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JOOMLA UPDATE - UBUNTU 23.10 LTS

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Note:

The following websites have been used for reference:
- *https://www.joomla.org/*
- *https://downloads.joomla.org/*
- *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gk2BclVGIIw*
- *https://developer.joomla.org/roadmap.html*

The following instructions are to upgrade Joomla locally on Ubuntu.

If you use these instructions you do so at your own risk. They are not considered 'perfect', and are purely for testing purposes.

!!!*** **STRONGLY SUGGEST BACKING UP YOUR JOOMLA SITE BEFORE ATTEMPTING AN UPDATE** *** !!!

1> CHECK PREREQUISITES

In web browser of your choice:
- Navigate to the backend of your Joomla site: http://localhost/joomla/administrator .
- Log in using an account with administrator rights.
- Ensure you are on the 'Home Dashboard', and check the 'notifications' section to see if there are any updates for your current release. If there are, select it.
- Ensure that all the 'Pre-Update Checks' are met.

2> UPDATE TO THE LATEST VERSION

Update:
- Once all prerequisites are met, select the 'Update' button.
- Check the 'I'm aware that a backup before any update is highly recommended', then select the 'Start update' button.
- Once complete you will be presented with a message: 'Your site has been updated. Your Joomla version is now…'.

3> SWITCH UPDATE SOURCE TO 'JOOMLA NEXT'

Navigate to the update source tab:
- Select the 'Options' button top right. (Or select 'Systems' from the left menu, 'Global Configuration', 'Joomla! Update'.)
- Where it says 'Update Channel', from the drop down menu, select 'Joomla Next'.
- Select the 'Save' button at the top.

4> CHECK PREREQUISITES

Navigate to the Update page:
- Select 'System' from the menu (on left), then within the 'Update' section select 'Joomla'.
- Ensure that all the 'Pre-Update Checks' are met.

5> UPDATE TO NEXT MAJOR RELEASE

Update:
- Once all prerequisites are met, select the 'Update' button.
- Check the 'I'm aware that a backup before any update is highly recommended', then select the 'Start update' button.
- Once complete you will be presented with a message: 'Your site has been updated. Your Joomla version is now…'.

6> SWITCH UPDATE SOURCE BACK TO 'DEFAULT'

Navigate to the update source tab:
- Select the 'Options' button top right. (Or select 'Systems' from the left menu, 'Global Configuration', 'Joomla! Update'.)
- Where it says 'Update Channel', from the drop down menu, select 'Default'.
- Select the 'Save' button at the top.