

Joomla Resources

a brief introduction

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The Joomla web sites

- ▶ **Community** - The Joomla community, events, blogs etc
- ▶ **Forum** - Very active support forum
- ▶ **Extensions** - Classifieds listing most extensions
- ▶ **Documentation** - FAQ, Tips & Tricks, GHOP, Glossary
- ▶ **Help site** - Collaborative documentation - help screens
- ▶ **Developer** - For programmers

Joomla installation

- ▶ Joomla installation guide [[download](#)]
- ▶ Quick installers - xcloner
 - Customised installation packages possible
- ▶ Cpanel one click installers
 - Watch out for outdated versions, dodgy packages and incomplete installs
- ▶ Remote installers [[view extensions](#)]

Joomla hosting

- ▶ Some specialised hosts
- ▶ Many hosts understand Joomla (to some extent)
- ▶ See minimum requirements list [\[view\]](#)
- ▶ See security requirements [\[view\]](#)
- ▶ Shared vs dedicated server

Main Menu

- Home
- New Extensions
- Recently Updated
- Most Favored
- Editor's Pick
- Most Popular Extensions
- Top Rated Extensions
- Most Reviewed

Editor Blogs

Joomla! Extension Directory Editor Blog

- 3D Under Attack, and How We're Defending It
- Joomla!ack is the 2nd New 3D Editors Pick
- Get your extension published, FAST!

New Extensions

- Road to South Africa - FIFA WC 2010 Qualifications
Category: Sports Scores
- Latest Web Link Imagelinks for Joomla! 1.6.xx
Category: Weblinks
- Dabho Gallery plugin for ARTIO JoomlaSEF
Category: Arto JoomlaSEF Plugins
- Downloads Plugin for Xmap
Category: Extension Specific
- Protec's 1.2
Category: Directory

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Top Rated

- MetaMod - display modules according to rules
Category: Group Access
- Fireboard Search Plugin (Joomla! 1.5 Native)
Category: Extension Search
- AlphaContent 4.0.4 (Joomla! 1.5 natively)
Category: Directory
- ProSearch Ajax Search module
Category: Site Search
- News Show G33
Category: Article Listing

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Look Professional: Online Invoicing Time Tracking & Expense Tracking.

FRESHBOOKS
Patented Billing

Free trial - Add to Google

Joomla! Extensions Directory

<p>Access & Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Backup (24) Capcha (12) Content Restriction (23) Group Access (27) Site Access (16) Site Security (12) User Authentication (26) User Management (16) <p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admin Address (21) Admin Interface (11) Data Conversion (7) Database Management (13) File Management (11) Server (12) <p>Ads & Affiliates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affiliate Advertising (4) Amazon (14) Banner Management (4) Classified Ads (16) Google Ads (2) Text & Link Ads (2) <p>Calendars & Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birthdays & Historic events (1) Booking & Reservation (2) Calendars (12) Clubs (4) Courtroom (1) Date & Time (2) Events (2) Festivals (2) <p>Clients & Groupware</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authors (2) CRM (12) Help Desk (2) Online Status & Profile (2) Project & Task Management (1) Social Bookmarking (4) Social Content (1) Wiki (4) <p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bookmarks & Recommend (2) Chat (4) Comments (14) Contacts (1) Email (14) Forms (24) Forum (7) Forum bridges (11) Forum software (2) Guest book (1) Mailing Lists (1) Newsletter (7) Polls (1) Quote & Survey (14) Shoutbox (12) SMS & PMS (1) Users Interaction (11) 	<p>Content & News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles Listing (1) Articles Slideshow (2) Blog (2) External Content (4) Frontend News (1) Latest News (2) Microblogging (1) News Tickers & Scrollers (2) Newsflash & Random (1) Popular Content (1) Quotes (1) Robbers & Reviewers (2) RSS Readers (2) RSS Syndicate (2) <p>Core: Plugins & Extensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content Management (1) Data Reports (1) Embed & Include (1) Installers (1) Menu Systems (1) Multiple Sites (1) Sectors & Categories (1) <p>Directory & Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bibliography (1) Directory (2) Downloads (2) FAQ (1) Glossary & Dictionary (1) Portfolio & Catalog (1) Weblogs (1) <p>e-Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affiliate Carts (1) Auction (1) Billing & Invoices (1) Donations (2) Paid Access and Content (1) Payment systems (1) Shopping Cart (1) <p>Edition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code Deploy (1) Custom Code (1) Editor Buttons (1) Editors (1) Replace (1) Site Links (2) <p>Extension Specific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AddManager extensions (1) AlphaContent extensions (1) Arto JoomlaSEF Plugins (1) BannerManager Plugins (1) Community Builder extensions (1) dcFlashGames Plugins (1) DOOMan Plugins (2) EOC Plugins (1) Fireboard Forum extensions (2) Freeway extensions (1) Hot Property extensions (2) JCE extensions (1) JContent Subscription extensions (1) 	<p>Financial & Statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculators (1) Currency & Exchange (1) Graphic and Charts (1) Stock Market (1) <p>Images & Multimedia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles Images (2) Audio Players & Gallery (2) eCards (1) Imagot (2) Images Slideshow (1) Maps (2) Multimedia Display (1) Panorama (1) Photo Gallery (1) Photo Gallery - External (1) Photo Gallery - embed (1) Podcasting (1) Audio & Showcast (2) Streaming & Broadcasting (1) Video Gallery (1) Video Players (2) Virtual Reality & 3D (1) <p>Languages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automatic Translations (1) Multilingual Content (1) Translations for Joomla! (1) <p>Miscellaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alerts & Threats (1) Development (2) Mobilo (1) Personal Life (1) Religion (1) Weather (1) <p>Search & Indexing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domain Search (1) Extensions Search (1) External Search (1) Related Items (1) Search Results (1) Site Search (2) Tags & Clouds (1) Web Search (2) <p>Site Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cache (1) Content Statistics (1) Credits (1) Funks (1) SEF (1) SEO & Metadata (1) Site Analytics (2) Site Map (1) Site Traffic Statistics (1) URL Redirection (1) Visitors (1) 	<p>Sports & Games</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board & Table Games (1) Game Server (1) Games (1) Sports (1) Sports Scores (1) Top 5 Betts (1) Virtual worlds (1) <p>Style & Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility (1) Design (1) Flash Management (1) Forms & Frames (2) Print & PDF (1) Tabs & Slides (2) IPS & Notes (2) Typography (2) <p>Tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Tools (2) Development Tools (1) Editor Tools (4) Icon Packs (1) Site management tools (1) Standalone Servers (1) <p>Vertical Markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auto & Vehicles (1) Boat & Yachting (1) Books & Libraries (1) Education (1) Food & Beverage (1) Real Estate (1) Taxes & Mortgages (1)
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Extensions

- ▶ extensions.joomla.org
- ▶ Comprehensive, categorised
- ▶ Ratings and comments
- ▶ Commercial and non-commercial extensions
- ▶ Insecure items are removed
- ▶ No templates

Evaluating extensions

- ▶ Detailed understanding of your requirements
- ▶ Cost
 - Open Source does not mean no cost
 - GNU GPL
 - Creative Commons
 - Support licences
 - Watch out for dual licence, pro versions and restrictions on commercial use
- ▶ Mission critical
 - Commercial support

Evaluating extensions cont...

▶ Compatibility

- Joomla 1.0 or 1.5
- Joomla 1.0 legacy
 - Required or **excluded**
 - Not really a performance issue
- Sometimes php 4 or 5

▶ Production ready?

- Alpha, Beta, Release Candidate, Stable [[read more](#)]
- A lot of Beta extensions are stable enough for general use
- Roadmap / Update cycle

Evaluating extensions cont...

- ▶ **Comments and ratings**
 - Don't place too much value on ratings
 - Comments often clarify installation, requirements or features
 - Watch timing of comments and releases (may not apply to latest version)
- ▶ **Features**
 - C, M, P
 - Language
 - Integration with other extensions (e.g. Community Builder)
 - Searchbot

Evaluating extensions cont...

- ▶ **Support forum**
 - Community/priority/commercial
 - Number of users
 - Ratio of answered posts to cries in the wilderness
 - Number and type of issues raised recently
- ▶ **Documentation (not out of date!)**
 - Forum stickies
 - Wiki - collaborative documentation
 - PDF
 - Video

Evaluating extensions cont...

- ▶ **Watch out!**
 - Security issues
 - Calling home
 - Compulsory links
 - Encrypted code

Obtaining extensions

- ▶ Search vs advanced search
- ▶ Register to download - create a generic login
- ▶ Make sure you download all the “pieces” - C, M, P

Advanced search



Name:

Description:

Project Homepage:

Developer Name:

- Extension Type:
- C** Component - Mini-application to render the main page body.
 - M** Module - Renders small html blocks on any page.
 - P** Plugin - Changes code behavior dynamically (renamed from mambot).
 - L** Language - Provides language translation.
 - S** Extension Specific Plugin - Specific plugins that requires another extension to operate.
 - T** Tool - External application that helps with creating or managing Joomla! site.

- Compatibility:
-  1.0 Native
 -  1.5 Native
 -  1.5 Legacy

- License:
- GPLv2 or later
 - LGPLv2.1 or later
 - Other

- Type:
- Non-Commercial
 - Commercial

Views:

Rating: (0-5)

Votes:

Search

Reset



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WEB STRATEGY & DESIGN

Extension-specific extensions

- ▶ Community Builder
- ▶ JCE editor
- ▶ Sitemap and SEF tools

FaboAlbum4CB - Facebook Photos on CB profiles

Download

★★★★★ 10 votes - 5 reviews

Now yours users can showcase their personal Facebook Photos' pictures on their Community Builder profile tabs, with FaboAlbum4CB. Using Ajax, FaboAlbum4CB lets your users select which albums they want to showcase, and have them displayed in their tabs. Once linked, the users' albums and tagged photos will be automatically retrieved. These photos can be scrolled and the viewers can click on a picture to view it in a higher resolution, all still within your web site. Features: 1) Retrieves the photos that the user has on Facebook Phot ...



1.5 Legacy
1.0 Native
C component
S special

Other | Commercial | <http://www.flameforge.com/index.php/products-software/fab...>

Views: 10,234

Force CB Registration and Password reminder Plugin

Download

★★★★★ 5 votes - 1 review

This plugin is used to redirect all registration and password reminder requests from the Joomla core to Community Builder. Install this and set the settings in the Plugin Manager. When enabled all requests will be redirected. Very usefull for preventing backdoor registrations and forcing CB captcha. Also usefull when using other login modules designed for the core registration and user management. Works with Legacy mode both off and on. Please post a review with your oppinion.

1.5 Native
P plugin

GPLv2.0 | Non-Commercial | <http://drchost.com>

Views: 2,733

Knives and forks

- ▶ **Commercialisation of community work**
 - Users contribute to the code, bugfixes and documentation
 - The lead developer makes the finished product commercial
- ▶ **Hijacked extensions**
 - Developers release “1.5-ready” versions before the main developer gets round to it
- ▶ **Forked extensions**
 - A split between the original code and a new system based on the original

Customised extensions

- ▶ **Tweaking an extension**
 - Forums often provide code snippets
- ▶ **Application builders**
 - Fabrik
- ▶ **Programmers**
 - Must understand the Joomla API
 - Blurred definition of “Joomla Developer”
 - www.joomlancers.com
 - Some SA companies as well

Templates

- ▶ **Joomla 1.0 vs 1.5 templates**
 - Can use both, but 1.5 templates are more advanced
- ▶ **Template libraries**
 - www.joomlaos.de (free)
 - www.bestofjoomla.com (commercial)
- ▶ **Tweaked templates**
 - See my presentation from Joomla Day Cape Town [[download](#)]
- ▶ **Commercial template developers**
 - [Raramuri Design](#)
- ▶ **Joomla template tutorial** [[view](#)]

Getting support on the forum

- ▶ Post to the correct forum
- ▶ Show that you have searched through the topics
- ▶ Be VERY clear about your needs
- ▶ Post full descriptions of errors
- ▶ Be polite
- ▶ Remember the members/moderators are volunteers
- ▶ Don't hijack threads
- ▶ Don't post to closed threads

Learning

- ▶ **Online courseware**
 - www.learnjoomla.co.za
- ▶ **Training courses**
 - www.learnjoomla.co.za
- ▶ **Tutorial sites**
 - www.compassdesigns.net/tutorials.html
 - <http://www.siteground.com/tutorials/joomla15/>
 - <http://www.joomlatutorials.com/>
 - <http://www.alledia.com/> (Joomla SEO)

Learning cont...

- ▶ **Books**
 - www.fascinationbooks.co.za (14 titles)
- ▶ **Local Joomla installation**
 - JSAS
 - Xampp

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