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Joomla 1.6 Extensions Made Joomla More Popular by [Terry Littrell](#)

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Joomla is one of the most popular open source platform. This content management system has come a long way to become one of the dominant solutions for creating websites and web applications. Anybody can use Joomla, even a layman will be able to use it decently. To use Joomla, no technical knowledge or programming know-how is required. Joomla has been in competition with content management systems like Drupal and WordPress for long.

It has been widely successful yet its weakness of the versions of accessing permissions (website control) and user management remains. The latest version Joomla 1.6 has its own goals to implement an expanded access control system as well as a nested category solution, and to standardize the way extensions are built using the MVC (model-view-controller) framework.

Joomla 1.6 is designed in order to offer an improved control of the site and get more user management experience. The newly designed features and capabilities of hierarchical design of the access control system, semantic XHTML layouts, easy to extension updates and multilingual functionality.

**Hierarchical design:** With this feature, the site administrators and the content creators are enabled with the user-defined category levels for the creation of a category tree with as many levels for organizing articles and other content as needed.

**One click extension updates:** Users have the liberty to keep the sites secured and controlled by simplifying the process of extension. Moreover, developers and implementers have fun in enabling extensions to build granular control and permissions to make it easier to create more advanced, enterprise-focused extensions for Joomla.

**Access Control System:** This new feature allows site administrators full control over who can view and manage content.

**Semantic XHTML Layouts:** This feature allows to provide better content presentations.

Developers gradually realized the importance and capacity of Joomla Extension development. They understood the power of using extensions in website development. The flexibility that Joomla 1.6 extensions provide, compelled the developers to use them more often. Today there are around more than thousands of Joomla extensions available in the market. Every extension is unique and possesses different capabilities, hence used in specific areas of development by professional Joomla developers.

The Joomla extension development community is huge and also has a dedicated forum which is devoted to the Joomla extension discussion. The new Joomla extensions 1.6 are richer in functionality and capabilities. Joomla extension developers build extensions as a contribution to the Joomla system development.

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The author writes about the a [Joomla extensions](#), a [Joomla 1.6 extension](#) and how gradually Joomla developers understood the power of extensions in website development and web applications development.

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