

Bug in the changes to item id's - Joomla 1.12

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In Joomla 1.12, if an article is for example accessed via the front page it is given one item id/url and loads with the same modules that are assigned to the front page, the same article when accessed via a content category is then given another item id/url and so loads the modules assigned to that particular category.

But it gets worse as the previous item id/url that the same article was assigned in Joomla 1.11 (and indexed by search engines) is also still generated - if you have a large content based site this is a complete disaster as most search engines will view this as 3 separate urls all containing the same article/content, this will cause a duplicate content penalty with Google.

This how to correct the problem:

components/com_content/content.html.php line ~800
Code:\$_Itemid = \$Itemid;

Change that line to:
Code:\$_Itemid = \$mainframe->getItemid(\$rows[\$i]->id, 0, 0);

same file, line ~1115
Code:\$row->_Itemid = \$Itemid;

Remove that line and paste in:
Code:if (\$task != 'view' && \$task != 'category') {
 \$row->_Itemid = \$mainframe->getItemid(\$row->id, 0, 0);
} else {
 // when viewing a content item, it is not necessary to calculate the Itemid
 \$row->_Itemid = \$Itemid;
}