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Joomla is an award-winning content management system (CMS), which enables you to build Web sites and powerful online applications.

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:

✔ "One of the most robust, stable, secure, feature-rich CMSs on the market."

Jay Stoeber
Techvangelist & CEO at IT Guru Solutions, Inc.

What users had to say about valuable features:

"Joomla is a complete and easy-to-use content manager system. It's possible to create a website, to manage its structure and contents, and to add features using hundreds of extensions. The most valuable thing for us though, is the easy way you update content, add articles, modify structure, and apply SEO tags and info. ."

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CEO at a consultancy with 51-200 employees

"Joomla is one of the most popular CMSs today. I've used it with a lot of sites I've built. One of the features that I like with Joomla is the built-in caching it provides. Page loads can be improved with its page caching. You can use gzip page compression and even granular-level module caching.

Its extended debugging mode and error reporting are also invaluable, especially when you need to troubleshoot an issue with your website. If you're an administrator and want to message all users, all you have to do is utilize its messaging system via the mass mailing system or communicate with them one-on-one through the private messaging.

Do you want to manipulate files? Not a problem. Joomla has an FTP layer that allows you to manipulate files easily. It allows file operations which allow you to install extensions without having to mess with folder and file permissions.."

Mark Vincent Verallo   Read full review ↗
Web Developer / Programmer at a tech services company with 1-10 employees

A robust and scalable platform for creating varieties of web applications including (E-commerce).Round the clock assistance from vast and proactive community members.Thousands of ready made extensions available.

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Developer at a tech company with 51-200 employees

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- Simplicity and security are basic elements to build a website quickly and safely. With JoomShaper it was for me even easier.
- Joomla themes are to be found in Youtube.
- Specific questions are answered in Joomla forums.
- Google Webmaster Tools helps a long way regarding on how to be found on the internet .

Verified user   Read full review ↗
Computer Repair at a non-profit with 51-200 employees

"Security, ease of updates, and upgrades with the built in J! installer tied into the JED. Large number of turnkey extensions, CCKs, and extension development well, extensions, so you can build your own (i.e., Zoo and K2) applications like help desks, carts, comment systems, blogs, and so on.

On the front-end, it is all about the template with Joomla, or a template framework which will allow you to build your layouts and page theme(s) on-the-fly (more like how Drupal works). Naturally, because Joomla is so robust with extensions, you can also lock down a J! site easily with application and port level firewalls and other security extensions to easily bolt it down. These can also push notifications to the admin of the site when incorrect logins occur, or there are too many bad passwords (possible brute force attack), so you can react, block the IP address, or the whole IP subnet if you want, then respond almost effortlessly to attacks.

Overall, the speed in which you can take a CMS and make it a full-blown shopping cart with analytics tracking, SEO, user accounts, security, and ease of use through a robust framework of modules and plugins to enhance and promote-related content is about as turnkey as it gets with Joomla.

I like to tell people to think of Joomla like a bare bones PC that you just bought. That PC has an operating system like Windows, but nothing else: no word processor, no bookkeeping, no browser, and no apps to do much of anything.

With it, you get the core basics: Web pages, user logins if desired, basic form creation, templates for loo, layout, and some content modules, which are fairly empty and certainly not able to say, "be a shopping cart" or a helpdesk with just Joomla installed. You can build it like any extension developer can, but now you are not just building websites. Like that PC, if you are building apps in Visual Studio or some other IDE, you are not just a PC user, but your "regular" users will want to install something on the site to extend it with features to do more. Joomla is a bare PC that needs to be extended by hand or with ready to go extensions. Over 8000 of them to choose from alone from the JED (Joomla Extension Directory).."

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Techvangelist & CEO at IT Guru Solutions, Inc.

Other Solutions Considered

"I am using Wordpress for running very simple websites. I found out that most people learn how to use Wordpress faster than learning how to deal with Joomla.."

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Senior Consultant IT Infrastructure at a tech consulting company with 51-200 employees

"I had a look at several CMS systems, like Drupal or OpenCMS. Joomla convinced me because it had all the features I needed for setting up an online magazine (e.g. article catagories).."

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"We evaluated other solutions very extensively. When a website is desired to be turned over to the client so they can take the reigns of development and updating, Joomla is one of the best out there with its robust ACLs and group-based roles and administration. When set up properly, entire menu systems and sections of a site can be fully secured from the public eye with minimal effort. Other CMS platforms have very basic user management and group administration, leaving a lot to be desired, especially when you come from a powerful platform like Joomla and understand it. It would not be the same if you tried to achieve similar effects with WordPress. ."

Jay Stoeber
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Use Case

"I have many primary use cases, but Joomla is one of the best CMS systems out there. With over 8000 extensions that instantly add shopping carts, help desks, firewalls, blogs, forums, etc. Most other CMS systems just can't compete or keep up.."

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

"The setup of Joomla is very easy, like it should be for a CMS. Some PHP settings might need adjustments for fitting the setup requirements, but that's it.."

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Customer Service and Support

Customer Service:

We never needed customer services. If we need any information, it's very easy to get it from the web.

Technical Support:

We have never asked for technical support..”

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Other Advice

"With a fairly small learning curve for the end user who wants the basics, Joomla is one of the most robust, stable, secure, feature-rich CMSs on the market. Its awards and accolades alone are impressive, never mind the robustness of the finished product and site.."

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"As I've said, it boils down to your requirements. List all your requirements and check if there are any existing extensions that can be used for it. It might even be possible that your requirement is already available with the Joomla core. So, it's important that you familiarize yourself with them.."

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