CHAPTER 5.1 - INSTALLING JOOMLA 3.0 ON LOCAL HOST USING XAMPP

INTRODUCTION

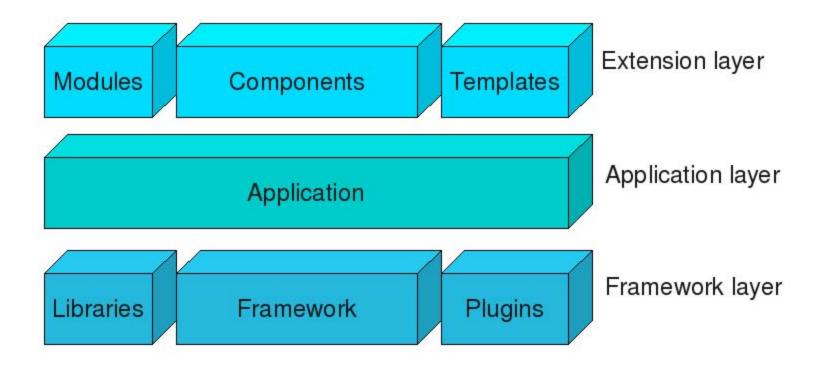
- Joomla is an open source content management system which based on PHP and MySQL.
- You can work with it both online or offline.
- However, managing Joomla offline requires you to install a compatible w.
- Now, in order to run Joomla!, you need not only a web server, but also 2 more things:
 - PHP script interpreter and
 - MySQL database system.
- It sounds complicated but thankfully, there is a single package called XAMPP with all the elements included.

WHAT IS JOOMLA!?



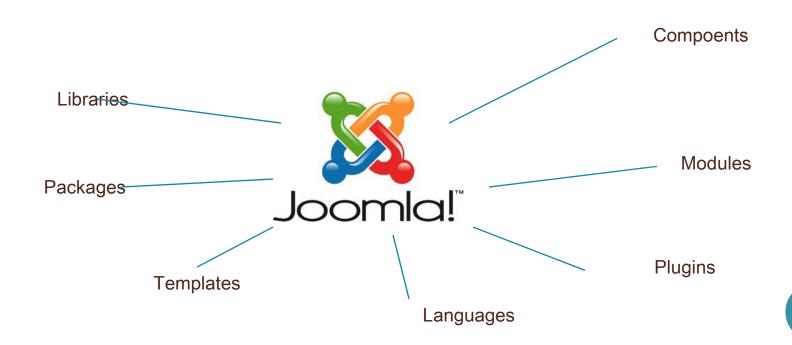
- Joomla! is considered as PHP based dynamic portal engine and content management system.
- The real power of Joomla! lies in the scalability
 - It can be achieved with the use of custom extensions which include templates, language files, plug-ins, modules and components.
- Joomla is a phonetic spelling for the Swahili word "Jumla," which means "all together" or "as a whole".

JOOMLA FRAMEWORK



JOOMLA! EXTENSIONS

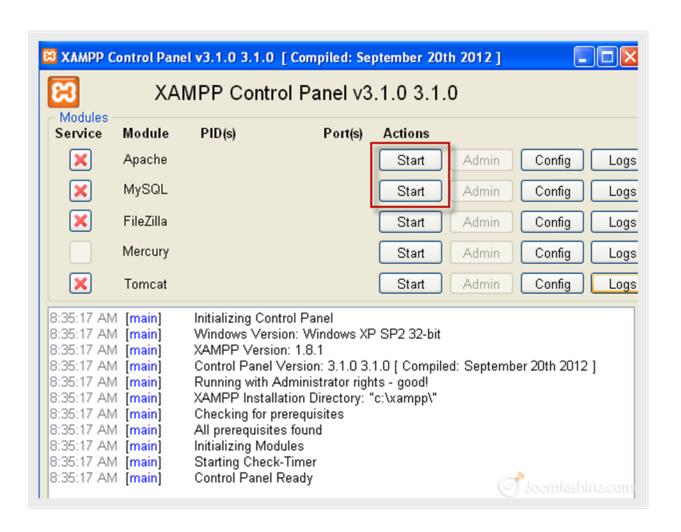
- A Joomla! extension is a code package that extends the functionality or feature of default Joomla! installation.
- Type of Joomla! 2.5 Extensions:



INSTALLING XAMPP

- Download the XAMPP installer package.
- Run the installation file as you do with regular software and follow the step by step instructions.
- Open "XAMPP Control Panel Application" and start "Apache" and "MySQL".

XAMPP CONTROL PANEL APPLICATION



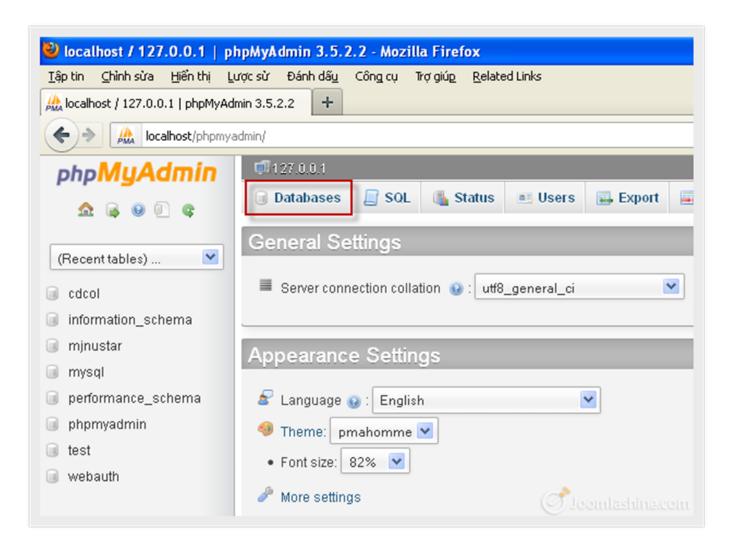
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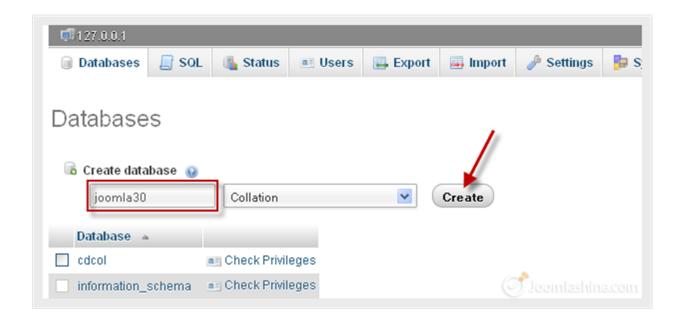
CLICK "PHPMYADMIN"



CLICK "DATABASE"



CREATE DATABASE



Installing Joomla!

- Download the Joomla! 3.0.x full package at http://www.joomla.org/download.html
- Create a new folder entitled "Joomla 30" in folder "htdocs" in XAMPP folder.
- Normally it will be located at "C:\xampp\htdocs" Unpack the downloaded package file into the folder "Joomla30" Go to the URL http://localhost/Joomla30
- Follow all steps in Joomla! Installation.

STEP 1. MAIN CONFIGURATION

- Select Language: Choose your own language in the drop-down menu, for example, "English (United States)"
- Site Name: Enter the name of your site
- **Description:** Enter the description of your site
- Site Offline: Choose status for your website when you access to your site: Click "Yes" for "offline" and "No" for "online"
- Admin Email: Enter your valid email address you want to use for your site
- Admin Username: Enter "admin" as default
- Admin Password: Enter your own password
- Confirm Admin Password: Re-type your password
- Click "Next" to continue Step 2

STEP 2. DATABASE CONFIGURATION

- Database Type: Select MySQLi
- Host Name: Enter "localhost"
- Username: Enter "root"
- Password: let it blank
- Database Name: enter the name of the database you created "Joomla 30"
- Table Prefix: let it generate automatically
- Old Database Process: Click "Backup" to backup tables from former Joomla! installation, or "Remove" to delete these tables
- Click "Next" to continue Step 3

STEP 3. OVERVIEW

- Finalization: You can choose installing sample data or not, by clicking on corresponding selection.
- Overview: This step is to review all information you configured in step 1. After checking, you click "Install".
- When installation finishes, you just need to click the button "Remove installation folder" button to complete the installation process.
- After that, you can either click on "Site" to see your newly created or "Administrator" to access the administration area.