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Claromentis *Beacon*

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Introduction

As we continue to pay homage to our hometown by naming our major software releases after Brighton landmarks, our latest version is called Claromentis Beacon, after Ditchling Beacon, the third-highest point on the South Downs.

Now a tourist hot-spot and prime location for sporting and charity events, Ditchling Beacon was historically a site for a warning beacon, which would be lit to communicate an imminent invasion, such as the Spanish Armada.

Fire-lit beacons may have been the way to communicate hundreds of years ago, but these days an online chat app can suffice. Our flagship feature of Claromentis Beacon, and the reason for naming it so, is the total revamp of our Communication app, with brand new styling, layout, functionality, and a chat-like experience.



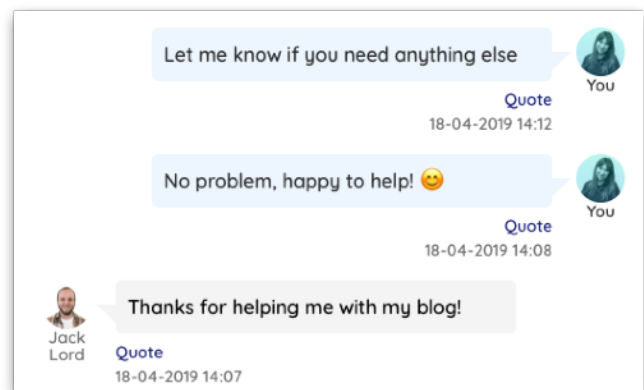
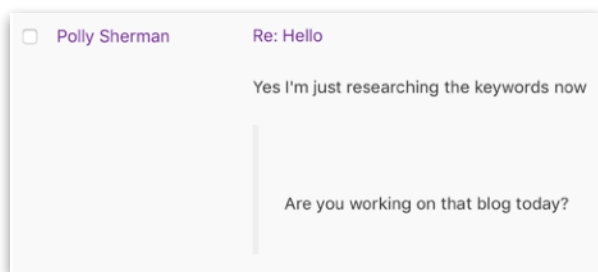
Ditchling Beacon in Sussex

Communication

Claromentis Beacon's flagship feature may not be a new one, but it is a huge transformation of the functionality, usability, and aesthetics of our Communication app.

Brand new interface

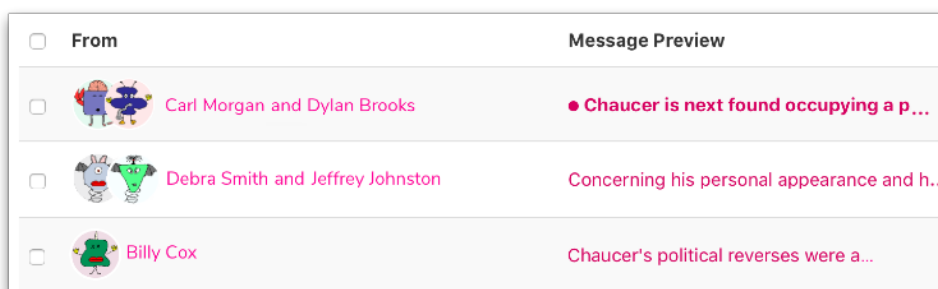
Communication has had a total makeover, with a new iMessage/Whatsapp-style look and feel that makes it easier than ever to chat with your colleagues in your intranet.



Out with the old (L), in with the new (R) - the new Communication interface is modern, clean, and easy to use.

Group chats

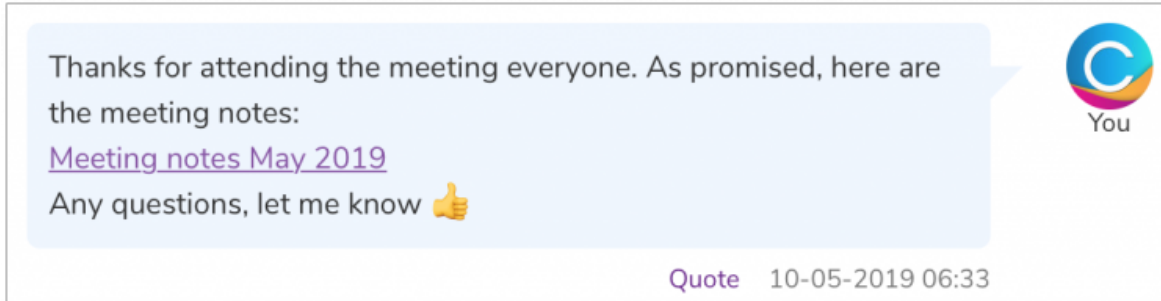
Employees can send messages to individuals or start a thread with multiple team members to discuss ideas, share thoughts, or simply chat within a dedicated and private area.



Messages with multiple team members are grouped together in a single thread

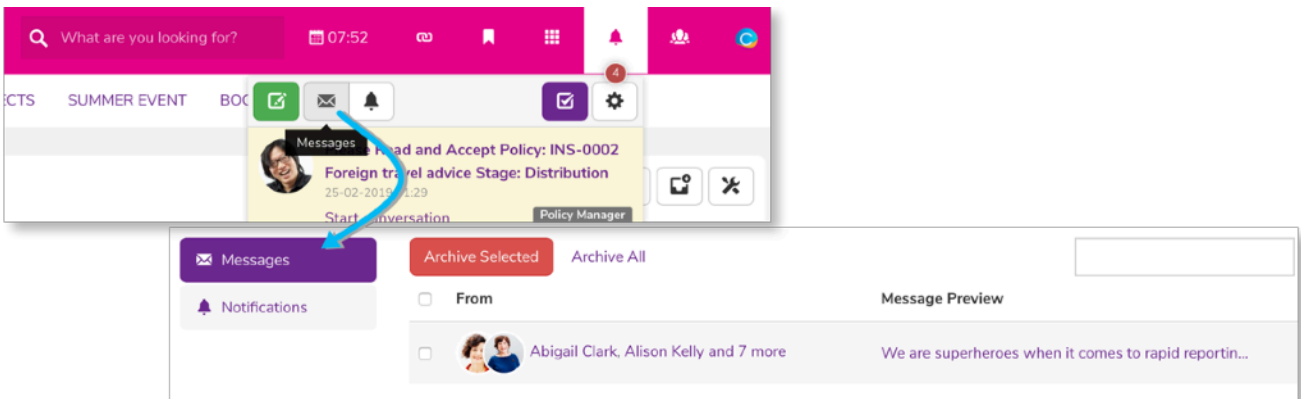
Share files, links and images

Add internal files, external links, and images to your messages to quickly share data.



Inbox

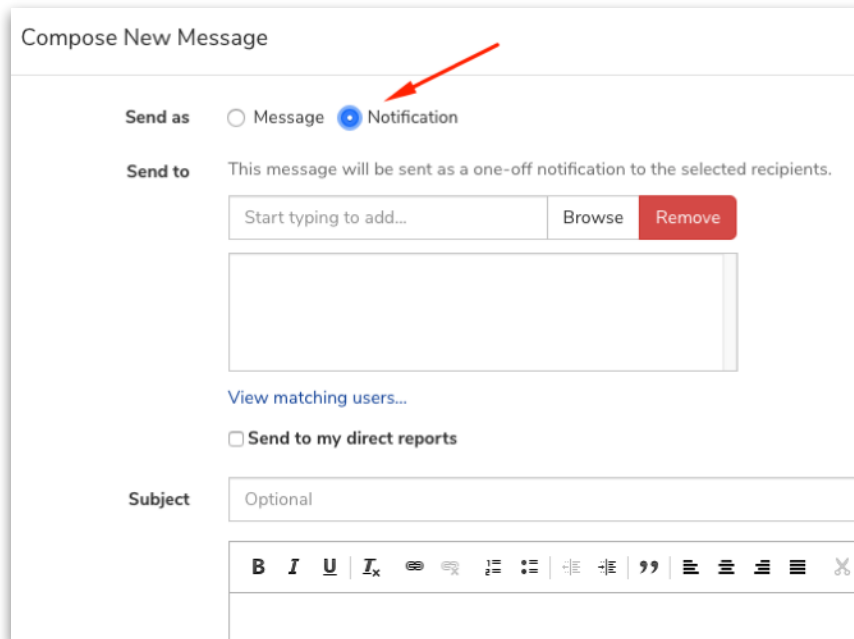
We've also streamlined the Communication inbox, so that there are two dedicated areas for messages and app notifications. These can be accessed individually from the updated notification menu.



Access your messages or app notifications from the new notifications menu

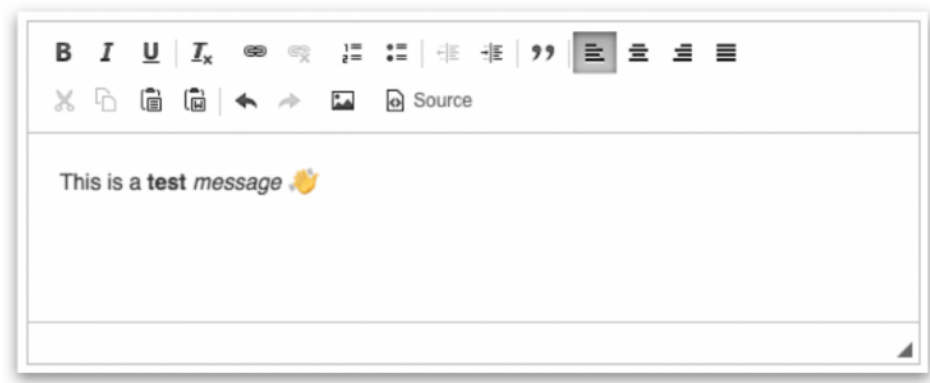
Mass notifications

Staff with the relevant permissions will now be able to send rich-content notifications to large numbers of employees, groups, or their direct reports. This replaces the old “send bulk message” feature, providing a clearer user experience.



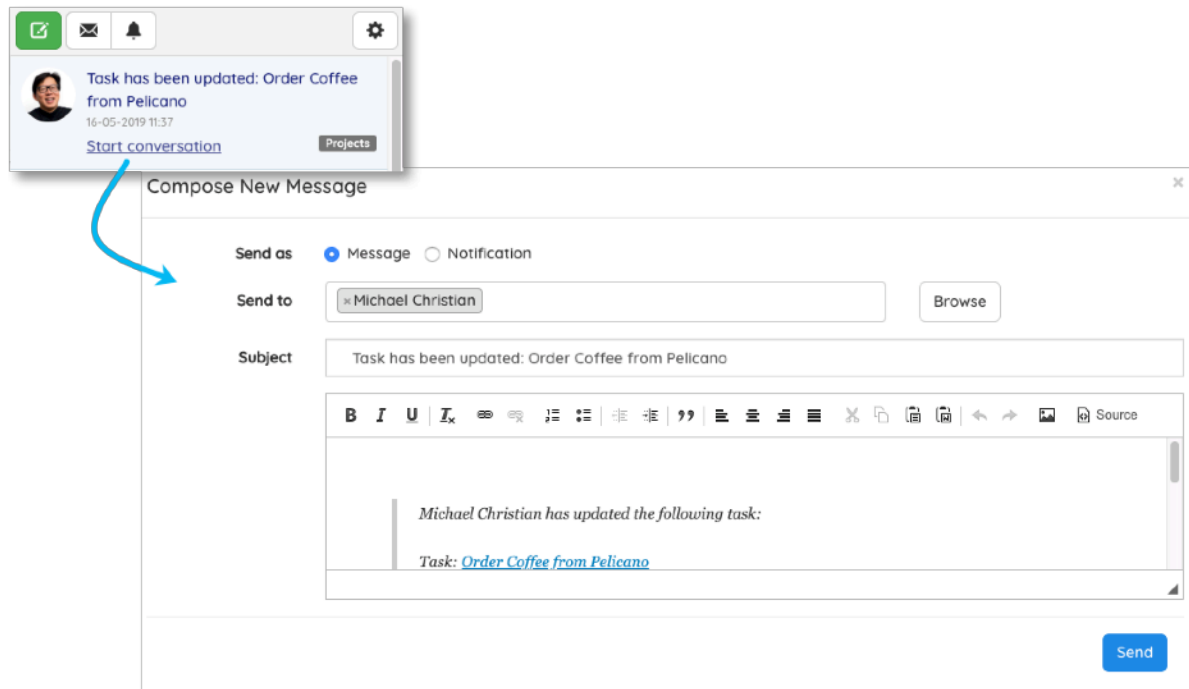
Add emojis and format text

Add emojis to any message, thanks to our built-in emoji support. Messages can be formatted using our rich-text editor as well, so you can format text and styling.



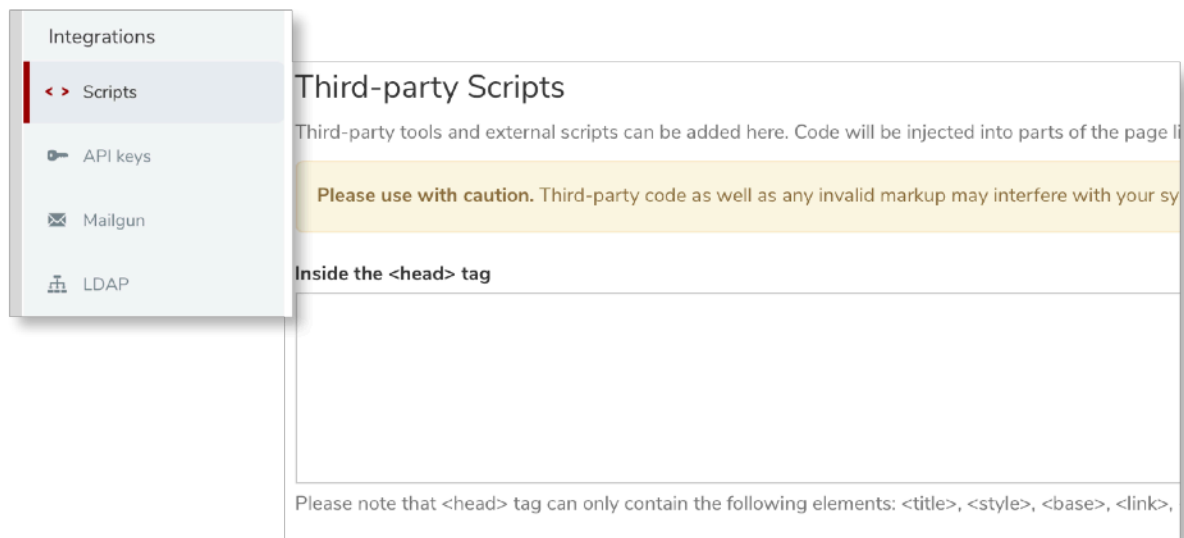
Start conversations from any notification

You can now start a conversation from any app notification. Simply click the “Start conversation” link, and a new message window will pop-up containing pre-filled details that reference the original notification.



Admin scripts

We've improved the flow of adding third-party scripts, such as Google Analytics tracking, to your intranet. Administrators can now add scripts safely within a dedicated System panel, rather than accessing and editing backend config files.



CKEditor config

Edit the CKEditor (rich-text editor) configuration file within our new dedicated admin panel.

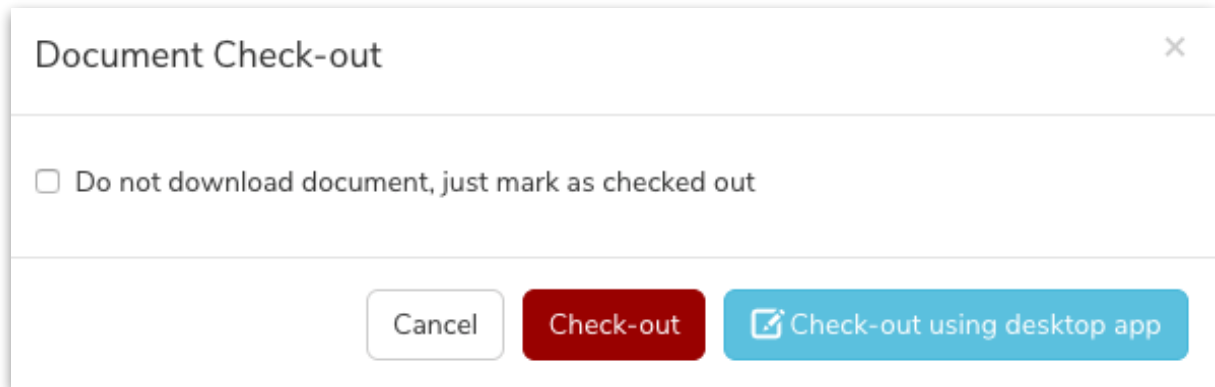
Email notification templates

You can now customise the styling and content of email notification templates within the System panel, allowing you to create emails with your company branding.

Documents

Check-out utility

Our new Documents check-out utility speeds up the process of checking-out, editing, and checking-in a document.



Our handy app will detect changes made to the document, and automatically check it back in once you save it within your chosen word processing application.

HR

Blocked users list

Employees with the relevant HR app permissions will now be able to view blocked users from the front-end of the People application. This will enable HR administrators to access information about past employees, who are typically blocked from the intranet once they leave the company.

Notification audit

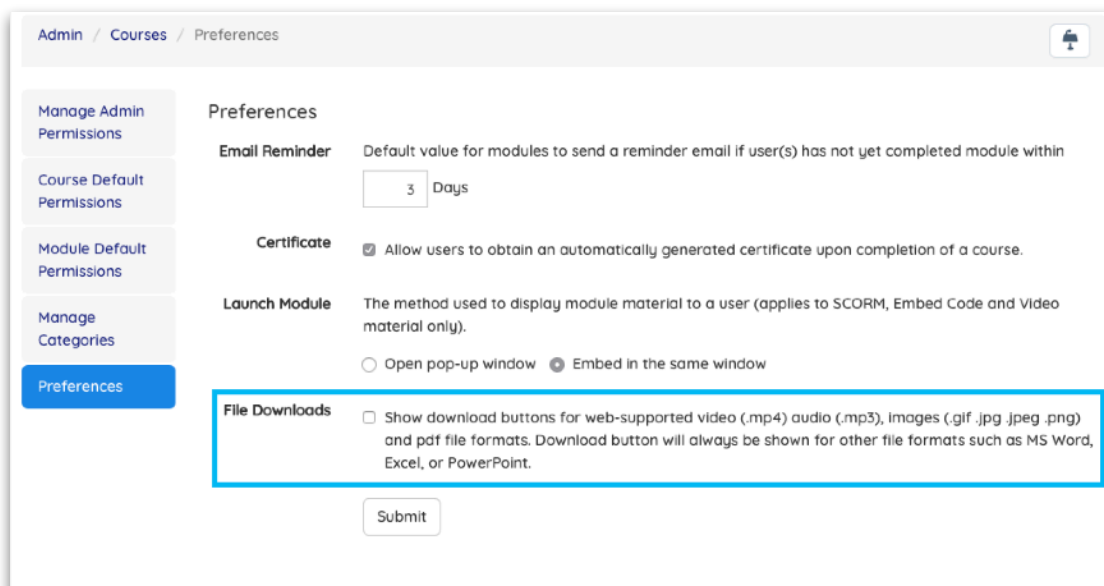
InfoCapture notifications are now audited in Audit logs, capturing the date, time, employee name, and issue ID for each entry.

Date/Time	Details
02.04.2019 10:26 am	Sent notification 'New note' for issue 000118 to "Private User" <private@user.dot>

Learning

Disable downloads

Administrators now have the option to allow or disallow employees to download certain Learning material file types, such as .pdf and video files. This ensures you can keep the original files secure, providing employees access only within the Learning module itself.



Admin / Courses / Preferences

Manage Admin Permissions

Course Default Permissions

Module Default Permissions

Manage Categories

Preferences

Preferences

Email Reminder Default value for modules to send a reminder email if user(s) has not yet completed module within Days

Certificate Allow users to obtain an automatically generated certificate upon completion of a course.

Launch Module The method used to display module material to a user (applies to SCORM, Embed Code and Video material only).

Open pop-up window Embed in the same window

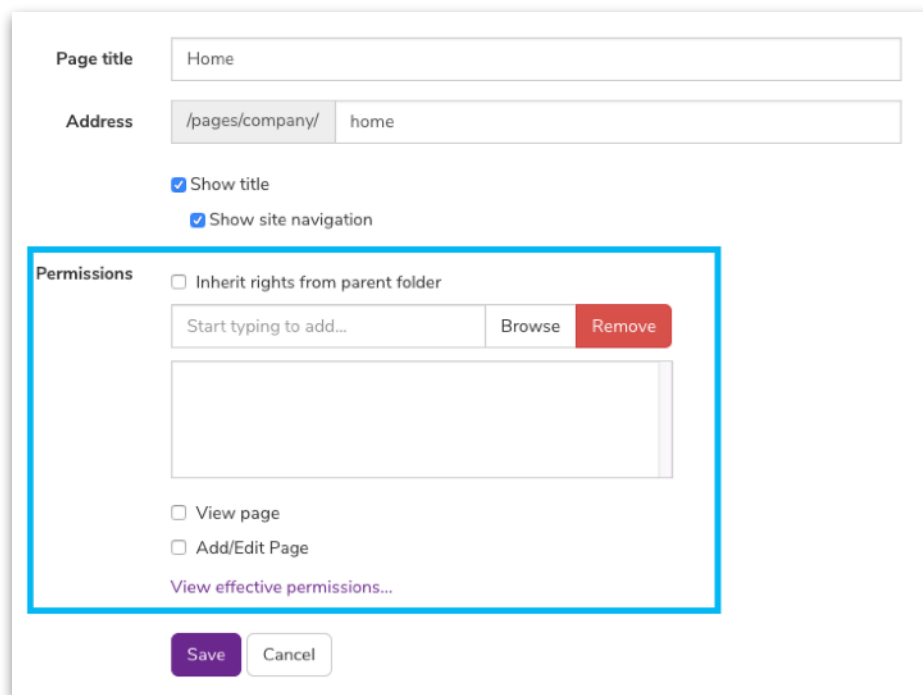
File Downloads Show download buttons for web-supported video (.mp4) audio (.mp3), Images (.gif .jpg .jpeg .png) and pdf file formats. Download button will always be shown for other file formats such as MS Word, Excel, or PowerPoint.

Submit

Pages

Permissions per page

When adding a new Page, you now have the option to configure individual permissions or have it inherit permissions from its parent Page.



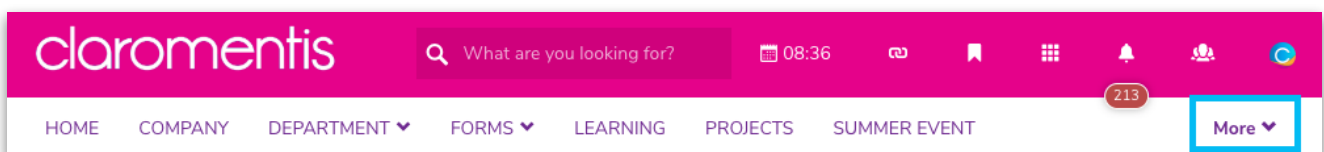
The screenshot shows a configuration form for a page. The 'Page title' is 'Home' and the 'Address' is '/pages/company/home'. There are two checked options: 'Show title' and 'Show site navigation'. The 'Permissions' section is highlighted with a blue box and contains the following elements:

- Inherit rights from parent folder
- A search input field with the placeholder text 'Start typing to add...'. To its right are 'Browse' and 'Remove' buttons.
- An empty list box for permissions.
- View page
- Add/Edit Page
- [View effective permissions...](#)

At the bottom of the form are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

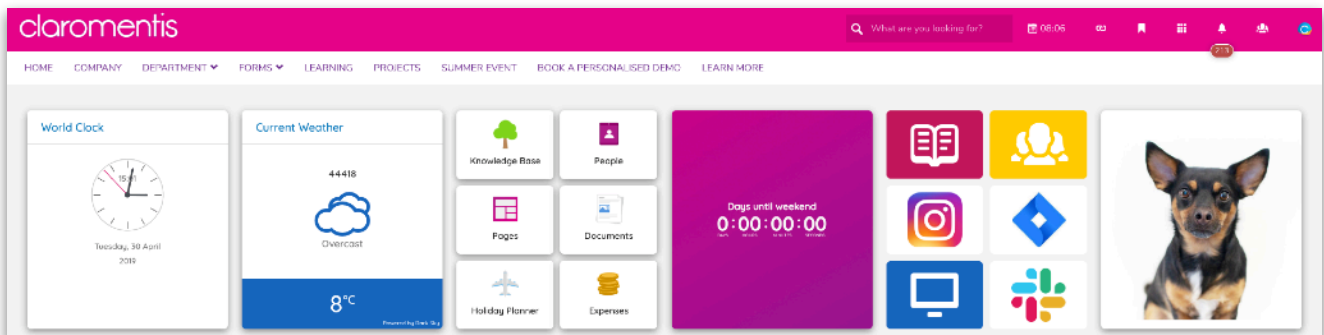
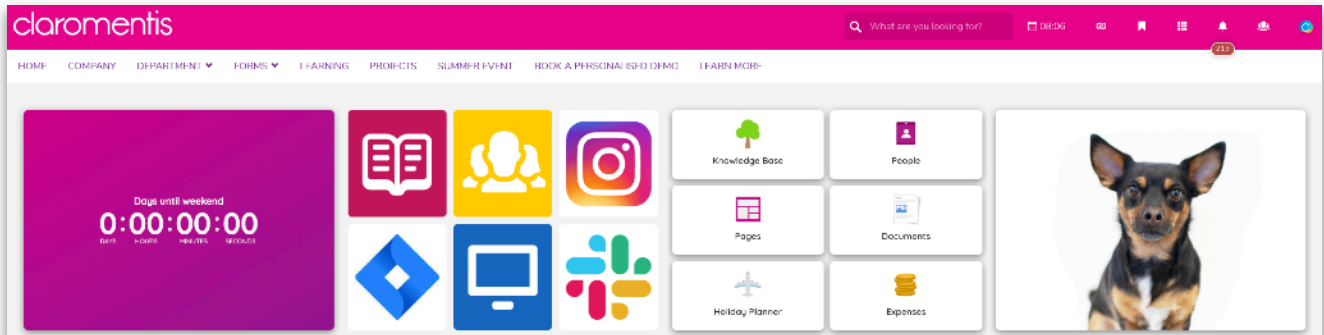
Progressive menu collapse

If you have more menu items than you have space, our new progressive menu feature will automatically collapse items into an extra “More” menu. Clicking this will display the remaining items in a secondary menu line, providing a cleaner user experience.



6 grid layout

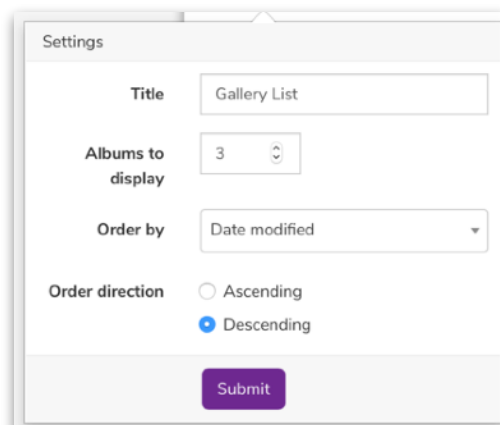
Maximise your intranet with our new 6 grid layout feature. Perfect for larger computer screens, our 6 grid layout allows you to optimise space and add more intranet components and tools width-wise as well as length-wise.



4 grid layout (top) vs 6 grid layout (bottom)

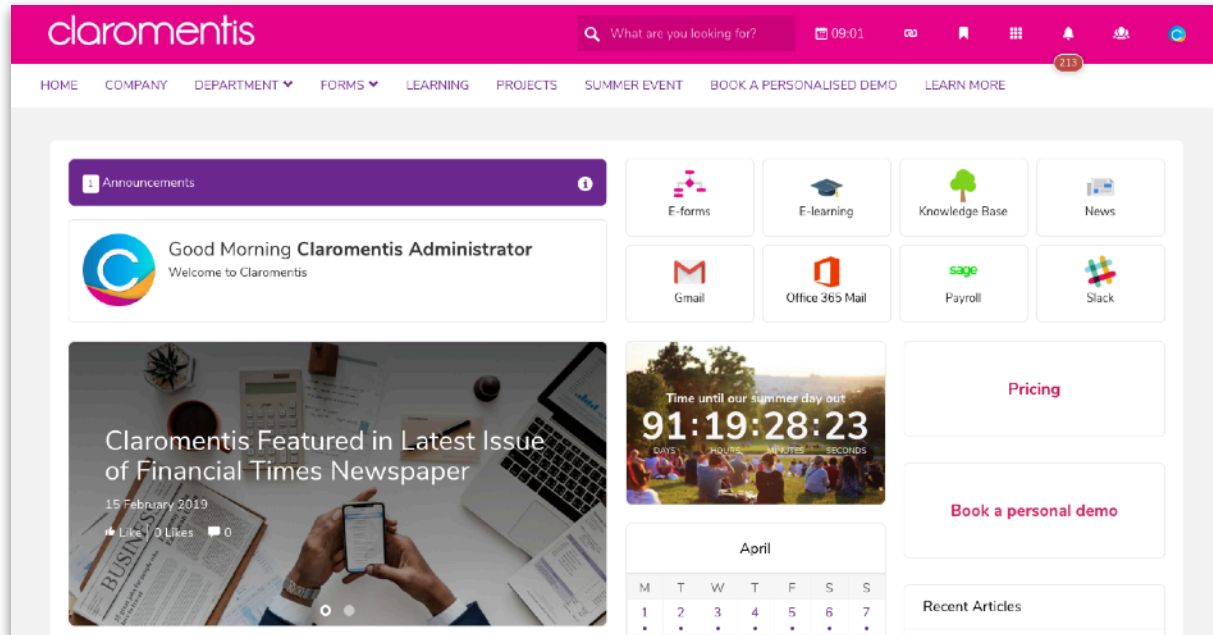
Gallery component

We've added new sorting options to our Pages Gallery component. You can now choose to sort albums by date modified, date created, or name, in ascending or descending order.



Page Frame

Our new Page Frame layout wraps intranet components with a white background, providing a different style choice from the standard dashboard look.



Homepage with Page Frame layout