

Editing "Recent Content" widget when...



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I've just joined a project working with Jive Clearspace Community 1.10.7. The last developer heavily customized a page using the FTL file and as a result we no longer can see the "Customize" link (logged in as an admin) which allows for the editing of widgets 🤔.

I have been asked to **customize the "Recent Content" widget so that no Discussion posts appear**. I know this is as simple as changing a radio button when the ability to edit a widget is there, however I don't have this option. **Would there be a way to write logic in the FTL file which would discriminate any Discussion activity from appearing in the widget?**

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Aug 25, 2008 1. **Re: Editing "Recent Content" widget when "Customize" not available** Oct 3, 2008 9:53 AM

That code doesn't actually happen in the FTL. It might be easier to try and get the edit back. Have you tried that yet?

Diana



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Aug 25, 2008 2. **Re: Editing "Recent Content" widget when "Customize" not available** Oct 3, 2008 10:57 AM

Hi,

So I was wrong before, I found a way you can do this in the FTL. 😊

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In the recent-content.ftl there is a section commented " <!-- BEGIN recent community content -->"

Pretty close to the top of that section is the list iterator tag: <#list content as object>

Inside that list tag, wrap all the content with this if statement: <#if (object.getObjectType() != JiveConstants.THREAD)>

That will stop all the Discussion posts from appearing.

Hope this is what you need,

Diana



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Oct 1, 2008 3. Re: Editing "Recent Content" widget when "Customize" not available Oct 3, 2008 12:10 PM

Thanks for the tip 😊!

That's great!

Now the only issue is that the majority of the activity on my community is forum posts.....which means now that I have excluded discussions from the feed nothing appears because of the recent content is discussion posts!

Any thoughts how to overcome this?

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You could increase the number of results, but you can't do that in the FTL. Probably the best solution is to try and get the customize link back for the Widget, but if worse comes to worse, these settings are stored in the database.

Diana



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Oct 1, 2008 5. Re: Editing "Recent Content" widget when "Customize" not available Oct 9, 2008 9:51 AM

I would like to increase the number of results but haven't even explored the DB yet. Where would I find this property in the DB?



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Mar 12, 2008 6. Re: Editing "Recent Content" widget when "Customize" not available Oct 9, 2008 10:26 AM

Hi,

I think what would work best for your scenario would be to make some changes to the Widget's properties in the database. If you had the "Customize" link on your widget, you would be able to set the radio button "Show Discussions" to "No" on the edit widget view. This radio button maps to the property ***showDiscussions*** in the database. If you look at the table ***jivewidgetfrmprop*** you can find this property and set it to "false". Just be careful to make sure that you are applying the change to the correct "Recent Content" widget, as there may be many stored in the database. To tell exactly where your widget is displayed, map the ***communityID*** to the space name for which you are trying to edit the widget.

Hope that helps!

Regards,

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Karl



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Oct 1, 2008 7. **Re: Editing "Recent Content" widget when "Customize" not available** Oct 9, 2008 10:47 AM

Thanks Karl,

I was able to eliminate the discussions from the feed using the FTL:

```
<#assign counter=0>
<#list content as object>
  <#if (object.getObjectType() != JiveConstants.THREAD)> <!--Conditional to remove discussions from feed-->
    <#if counter < 5><!--Conditional to set number of items in feed-->
      <#assign counter=counter+1>
      <!--create the table-->
    </#if>
  </#if>
</#list>
```

Would doing it in the database fix my problem of lots of discussion activity "pushing" any document/blog activity off the recent activity list? For example if 30 people post on a discussion in 2 days, I don't see the document that was posted 3 days ago.

Thanks,

Damian



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Hi Damian,

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If you flip that switch in the database, you will be telling the RecentContentManager to stop adding discussion threads to its list. So once you've done that, your problem should go away, and there shouldn't be any need to suppress the discussions from being displayed at the UI level.

Regards,

Karl



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Thanks, I'll give that a try!