

Feature Settings

Expand "Tools" section in left navigation bar and click on "Manage Settings" link. Manage settings page will display, click on "Features" tab to control the display and functioning of front end pages. Features settings is categorized as:

1. KB Layout Settings
2. Home Page Settings
3. Pages

The screenshot shows the 'KB LAYOUT SETTINGS' interface. Under 'Front End Layout', there are two radio buttons: 'Fixed (900px)' and 'Fluid (100%)', with 'Fluid (100%)' selected. Under 'Home Page Theme', there are three radio buttons: 'Theme 1', 'Theme 2', and 'Theme 3', with 'Theme 3' selected. Below the radio buttons are three visual representations of the themes. Theme 1 shows a layout with a header, news, categories, and two columns of articles. Theme 2 shows a layout with a header, a category tree, news, and three columns of articles. Theme 3 shows a layout with a header, a category tree, news, and a large article area. A red 'SAVE' button is located in the top right corner.

Front End Layout: If the **Fixed (900px)** option is checked, the front end will be displayed in the center and take 900px of screen width irrespective of screen resolution. On the other hand, if **Fluid (100%)** is checked then the front-end would cover the whole width of the screen.

Home Page Theme: The [knowledge base software](#) provides three themes based on how the knowledge base home page will display category tree, news, and article lists. Choose the one as per your preference.

The screenshot shows the 'Article Page Theme' settings. There are two radio buttons for 'Article Page Theme': 'Theme 1' and 'Theme 2', with 'Theme 2' selected. Below the radio buttons are two visual representations of the themes. Theme 1 shows a layout with a header, article title, article content, and options. Theme 2 shows a layout with a header, a category tree, article title, article content, and options. Below the visual representations are two dropdown menus: 'Category Tree Width' set to '25%' and 'Category Columns' set to '3'. A red 'SAVE' button is located in the bottom right corner.

Article Page Theme: Two themes are available for the orientation of the article page. Themes are designed to arrange the article parts like article title, article contents, category Tree, headings, article options at different locations.


Category Tree Width: This setting allows you to specify the percentage width that the category tree will take in proportion to the whole width. You can select any value between 20% to 30% from the drop-down list.

Category Columns: Select the number of columns into which you want to arrange the knowledge base categories.

Show Articles in Category Tree? Yes, show them

Category Articles Count? Show Hide

Sort Categories By Alphabetic Order Priority



Show Articles in Category Tree?: The title of articles of the category will appear in the category tree if this setting is enabled.

Category Articles Count: If the Show option is chosen, it will display a count of the total published articles available under the category. It is recommended to disable this setting for a knowledge base having a huge number of articles.

Sort Categories By?: If **Alphabetic Order** is checked, categories will be displayed according to their names arranged in alphabetic order. You can mark the **Priority** option to display categories according to the priority level assigned to them in manage categories.

HOME PAGE SETTINGS

Display Featured Articles? Yes

Display Most Popular Articles? Yes

Display Recently Added Articles? Yes

Display Top Rated Articles? Yes



Display Featured Articles?: Enable this option if you want to display "**Featured Articles**" on the home page of the front end.

Number of Articles - Enter the count of featured articles that you want to display.

Display Most Popular Articles?: Enable this option if you want to display "**Most Popular Articles**" on the home page of the front-end knowledge base. **Number of Articles** - Enter the number of most popular articles that you want to display.

Display Recently Added Articles?: Enable this option if you want to display the "**Recently Added Articles**" section on the home page of the front end. **Number of Articles** - Enter the number of recently added articles that you want to display.

Display Top Rated Articles?: Enable this option if you want to display the "**Top-Rated Articles**" section on the home page of the knowledge base. **Number of Articles** - Enter the number of top-rated articles you want to display in this section.

PAGES

SUBSCRIBE PAGE


Enable Subscribe to KB? Yes

CATEGORY PAGE

Sort Articles By Popularity Alphabetic Order Update Date Time

Sort Order Descending Ascending

Subscribe to Category? Yes



Enable Subscribe to KB?: If the option is marked as **Yes**, subscribe to the Knowledge base section will be visible to KB users (end users) to subscribe to the knowledge base and to get notified when articles are added or edited.

Sort Articles By It displays three options by which articles can be sorted in the knowledge base. If **Popularity** is checked, the articles are sorted according to the article hits. If **Alphabetic Order** is checked, the articles are sorted according to the alphabetic order of their titles. If **Update Date Time** is checked, the articles are sorted according to the date they were last updated.

Sort Order: This option allows to specify the chronological order of the 'Sort Articles By' setting. You can either choose ascending or descending order according to your choice.


Subscribe To Category?: If the option is marked as **Yes**, the '**Subscribe**' link will be displayed with the category title on the category page and users can subscribe to a category to get notified when new articles are posted under the category.

NEWS PAGE

Enable News Page? Yes

Display News on Home Page? Yes

Number of News



LOGIN PAGE

Enable Login Page? Yes

Enable News Page?: If checked, it will display a **News** link in the knowledge base header and corresponding news page in the knowledge base.


Display News On Home Page?: If checked, displays the recent news headlines on the home page of the knowledge base.

Number of News - Enter the number of news headlines you want to display in the "News & Announcements" section on the home page of your knowledge base.

Enable Login Page?: If a setting is marked as **Yes**, it will display **Login** link in the knowledge base header, and KB Member users will be able to login to the knowledge base and access private data.

GLOSSARY PAGE

Enable Glossary Page? Yes



CONTACT PAGE

Enable Contact Page? Yes

Enable My Tickets Page? Yes

Send Notification? Yes

Contact Email Address(es)

Instant Suggestions? Yes (With Instant Question Suggestions)

Minimum Question Characters

Enable Glossary Page: If the option is marked as **Yes**, the **Glossary** link will be displayed in the knowledge base header and allows KB users to access the glossary page.

Enable My Tickets Page?: If the option is marked as **Yes**, the **My Tickets** link will be displayed in the knowledge base header and allows KB users to access the "My tickets" page. This option is available only in the enterprise edition of PHPKB Software.

Enable Contact Page? : If the option is marked as **Yes**, the **Ask a Question** link will be displayed in the header of the

knowledge base and allows KB users to post their questions.

Send Notification? : If the option is marked as **Yes**, the software sends a ticket creation notification email to the email address specified by the user on the "Ask a Question" page.

Contact Email Address(es): Specify the email address of your organization on which contact page notifications will be sent and which will be used as the default **"From"** address in outgoing emails.

Instant Suggestions? : If it is enabled, articles relevant to user queries would be displayed to users while they type the query on the "Ask A Question" page.

Minimum Question Characters: It allows you to set the minimum number of characters users should type in a content field of the "Ask A Question" page. The user would be compelled to write at least the characters specified in this setting.

The screenshot shows a settings interface for the 'SEARCH PAGE'. It features two dropdown menus: 'Default Search' is set to 'Articles' and 'Search In' is set to 'All'. A red 'SAVE' button is located to the right of these settings. Below, the 'OTHER OPTIONS' section includes a checkbox for 'Recently Viewed Articles?' which is checked and labeled 'Yes', and a text input field for 'Number of Articles' containing the value '5'.

Default Search: Select one option among articles, news or categories so that it can be set as the default option in the "Search for" field of the advanced search page.

Search In: Select one option among all, titles, content, or keywords so that it can be set as the default option in the "Search In" field of the advanced search page.

Recently Viewed Articles? : Enable it to display a list of **Recently Viewed Articles** below the category tree in the knowledge base. Enter the count of the number of recently viewed articles to be displayed in the **Number of Articles** setting.

Click on the **"Save Changes"** button to save the modifications you have made or you can click on the **"Cancel"** button to abandon the changes.

Custom Fields

Applicable To: Standard Edition, Standard (Multi-Language) Edition, Enterprise Edition (MySQL), Enterprise Multi-Language Edition (MySQL), Enterprise Edition (SQL Server), Enterprise Multi-Language Edition (SQL Server)

Online URL: <https://www.phpkb.com/kb/article/feature-settings-122.html>