VIMP documentation

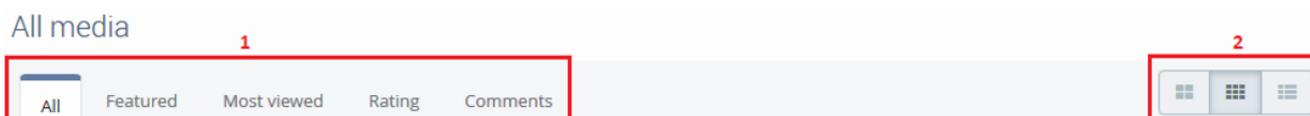# Table of contents:

Important modules

In this section, the most important modules will be described briefly. The availability of the modules may depend on the VIMP edition you have.

Home

The Home section is – briefly spoken – the start page of your VIMP portal. With the selection of a preset, you have already defined which sections and features show up on the start page. Additional changes of your start page are going to be described more detailed further below.

Media

The media section is the centerpiece of your VIMP platform, clearly itemizing all of your uploaded media (videos, pictures, audios, documents). Both a sorting function (1) and different display possibilities (2), which can be folded in and out via the filter icon, allow various customizations of the media section.

Channels

Channels are a great way for the administrator or as a user with appropriate permissions to collect specific media in a specific location and present it to the users. A channel can be managed either by an administrator or by a channel moderator plus it can be subscribed by users who henceforth do not miss any new media anymore. In addition, channel editors can be defined for further support, which can manage the media within channels. Channels can either be public or private. The content of a private channel is only accessible for subscribers of this specific channel.

Furthermore, you can assign fee-based media (VoD module required) to fee-based channels. This might be a comfortable way for your users to pay only for the entire channel and its complete content and not for every single medium.

Albums

Every user with the permission to upload its own media to the portal can also create an album on its own, assign its media to this album and consequently share this album with other users. The only essential precondition is that the media has to be uploaded by the owner of the album since foreign media cannot be assigned to albums. The visibility of an album can be restricted for special user groups by the owner. Therefore, an album can be declared invisible for all users except the owner, visible for all users or restricted just for friends of the owner of the album.

Groups

Groups can be created by every user of the portal. They were explicitly designed as a collaboration tool where all group members can add and share their own media with the other members. Furthermore, a group can be declared either as public or private. Latter configuration means that the content shared in the group can only be seen by the group members.

Additionally, every group can obtain a group forum for a completely isolated communication between the members. For this purpose, the forums module has to be installed.

Blogs

With the installed and activated blog module you and your users can easily create own blog entries and share them with the community. The built-in web editor already provides all you need. You can either use the buttons of the text editor to put in pictures, links or anchors, or edit the content in full HTML code. Every blog entry has its own comments section where the users can have a

discussion about the contents of the blog. Since all blog entries are public, you cannot declare special visibility or restrictions to specific user groups.

Forums

Extend your VIMP portal with your own forum by purchasing the forums module without installing any external software. You define the overarching topics of your forum, while your users can create new subjects referring to your topics.

You can also create specific topics for a special group of users. In this case, these topics will be hidden for other users, unless they get an invitation and join the private group. With a private forum you can easily undock sensitive discussions from the public audience and restrict the visibility to a specific user group.

Livestreams

Turn your VIMP portal into a broadcasting station with the livestream module. You can easily embed and integrate a video or audio livestream into your portal and share the livestream with your audience. The integration of a livestream is a very straightforward process, since you only need the stream URL and particular metadata that has to be injected into the "Livestreams" settings form. Once a user accesses the livestream page, the stream can be started automatically within the built-in VIMP player. You can also provide fee-based livestreams to your users by purchasing and installing the VoD module.

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