

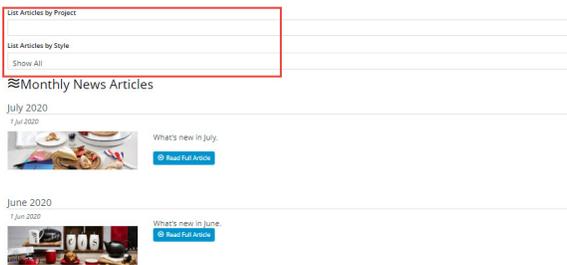
Article List Feature Filter

Overview

When creating an article, there is an option of adding Feature values to categorise article content. This is meta data that you define as meaningful to the article. A filter can be added in the Article List Page so that website visitors browsing through the article list can quickly find relevant content, e.g., product use suggestions and ideas, by using Features values to display only respective articles.

Use case

Suppose a business sells homewares and furnishings on their website. Their newsletters and blogs contain a wealth of information and ideas about how customers can decorate particular rooms in their homes to achieve a certain look, featuring products they sell. Instead of site visitors having to click into each article to check its content, the article list page can include feature filters so readers can quickly go to relevant articles.



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Step-by-step guide

The process of adding a features filter involves configuration steps in various screens. **TIP** - Before you start, think about the Features and Values that are meaningful for the targeted article list filter.

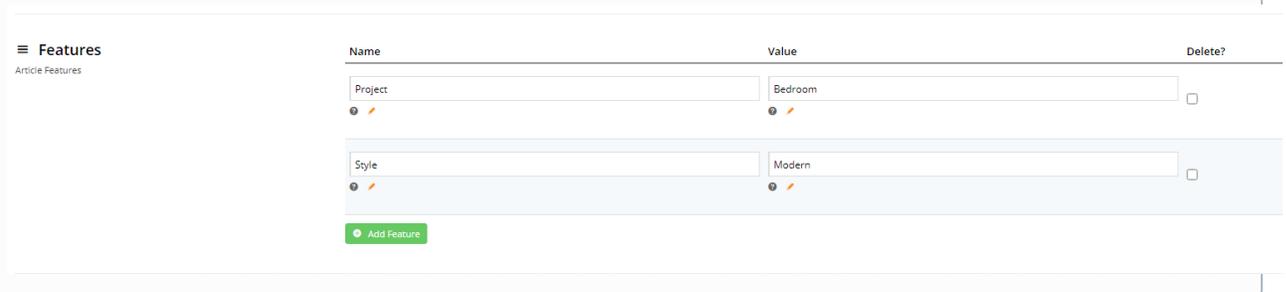
1. Add Features and Values for Article

When creating an article, you will see a **Features** section in the 'Edit Article' screen. (See [Article Maintenance](#) for details.) You can add as many features (Names) and corresponding values (Values) as you require.



Use case

For our example, we want to create a feature filter so visitors can quickly find articles that suggest design and decorative products for various rooms in their homes. We name the first feature 'Project' with various rooms as values: 'Bedroom', 'Lounge room', 'Kitchen' etc. The second feature 'Style' allows the users to narrow the results further, with values such as 'Modern', 'Traditional', 'Contemporary', etc.



2. Enable the Feature Filter in the Article List widget

Next, we need to enable Feature Filter so that the filter appears in the Article List page.

Choose from one of two filter modes available: client side, and server side.

- **Client side mode:** processes the filter data in the client web browser. This mode is faster and suited for smaller number of articles. **Note** - only works when the pagination feature is turned **OFF**, i.e. when all articles are listed on one page.
- **Server side mode:** processes the filter data by accessing the database server and returning information from the relevant table. This mode is more efficient when filtering larger numbers of articles. **Note** - suited if the pagination feature is **ON**.

Configuring each mode is slightly different.

(i) Set up Client side filtering



Warning

For Client side filtering, ensure the **Items Meta Data Filter Widget** is not active in the Article List template. This is only used for server side filtering.

1. In the Article List template used (either 'Article List Page' or 'Article List Item Zoned'), find the widget that renders the Article List (either the [Article List](#) or [Article List All](#) widget).
2. In **General Options**, toggle on **Enable Client Side Meta Data Filter?**. **Note** - In the Article List widget, the fields are located at the bottom of the screen.

The screenshot shows the configuration interface for the 'Article List All' widget. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'General Options' highlighted. The main area shows the 'General Options' section with a search bar, a 'Description' field, a 'Layer' dropdown menu set to 'All Pages', and a toggle switch for 'Enable Client Side Meta Data Filter?' which is currently turned on. Below this, there is a 'Meta Data Filter Label' field containing the text 'Filter By'.

3. The **Meta Data Filter Label** displays the filter label's text. Change from the default 'Filter By' if you wish.

Two examples of filter labels are shown. The first is 'Filter By Project' with a 'Show All' button below it. The second is 'Filter By Style' with a 'Show All' button below it.

4. to save these settings, click **Save**.

(ii) Set up Server side filtering

Configuring the server side mode requires adding the 'Items Meta Data Filter widget' in the article list widget used.

1. In the Article List template used (either 'Article List Page' or 'Article List Item Zoned'), click **Add Widget** in the relevant zone.

2. Find the **'Meta Data Filter Widget'** and click **Add Widget**.

3. Enter information in the fields:

Description: enter a meaningful description of the filter function.

Layer: add audience filtering if required. (See [Layers](#) help for details.)

Table Name: set the table name to be filtered against; for most sites, use the default 'Article'

Data Source Name: set the data source for filtering; for most sites, use the default 'ArticleList'

Meta Data Filter Label: Displays the filter label's text. Change from the default: 'Filter By' if you wish.

4. To save the widget settings, click **Save**.

Add Article List Pagination widget

Unlike Client side filtering, Server side filtering will work with pagination. If there are many items in the Article List, you can add the [Article List Pagination widget](#) and related widgets, e.g., the [Article List Results Per Page](#) widget, to display articles on multiple pages. (See help for each widget for configuration guidance.)



Additional Information

You may require some style sheet updates in order to keep consistent with your website's style guide. If this is the case, please [contact us](#) for assistance.

Minimum Version Requirements	4.23
Prerequisites	None
Self Configurable	Yes
Business Function	Marketing
BPD Only?	Yes
B2B/B2C/Both	Both
Third Party Costs	n/a

Related help

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