

Running Joomla on your PC

This sheet provides a step-by-step guide to installing Joomla 1.5 on your PC

Before you start:

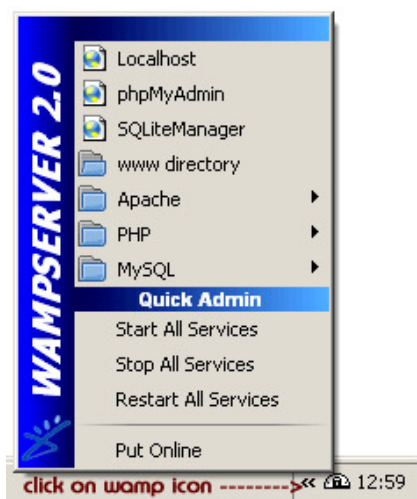
- Download & Install WAMP from <http://www.wampserver.com/en/index.php>
- Download the latest (stable-full-package zip file) version of Joomla from <http://www.joomla.org/download.html>

Here's how:

Create a new (local) web directory on your PC

1. Go to My Computer. Navigate to C:\wamp\www\ and create a new folder for your website. [We created a folder called test; substitute your new folder name wherever we use "test"]
2. Place the Joomla! zip package inside that folder - in our case C:\wamp\www\test
3. UNZIP the Joomla! zip package here

Create a (local) mysql database to store the website's content



1. Start WAMP (Start button – WampServer – start WampServer)
2. Click on WAMP ICON bottom right of your desktop (see image)
3. Select phpMyAdmin from pop-up box
4. A window will open in your web browser (e.g. internet explorer)
5. In the browser, on the phpMyAdmin page under Create new database enter a NAME for your database we use the same name as the web directory (test, in this case)
6. Click CREATE button
7. Close the browser window or tab

Finish Joomla Installation

1. Open a web-browser window or tab and go to your web directory [in our case, <http://localhost/test> is entered in the address bar at the top]
2. Choose your language (scroll to find your language) and click NEXT – top right
3. Preinstallation check page may have errors enabled – that's OK - click NEXT – top right
4. Read Licences page and if you are agreeable click NEXT – top right
5. Database configuration – for hostname, put localhost ; for username, put root; for password , leave blank* ; for database name, put your database name (in our case test) [leave advanced settings for a new install with a fresh database] click NEXT – top right
6. Enable ftp check NO click NEXT – top right
7. Main Configuration - enter name of site and admin password.
8. Click on the install sample data button if you wish – click NEXT – top right

*We have no password on this local set up– but never leave a live site or accessible database without a password

Remove installation directory

Go to C:\wamp\www\your-folder-name and delete the entire folder called installation

You are ready to Joomla!

Using your web-browser - the front-end will be found at <http://localhost/test> - the backend is at <http://localhost/test/administrator> (username: admin / password: your password)