

## Getting the Files

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The main distribution files for Joomla! can be downloaded from <http://www.joomlancode.org>. The file will be a compressed archive so you will need a utility program, either locally or on your host server, that can "unzip" the file. WinZip or WinRAR to name but two of the many that are freely available. Ensure that you choose the full package for the latest stable release version.

### Installing Locally

Unzip the distribution file into a directory under your web server root. If you are using the Apache web server, this is typically `c:\apache group\ apache\htdocs` on the Windows OS and `/usr/local/apache/htdocs` on a UNIX system but it may vary particularly on hosted servers and between different "brands" of Linux OS.

We are assuming you have established a working web server, with the necessary requirements previously detailed, and that you know where to put files to display on the web server.

### Installing Remotely

What you do to install Joomla on a remote host is largely dependant upon the facilities your host provides - with regard to Control Panel software and connection resources. It may also depend upon your own skills concerning server access methods.

Again the assumption is made that your server host provides a functioning web server and database with the necessary requirements fully functioning.

A simple and typical procedure may involve:

- Unzipping the Joomla! Core distribution file to a local directory on your local computer
- Then to FTP the files to the host server placing them either directly under, or in, a directory under the web server root. There are many free FTP programs available for this operation, such as Filezilla. A Google search or visit to any of the open source resource sites will assist you in finding a suitable tool.