

WHAT ARE THESE THINGS IN MAMBO-SPEAK?

In Mambo, menu links are not called “links”. They are “Modules” or “Content”. Suffice it to say that because they’re not links, you’ll benefit from the flexibility and power that Mambo provides for creating and managing websites. For a description of the specific modules seen in this example, click [here](#).

The screenshot shows a Mambo website interface with several annotated components:

- Top Menu:** A horizontal navigation bar with links for Home, News, Contact Us, and Links. A callout box points to these links, stating: "These are 'Top Menu' Menu Items."
- Main Menu:** A vertical sidebar menu on the left with items: Home, Mambo License, News, Blog, Links, Contact Us, Search, and Administrator. A callout box points to this menu, stating: "These are 'Main Menu' Menu Items. Go to [Creating Menu Items](#) for directions."
- Advertisement:** A banner for "Oi! Got email newsletters to send? Get Oi! The web-based email marketing system".
- Content Item:** A main content area with a "WELCOME..." heading and text about Studio Muse. A callout box points to this content, stating: "This is content created in the Content Items Manager, after a section and category was created to associate it to. Go to [Creating Content Items](#) for directions."
- Module:** A "TEMPLATE CHOOSER" section at the bottom left, showing a preview of the "SolarFlare II" template. A callout box points to it, stating: "These are Modules. Go to [Inserting Modules](#) for directions."
- Other Modules:** A "LOGIN FORM" with fields for Username and Password, and a "POLL" titled "This Mambo installation was ...".

These are “Main Menu” Menu Items. Go to [Creating Menu Items](#) for directions.

Directions and Additional Info

The layout: (location of things) is determined by the template you use. The template used for my explanations is called “rhuk_solarflare_ii”, from www.mambodev.com. The “things” you see on a Mambo webpage, for the most part, are a combination of what Mambo calls “Modules” and “Content”. In fact, there is no such thing as a “page”. What you see and typically refer to as a “page” is really just the Mambo container for those modules and content.


Changing the layout: As previously mentioned, the layout is a combination of modules and content items. You can change the layout in a number of ways:

1. You can configure Mambo to not show a component or module.
2. You can configure Mambo to show the modules and/or content items in a different order. Ex. Order #5
3. You can configure Mambo to show the modules and/or content items in a different position. Ex. User2
4. You can directly edit the template being used. (advanced users can find resources on doing this as <http://forum.mamboserver.com>.)

Installing Templates: Many free ones are available for download. In order to use it with Mambo, you first need to download the template (it’s usually in zip format). After downloading the file, go into Mambo to the Template Manager. Click “New”. You’ll see a “Browse” button. Click on it and find the zip file you just downloaded. After you’ve found the file, click on “Upload and Install”. When you go to your Template Manager again, you’ll see the template you downloaded in the list. You can then choose it and set it as your default.

Creating Menu Items:

(For the “Main Menu” above)

1. Go to the Menu Manager.
2. Click the Menu Items icon  next to “Main Menu”.
3. When you click the icon, a new screen with menu items appears. Click New.
4. You’ll be given types of menu items to create—Content, Miscellaneous, Components, or Links. Choose the type you want.
In this case, it was either Components (Home, Links, Contact Us, and Search) or Content (Mambo License, News, and Blog).
5. After choosing a type, click Next.
6. On the next screen, give a name for the item and do some configurations if you like.
7. Click Save.

(For the "Top Menu" above)

1. Go to Menu Manager
2. Choose Top Menu.
3. Click New.
4. Choose the type of item you want to create a link to. (These were all Link-URL).
5. Fill in appropriate info on the screen that opens.
6. Click Save.

IMPORTANT INFO

Components do not have to be associated with a Section or a Category. So you can choose a component type without doing anything else in Mambo first.

Content MUST be associated with a Section and/or a Category! This means you must create a Section or Category in Mambo for that content to point to BEFORE you can create this content item in the Menu Manager.

Creating Content Items:

1. If a section you want isn't already created, create one:
 - a. Go to the Content Menu.
 - b. Choose Section Manager.
 - c. Click New.
 - d. On the screen that appears, fill in a Title & Section Name.
 - e. Click Save.
2. If a category you want isn't already created, create one:
 - a. Go to the Content Menu.
 - b. Choose Category Manager.
 - c. Click New
 - d. On the screen that appears, fill in a Title & Category Name.
 - e. In the Section drop down list, choose the Section you want and/or just created.
 - f. Click Save.
3. Creating content:
 - a. Go to the Content Menu.
 - b. Choose All Content Items.
 - c. Click New.
 - d. On the screen that appears, give it a Title and Alias.
 - e. In the Section and Category drop down lists, choose the section and category you want.
 - f. In the Intro Text area, type in the wording you want to appear.
 - g. Click Save.

Inserting Modules:

1. Go to Module Manager
2. Choose the module you want to include in the layout.
3. In the screen that appears, choose the position you want it to show up in.
4. Click Save.

Because positions are dependent on the template being used, you may have to go through a few positions before finding the spot you like.

If a module you want isn't listed under Site Modules, you can probably download it from www.mamboserver.com or one of the many other mambo resources out there.

MODULES USED IN THIS TEMPLATE

This is a **“pathway”** which is written in the template’s html. A pathway shows where you are in the site and, if applicable, the path you took to get there.

These are **menu items** (Link-Url type) in the top menu.

Banner module in this template’s banner position.

MAIN MENU

- Home
- Mambo License
- News
- Blog
- Links
- Contact Us
- Search
- Administrator

LOGIN FORM

Username
 Password
 Remember me
 Login

Forgotten your password?
 No account yet? [Create one](#)

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This is a **content item**. It has a section and a category associated with it.

TEMPLATE CHOOSER

rhuk_solarflare_ii

POLLS

This Mambo installation was ...

- Absolutely simple
- Reasonably easy
- Not straight-forward but I worked it out
- I had to install extra server stuff
- I had no idea and got my friend to do it
- My dog ran away with the README ...

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WHO'S ONLINE

We have 1 guest online

Main Menu Module is in the Left Position, Order #1.
Login Form Module is in the Left Position, Order #4.
Template Chooser Module is in the Left Position, Order #7.
 You can change the order that these appear in the Module Manager if you like.

Polls Module is in the Right Position, Order #1.
Who's Online Module is in the Right Position, Order #2.
 You can change the order that these appear in the Module Manager if you like.