

5 STEPS

TO INSTALL JOOMLA TEMPLATE AT LOCAL HOST

Examples from sites:

<http://joomla.org/>
<http://www.apachefriends.org/en/xampp.html/>
<http://designforjoomla.com/>

STEP 1

Download some necessary programs

1.1 Download Joomla

http://downloads.joomla.org/frsrelease/2/6/2/262/Joomla_1.0.12-Stable-Full_Package.zip

1.2 Download xampp, for running localhost (local server)

<http://www.apachefriends.org/download.php?xampp-win32-1.6.0a.exe>

STEP 2

Install localhost for Windows

- Run the file: **xampp-win32-1.6.0a.exe**.
- Unzip to **xampp** directory.
- Move **xampp** directory to **C** driver.
- For beginning the **localhost**, run the file **xampp_start.exe** in path **C:\xampp**
- Make **shortcut** to the Desktop (of the file **xampp_start.exe**) and copy it to **Start-up** if you want run the **localhost** automatically.
- **Minimize** that running windows to the Toolbar.
- Go to **C:\xampp\htdocs** directory.
- This is the root **directory** of your local server
- **Delete** all the exist file.

STEP 3

Install Joomla

3.1 Preparation

- **Unzip** the Joomla file that you have just downloaded.
- After delete all the files in last step, **Copy** all the files and directories to **C:\xampp\htdocs**.

3.2 Installation

- Run the **Internet Browser**.
- Type the url: **http://localhost**
- Go to installation by step to step:
- Attent the parameters:
 - Hostname: localhost
 - MySQL User Name: root
 - MySQL Password: leave empty
 - MySQL Database Name: anything
- **Next**
- Type the **Title** for your website (Ex: Welcome to your site).
- Leave your **Email address** (Ex: binhienlh@yahoo.com).
- **Replace** the Admin password (**Remember note it**) → Next → View Site
- Go to **C:\xampp\htdocs** directory.
- Delete the **Installation** directory.
- Back to the browser and refresh the site (<http://localhost/>)

STEP 4

Go to Joomla back-end

- Type url: <http://localhost/administrator>
- User: admin
- Pass: **Admin password** that you have noted above.

STEP 5

Install the first Template for your Joomla site

5.1 Download a free template

Example:

http://designforjoomla.com/downloads/d4j_free_joomla_templates/corporate_websites/tpl_business/details.php

Extract the template file (**Unzip** it)

There are 4 directories (1. Source, 2. Prepare, **3. Convert**, 4. Description). The **installation file** is in the **3. Convert** directory.

5.2 Install the template

- Go to **Installers** → **Templates** – **Site**.
- Browse.
- Choose the path of the template file that you have downloaded above.
- If you see the notice:

business

Business - Joomla template by DesignForJoomla.com

- Press **Continue** and you have finished the installation.

Note:

When you install in your server, there are some errors could happen.

If the notice is:

(*) **Failed to create directory "var/www/vhosts/xyz/templates/business/"**

Solution: Make your **templates** directory writable. If you have used Linux server, use chmod command to change the **templates** directory to **777**.

(*) **There is already a file called C:\xampp\htdocs\templates\business\index.php - Are you trying to install the same CMT twice?**

Solution: Go to **C:\xampp\htdocs**, delete the exist **business** directory.

5.3 Using the template

- In the **Template Manager** page.
- Choose the installed template (**business**).
- Press **Default**.

Finally refresh your site (Go to url: <http://localhost>) and relax with it.

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