

## How to use the Language Manager in Joomla 3.x

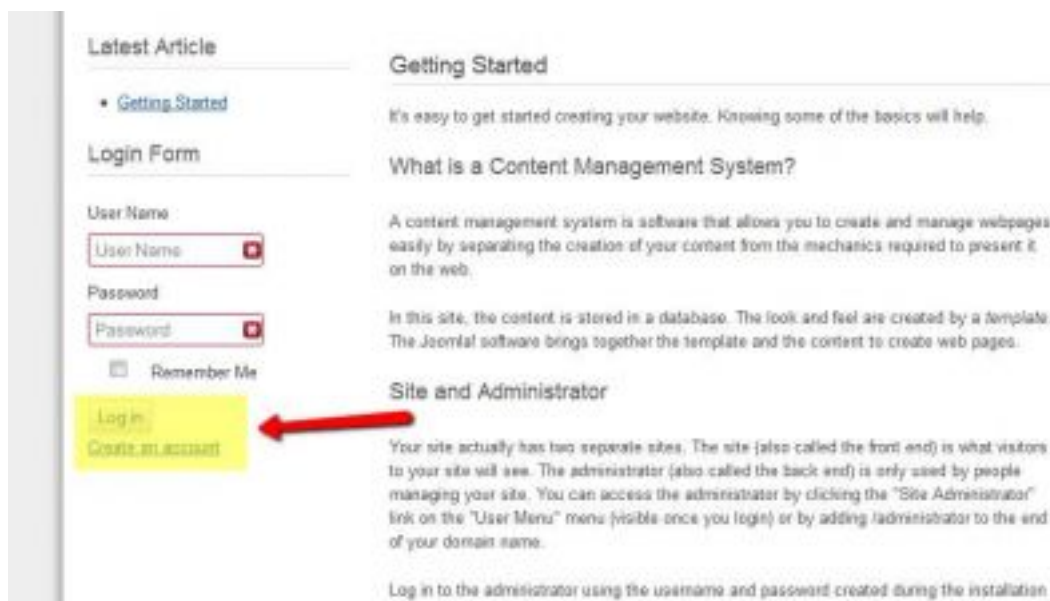
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### Joomla 1.6 introduced a new feature called the Language Manager.

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?

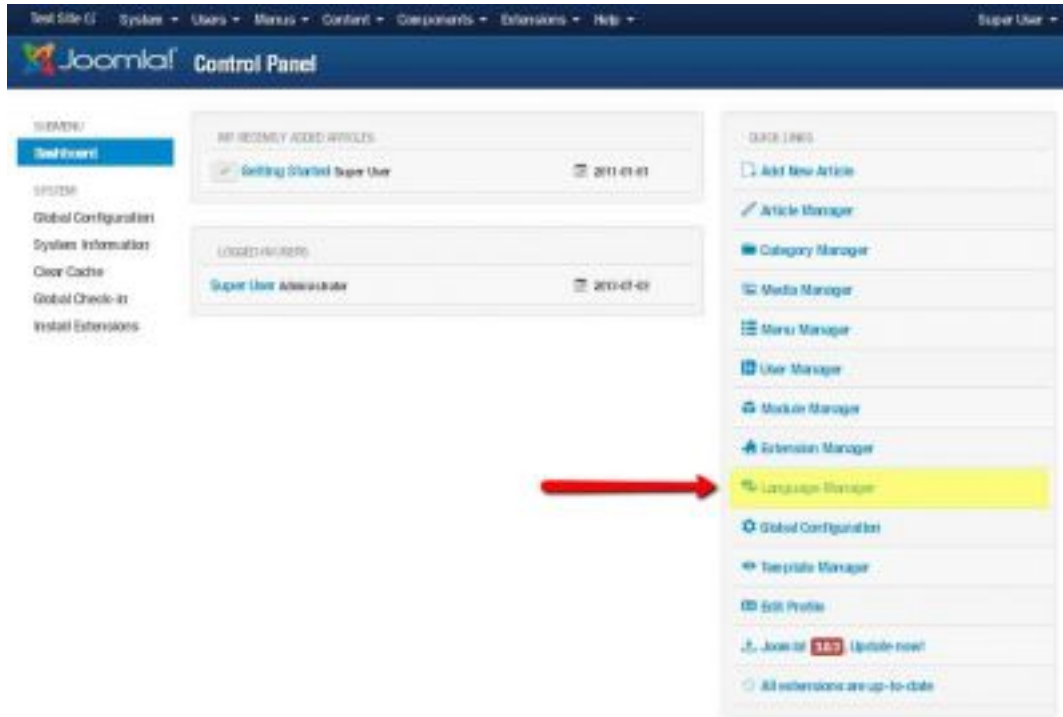
The Language Manager can be used when you wish to change any language string on the site or 3rd party component/modules/plugin **presuming** the developer included a language file.



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

**Language Manager: Edit Override**

Create a New Override

Language Constant \*

Text

Language: English (United Kingdom) [en-GB]

Location: Site

File: from a Joomla! public, into Joomla! J001

Search text you want to change

A language string is composed of two parts: a specific language constant and its value. For example, in the string: `COM_CONTENT_READ_MORE`, "Read more..." is the value. "COM\_CONTENT\_READ\_MORE" is the constant and "Read more..." is the value. You have to use the specific language constant in order to create an override of the value. Therefore, you can search for the constant of the value you want to change with the search field below. By clicking on the desired result the correct constant will automatically be inserted into the form.

Search for: Value

Search

**Step 6:** Click on **Log in** in this web page to fill the "Language Constant" and "Text" input fields.

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Search for: Constant

**Search Results**

J001\_TEST\_SHOWPOST

You have to log in the administrator back-end of your site to view the log and resolve this error.

COM\_MESSAGES\_PLUGIN\_LOGIN

Please log in to be able to read your messages.

COM\_USERS\_EMAIL\_REGISTERED\_BODY

Hello {name}, thank you for registering at {site}. You may now log in to {site} using the username and password you registered with.

COM\_USERS\_REGISTRATION\_ACTIVATE\_SUCCESS

Your account has been successfully activated. You can now log in using the username and password you chose during the registration.

COM\_USERS\_REGISTRATION\_SAVE\_SUCCESS

Thank you for registering. You may now log in using the username and password you registered with.

J001

Log in

J001\_SESSION\_EXPIRED

Your session has expired. Please log in again.

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

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Getting Started

It's easy to get started creating your website. Knowing some of the basics will help.

What is a Content Management System?


A content management system is software that allows you to create and manage webpages easily by separating the creation of your content from the mechanics required to present it on the web.

In this site, the content is stored in a database. The look and feel are created by a template. The Joomla! software brings together the template and the content to create web pages.

Site and Administrator

Your site actually has two separate sites. The site (also called the front end) is what visitors to your site will see. The administrator (also called the back end) is only used by people managing your site. You can access the administrator by clicking the "Site Administrator" link on the "User Menu" menu (visible once you login) or by adding /administrator to the end of your domain name.

Log in to the administrator using the username and password created during the installation



8. Repeat Joomla steps in order to change **"Create an account"** or any other **constant** text on your Joomla site

## 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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