Troubleshooting Omeka

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How to make an Image Appear on a Record

If you are having trouble with an image not appearing on your website, you may want to try the following steps.

Go to your settings (Fig. 1) and select general (Fig. 2).

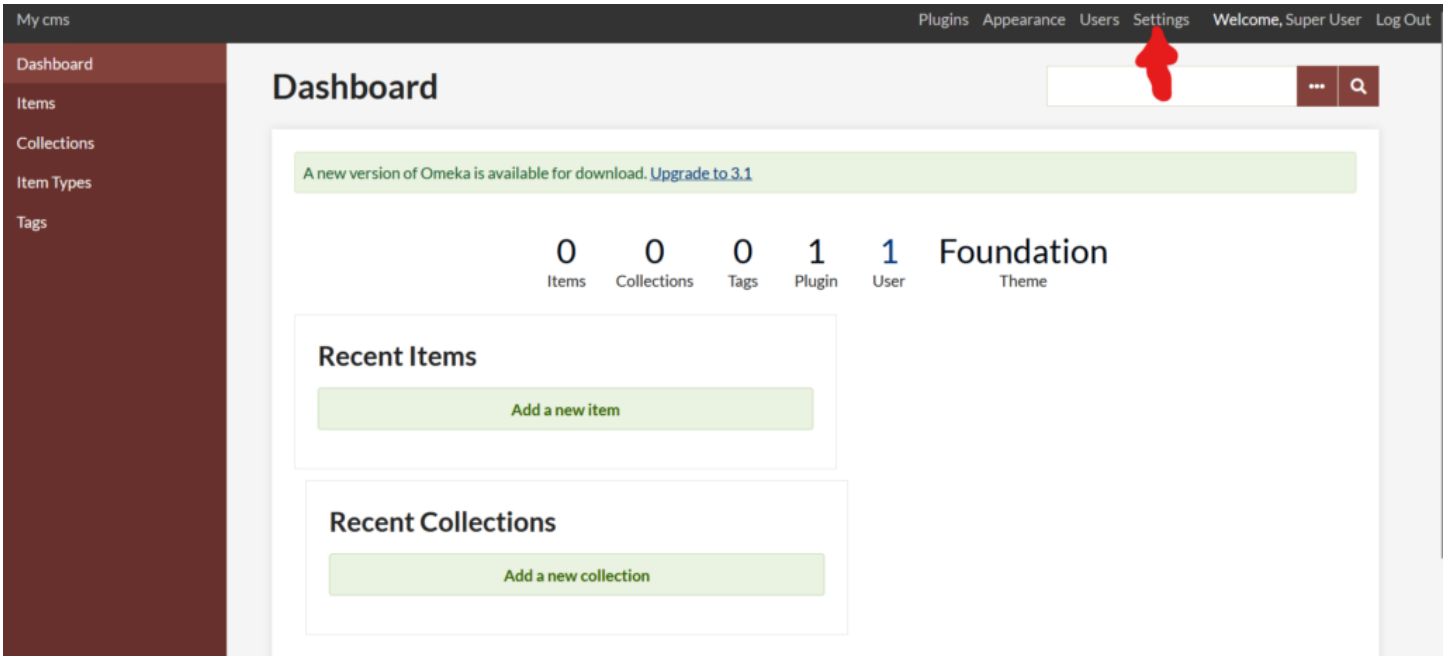


Fig. 1

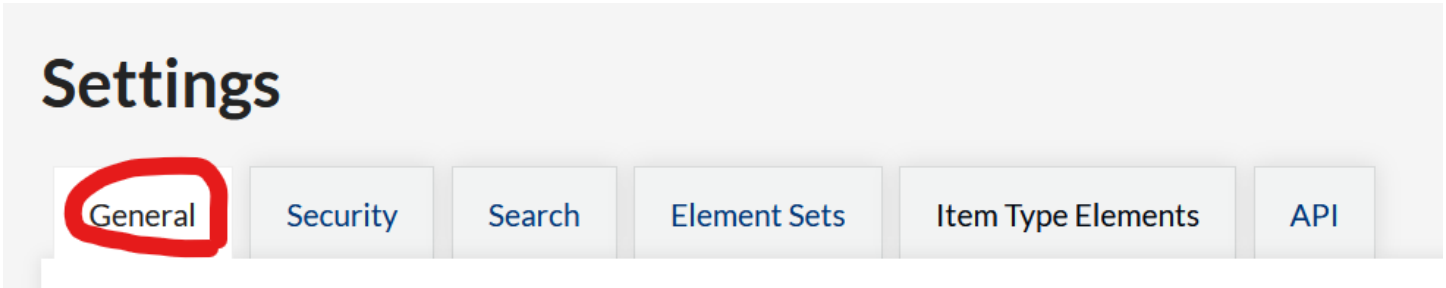


Fig. 2

Scroll down until you see the ImageMagick Directory Path, and make sure it's set for /usr/bin (Fig. 3).

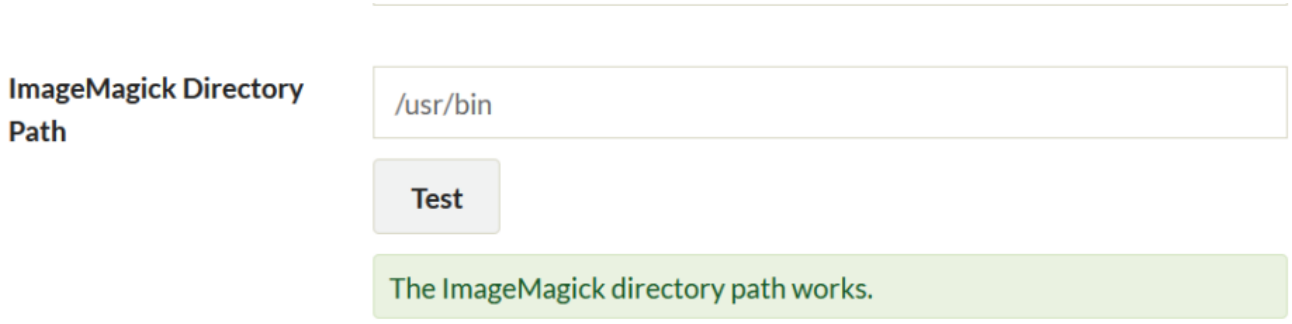


Fig. 3

You can run a test by clicking the test button to make sure the directory path works. Once you do this, make sure you hit the save changes button (Fig. 4).

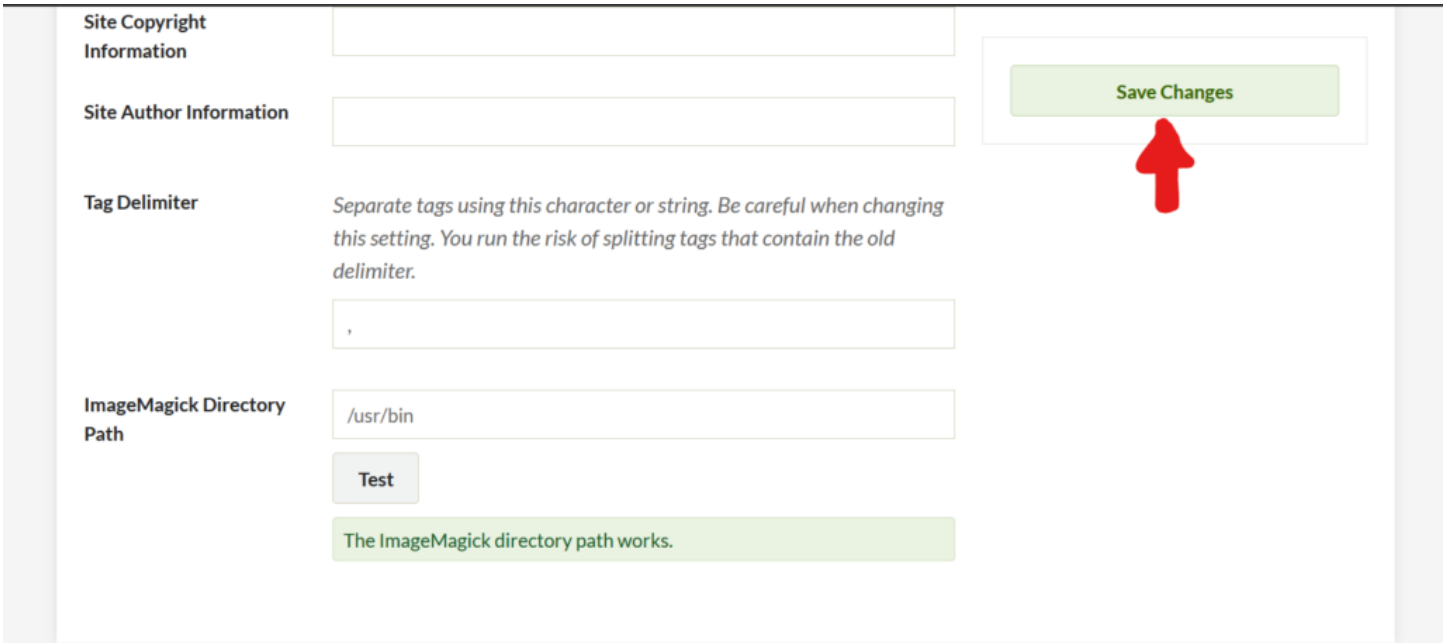


Fig. 4

To add an image, you can navigate to items (Fig. 5).

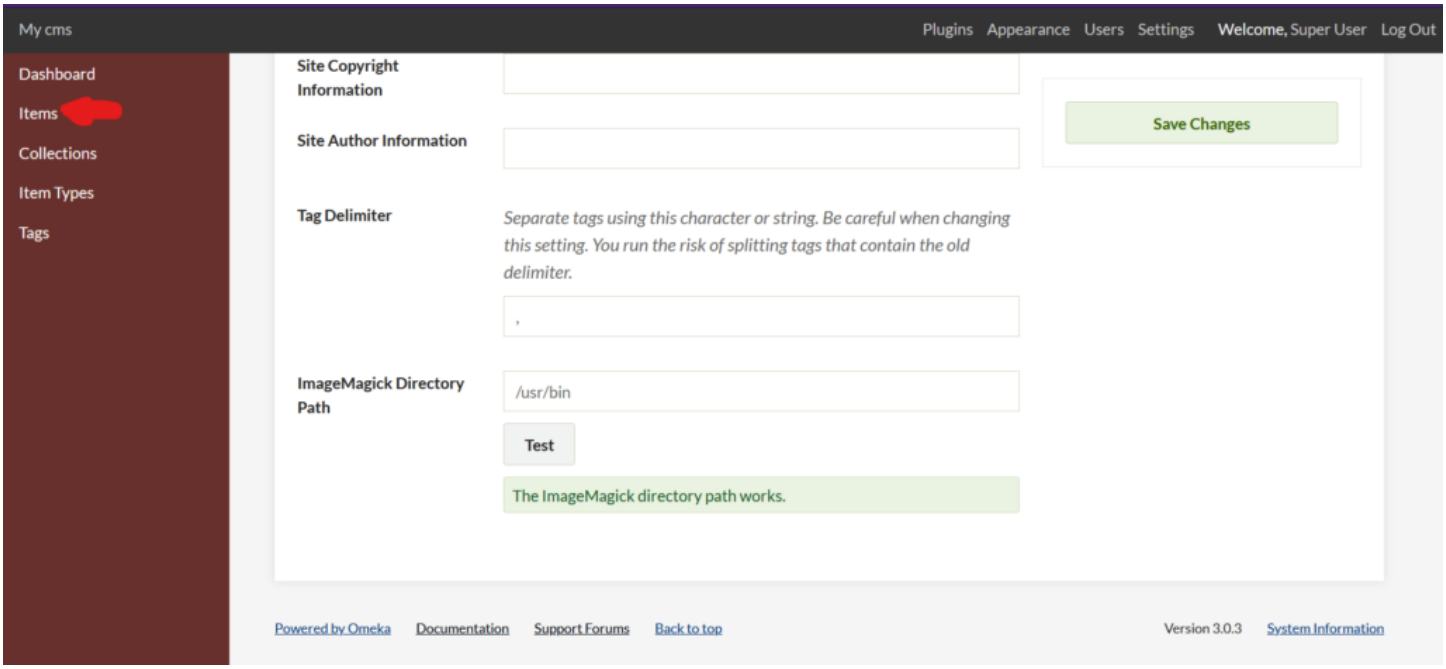


Fig. 5

There you can select to add a new item (Fig. 6).



Fig. 6

After clicking on add an item, you'll want to navigate to files (Fig. 7)

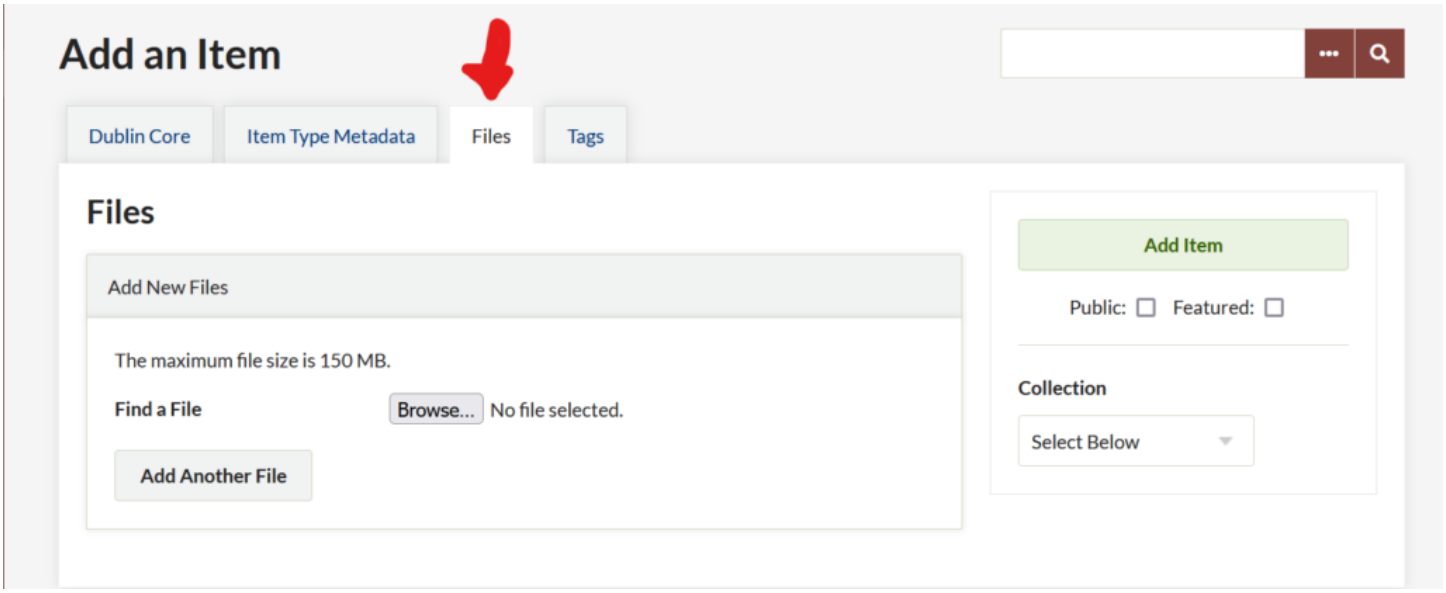


Fig. 7

Under files, you can click on browse to select an image downloaded on your computer. If you want to add more than one, you would also click add another file before selecting that photo.

How to Hide the Citation Field

In Omeka, to change or edit the citation field, you have to create a custom plugin, meaning that hiding the citation field is much easier than trying to change it.

The first step is finding the File Manager on your cPanel (Fig. 8)

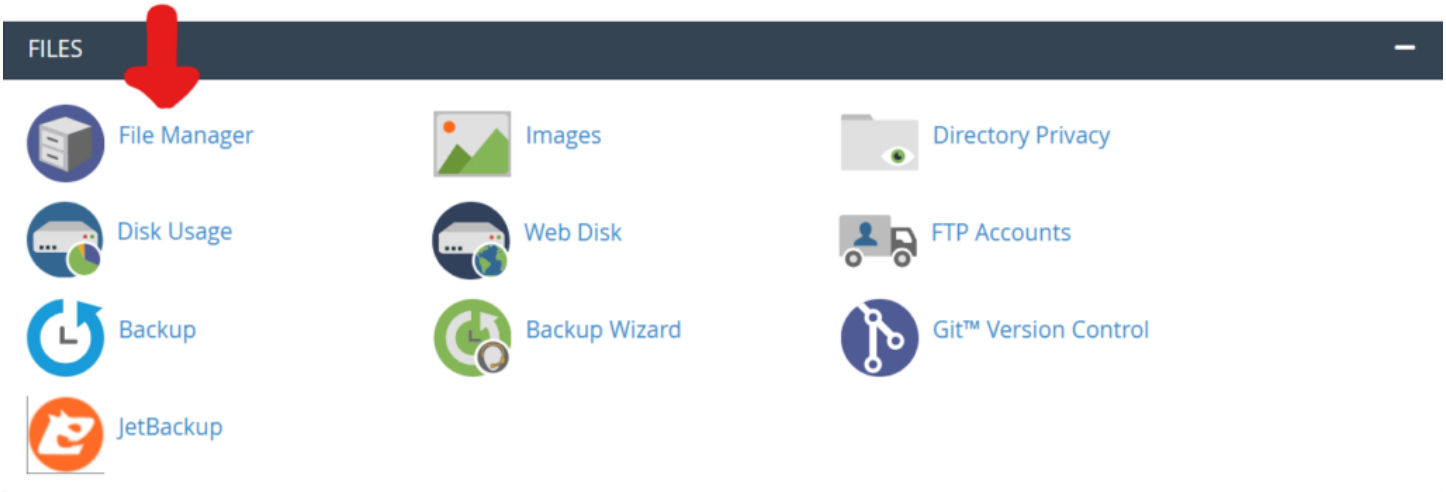


Fig. 8

Once inside your File Manager, you'll want to find the folder labeled with your blog's domain name. Then you want to open the theme portion of that folder (Fig. 9).

admin	4 KB	Jan 31, 2023, 11:46 AM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
application	4 KB	Apr 21, 2022, 1:22 PM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
cgi-bin	4 KB	Apr 25, 2022, 2:28 PM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
files	4 KB	Apr 21, 2022, 1:22 PM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
plugins	4 KB	Yesterday, 3:31 PM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
themes	4 KB	Yesterday, 3:15 PM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
bootstrap.php	5.07 KB	Apr 21, 2022, 1:22 PM	text/x-generic	0644
build.xml	4.11 KB	Apr 21, 2022, 1:22 PM	text/x-generic	0644
db.ini	555 bytes	Jan 26, 2023, 11:50 AM	text/x-generic	0600
index.php	597 bytes	Apr 21, 2022, 1:22 PM	text/x-generic	0644
license.txt	34.32 KB	Apr 21, 2022, 1:22 PM	text/plain	0644
README.md	1.27 KB	Apr 21, 2022, 1:22 PM	text/x-generic	0644
robots.txt	32 bytes	Apr 21, 2022, 1:22 PM	text/plain	0644

Fig. 9

Once inside your themes folder, you want to find your current theme, whatever that may be. Then you want to find the items folder (Fig. 10)

collections	4 KB	Sep 30, 2022, 11:07 AM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
common	4 KB	Sep 30, 2022, 11:07 AM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
css	4 KB	Sep 30, 2022, 11:07 AM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
exhibit-builder	4 KB	Sep 30, 2022, 11:07 AM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
fonts	4 KB	Sep 30, 2022, 11:07 AM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
images	4 KB	Sep 30, 2022, 11:07 AM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
items	4 KB	Sep 30, 2022, 11:07 AM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
javascripts	4 KB	Sep 30, 2022, 11:07 AM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
languages	4 KB	Sep 30, 2022, 11:07 AM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
scss	4 KB	Sep 30, 2022, 11:07 AM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
search	4 KB	Sep 30, 2022, 11:07 AM	httpd/unix-directory	0755
simple-pages	4 KB	Sep 30, 2022, 11:07 AM	httpd/unix-directory	0755

Fig. 10

Inside the items folder, there should be an item called show.php, which you can click on and then use the edit button to adjust the code (Fig. 11).

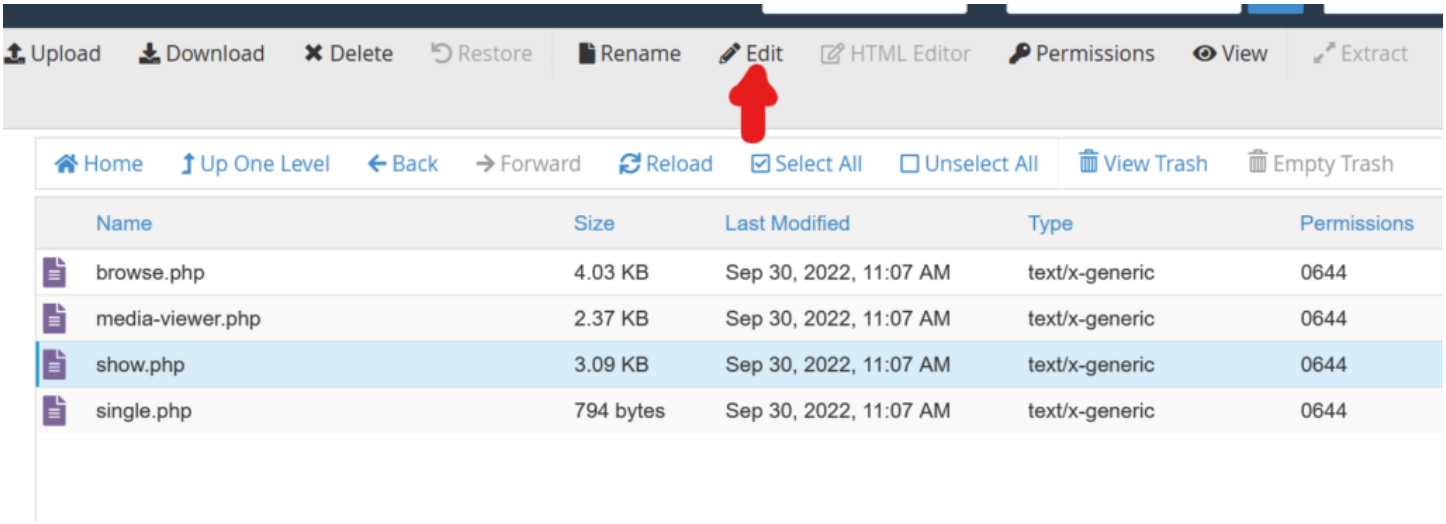


Fig. 11

You'll want to remove the following lines of code from that file (Fig. 12).

```
<div id="item-citation" class="element">

 <h3><?php echo __('Citation'); ?></h3>

<div class="element-text"><?php echo metadata('item','citation',array('no_escape'=>true));
?></div>
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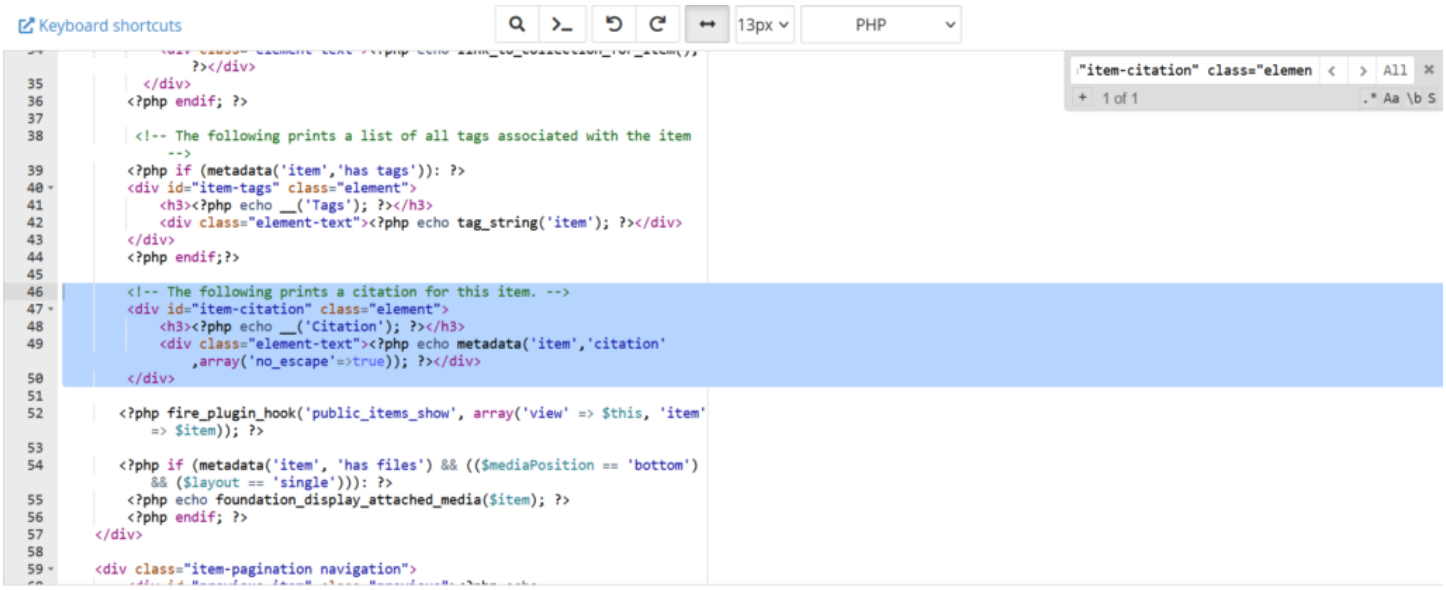


Fig. 12- Lines of code to be removed

Remember to hit the save changes button at the top right when that is done.

How to add an input with two fields

In the Dublin Core, when you use the input box, you can only add one value per box. However, if you want to add more than one value per box, whether it be for the Creator, Subject, Language, etc., there is an easy way to do this. To add multiple values, you will have to use the Add Input button to create a box for each value (Fig. 13). If you fail to do this step, multiple inputs will simply be treated as one input.

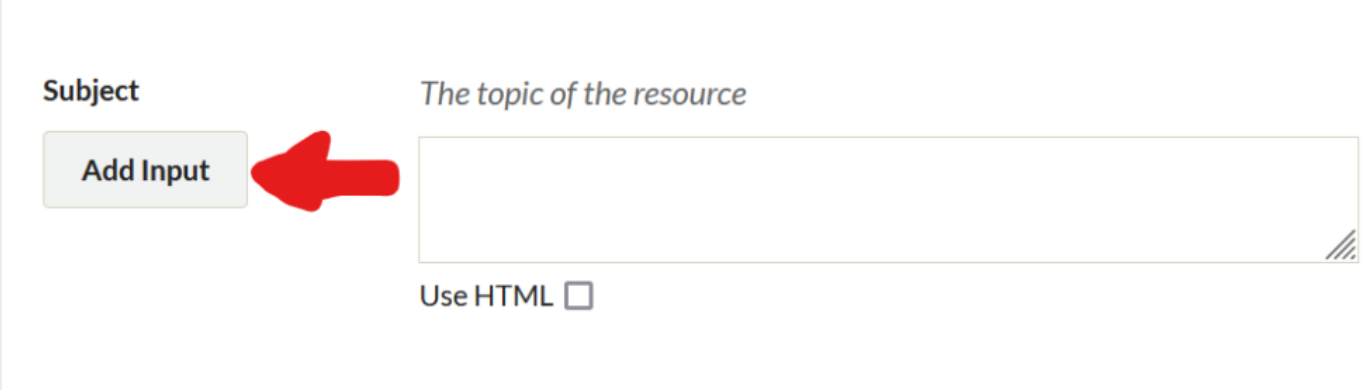


Fig. 13

Search Bar Questions

How to search

To search your Omeka website, you can use a search bar that is always present in the upper right corner of the admin side (Fig. 14).

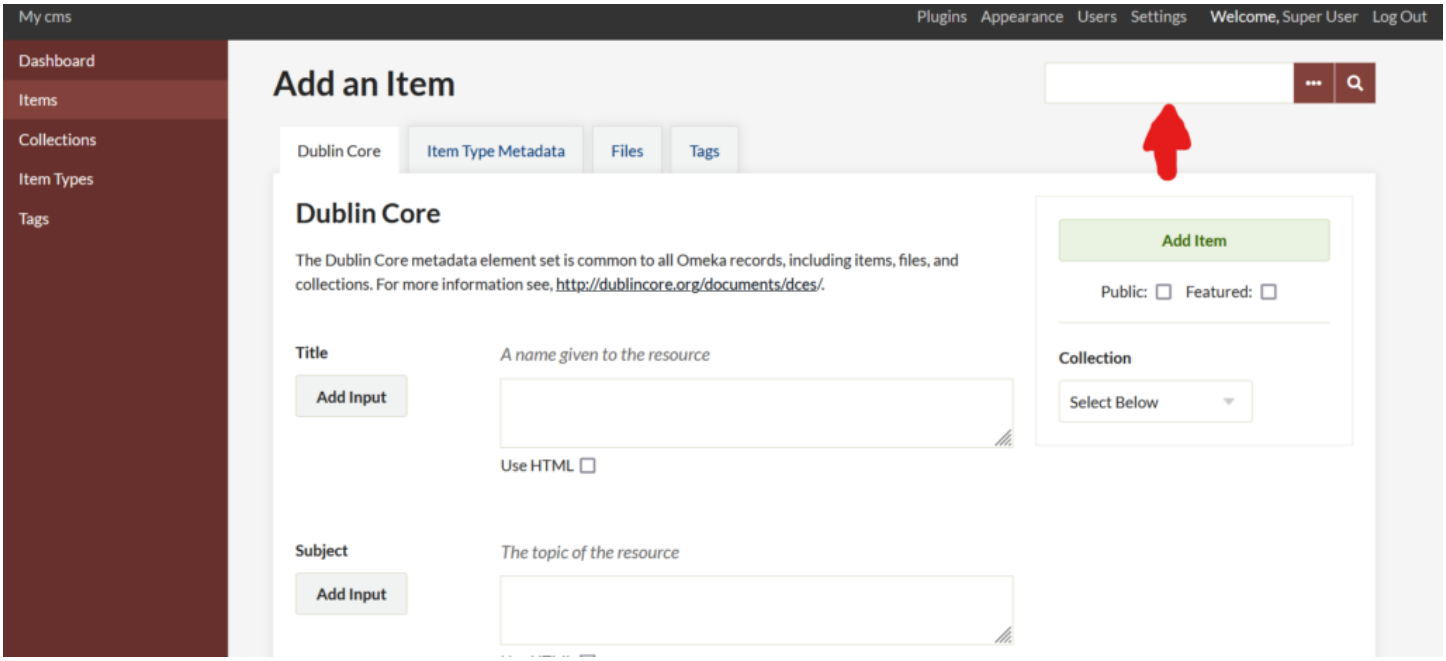


Fig. 14

The search bar on the front end of your website may be a little harder to find as it will vary by them.

You will want to type in a keyword when using the search bar. Based on your search settings, this search might lead to this keyword pulling up items, files, collections, and pages.

How to Change Search Settings

To change your search settings, click on settings in the upper right corner (Fig. 15).

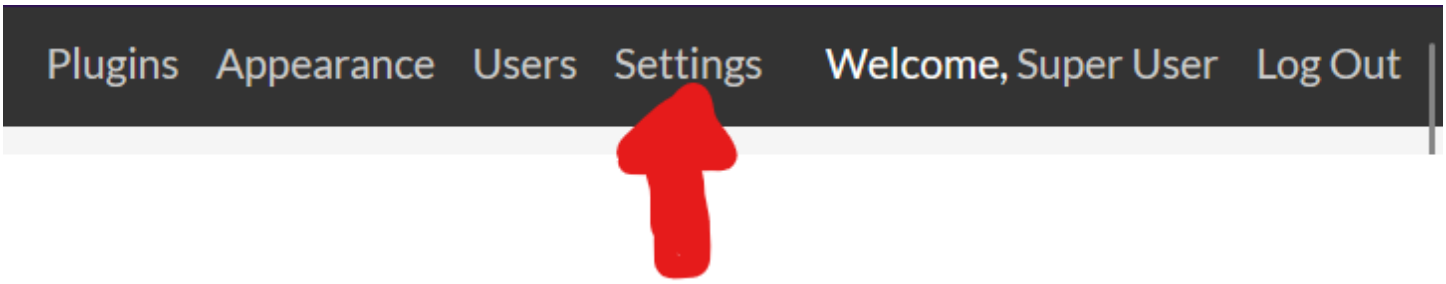


Fig. 15

Next, you want to navigate to Search.

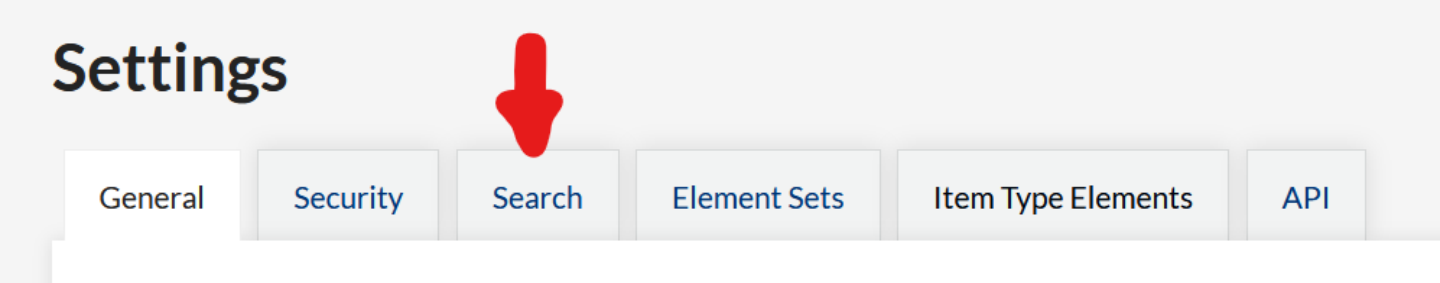


Fig. 16

Listed below are the different settings for your Omeka search bar (Fig. 17). You can make it look for a Keyword, Boolean, or an Exact Match. You can have it pull Items, Files, Collections, or all three.

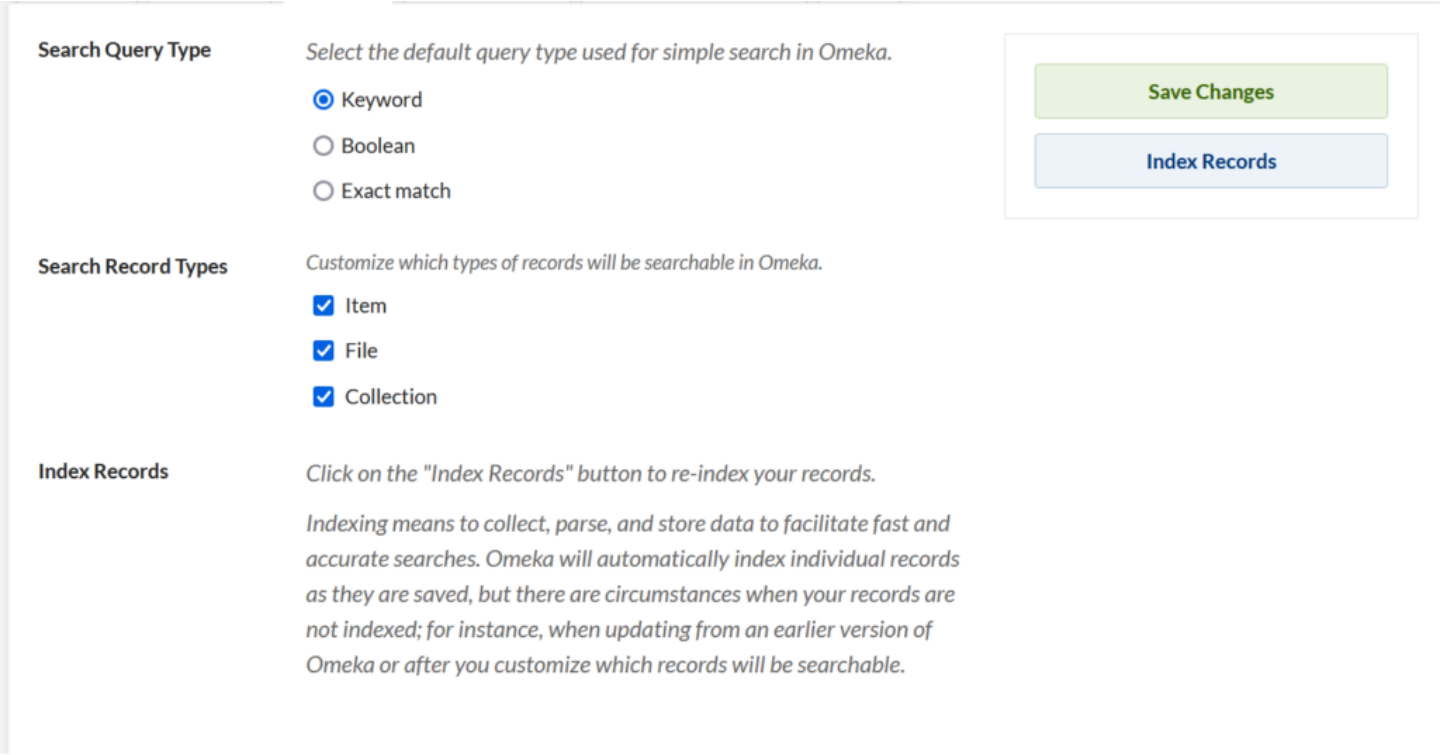


Fig. 17

You can also use the Hide Elements plugin, which will allow you to hide elements from the search bar.

Other Resources

The Omeka Classic Getting Started User Manual includes a large variety of information when it comes to setting up Omeka, installing themes, and troubleshooting information.

Much like the User Manual, Omeka.net has a lot of great guides showing you a wide variety of things you can do with Omeka.

If you are confused about a term, there is a Dublin Core guide that will assist you with learning what they mean.

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