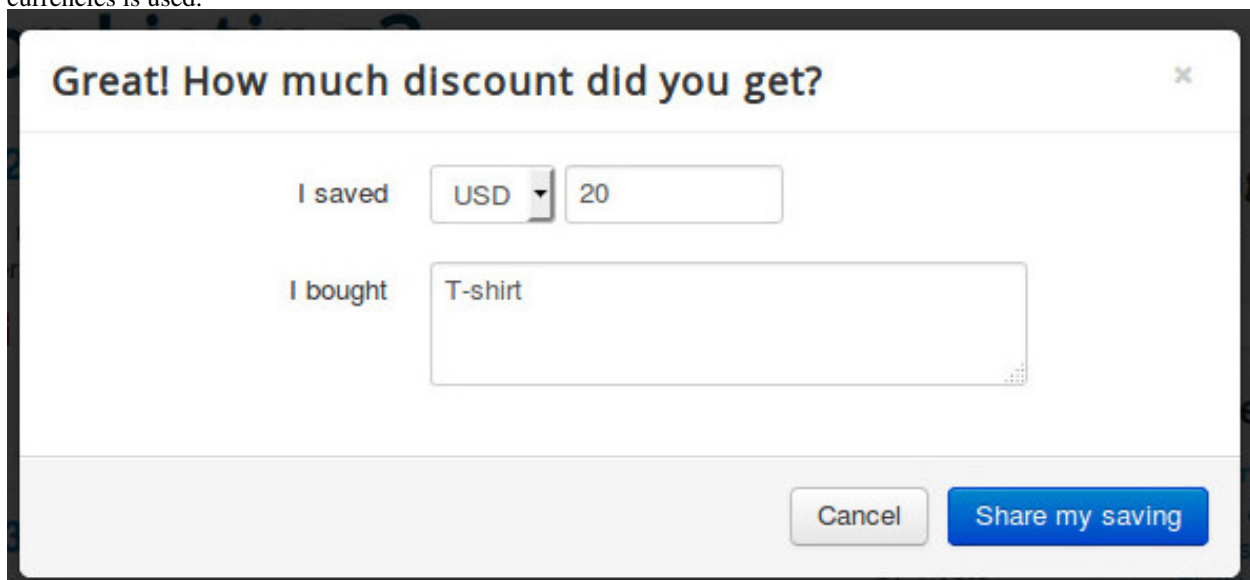
Vote and Comment

User can vote if a coupon works (good coupon) or doesn't work (bad coupon). While voting, user can also provide information about how much user saves when use the coupon (if coupon is good), or why coupon doesn't work (if coupon is a bad coupon).

You can enable/disable vote and comment, or configure some options of them in *Configuration* section.

8.1 Manage currencies

You only need to use currencies if you enable voting and asking questions in *Configuration* section. If user votes coupon as a good coupon, then user is asked how much user has saved and what item user has bought, this is when currencies is used.

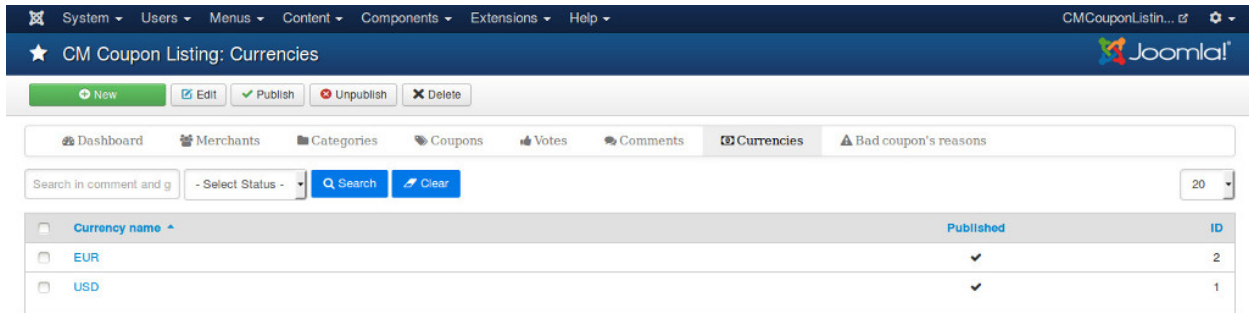


Great! How much discount did you get?

I saved USD

I bought

In your back-end, navigate to Components -> CMCouponListing -> Currencies to access the list of currencies.



Click “New” button on the toolbar to create a new currency.

New Currency

Currency name *

Currency sign *

Currency sign's position * ☐ Before amount ☐ After amount

Status

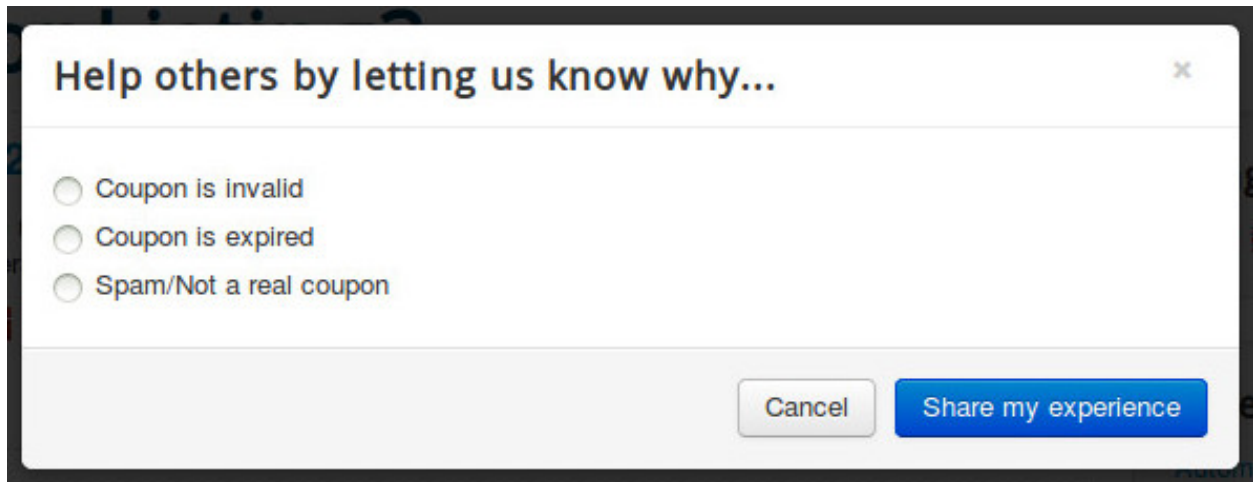
Ordering New items default to the last position. The ordering can be changed after this item is saved.

ID

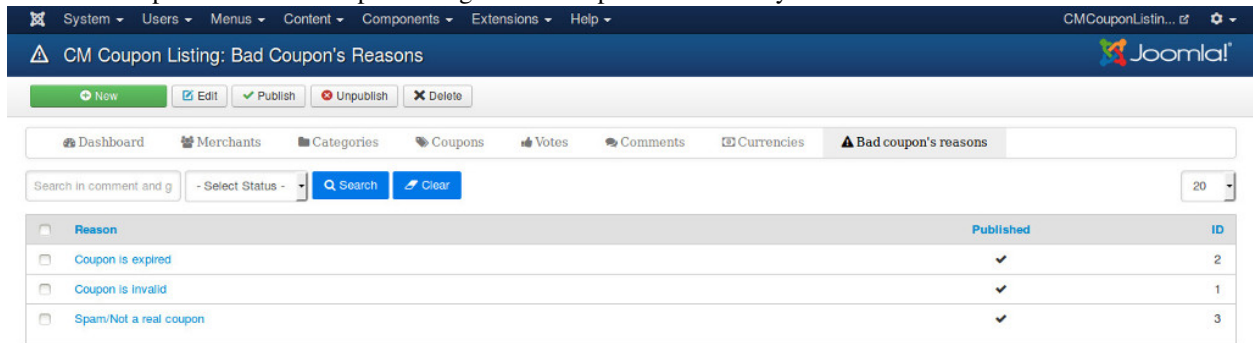
- **Currency name:** You can use currency name, eg. USD, or currency sign, eg. \$. This name is only for internal use, it is not visible in front-end.
- **Currency sign:** Your currency’s sign/symbol, eg. \$.
- **Currency sign’s position:** The position of your currency’s sign, before or after the amount.
- **Status:** Only published currencies are displayed in front-end.
- **Ordering:** The position of the currency in the currency list.
- **ID:** Record number in the database.

8.2 Manage reasons of bad coupon

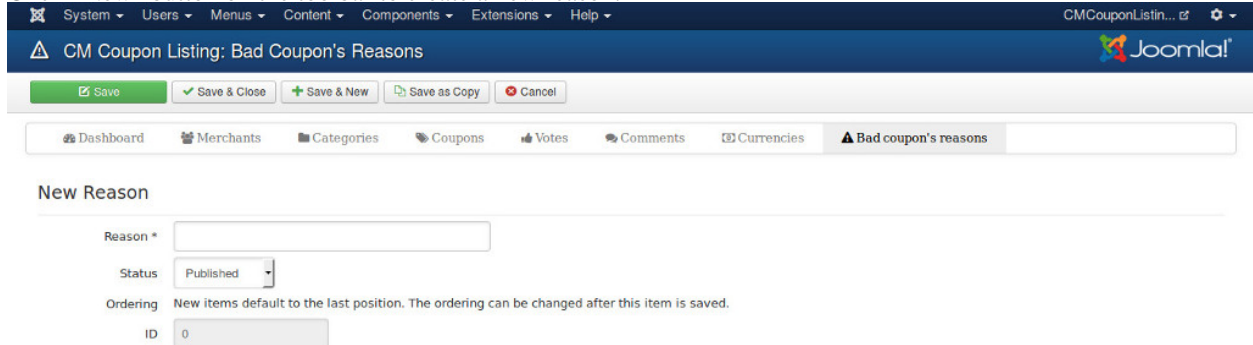
If you enable voting and asking questions in [Configuration](#) section and user votes for a bad coupon, then user is asked why the coupon is bad. You can create some reasons for user to choose.



Go to Components -> CMCouponListing -> Bad coupon's reasons in your back-end to access the list of reasons.



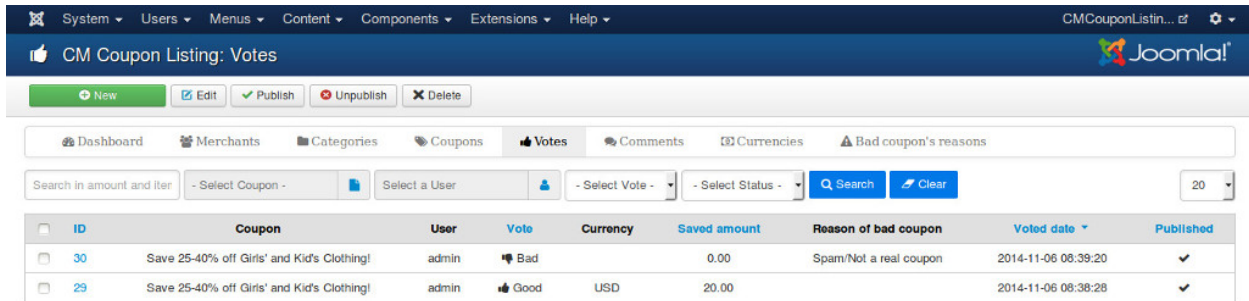
Click "New" button on the toolbar to create a new reason.



- **Reason:** The reason.
- **Status:** Only published reasons are displayed in front-end.
- **Ordering:** The position of the reason in the reason list.
- **ID:** Record number in the database.

8.3 Manage votes

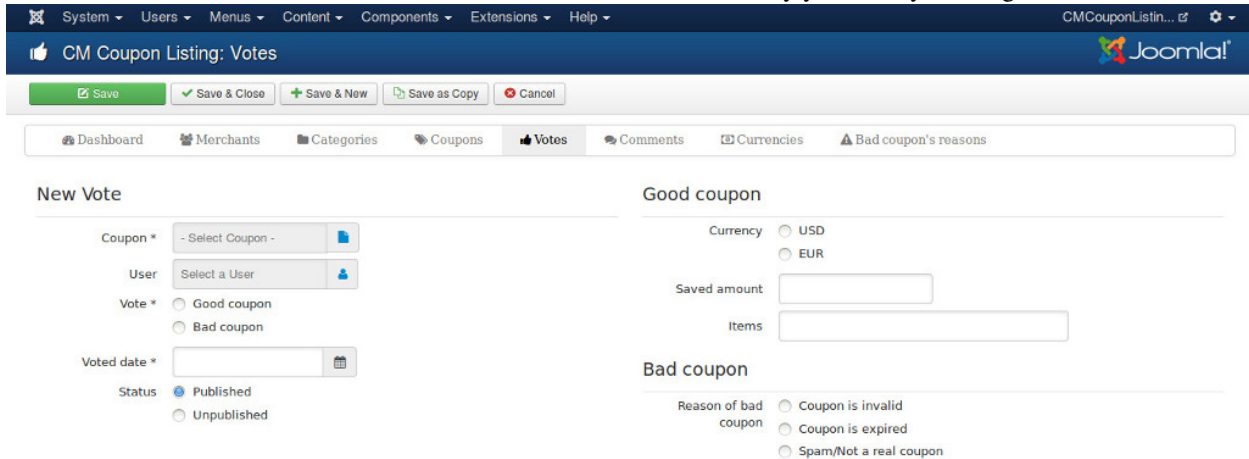
Go to Components -> CMCouponListing -> Votes in your back-end to access the list of votes submitted by users.



The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for 'CM Coupon Listing: Votes'. At the top, there's a navigation bar with menus for System, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. Below this is a toolbar with buttons for New, Edit, Publish, Unpublish, and Delete. A secondary navigation bar includes links to Dashboard, Merchants, Categories, Coupons, Votes, Comments, Currencies, and Bad coupon's reasons. A search bar is present with filters for amount and item, coupon selection, user selection, vote selection, and status selection. The main content area displays a table of votes.

ID	Coupon	User	Vote	Currency	Saved amount	Reason of bad coupon	Voted date	Published
30	Save 25-40% off Girls' and Kid's Clothing!	admin	Bad		0.00	Spam/Not a real coupon	2014-11-06 08:39:20	✓
29	Save 25-40% off Girls' and Kid's Clothing!	admin	Good	USD	20.00		2014-11-06 08:38:28	✓

You can click on the ID of the vote to edit it. You can also create a vote by yourself by clicking “New” button.



The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for 'CM Coupon Listing: Votes' with the 'New Vote' form open. The form is divided into two main sections: 'New Vote' and 'Good coupon'/'Bad coupon'. The 'New Vote' section includes fields for Coupon (a dropdown), User (a dropdown), Vote (radio buttons for Good coupon and Bad coupon), Voted date (a date picker), and Status (radio buttons for Published and Unpublished). The 'Good coupon' section includes fields for Currency (radio buttons for USD and EUR), Saved amount (a text input), and Items (a text input). The 'Bad coupon' section includes a field for Reason of bad coupon (radio buttons for Coupon is invalid, Coupon is expired, and Spam/Not a real coupon). At the top, there's a navigation bar with menus for System, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. Below this is a toolbar with buttons for Save, Save & Close, Save & New, Save as Copy, and Cancel. A secondary navigation bar includes links to Dashboard, Merchants, Categories, Coupons, Votes, Comments, Currencies, and Bad coupon's reasons.

- **Coupon:** The coupon which the vote is for.
- **User:** The user who makes the vote. If no user is selected, user is considered as a guest.
- **Vote:** Vote (good or bad coupon).
- **Voted date:** The date when user makes the vote.
- **Status:** Published status.
- **Currency:** The currency that user uses to pay for product/service with the coupon. Only used if the vote is good.
- **Saved amount:** The amount that user saves by using this coupon. Only used if the vote is good.
- **Items:** The items that users pay for by using this coupon. Only used if the vote is good.
- **Reason of bad coupon:** The reason why user votes this coupon bad. Only used if the vote is bad.

8.4 Manage comments

In back-end, to access to comment list you navigate to Components -> CMCouponListing -> Comments.

ID	User	Comment	Posted date	Published
33	admin	Very good coupon!	2014-11-06 08:40:15	✓
32	GUEST	it worked!	2014-10-29 02:13:21	✓

You can edit a comment by clicking its ID. In comment form, we have the following options.

- **Comment:** The content of the comment.
- **Posted date:** The date when the comment is posted.
- **Status:** Published status.
- **User:** The Joomla! user who posts the comment, if commenter is a registered user.
- **Guest's name:** The name of the guest who makes the comment. This value is not used if user is a registered user. If no value given, the word "Anonymous" is used.

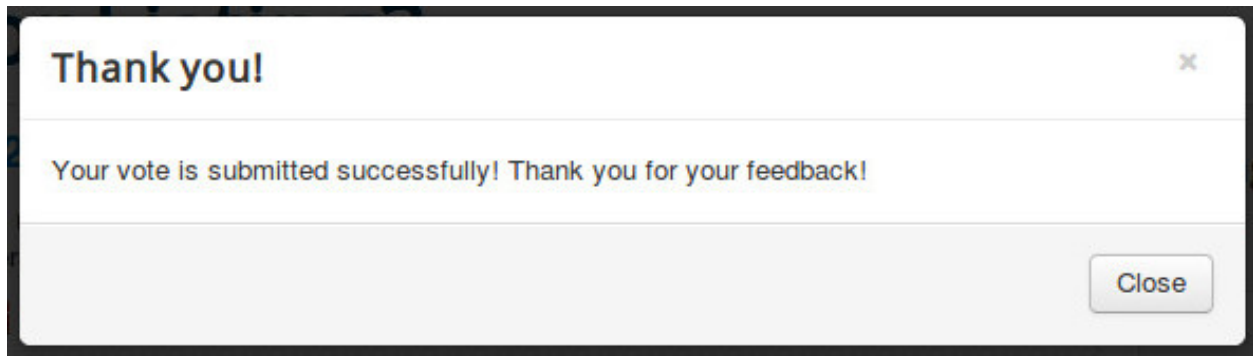
8.5 Vote in front-end

If you enable vote in the component's configuration, you can see the vote option for every deal in front-end.

If coupon works, you click "Yes", otherwise you click "No".

Depending on your configuration, there could be another step asking for how much you save, what items you purchase if coupon is good or why you think the coupon is bad.

After your vote is submitted, you receive the message.



8.6 Comment in front-end

If you enable comment in the component's configuration, below every deal's detail there is a form for submitting new comment and the list of submitted comments.

Add comment

Comment

Comments

Very good coupon!

- admin commented 10 minutes ago

Saved \$20.00 on T-shirt

- admin voted 1 hour ago

Saved \$10.00 on body suit

- Anonymous voted 1 week ago

In the comment list, comments and votes are showed, they are sorted by submitted date, newer comments/votes are displayed first.

Category List module

Categories

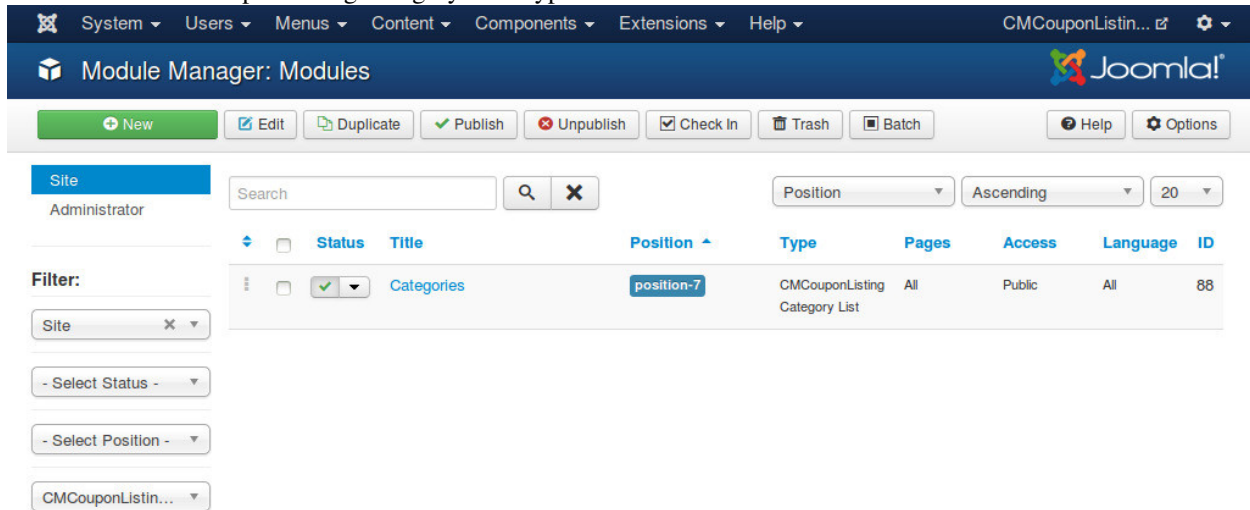
Automotive (5)
Baby & Kids (4)
Books, News & Magazines (5)
Clothing, Shoes & Jewelry (5)
Department Stores (2)
Electronics & Computers (3)
Food & Grocery (2)
Gifts & Collectibles (3)
Health & Beauty (4)
Home & Garden (3)
Movies, Music &
Entertainment (4)
Office (1)
Pet Care & Supplies (4)
Services (1)
Sports & Outdoors (3)
Toys & Games (4)
Travel (4)

This module lists categories in CM Coupon Listing component in alphabet order and also displays how many coupons in each category.

For SEO purpose, you should create hidden menu items for your every category of CM Coupon Listing.

After install the module via Extension Manager, you can find it in Module Manager. To find the module quickly, you

can filter for “CMCouponListing Category List” type.

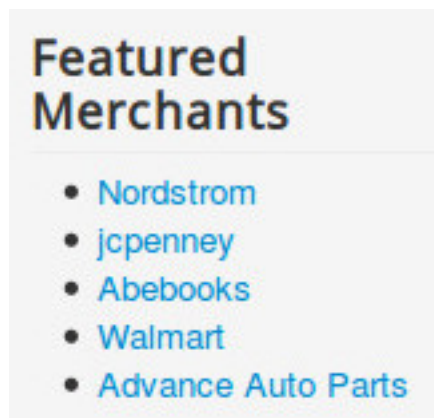


The screenshot shows the Joomla! Module Manager interface. The top navigation bar includes links for System, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. The main header displays "Module Manager: Modules" and the Joomla! logo. Below the header is a toolbar with buttons for New, Edit, Duplicate, Publish, Unpublish, Check In, Trash, and Batch. A sidebar on the left contains a "Filter:" section with dropdown menus for Site (Administrator), Status, Position, and CMCouponListin... (CMCouponListing Category List). The main content area shows a table of modules. The table has columns for Status, Title, Position, Type, Pages, Access, Language, and ID. A single module is listed: CMCouponListing Category List, with status "Published", position "position-7", type "CMCouponListing", pages "All", access "Public", language "All", and ID "88".

Status	Title	Position	Type	Pages	Access	Language	ID
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categories	position-7	CMCouponListing Category List	All	Public	All	88

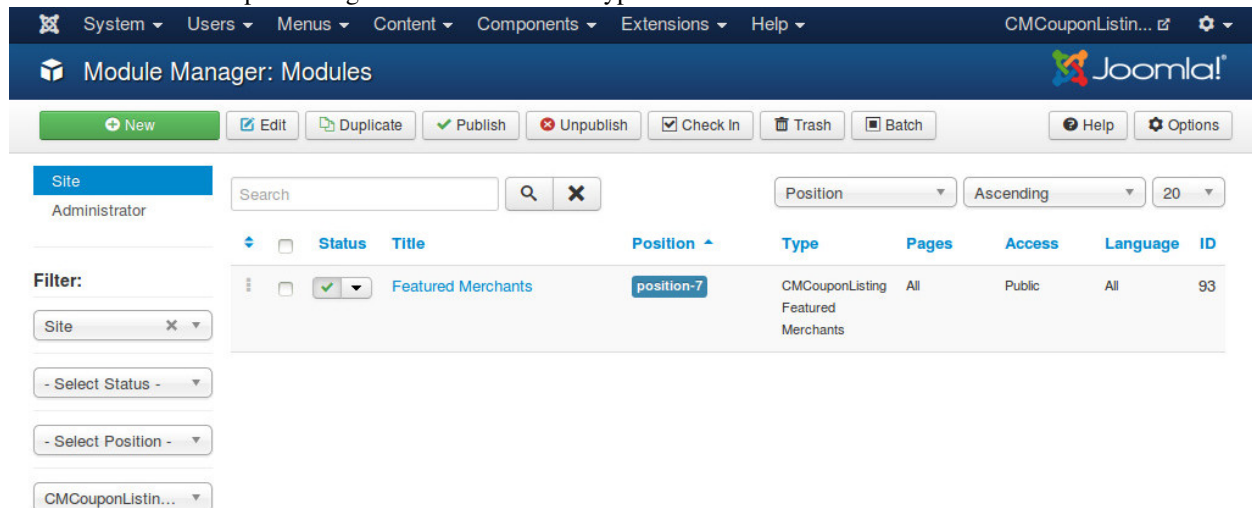
The module doesn't have any special options. You just need to publish the module on your desired template's position and menu items.

Featured Merchants module





CMCouponListing Featured Merchants module helps you list random featured merchants in CM Coupon Listing component. Merchant name's also linked to merchant's detail page, so to have friendly URLs in the module you need to create menu item for the detail page of every merchant.

After install the module via Extension Manager, you can find it in Module Manager. To find the module quickly, you can filter for "CMCouponListing Featured Merchants" type.



The module only has 1 option for the quantity of featured merchants displayed in the module.

 System Users Menus Content Components Extensions Help

 Module Manager: Module CMCouponListing Featured Merchants

Save

Save & Close

Save & New

Save as Copy

Close

Title *

Module

Menu Assignment

Module Permissions

Advanced

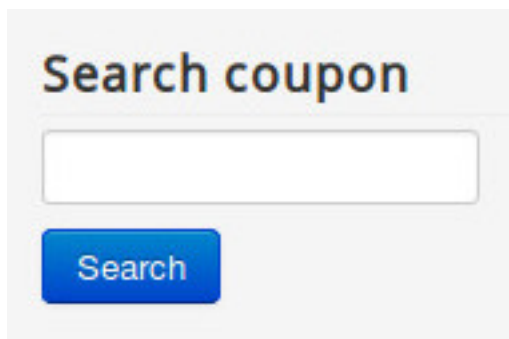
CMCouponListing Featured Merchants

Site

List featured merchants in CM Coupon Listing component

Limit

Search module



CMCouponListing Search module displays a text field where user can enter keywords and search for coupons or merchants.

You should use this module together with “Search” page. If you create a menu item for “Search” page, you can have a friendly URL for search result page.

After install the module via Extension Manager, you can find it in Module Manager. To find the module quickly, you can filter for “CMCouponListing Search” type.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! Module Manager interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with menus like System, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. Below this is the 'Module Manager: Modules' header. A toolbar contains buttons for New, Edit, Duplicate, Publish, Unpublish, Check In, Trash, and Batch. On the left, there's a sidebar with a 'Filter:' section containing dropdowns for Site, Status, Position, and Type. The main area displays a table of modules. The table has columns for Status, Title, Position, Type, Pages, Access, Language, and ID. One module is listed: 'Search coupon' with status 'checked', position 'position-7', type 'CMCouponListing Search', and ID '87'.

Status	Title	Position	Type	Pages	Access	Language	ID
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Search coupon	position-7	CMCouponListing Search	All	Public	All	87

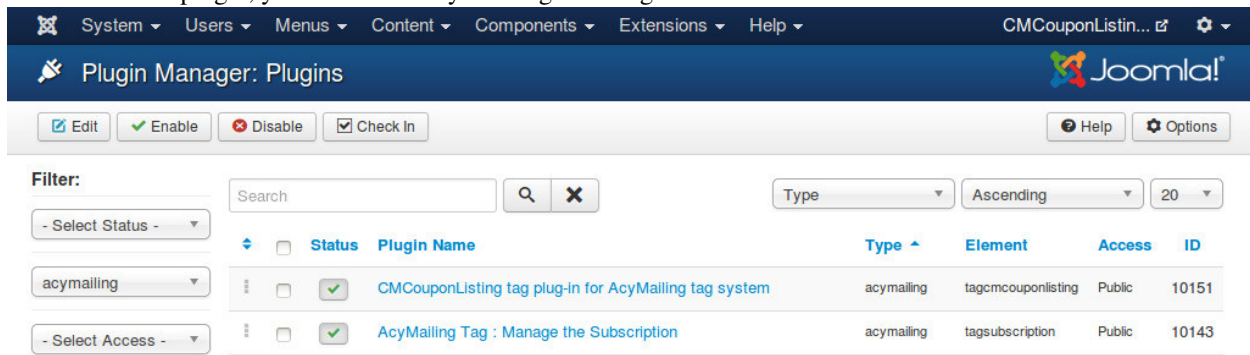
The module doesn't have any special options.

tagcmcouponlisting plugin

This plugin is only used if you want to integrate with ACYMailing component to send coupon newsletter to your subscribers.

tagcmcouponlisting plug-in helps you insert coupons in a specific category into ACYMailing's newsletter automatically.

After install the plugin, you can find it in your Plugin Manager.



The screenshot shows the Joomla! Plugin Manager interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with menus like System, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. Below this, the title 'Plugin Manager: Plugins' is displayed. A toolbar contains buttons for Edit, Enable, Disable, and Check In. On the right, there are Help and Options buttons. The main area features a filter section on the left with dropdowns for Status (set to 'acymailing'), Type, and Access. A search bar is also present. The central table lists installed plugins:

Status	Plugin Name	Type	Element	Access	ID
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CMCouponListing tag plug-in for AcyMailing tag system	acymailing	tagcmcouponlisting	Public	10151
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AcyMailing Tag : Manage the Subscription	acymailing	tagsubscription	Public	10143

You can find the following options in the plug-in setting:

System Users Menus Content Components Extensions Help CMCouponListin... ⚙

Plugin Manager: CMCouponListing tag plug-in for AcyMailing tag system Joomla!

Save Save & Close Close Help

Plugin

CMCouponListing tag plug-in for AcyMailing tag system

acymailing / tagcmcouponlisting

This plug-in inserts coupons from specific category into ACYMAILING newsletter.

Single coupon template *

Edit Insert View Format Table Tools

B I U S
Paragraph
List
Link
Image
Code
Table
X₂ X₁ Ω

p

Article Image Page Break Read More Toggle editor

You can use the following variable tags in single deal template: {coupon_name}, {coupon_description}, {coupon_link}, {merchant_name}, {merchant_logo}

Sort coupons by * Most recent coupons first

Sample user * Super User

Max coupon returned 5

Status Enabled

Access Public

Ordering 0. CMCouponListing tag plug-...

Plugin Type acymailing

Plugin File tagcmcouponlisting

- **Single coupon template:** Template of a coupon in ACYMAILING newsletter. You can use HTML and CSS to design how a coupon looks like in newsletter. You can use the following variable tags, these tags will be replaced by real information of coupon:
 - {coupon_name}: Name of coupon.
 - {coupon_description}: Description of coupon.
 - {coupon_link}: Link to coupon's detail page.
 - {merchant_name}: Merchant's name.
 - {merchant_logo}: Image path to merchant's logo. You need to put this tag into a HTML tag, otherwise image is not displayed. For example: .
- **Sort coupons by:** Coupons's ordering.
- **Sample user:** If you have special coupons which are only available to a specific access level group, you can select a user who are not in this access level group so that special coupons will not be insert in newsletter.
- **Max coupon returned:** Limit how many coupons are displayed at max.

In ACYMAILING's newsletter, you can use this tag to insert a single coupon: {cmcouponlisting|category:X|ordering:Y}. "X" is the ID of the category you want to get coupons from, "Y" is the ordering number of coupon in the list of coupons returned from the plug-in.

For example, if your "Max coupon returned" is 5, and you want to get coupons from category ID 1, you can use the following tags:

{cmcouponlisting|category:1|ordering:1 }

{cmcouponlisting|category:1|ordering:2 }

{cmcouponlisting|category:1|ordering:3 }

{cmcouponlisting|category:1|ordering:4 }

{cmcouponlisting|category:1|ordering:5 }

If there are only 4 coupons found in this category, the last tag is replaced by nothing, so your newsletter template is not broken.