

Chapter 5: Basic Page Management

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Concept: Paths, Aliases, and URLs

What is a URL?

URL is the abbreviation for "Uniform Resource Locator", which is the page's address on the web. It is the "name" by which a browser identifies a page to display. In the example "Visit us at *example.com*.", *example.com* is the URL for the home page of your website. Users use URLs to locate content on the web.

What is a Path?

A path is the unique, last part of the URL for a specific function or piece of content. For example, for a page whose full URL is *http://example.com/node/7*, the path is *node/7*.

Here are some examples of paths you might find in your site:

- *node/7*
- *taxonomy/term/6*
- *admin/content/comment*
- *user/login*
- *user/3*

What is an Alias?

The core software has a feature called "URL Alias" that allows you to provide a more understandable name to the content. So, if you have an "About Us" page with the path *node/7*, you can set up an alias so that your visitors will see it as *http://www.example.com/AboutUs*. The core Path module, which supports URL aliasing, provides this functionality.

Related topics

- [Creating a Content Item](#)
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Creating a Content Item

Goal

Create and publish a content item that will be used as the home page of the site.

Prerequisite knowledge

- [Concept: Paths, Aliases, and URLs](#)
- [Concept: Content Entities and Fields](#)

Site prerequisites

The *Basic page* content type must exist. This is created on your site when you install with the core Standard installation profile.

Steps

1. In the *Manage* administrative menu, navigate to *Content > Add content > Basic page* (*node/add/page*). The *Create Basic page* form appears.
2. Click *Edit summary*.
3. Fill in the fields as shown below.

Field name	Explanation	Value
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Title Summary of the value of the body field. Can be used as teaser	Title of the page. Will also be used as a meta tag in the source code, URL alias, and as label of the content item in administration screens	Home	Summary
Body	Full content of the page	Welcome to City Market - your neighborhood	
Published	Whether the content is published for public view or not	Checked	

URL alias > URL alias	Alternate relative path for the content	/home
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By clicking the *Source* button in the rich text editor toolbar, you can see the HTML source code of the text that you are editing.

Home > Add content

Create Basic page ☆

Title *

Home

Summary (Hide summary)

Opening times and location of City Market!

Body

B I Paragraph Source

Welcome to City Market - your neighborhood farmers market!

Open: Sundays, 9 AM to 2 PM, April to September

Location: Parking lot of Trust Bank, 1st & Union, downtown

Text format

Basic HTML

About text formats

☒ Published

Save

Preview

Last saved: Not saved yet

Author: admin

Revision log message

Briefly describe the changes you have made.

Menu settings

Not in menu

URL alias

^ No alias

URL alias

/home

Specify an alternative path by which this data can be accessed. For example, type "about" when writing an about page.

Authoring information

By admin (1) on 2024-08-20

Promotion options

Not promoted

- Click *Preview* to ensure everything looks like expected.
- Click *Back to content editing*.
- Click *Save*. The content is saved and can be found on the *Content* page.
- Follow the same steps to create an About page, with title "About", and a body telling about the history of the farmer's market.

Expand your understanding

- [Designating a Front Page for your Site](#)
- [Adding a Page to the Navigation](#)
- [Translating Content](#)

Related concepts

- [Concept: User Interface, Configuration, and Content translation](#)
- [Concept: Paths, Aliases, and URLs](#)
- [Editing a Content Item](#)

Videos

[Creating a Content Item](#)

Additional resources

[Drupal.org community documentation page "About nodes"](#)

Editing a Content Item

Goal

Update the hours on the Home page content item.

Prerequisite knowledge

[Creating a Content Item](#)

Site prerequisites

A content item for the Home page must exist. See [Creating a Content Item](#).

Steps

1. In the *Manage* administrative menu, navigate to *Content* (*admin/content*).
2. If the content item you want to edit was updated or created recently, it should appear near the top of the content list on that page. If not, you can use the *Content type*, *Title*, or other filters to locate the content item.

Title

Content type

Published status

- Any -

- Any -

Filter

[Hide lower priority columns](#)

☐	Title	Content type	Author	Status	Updated	Operations
☐	About	Basic page	admin	Published	20 Aug 2024 - 14:02	Edit
☐	Home	Basic page	admin	Published	20 Aug 2024 - 14:02	Edit

No items selected

Action:

- Select -

Apply to selected items

3. Click *Edit* in the row of the content item you want to edit (Home), to open the content editing form. Update the opening hours in the *Body* field. See [Creating a Content Item](#) for an explanation of the fields and a screenshot.
4. Check *Create new revision* under *Published*, if it is not already checked, and enter a *Revision log message* explaining what changes you are making (for example, you might enter "Updated opening hours"). This text will appear in the revision log for the page.

Published
Last saved: 20 Aug 2024 - 14:02
Author: admin
☒ Create new revision
Revision log message

Updated opening hours

Briefly describe the changes you have made.

5. Click *Save* to save your changes.
6. You will be redirected back to the *Content* administrative page, and there should be a message showing that the content item was updated.



Expand your understanding

As an alternative to the first two steps above, you can also reach the content edit form as follows:

1. Starting from your site's home page, use the site's navigation menus to locate the page where the content you want to edit is displayed to visitors.
2. Most themes will display an *Edit* link or tab near the top of that page to people with permission to edit the page; clicking the link will take you to the full content edit form.

Videos

[Editing a Content Item](#)

Designating a Front Page for your Site

Goal

Configure which content item is displayed as the front page of your website.

Site prerequisites

The content item that you want to designate as the front page of your site must exist. See [Creating a Content Item](#).

Steps

1. In the *Manage* administrative menu, navigate to *Configuration > System > Basic site settings* (*admin/config/system/site-information*).
2. Under *Front page*, replace */node* with the name of the page you would like to make the home page. To use the home page that was previously created, provide its path */home*. Click *Save configuration*.

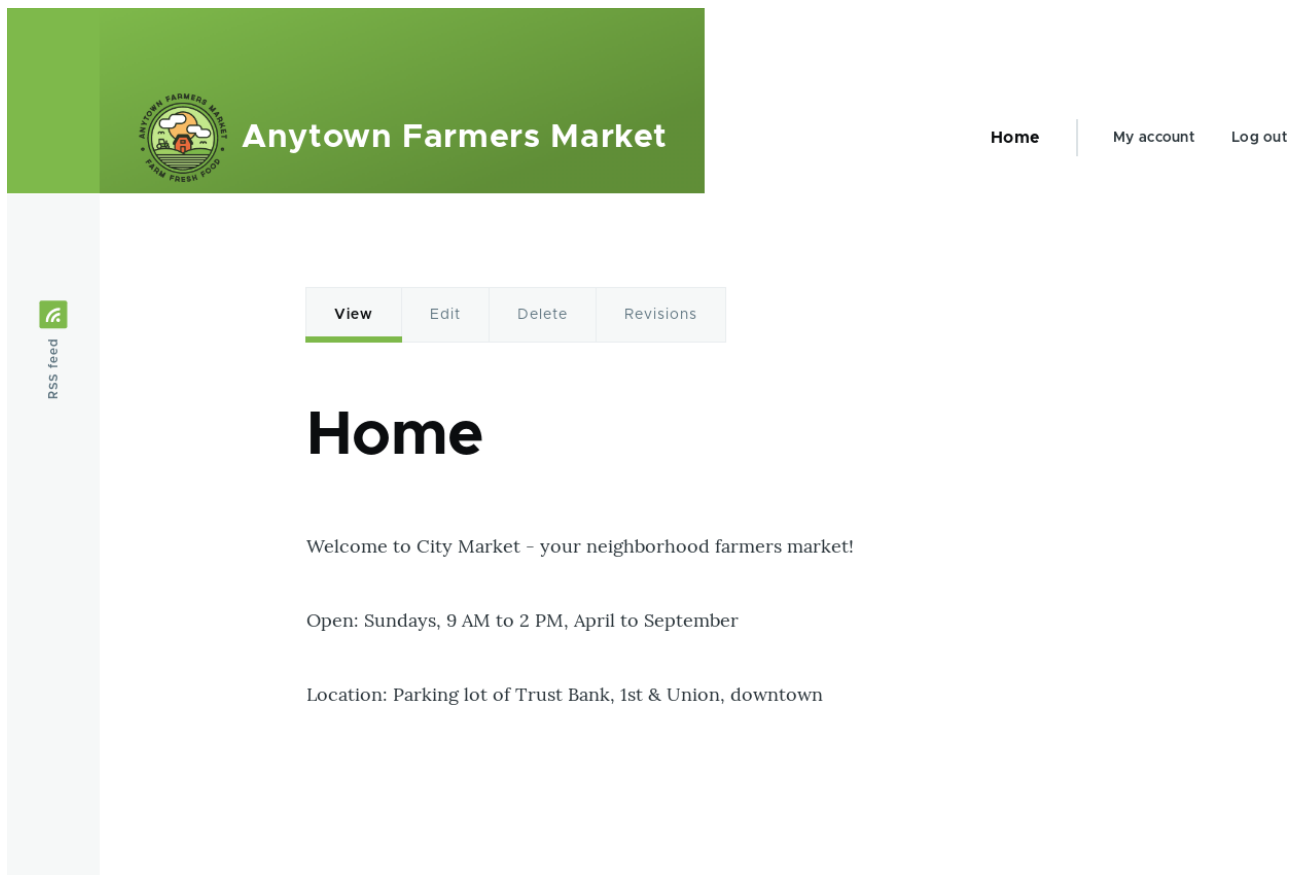
 **Front page**

Default front page *

http://localhost/web

Specify a relative URL to display as the front page.

3. Navigate to the home page to verify that it displays content as configured by you.



Expand your understanding

- [Adding a Page to the Navigation](#)
- Follow [Creating a Content Item](#) to create an error page to be used as a 404 (page not found) or 403 (not authorized) response on your site. Then following the steps here, you can designate it as the error response, in the *Error pages* section of the configuration.

Related concepts

[Concept: Menu](#)

Videos

[Designating a Front Page for Your Site](#)

Concept: Menu

What is a menu?

Menus are a collection of links used to navigate a website. The core Menu UI module provides an interface to control and customize the menu system. Menus are primarily displayed as a hierarchical list of links. By default, new menu links are placed inside a built-in menu labeled *Main navigation*, but administrators can also create custom menus.

The core Standard installation profile contains five menus:

- **Main navigation:** Links to sections intended for site visitors. They are usually created by site administrators.
- **Administration:** Links to administrative tasks. This menu mainly contains links supplied by modules on your site.
- **User account menu:** Links to tasks associated with the user account such as *My account* and *Log out*.
- **Footer:** Links to important pages within the site intended for the footer. They are usually created by site administrators.
- **Tools:** Links to tasks necessary for site visitors. Some modules feature their links here.

You can customize menus in the following ways, using the menu administration functionality:

- Creating new custom menus.
- Adding new menu links.
- Reordering menu links by setting their "weight" or by dragging them into place.
- Renaming menu links (link title).
- Changing the link description (the tooltip that appears when you mouse over a menu link).
- Moving a menu link into a different menu by editing its *Parent link* property.

A menu link will only be shown to a visitor if they have the rights to view the page it links to. For example, the admin menu link is not shown to visitors who are not logged in.

Related topics

- [Adding a Page to the Navigation](#)
- [Changing the Order of Navigation](#)

- To display a menu, you will need to place the block that corresponds to the menu in a region of your theme; see [Concept: Blocks](#), [Concept: Regions in a Theme](#), and [Placing a Block in a Region](#). The core Standard installation profile places all of the menus it defines except Administration in regions of the core Bartik theme. The core Toolbar module, which is installed by the core Standard installation profile, displays the Administration menu; it is also displayed by the contributed Admin Toolbar module.

Adding a Page to the Navigation

Goal

Add a page to the navigation. For example, the About page.

Prerequisite knowledge

- [Concept: Menu](#)
- [Editing a Content Item](#)

Site prerequisites

The About page content item must exist. See [Creating a Content Item](#).

Steps

1. In the *Manage* administrative menu, navigate to *Content* (*admin/content*).
2. Find the About page, and click *Edit* in that row. The content editing form appears.

☐	Title	Content type	Author	Status	Updated	Operations
☐	Home	Basic page	admin	Published	20 Aug 2024 - 14:02	Edit 
☐	About	Basic page	admin	Published	20 Aug 2024 - 14:02	Edit 

3. Click *Menu settings* on the right to expand it.
4. Check *Provide a menu link* for the menu options to appear.
5. Enter values from the table below:

Field name	Explanation	Example value
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Menu link title	Title that will be displayed in the menu	About
Description	Text that will be displayed when a visitor hovers over the link	History of the market

Parent link h e o r d e r i n w h i c h t h e p a g e s h o u l d a p p e a r i n t h e m e n u (l o w e r - w e i g h t e d	Location of the page in the menu hierarchy. For example, if you choose _<Main navigation>_, the page will appear in the highest level of the navigation. By choosing another menu link as parent, you can create a menu hierarchy of multiple levels.	<Main navigation>	W e i g h t
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Menu settings

About

☒ Provide a menu link

Menu link title

About

Description

History of the market

Shown when hovering over the menu link.

Parent link

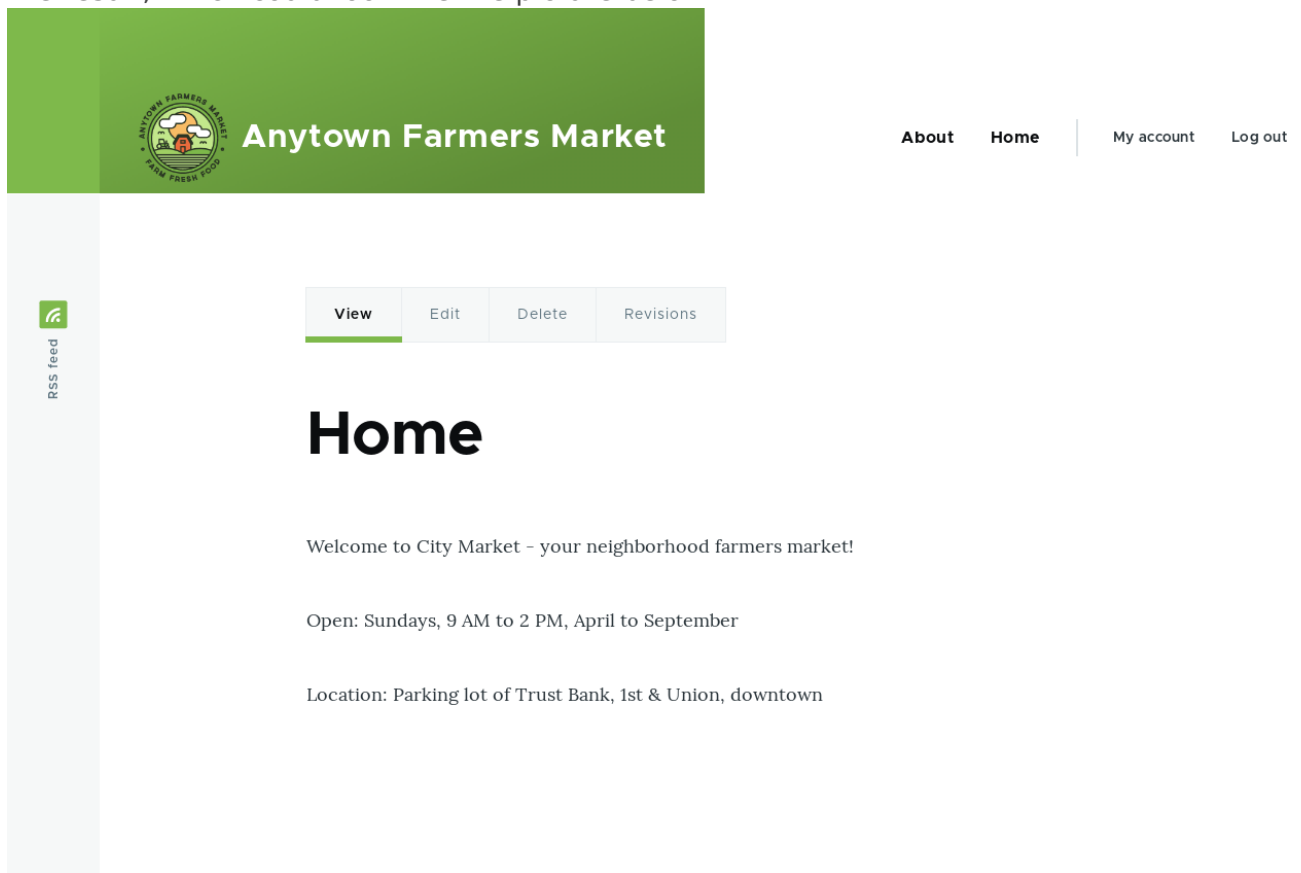
<Main navigation> ▾

Weight

-2

Menu links with lower weights are displayed before links with higher weights.

6. Click **Save** to save the changes. Click *Home* or *Return to site* in the navigation bar to see the result, which could look like the picture below.



Expand your understanding

[Changing the Order of Navigation](#)

Videos

[Adding a Page to the Navigation](#)

Additional resources

[Drupal.org community documentation page "Adding a link to a menu"](#)

Changing the Order of Navigation

Goal

Reorder the links in a menu.

Prerequisite knowledge

- [Concept: Menu](#)
- [Adding a Page to the Navigation](#)

Site prerequisites

Home and About pages must exist in the main navigation menu. See [Adding a Page to the Navigation](#).

Steps

1. In the *Manage* administrative menu, navigate to *Structure > Menus* (*admin/structure/menu*) where all menus on your site are listed. Click *Edit Menu* from the *Operations* dropdown for *Main navigation*. You can also reach this page using contextual links (refer to [Concept: Administrative Overview](#)) for the menu. Note that the names and descriptions of the menus that were provided by your installation profile are shown in English on this page; see [Concept: User Interface, Configuration, and Content translation](#) for an explanation.

Title	Description	Operations
Administration	Administrative task links	Edit menu ▾
Footer	Site information links	Edit menu ▾
Main navigation	Site section links	Edit menu ▾
Tools	User tool links, often added by modules	Edit menu ▾
User account menu	Links related to the active user account	Edit menu ▾

2. The *Edit menu* page will display a list of each link in the menu you chose (*Main navigation*).

+ Add link

Title *

Main navigation

Machine name: main

Administrative summary

Site section links

Menu link	Enabled	Operations
↕ About	☒	Edit ▾
↕ Home	☒	Edit ▾

Save

3. Drag the cross bar handles of menu links to change their order: Home, then About. As an alternative to dragging, you can click the *Show row weights* link at the top of the table and select numerical weights (menu links with lower or more negative weights will be shown first).

+ Add link

Title*

Main navigation

Machine name: main

Administrative summary

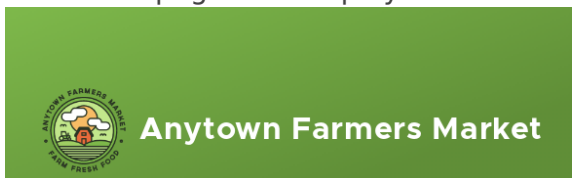
Site section links

*You have unsaved changes.

Menu link	Enabled	Operations
 Home	☒	Edit 
 About	☒	Edit 

Save

- Click **Save**.
- The home page now displays the main navigation with the Home menu link displayed first.



Home About | My account Log out

Expand your understanding

Add a menu link called *Contact*, leading to the */contact* page, to your Main navigation menu. The contact page is provided by the core Contact module; you may want to edit its layout and fields (see [Changing Content Entry Forms](#)).

Related concepts

[Concept: Menu](#)

Videos

[Changing the Order of Navigation](#)