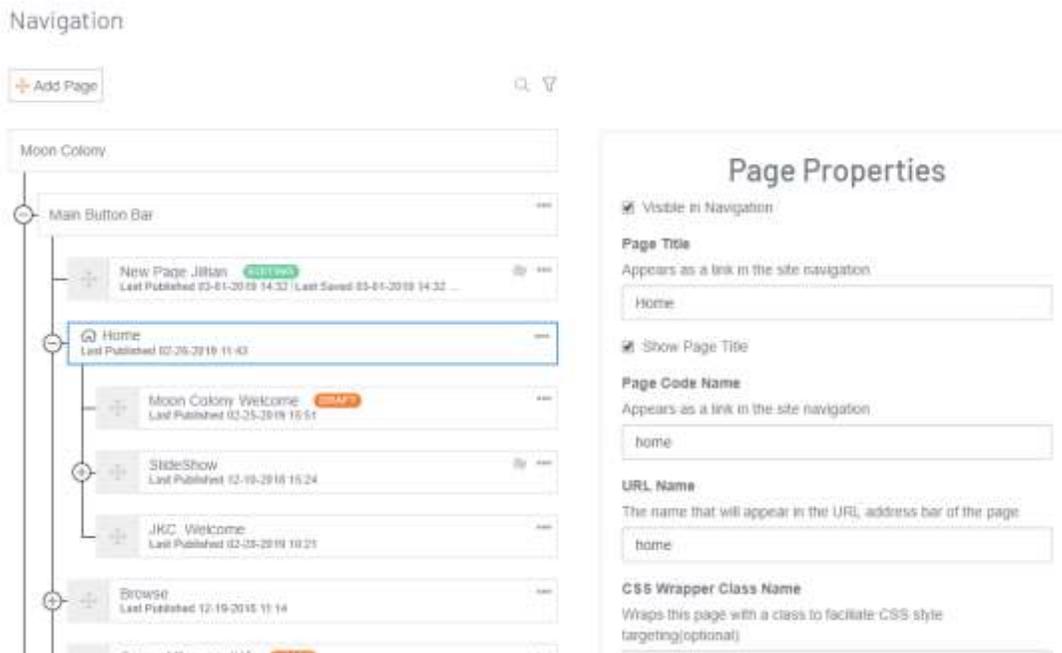


CMS Overview

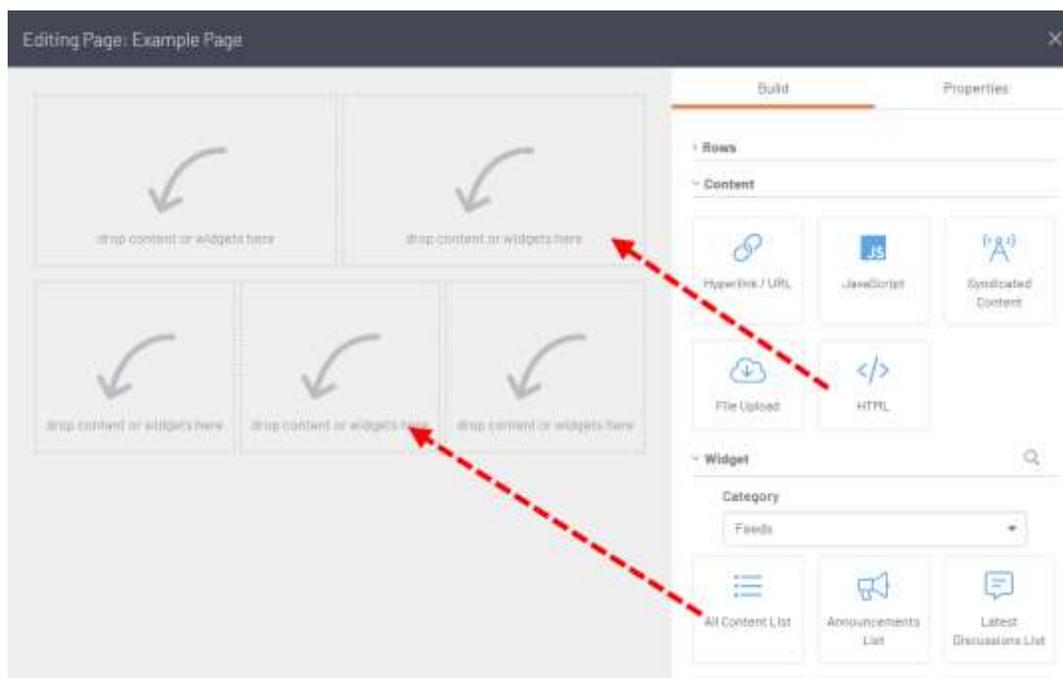
In this article, you'll learn the basics about Higher Logic's *CMS*, which will give you the foundation to successfully create and manage your community site's pages and their content.

An important concept to understand is that "CMS" is an umbrella term that encompasses two distinct parts: the **CMS** and **Page Designer**:

1. The CMS is your community site's navigation- and page-management tool; it's what you use to add and remove pages and edit page properties.



2. Page Designer is what you use to edit a page's layout and content.

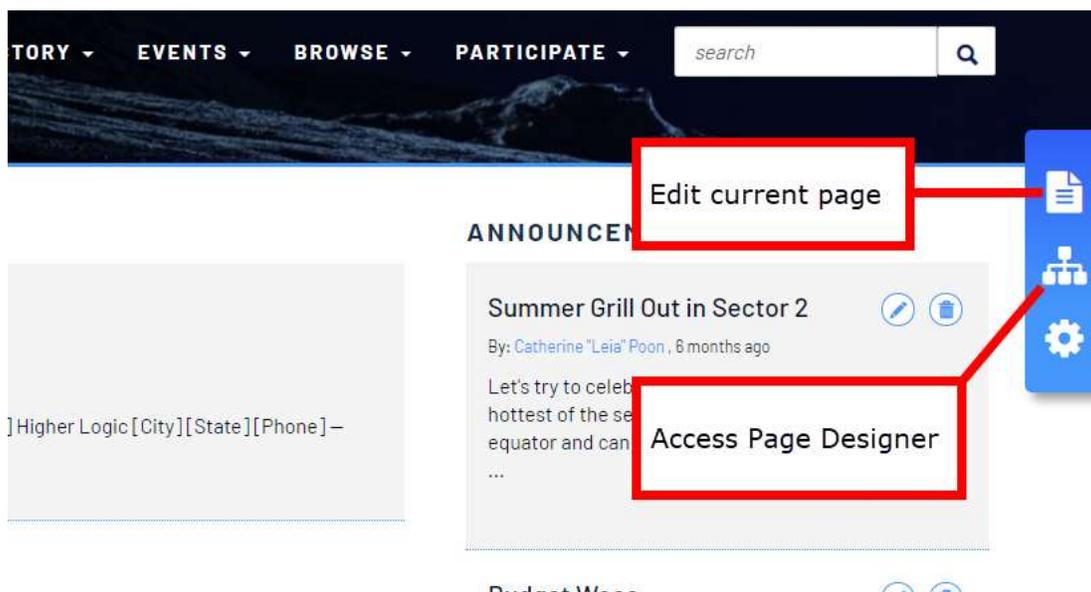


We'll learn more about using each of these tools throughout the remaining articles in this section.

Accessing the CMS and Page Designer

There are two ways to access the CMS, both from the **Webmaster Links** menu:

1. Click **edit this page** to edit the current page in Page Designer
2. OR click **edit navigation** to access the CMS's **Navigation** page, which shows your community site's complete navigation structure, with your current page selected.



CMS Navigation Layout

The **Navigation** page is the CMS's central hub, and it comprises two main areas:

- The **Navigation Tree** area on the left lists all of your site's pages in a branching structure. Pages can be nested under one another to create a tiered structure, with top-level pages known as "parents" and sub-pages known as "children." Click a parent's **plus icon** to view its children. In the image below, we've expanded the **Main Button Bar** (the parent) to view its nine sub-pages (the children). Seven of these pages are active, while the bottom two are set to not be visible in the front-end navigation, indicated by the **eye icon**.

NOTE: Pages configured to not be visible can still be accessed *indirectly*, like from an announcement or email.

- Select a page to display its **Page Properties** to the right. This is where you can update a page's title, add tags, set view permissions, and more.

The screenshot shows the 'Navigation' interface. On the left, a tree view under 'Moon Colony' lists several pages: 'Main Button Bar', 'Home' (highlighted), 'Communities', 'Moon Management', 'Directory', 'Events', 'Browse', 'Participate', 'Microsites Licensed', and 'OC Basic SKU Form'. The 'Microsites Licensed' and 'OC Basic SKU Form' items have red squares next to them. On the right, the 'Page Properties' sidebar is visible, showing settings for 'Visible in Navigation', 'Page Title' (Home), 'Show Page Title', 'Page Code Name' (home), 'URL Name' (home), 'CSS Wrapper Class Name' (HLHomePage), 'Tags' (Add a tag), 'Search Engine Optimization' (Show), and 'Advertising'.

Navigation Areas Overview

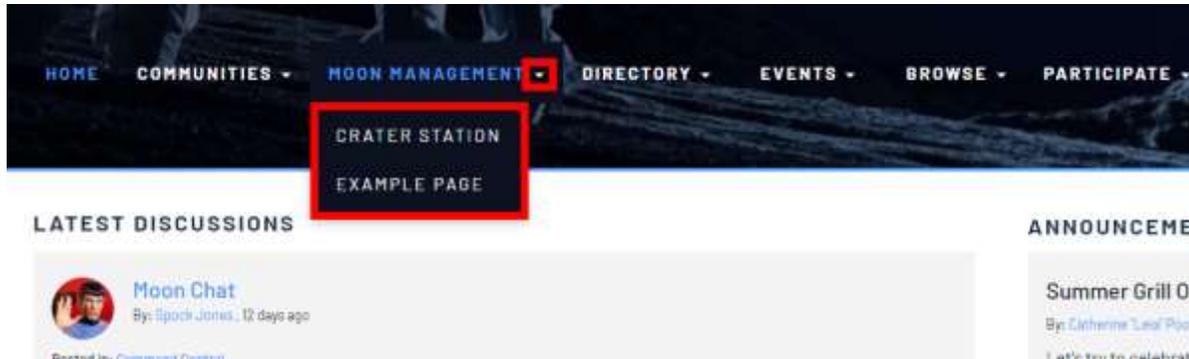
Pages are organized by a site's three main Navigation areas:

This screenshot shows a simplified view of the 'Navigation' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Site List', 'Theme Editor', 'Site Setup', 'Ads', 'Traffic', 'Navigation' (highlighted), and 'Return'. Below the tabs, the 'Navigation' section is displayed with 'Edit' and 'Add Page' buttons. The tree view under 'Moon Colony' shows three items: 'Main Button Bar', 'Text Links at Top', and 'Text Links at Bottom', each with a plus icon and a three-dot menu icon.

1. The **Main Button Bar** represents a site's top-level navigation. Adding/removing pages to/from the button bar is how to manage a site's main navigation options. When creating a page, you'll typically do so under

the **Main Button Bar** and configure it to (a) appear directly in your site's navigation or (b) as a hidden page you'll link to from elsewhere, like other pages, discussion posts, emails, etc.

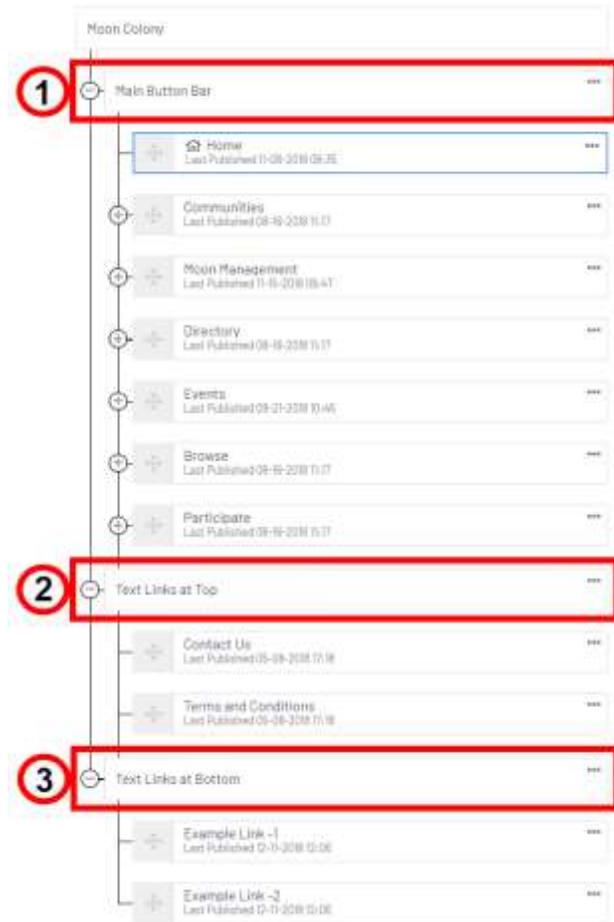
TIP: Nesting pages in the **Main Button Bar** is how you create drop-down menus in your navigation menu containing additional pages:



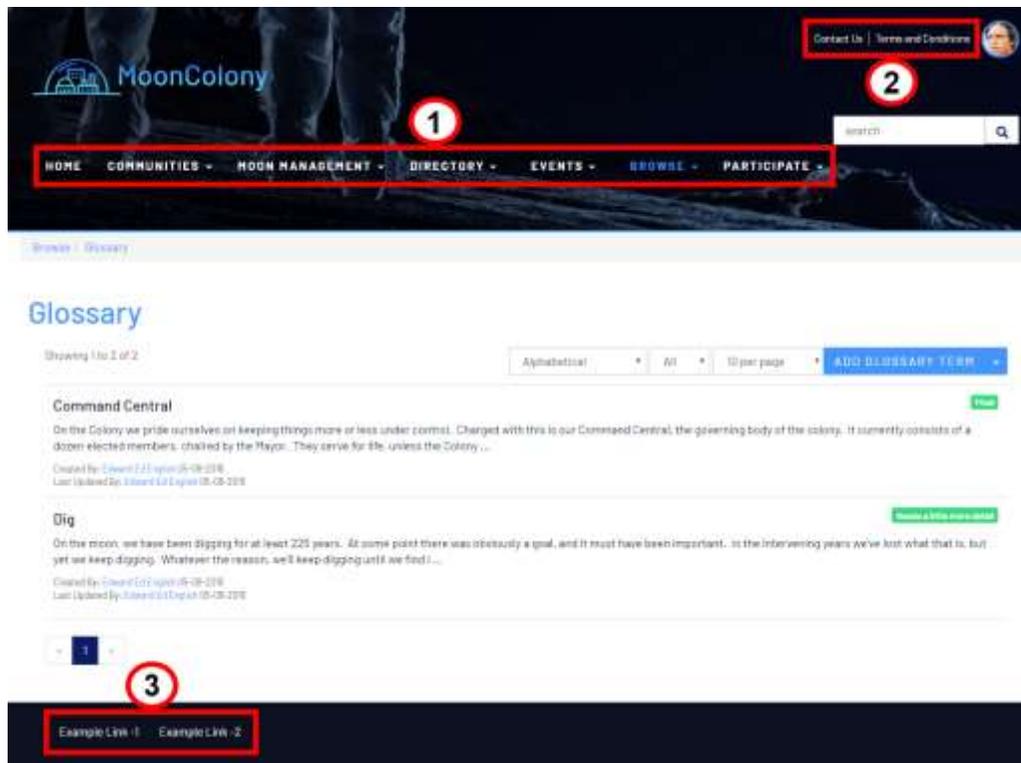
2. Pages added to **Text Links at Top** display as links in a site's banner (Contact Us and Terms and Conditions are the default links), and are available across all pages.
3. Pages added to **Text Links at Bottom** display as links in a site's footer, and are available across all pages.

EXAMPLE: Compare the two images below to see where content added to each area displays on a community site.

CMS

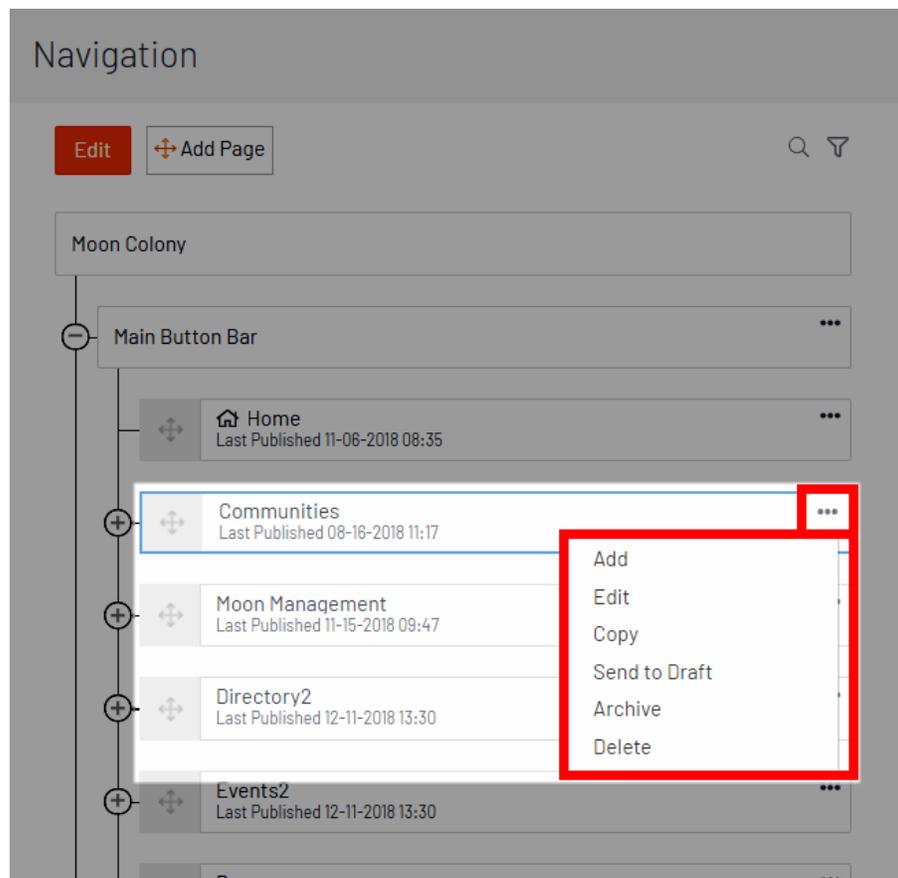


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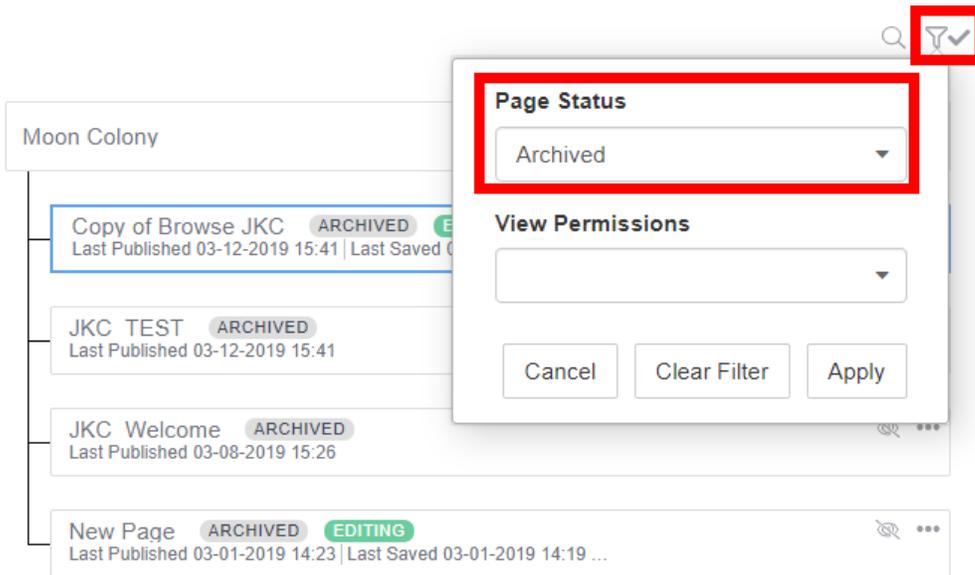
Page Management Options

Each page includes an **ellipsis menu** providing the following management options:



- **Add** - Create a child page under the selected one.
- **Edit** - Manage the page's content and edit its properties (see [Create Pages](#) for information about each page property).
- **Copy** - Create an exact copy of the page (including its properties and content) below the selected one.
- **Send to Draft** - Place the page in the **Draft** state, meaning it won't be accessible on the site (i.e., indirectly via links) OR visible in the navigation until it's published again. This is a great way to temporarily take a page offline to make updates. New pages are automatically in the Draft state.
- **Archive** - Move the page to the archive. It won't be accessible on the site or visible in its navigation unless it's set back to a draft state and published again.

NOTE: All archived pages are hidden by default in the CMS. To view them, click the **filter icon** above the list, select the **Archived** page status, and click **Apply**.



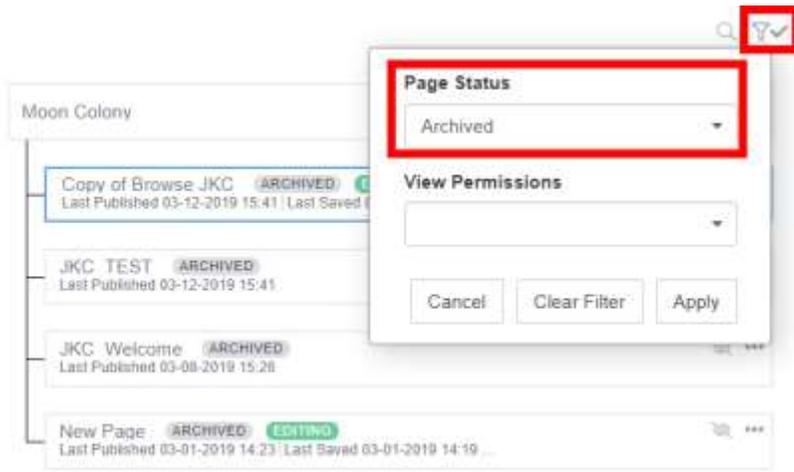
- **Delete** - Delete the page, including any children and content.

Page States

Pages can be in one of several states:

- **Draft** - Until published, Draft pages are not visible in site navigation or even accessible indirectly via links. New or copied pages automatically assume the Draft state; existing pages can be sent to the draft state, if you need to temporarily take a page "offline" for updates and then publish again in the future.
- **Editing** - When Published pages are modified, a "working copy" is created with the Editing state while the live version remains accessible and/or visible on the site. This enables you to edit pages behind the scenes and only publish your changes when you're ready.
- **Published** - Published pages are accessible and/or visible on your site, depending on their configuration.
- **Archived** - Archived pages cannot be accessed on the site and are not visible in the navigation. Archived pages also don't display in the Navigation Tree unless the **Archived** page status filter is applied.

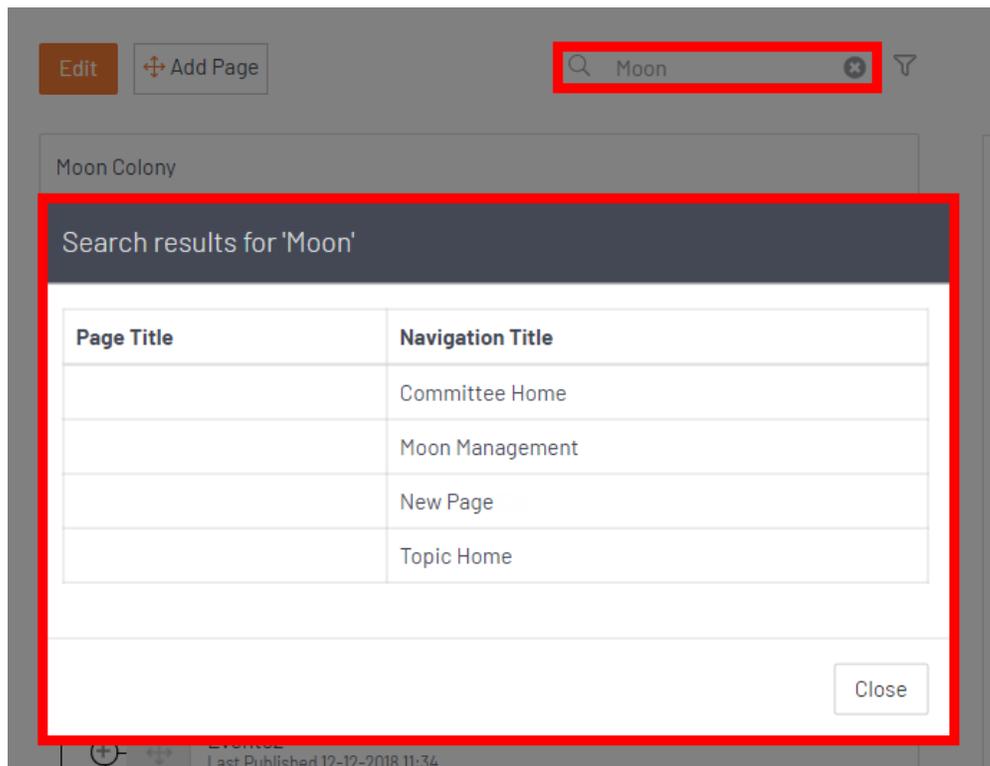
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Searching & Filtering Pages

In the Navigation Tree, click the **magnifying glass icon** to search for pages based on their **Page Title** or **Page Code Name**. Select a page in the resulting dialog to jump to the page in the Navigation Tree.

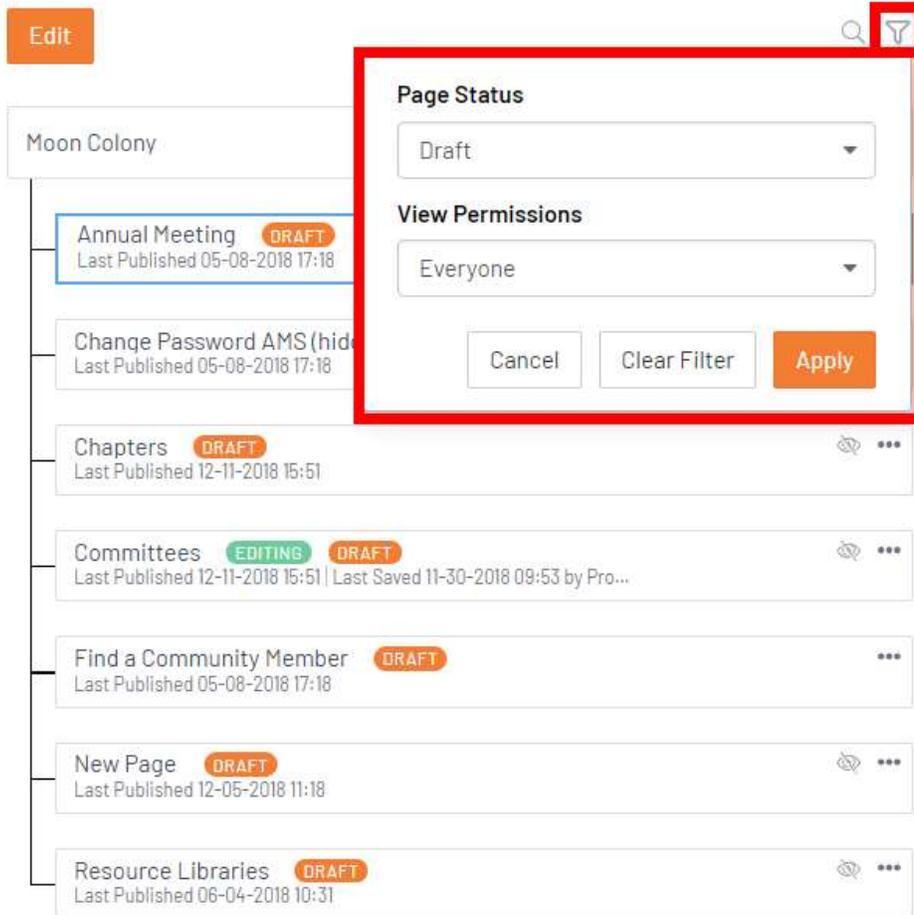
To clear search results, click the **X** in the search field.



In the Navigation Tree, click the **filter icon** to filter pages by **Page Status** and/or **View Permissions**. After selecting your filter(s), click **Apply** to list the applicable pages below. These filters make it easy to find and manage pages of a specific state and/or view permission.

To clear your filter(s), click **Clear Filter** in the filter menu.

Navigation



The screenshot shows a navigation menu for a website. At the top left is an orange 'Edit' button. To its right are search and filter icons. A red box highlights a modal window titled 'Page Status' and 'View Permissions'. The 'Page Status' dropdown is set to 'Draft', and the 'View Permissions' dropdown is set to 'Everyone'. Below these are 'Cancel', 'Clear Filter', and 'Apply' buttons. The navigation menu items are: 'Moon Colony', 'Annual Meeting' (DRAFT, Last Published 05-08-2018 17:18), 'Change Password AMS (hid' (Last Published 05-08-2018 17:18), 'Chapters' (DRAFT, Last Published 12-11-2018 15:51), 'Committees' (EDITING, DRAFT, Last Published 12-11-2018 15:51 | Last Saved 11-30-2018 09:53 by Pro...), 'Find a Community Member' (DRAFT, Last Published 05-08-2018 17:18), 'New Page' (DRAFT, Last Published 12-05-2018 11:18), and 'Resource Libraries' (DRAFT, Last Published 06-04-2018 10:31).

Page Statuses

- Draft
- Included in site nav
- Accessible on site
- Not accessible on site
- Ads in use
- Syndication in use
- Archived

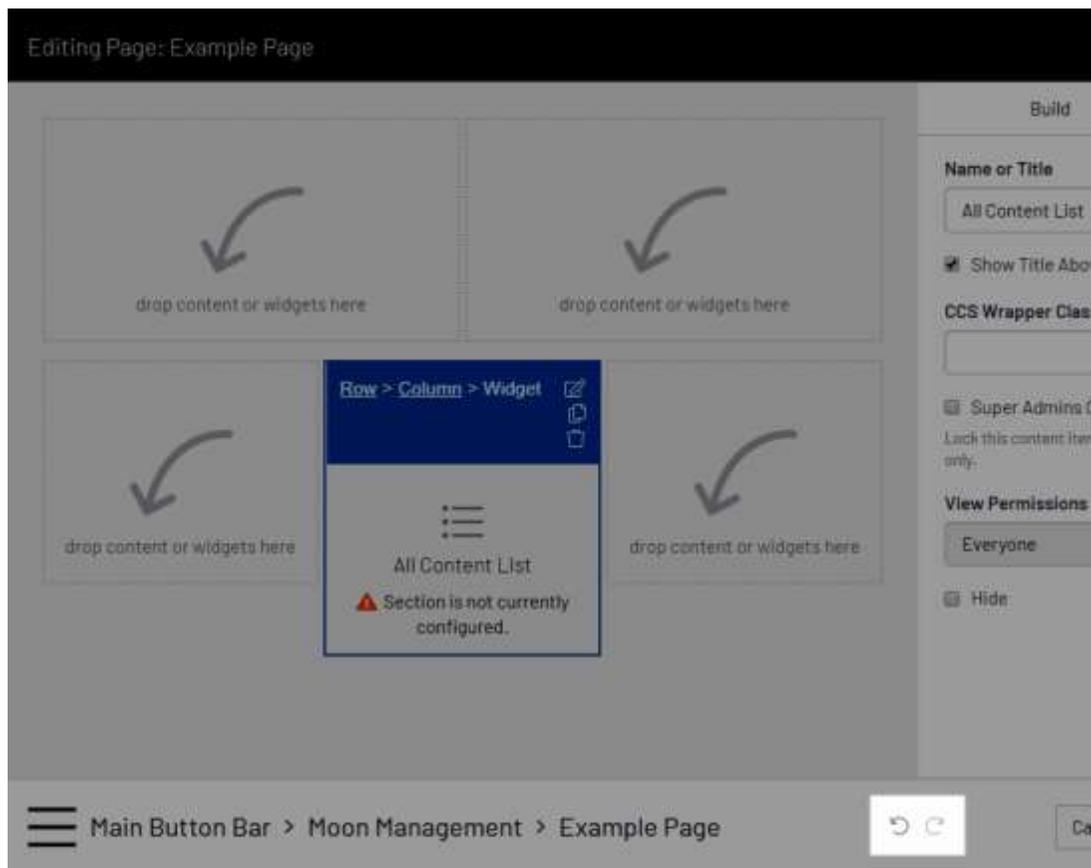
View Permissions

- Everyone
- Logged In
- Not Logged In
- Site Admins

- Super Admins
- Members
- Non-Members
- Member Roles
- Non-Member Roles

Undo/Redo Actions

When editing a page with Page Designer, you can undo and redo actions made on the **canvas**, like adding, deleting, and moving content. Click the **undo** or **redo** icon at the bottom of the page to perform the applicable action.



NOTE: You can only undo/redo actions related to content on the canvas; you **cannot** undo/redo actions like editing content settings or updating content or page properties.