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Featured Drupal Module: RealName

By [Tyme](#)

Web users are accustomed to supplying a username for sites that they frequent. Unlike other [aprs](#) a user to select a username that includes a space; so, one could use their actual name. But, with requiring a username, members are more likely to just use the same one they do for other sites. convenient for logging in to the site, but it does not work well as a display name for authored posts with original content, you don't want your feature article to show authored by JetsFan1982. Obviously your reputation for serious journalism.

The Drupal module "[RealName](#)" offers a seamless transition between that login username and a display name. Through the module options, a site [developer](#) can create a new field that holds the display name username. RealName then will automatically substitute that name wherever a byline is displayed made optional so that site visitors can post comments with a more obscure username (for privacy) creators can provide a byline for proper crediting.

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From Chaos to Clarity

By Dardis McNamee
Friday, 24 September 2010

As he finished editing the IPI Report: Brave News Worlds, Poynter Institute's **Bill Mitchell** was changed by what he had read. "Chaos is giving way to clarity. We are now making the shift from 'losing the news' to 'finding the news'." [Read more...](#)



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Peterson Takes Readers Inside Iran

By Aimee Vitrak
Monday, 20 September 2010

Gary Sick asked **Scott Peterson** what Americans missed by not being in Iran during and after the election in 2009. Peterson said everything: feeling, tasting, eating. Everything between the elections of 2004 and 2009 had changed in Iran. Peterson had the benefit of being able to go back repeatedly to Iran over the years on assignment and getting to interview and re-interview Iranians. **Watch video** from the event as Peterson discusses the future of Iran. [Read more...](#)

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On Separating Journalists From "Communicators"

By Mort Rosenblum
Friday, 10 September 2010

Journalism is a specific discipline, as vital as medicine. Communications is theory. It is fascinating to study how porcupines hook up uninjured, or how humans sell ideas to the masses. But we need hard facts and history-based analyses that require a skilled reporter's presence. [Read more...](#)



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Configuring the Module

After installing the module, the [first](#) thing that you will need to do is to create the new field(s) th Profile (or Content Profile contributed module, if you prefer) to be used as the "real name". This c fields for first name, middle name, last name. Or, if your intent is specific for byline, simply a sin

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Profiles

This page displays a list of the existing custom profile fields to be displayed on a user's *My Account* category. To add a new category (or edit an existing one), edit a profile field and provide a new category, grab a drag-and-drop handle under the Title column and drag the field to a new location i over a handle icon.) Remember that your changes will not be saved until you click the *Save configu*

Title	Name
Personal Information	
Byline Name	profile_realname

Add new field

- single-line textfield
- multi-line textfield
- checkbox
- list selection
- freeform list
- URL
- date

In this example for [Overseas Press Club of America](#), I wanted the byline field to be part of the m: "byline" field on that form. This site uses an elaborate, optional profile (using the Content Profile be particular about their byline -- perhaps preferring some variation of their full name or a uniqu customization nicely. So, for example, using the added byline field, "Joanne Kathleen Rowling" ca member directory by her full name.

Module Options: General

The RealName module offers flexibility in what you choose to automate. Enabling "Show realnam

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This page displays the status of and settings for the RealName module.

Version: \$Id: realname.module,v 1.4.4.57 2009/10/13 17:48:06 nancyw Exp \$

Show realname in nodes

If this option is selected, the "Real name" will be used on node displays.

Overwrite user fields in view to show realnames

This option will overwrite the default user name definition in Views in order to show Realnames without the need to modify Views

Title for own account:

This will be shown instead of "My account" on the user's own account pages and in the menu. If it is empty, the user's RealName

▼ [Search options](#)

These settings control how RealName search will work.

Enable realname search

If this option is selected, the "Real name" searching will be allowed. The menus will be rebuilt if this setting changes.

Disable user search

If this option is selected, the standard "Users" search page will be disabled. The menus will be rebuilt if this setting changes.

Include login name in search

Should the "Real name" search also index the login name?

▼ [Theme_username options](#)

These settings control how "theme('username', ...)" will work.

Override username theme

If this option is selected, the standard username theme function will be overridden to use the "Real name."

Maximum allowed username length

Long usernames may "break" some tables or other displays; this setting limits the maximum length. Note that the core recomr

Show "Not verified" for anonymous users

Drupal core adds "Not verified" for anonymous users, this option allows that to be turned off.

[Save configuration](#)

Another way in which you might use this module is for a members directory or Who's Online bloc view to show realnames" option will simplify the operation of showing the "real name".

The option to rename the "My [account](#)" link is a nice bonus.

Module Options: Fields

Once you have created the new "real name" fields, you need to associate them to your user objec

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You are using the *profile* module to provide fields.

Select	Field name	Weight
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Byline Name	0 <input type="text"/>

Name Pattern

The determines how the fields will be used to create the "Real name." Use "%1" to refer to the first field, "%2" to re

Module Options: Modules

The Modules tab will show you the installed modules that are capable of integrating with RealName

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These modules are available for providing data to RealName: *

- Content Profile
- Core Profile

Module Options: Bypass Forms

The Bypass Forms option lets you exclude some forms from making the "real name" substitution.

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WARNING: This form may cause errors if the instructions below are not followed or if you give an in line.

Bypass these forms: *

comment_form name

Enter one form per line. Each line should start with the form name. That should be followed by the name of the fieldset separated by spaces. For example: mymodule_form fieldset_1 fieldset_2 name

[Bypass these forms](#)

Module Options: Recalculate Names

And, to recalculate all of the "real names", you click the `rebuild_realnames` button on the Recalc

Are you sure you want to rebuild the RealNames for :

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This action rebuilds RealNames for all users, and may be a lengthy process. This action cannot be

[Rebuild realnames](#) [Cancel](#)

Summary

As you can see, the RealName module is simple and easy to implement. Sure, you could accomplish those who are not comfortable venturing into that advanced development (or who just want to be developer NancyDru -- real name Nancy Wichmann, for this handy module. NancyDru tends to w love a good NancyDru mystery.) Stay tuned to HTMLGoodies.com to learn about her Taxonomy Ir

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