

Introduction

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Well you have made the most important choice so far, by selecting Joomla! 1.5 as your choice of Content Management System (CMS).

Joomla! is currently one of the most popular and effective Open Source projects and has won a number of prestigious awards in its short, but illustrious existence.

Joomla! 1.5 is the second, main incarnation of the Joomla! series of releases. The original Joomla! 1.0 series being a direct derivative of the Mambo CMS which many of the current Joomla! Developers helped create. Joomla! 1.5 is a major step forward from 1.0, with many new features and a far more integrated framework.

This manual seeks to provide you with the necessary information you need in order to safely install the basic core package onto an existing, fully operational, web server.

We will, by necessity, touch upon the essential needs for setting Joomla! up but this manual is not a detailed guide on how to build and configure a web server or database. You are essentially expected to have these in operation already.

We will take you through:

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ensuring your web server meets the minimum requirements needed

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the general steps of obtaining Joomla!

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how to deal with both a straight forward and slightly more complex installation of the software

possible problems that you may encounter along the way and the resolution of many of these

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together with additional resources and information that is available to you

We trust you will enjoy the process and can then look forward to tailoring Joomla! to your own specific requirements.

Installing and using Joomla! is generally straight forward, getting your perfect web site takes a lot more effort but there is much, as you will discover that has been done to make the process easier along the way.

There may be a time lapse between the information contained within these Web pages and the downloadable PDF version of the manual. this will be minimalised as much as possible, but the Web pages will always be the most up-to-date.

If you intend migrating content from an existing Joomla! 1.0.x Web site we strongly recommend first running a test installation of Joomla! 1.5 before you proceed with the migration attempt. Always make sure you have backed up your data before running the Migrator Component.

Caution: Please completely read through the Installation Manual before commencing the installation, it may well save you a lot of grief!