How to create custom blocks on Home page

Since phpFox 4.7.1, the Home page of the Material template can be configured with custom blocks easily. Let's take a look some samples of the Home page of the Material template

Landing page with 2-column layout

Landing page with 3-column layout

How to configure custom blocks

You can have the Home page with 1-column, 2-column or 3-column layout.

- With 1-column layout: all blocks HAVE TO be configured in Block Area 2 only.
- With 2-column layout: Custom blocks can be configured in either Block Areas 1 & 2 or Block Areas 2 & 3.
- With 3-column layout: Custom blocks can be configured in all Block Areas 1, 2 and 3.

Note: 2 **Welcome** and **User Sign up for Guests** blocks should be configured in the same block area (column). We recommend putting these blocks in Block Area 2.
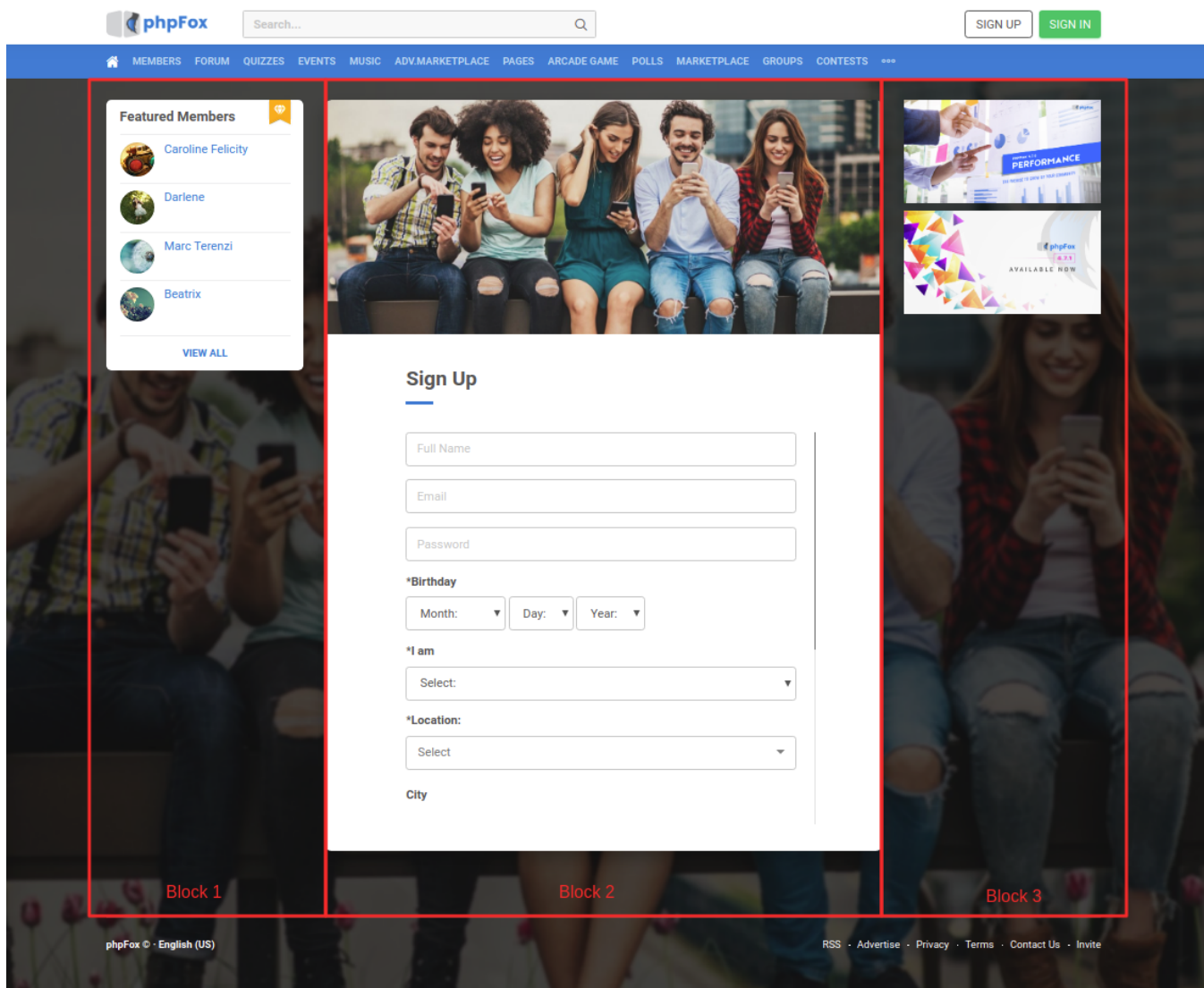
1. Example on Block Area 1 or Block Area 3

You can put some custom blocks such as the site-related statistic, sponsored content or featured members, etc. in these block areas. In this example, we opt to **Featured Members** block, so visitors can see who are active on your community as the image above.

- Go to **AdminCP** >> **Appearance** >> **Blocks** >> Choose **Visitor Landing Page (core.index-visitor)** >> **Add Block**. Setup the new block as follow.

- 📊 Dashboard
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Editing: core.index-visitor::user::featured (Featured Users for Guests)

Edit Block #12

Product *

| Core | ▼ |

* Module

| User | ▼ |

Title

| Featured Users for Guests |

Page

| Visitor Landing Page (core.index-visitor) | ▼ |

Component

| -- featured | ▼ |

Placement View Sample Layout

| Block 1 | ▼ |

Allow Access

- ✔ Administrator
- ✔ Registered User
- ✔ Guest
- ✔ Staff
- ✔ Banned
- ✔ View all Resumes
- ✔ Who's viewed me

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The new block will show up in the Block list of Homepage (**core.index-visitor**).

| 1673 | ⊕ | Product Annoucement | Core | ON | ⚙ |
| 4327 | ⊕ | phpfox 4.7.1 | Core | ON | ⚙ |

Block 2

ID		Title	Apps	Active	Settings
1704	⊕	Welcome	User	ON	⚙
11	⊕	User SignUp for Guests	User	ON	⚙
3433	⊕	Import Your Contacts	Contactimporter	ON	⚙

Block 1

ID		Title	Apps	Active	Settings
12	⊕	Featured Users for Guests	User	ON	⚙
1697	⊕	PHP Code	Core	OFF	⚙

2. Example of Block Area 2

The block area 2 should be used for the main content of the Landing page since it will get more focus on visitors. By default, you can use **Welcome** and **User Sign up for Guests** in this block area. The **Welcome** block can show the main photos, and **User Sign up for Guests** block is to display the Registration form.

- In 1-column or 2-column layout, these blocks will be displayed in a horizontal way, photo displays next to the Registration form.
- In the 3-column layout, block area 2 displays 2 these blocks into vertical way, one on top another.

How to add Welcome and Registration blocks

- Access **AdminCP** >> **Appearance** >> **Blocks** >> Choose **Visitor Landing Page (core.index-visitor)**
- Add new block or edit the current Welcome block as below

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           Administrator   View Site 🔗

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Editing: core.index-visitor::user::register (User SignUp for Guests)

Edit Block #10

Product *

| Core | ⬍ |

* Module

| User | ▼ |

Title

| User SignUp for Guests |

Page

| Visitor Landing Page (core.index-visitor) | ▼ |

Component

| -- register | ▼ |

Placement View Sample Layout

| Block 2 | ⬍ |

Allow Access

☑ Administrator

☑ Registered User

☑ Guest

☑ Staff

☑ Banned

☑ phpFox staffs

☑ Active Users

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- Then, add new block or edit **User Sign up for Guests** for Registration form as below

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Placement View Sample Layout

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Done! Now you have a completed Homepage for your site with rich content due to custom blocks!