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Banner Manager Manual

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Banner Manager

One of Visionscape's most popular modules is the Banner Manager which allows the creation of image galleries which can be easily managed by Redback clients. This module has been featured in most websites created by Redback Solutions since midway through 2011 and is used predominately to create rotating image banners. Banner Manager supersedes Flash Gallery as a jQuery based module working across a wider range of devices (including the iPhone and iPad).

Accessing the Banner Manager Module

The Banner Manager module can be accessed via the **Modules** tab located on the left hand side of Visionscape (see **figure 1**). When clicked, you will be taken to a page where you can then create albums or edit existing albums (see **figure 2**).

In most cases, Redback will have configured some galleries for your website already. If that is the case, these will be visible to you in the Modify/Delete existing Albums section.

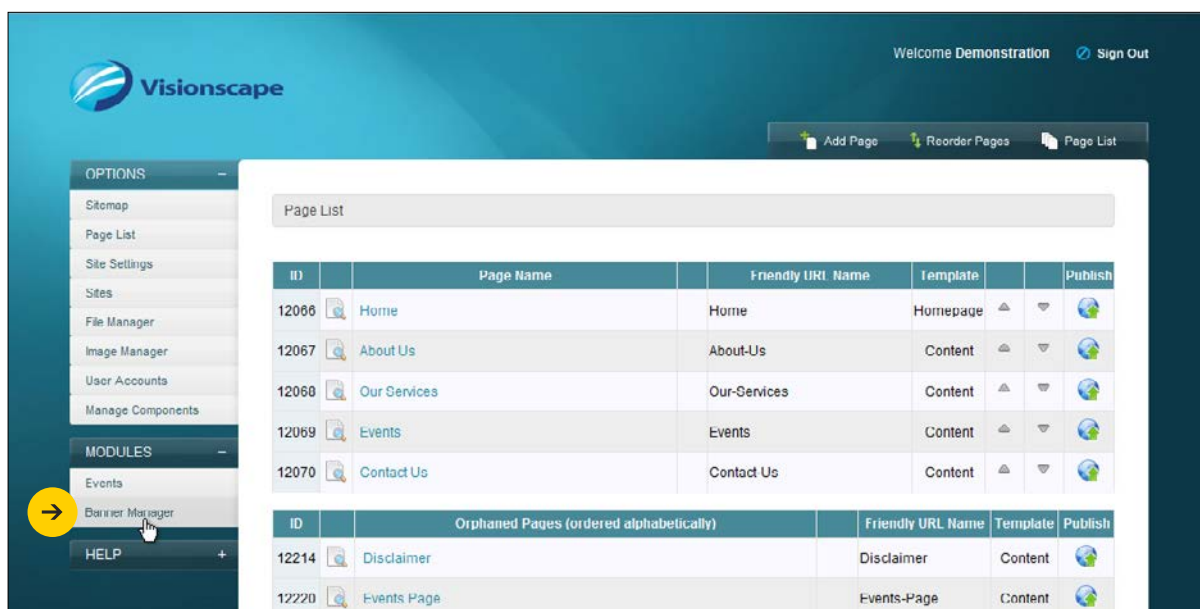


Figure 1 - Accessing Banner Manager

Creating a New Banner Manager Album

A Banner Manager Album refers to a collection of related images which are shown in the same location on your website. You can have many albums and each album can have as little or as many images as you want to show.

In order to create a new album, simply fill in the fields located within the **Album Details*** section on the main page of Banner Manager (when accessed via the **Module** tab). Clicking the **Add Album** button will create a new album, adding it to the **Modify/Delete Existing Albums** section.

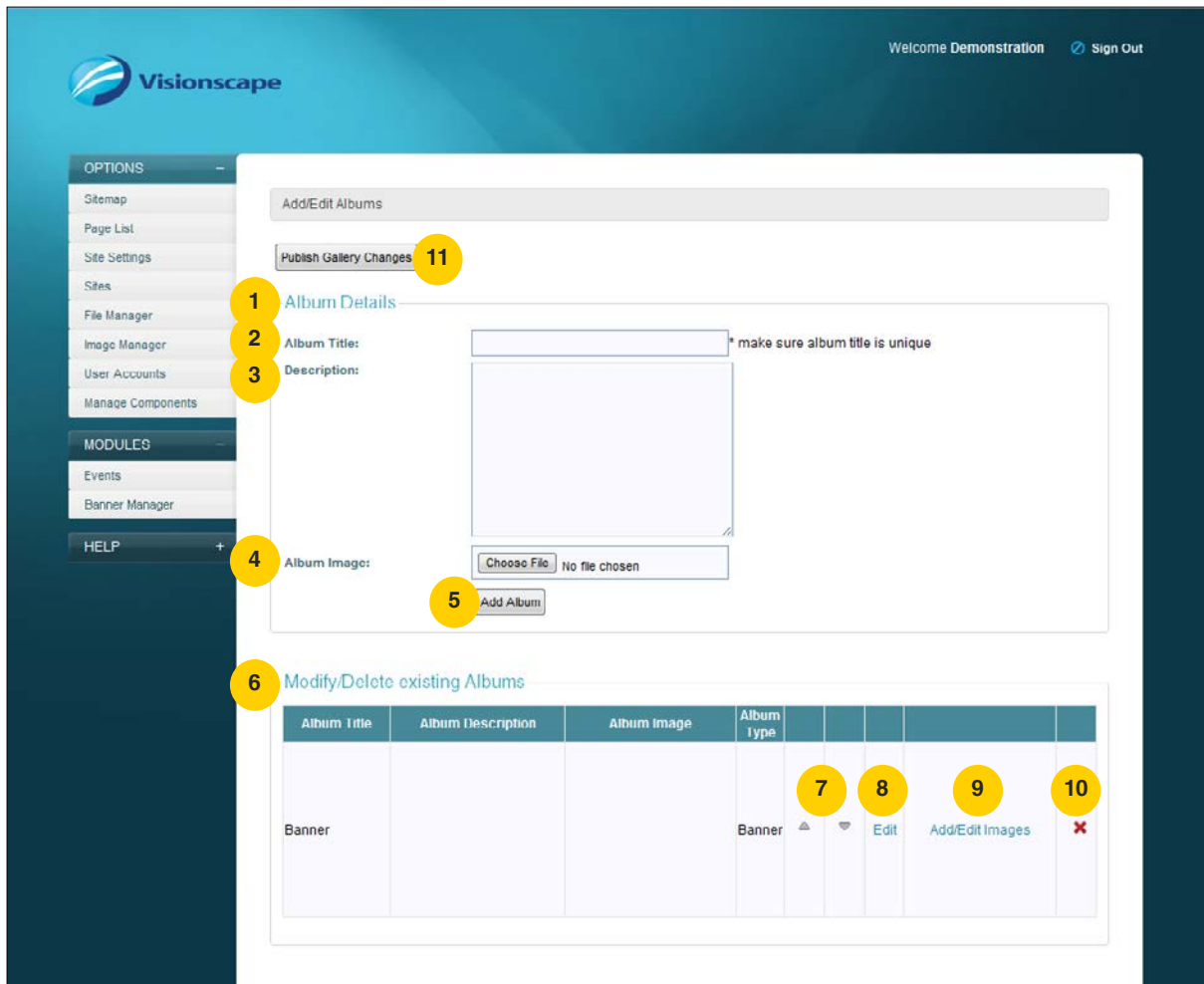


Figure 2 - Banner Manager Main Page

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|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 - Album Details Section | 7 - Up/Down Arrows |
| 2 - Album Title | 8 - Edit Link |
| 3 - Description | 9 - Add/Edit Images Link |
| 4 - Album Images | 10 - Red Cross (Delete Album) Icon |
| 5 - Add Album Button | 11 - Publish Gallery Changes Button |
| 6 - Modify/Delete Existing Albums Section | |

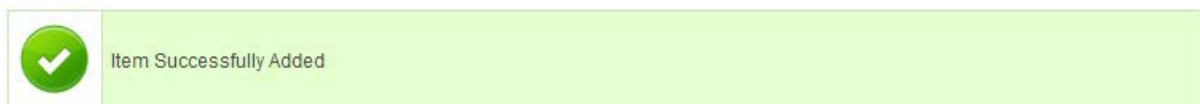


Figure 3 - Adding a Banner Manager Album - 'Item Successfully Added'

A green message to indicate the Album has been successfully created will also display (see figure 3).

***Note:** Essentially the only required field is the **Album Title** as this is used to identify each album within the Visionscape system, however you may wish to add a description and/or image in order to make it easier for you to recognise. Any descriptions or album images you add at this stage will not be displayed on the website.

Adding Images to a Banner Manager Album

To add images to an album, select the **Add/Edit Images** link which corresponds to the Album (see **figure 4**). Doing so will load the **Add/Edit Album Items** page containing a section to add new images, and a table which lists all images that have already been added to the album (see **figure 5**). If this is a new album, the list will be empty.

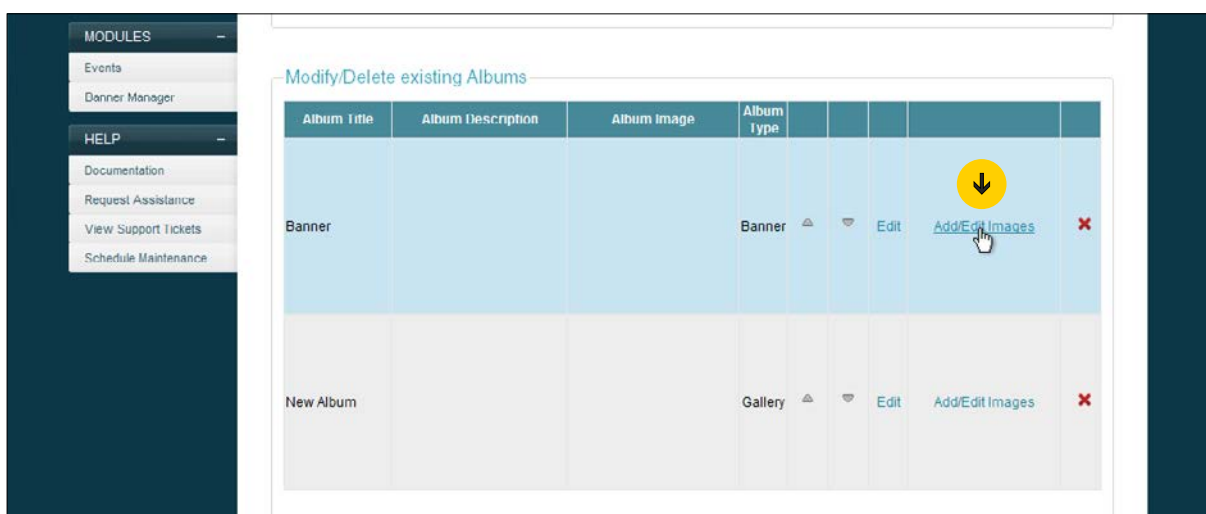


Figure 4 - Adding/Editing Images in a Banner Manager Album

To add an image (see **figure 5** for visual reference):

1. In the **Add Item** section at the top of the page, enter in the image details such as a title, caption and item link (where the user will be directed to if they click on the image). These three details are optional and depending on the configuration of your website, they may not be visible to viewers.
2. To upload an image, select the **Browse** button (ensuring it corresponds to the Item Image label) and navigate to where you have the image stored on your computer. Select the image.
3. Select **Add Record**. The image will appear in the list of images below and a message will indicate the image has been successfully added.

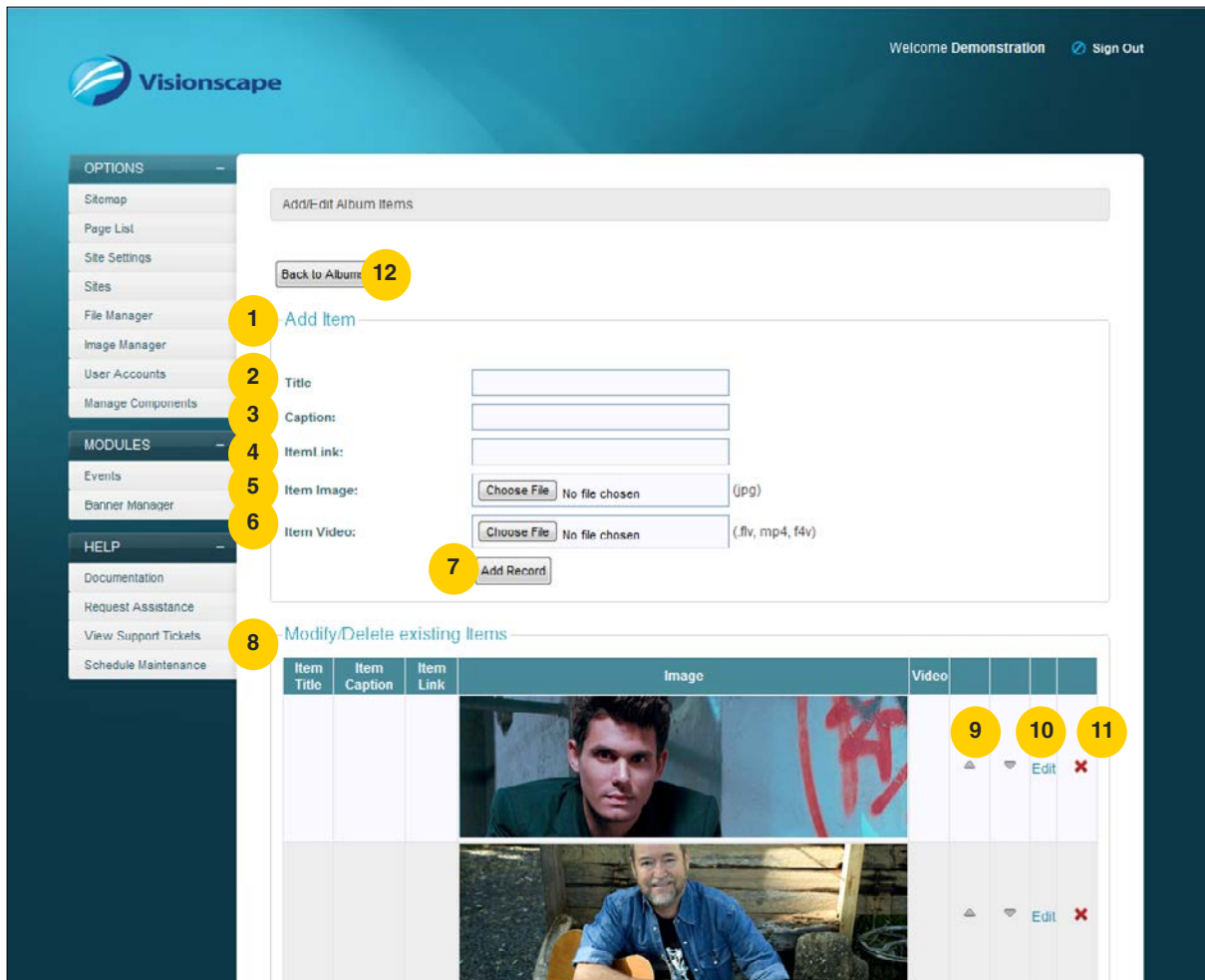


Figure 5 - Add/Edit Album Items Page

- 1 - Add Item Section
- 2 - Title
- 3 - Caption
- 4 - Item Link
- 5 - Item Images
- 6 - Item Video

- 7 - Add Record Button
- 8 - Modify/Delete Existing Items Section
- 9 - Up/Down Arrows
- 10 - Edit Link
- 11 - Red Cross (Delete) Icon
- 12 - Back to Albums Button

Editing Images in a Banner Manager Album

If you need to edit any of the details of an image, you can click the **Edit** link corresponding to the image (see **figure 5**). This will cause the page to reload and you will notice the **Add Item** section is now filled with the details for that particular image. You are able to modify any of the details, including uploading a newer version of the image (and overriding the old version) if necessary. There is also an option to delete the image completely from the Album.

Reordering Images within a Banner Manager Album

Most Banner Manager galleries are configured to display images in the order they appear within the list. This is usually the order in which the images have been uploaded, however by using the small Up/Down Arrows located to the right of each image (see **figure 5**) you can adjust the order in which they appear on your website. You will need to wait for the page to reload each time you click on an arrow to ensure the change is correctly implemented.

Deleting Images from a Banner Manager Album

To delete an image from an album, ensure you have selected the appropriate **Add/Edit Images** link for the album (see **figure 4**) – you should see the area where you can add new images and below that a list of images already within the album.

Locate the image you wish to delete in the list, and select the **Red Cross (Delete) Icon** corresponding to the image (see **figure 5**). You will be able to tell if you are about to press the correct button as the row should change to a blue colour when you hover over the delete button. You will also need to confirm that you wish to delete the item (see **figure 6**) as there is no way of recovering an image if you accidentally remove it.

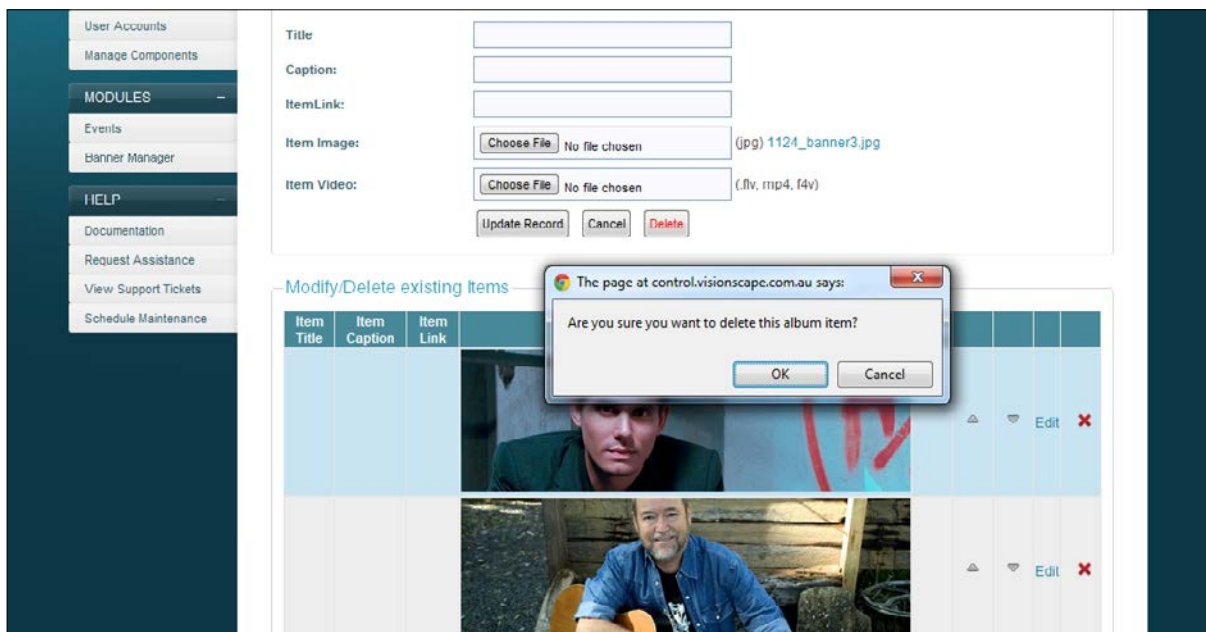


Figure 6 - Deleting an Image - 'Are you sure you want to delete this album item?'

Publishing Banner Manager (jQuery) Galleries

If you've had any experiencing using Visionscape's Flash Gallery you may be aware that publishing (by hitting the 'Publish Gallery Changes' button) was the most crucial step involved in using the Flash Gallery module. Without publishing the changes made they would not be reflected in the live version of your website. This is **not** the case with the newer Banner Manager module: **once you make any changes they will be reflected immediately without the need to publish gallery changes.** (To view the changes in your live website you may need to you may need to clear your cache by hitting Ctrl + F5).

Adding a Banner Manager (jQuery) Gallery to a Page

As each website is different we need to style a jQuery Gallery that best fits the layout of your website. In most instances, Redback usually takes care of setting up rotating home page banners when your website is initially created. If you are simply wanting to duplicate a rotating banner onto a new page the following steps should be easy to follow. However there are occasions when you may want to add photo galleries to a content page of your website which has not been setup by Redback for the initial launch of your site. If this sounds like you, you will need to contact support@rb.com.au and request that we do the necessary styling required for you to incorporate a new photo gallery to your website.

Please note: in order to add a jQuery Gallery to a page, there must be an unused editable content area available. If any areas are available, you will be able to see a button labelled '**Add New Component**' (see **figure 8**). If you cannot see any buttons, you will need to contact Redback to discuss having your website template altered to include an additional component area.

To add a jQuery Gallery component:

1. In the **Sitemap** section, click on the page you would like to add a gallery to. This will bring you to a page preview area.
2. Click the **Add New Component** button. A new window will appear (see **figure 9**). Please turn off any pop-up blockers if the new window does not appear for you.
3. Select **jQuery Gallery** from the **Select Component Type Dropdown List**.
4. Add in a **Component Title** - e.g. jQuery Gallery or Banner
5. Click the **Add Component** button. You will be shown the **Assign an Album** section (see **figure 11**).
6. From the drop down list, select the Image Album you wish to use. (**Note:** You do not need to enter Width, Height or .swf File Name details - these only apply to Flash Gallery)
7. Click the **Select Album** button.

You should now see the new jQuery Gallery added to your page.

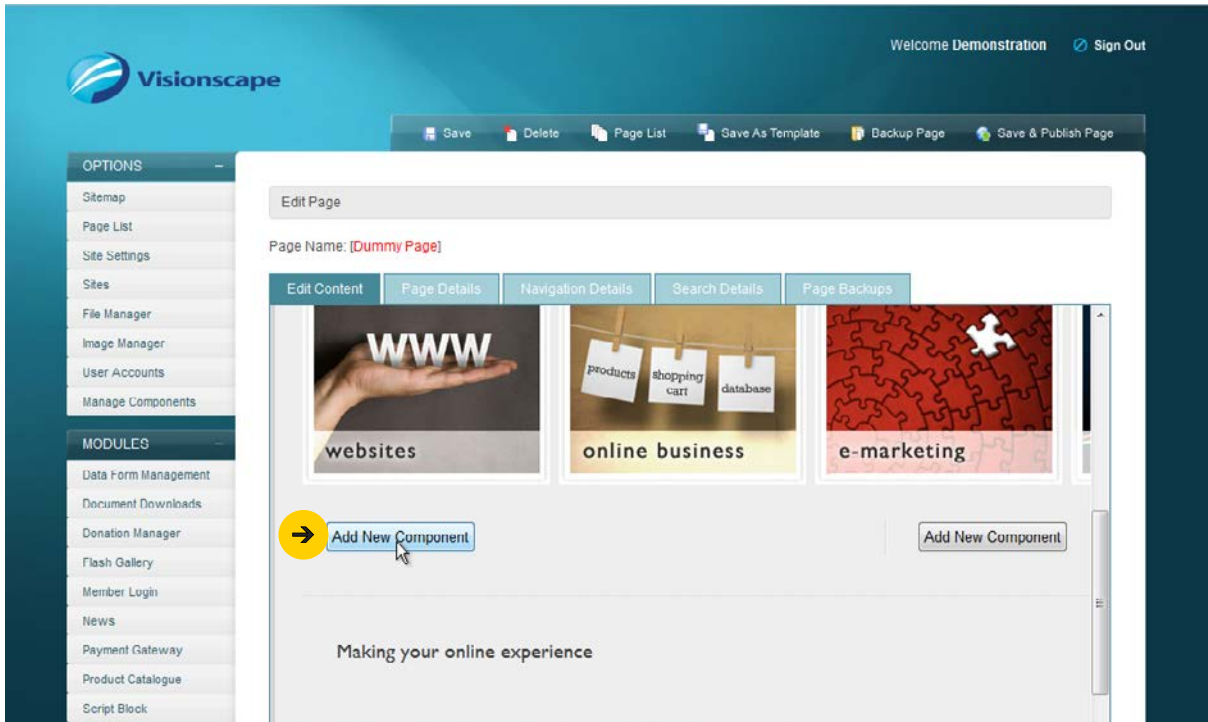


Figure 8 - Add New Component Button (Either in Banner or Content Area)



Figure 9 - Add New Component Window

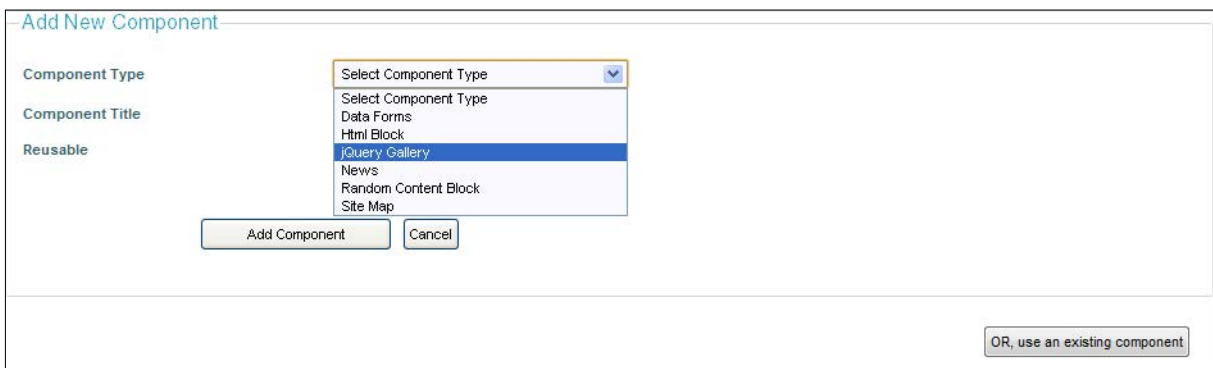


Figure 10 - Select Component Type Dropdown list

Assign an Album

Below is a list of all the existing Albums for your site. Please select one and the size of it to add to this page.

Home Banner

Width:

Height:

.swf File Name: (Defaults are "slideshowpro" and "slideshowprobanner")

NOTE: Do not include file extension

Figure 11 - Assign an Album Window

FAQs

Why isn't my website showing the changes I've made to a Banner Manager album?

The most common reason is that your Internet browser is still storing the old jQuery Gallery. To fix this you will need to refresh your cache which can be done by pressing the **Ctrl** key and the **F5** key at the same time on your keyboard. Another way is through your Browsers tools or options (each Browser is different but a quick Google Search along the lines of 'How to clear cache in [Your Internet Browser]' should return some instructions.

If you have published the changes and cleared your browsers but are still not seeing any changes, contact Redback (call (02)4962 2236 or email support@rb.com.au) and we will take a look.