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**Joomla** is a [free and open-source](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free_and_open-source) [content management framework](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Content_management_framework) for publishing [web content](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_content). It is built on a [model–view–controller](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Model%E2%80%93view%E2%80%93controller) [web application framework](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_application_framework) that can also be used independently.

Joomla is written in [PHP](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PHP), uses [object-oriented programming](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Object-oriented_programming) (OOP) techniques (since version 1.5[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joomla#cite_note-3)) and [software design patterns](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software_design_pattern),[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joomla#cite_note-4)[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joomla#cite_note-5) stores data in a [MySQL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MySQL), [MS SQL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MS_SQL) (since version 2.5), or [PostgreSQL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PostgreSQL) (since version 3.0) database,[[6]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joomla#cite_note-6)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joomla#cite_note-7) and includes features such as page [caching](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cache_%28computing%29), [RSS feeds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS_%28file_format%29), printable versions of pages, news flashes, [blogs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blogs), [polls](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opinion_poll), search, and support for [language internationalization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internationalization_and_localization).

As of July 2013, Joomla has been downloaded over 35 million times.[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joomla#cite_note-8) Over 6,000 free and commercial [extensions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extension_%28computing%29) are available from the official Joomla! Extension Directory, and more are available from other sources.[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joomla#cite_note-9) It is estimated to be the second most used [content management system](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Content_management_system) (CMS) on the Internet after [WordPress](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WordPress).