How to use the Language Manager in Joomla 3.x

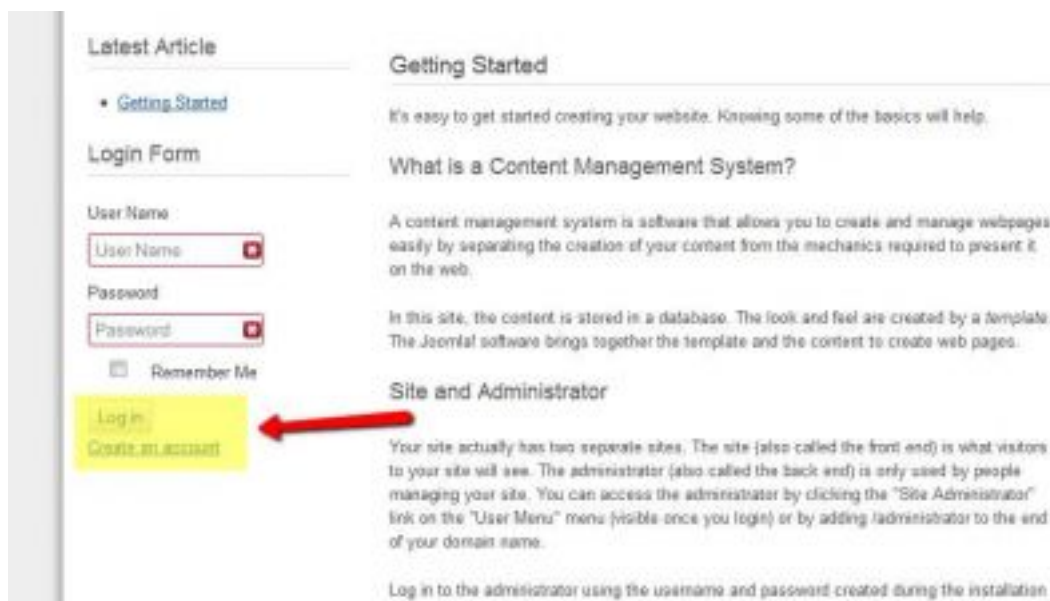Posted on Jul 03, Posted by Jacob Hodara Category How To's

Joomla 1.6 introduced a new feature called the Language Manager.

With Joomla 1.5, changing any type of the language files in Joomla or 3rd party components/modules/plugins meant modifying language files, not very idea for the novice Joomla user.
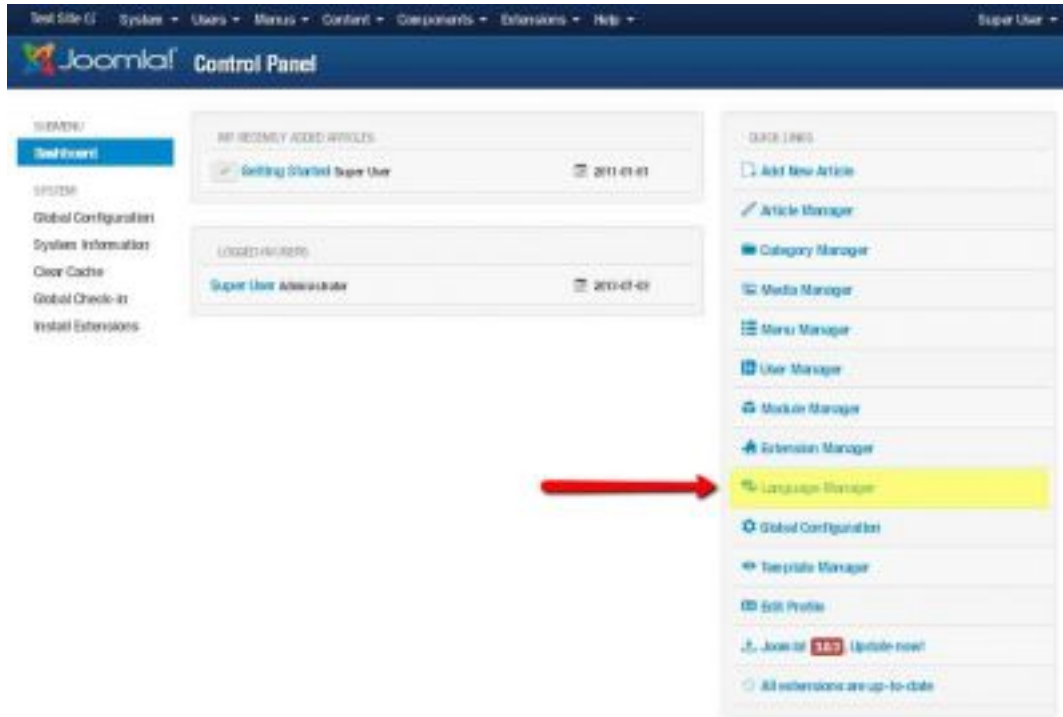
When would you use the Joomla Language Manager?

The Language Manager can be used when you wish to change any language string on the site or 3rd party component/modules/plugin **presuming** the developer included a language file.

In the above screenshot we are going to rename both **"Login"** button as well as **"Create an account"**   text link.

How do I use the Joomla Language Manager?

1. Log into your Joomla admin control panel
2. Under quick links click on "**Language Manager**"

3. Next, click on "**Overrides**" on the left hand side

4. Next, click on "**New**" to add a new language override
5. Into the Search box, enter the phrase "**Log In**", in "**Search For**" leave default selection of
"   **Value**", then hit **Search**

Step 5. Click on **Login**, this will auto fill the **"Language Constant"** and **"Text"** input fields.

7. Lastly, hit **Save** (or **Save and Close**) then refresh the front end. You should see the updated button.

text on your Joomla site

8. Repeat the same steps in order to change "Create an account" or any other **constant**

Additional Notes

There may be times where multiple constants have the same language string. You may need to do some trial and error until you locate the correct one.

Pay close attention to the CONSTANT variable name, it will include the component name.

COM_CONTENT refers to a Content Component variable.

You can also search for CONSTANTs instead of the actual VALUE.

Although I would recommend a novice user to search by VALUE.

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