

# Customized Meta Tags in Clearspace...

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Hello,

Does anyone have any experience customizing the keyword meta tags within pages in clearspace? We know how to set global attributes that would apply keywords to all pages in the system by manipulating the `jive_clearspace_i18n_en.properties` file. These keywords as expected with a templating system -- will apply to all pages.

Has anyone figured out a way to have more relevant (contextual keywords on pages (manual or automated)? Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated



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Tags: seo



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Jul 14, 2008 1. **Re: Customized Meta Tags in Clearspace Community** Aug 21, 2008 9:44 AM

Hi Jacob,

This functionality has been discussed a few times in the past and it would probably be possible via a customization. I am not sure about the automatic method, you might be able to do something like checking if any tags exist on a document/thread/etc and apply these to the meta tags in the page. If you wanted manual keywords you would likely have to edit the FTL files directly. Thanks.

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Jun 28, 2001 2. Re: **Customized Meta Tags in Clearspace Community** Oct 26, 2008 9:54 PM

Jacob-

I'll echo what Todd says; currently, accomplishing something like this requires custom coding in the freemarker template (ftl) files which make up your theme.

First, you would need to become familiar with the theming functionality of Clearspace. We have two sections of documentation dedicated to this:

- [Customizing UI with the Theme Resource Kit](#)
- [Advanced Theming Topics](#)

If you are on 2.0, try the [Theming Guide](#).

If you are familiar with freemarker and java, you can dive into the source code and start finding hints at how to accomplish your goals. As Todd pointed out, nothing "automatic" exists as we don't yet have such functionality in the product, but your customization could be simple and add manual SEO keywords by manually matching document names, URLs, etc, or, it could be as complex as you wish to implement.

On this community, we've chosen to use one theme and customize different look and feel elements based on logic within the theme. Some of this is done by checking the properties of different Clearspace objects, while some is done by simple pattern matching on the Java Servlet `HttpServletRequest` object.

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It is possible to modify only ftl files which are used to display documents or message threads, or for a global change you could make changes in the top-level template.ftl.

A few code examples:

Getting property on the current community:

```
<#if (community?exists && community.properties?exists && community.properties.get("myProperty")?exists)>  
  <#assign valueOfMyProperty = "${community.properties.get('myProperty')}" />  
</#if>
```

Checking the current URL context:

```
<#if (request.getContextPath()?matches("/myclearspaceinstall")) >  
  <!-- do something here -->  
</#if>
```

Hope the tips may be of use to you.

Edit: Fixed links.



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Jul 2, 2008 3. **Re: Customized Meta Tags in Clearspace Community** Oct 1, 2008 5:33 PM

FYI the link to the Theming Guide isn't valid...



**Todd West** 15,918 posts since

Jul 14, 2008 4. **Re: Customized Meta Tags in Clearspace Community** Oct 1, 2008 5:40 PM

Here you go:

<http://www.jivesoftware.com/builds/docs/clearspace/latest/AdvancedThemingTopics.html>

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All Docs:

<http://www.jivesoftware.com/builds/docs/clearspace/latest/index.html>

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Jul 2, 2008 5. **Re: Customized Meta Tags in Clearspace Community** Oct 1, 2008 6:19 PM

Thanks todd



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Oct 1, 2008 6. **Re: Customized Meta Tags in Clearspace Community** Oct 26, 2008 6:42 PM

Where can the [jive\\_clearspace\\_i18n\\_en.properties](#) file be found?

Thanks,

Damian



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Jul 14, 2008 7. **Re: Customized Meta Tags in Clearspace Community** Oct 26, 2008 9:02 PM

Here you go Damian:

<http://www.jivesoftware.com/jivespace/message/94286#94286>

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Oct 1, 2008 8. **Re: Customized Meta Tags in Clearspace Community** Oct 27, 2008 8:34 AM

Thanks Todd!

To confirm, this is where I can edit the properties I see the the FTLs:

```
<#if (jiveContext.licenseManager.external)>
  <meta name="keywords" content="<@ww.text name=' dectr.community.keywords' />"/>
<#else>
  <meta name="keywords" content="<@ww.text name=' dectr.collaboration.keywords' />"/>
</#if>
```

Or can these be overridden in the "System Properties" area of the admin console?

Thanks,

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