

# Trackback Installation Manual

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## Abstract

This document describes the installation and very first steps of the Joomla Trackback extension. It covers all necessary steps from downloading the component and integrating it into your Joomla installation until sending the first trackback.

## 1 Introduction

The Trackback extension is a free (as in freedom) and open-source component for Joomla. It provides Trackback and Pingback functionality for Joomla. This manual is intended to guide you through the installation process.

## 2 Prerequisites

In order to install the Trackback extension you need:

- Joomla 1.5.x set up and running on your web server

Recommended:

- PHP 5.2 with cURL support

## 3 Download

The main download site of the Trackback extension is at

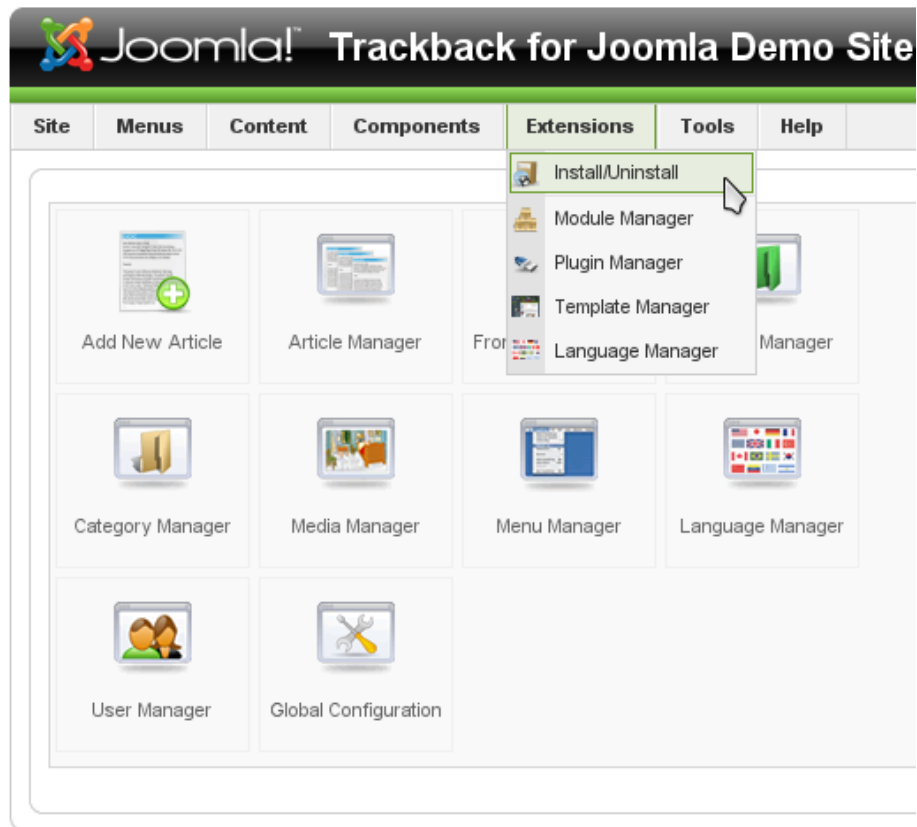
<http://www.jtrackback.info>

The version number of the component consists of three numbers, for example com\_trackback-0.1.2.zip. The first number indicates the major release number (where the even numbers - including zero - are beta releases), the second number is the minor release number (API and features are basically fixed within a minor release) and the third number is the patch level.

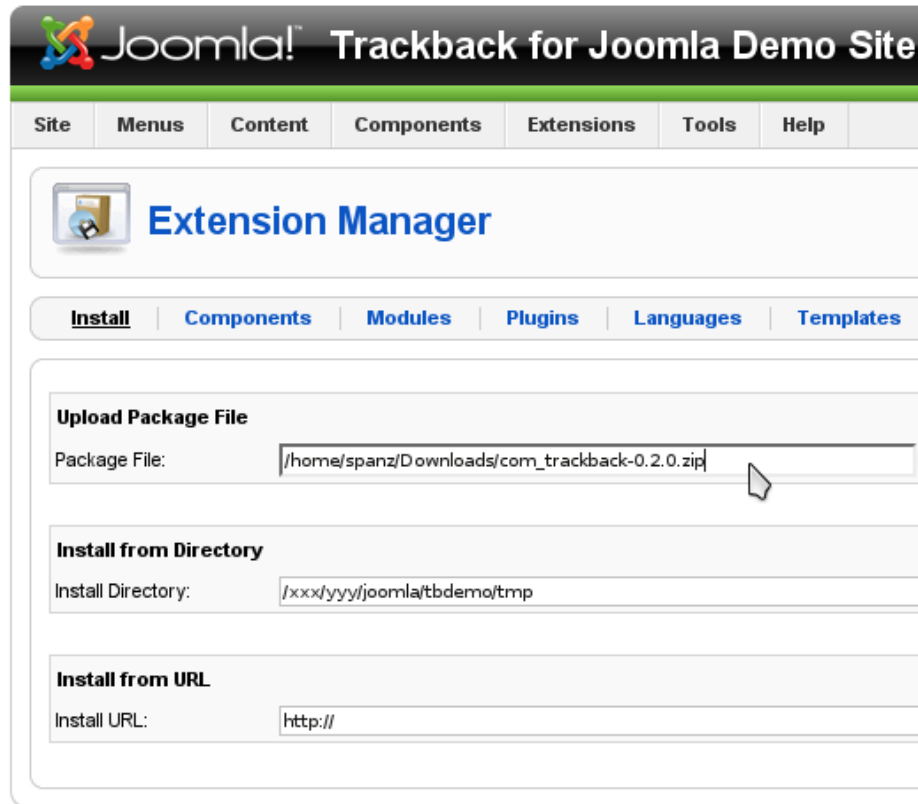
## 4 Installation

The easiest way to install The Trackback component is to download the full package (com\_trackback-x.y.z.zip) and simply install it via the Joomla extension installer (in the back end).

1. Log into the Joomla back end as the administrator
2. Navigate to “Extensions/Install”



3. Select the recently downloaded file com\_trackback-x.y.z.zip



4. Click on “install”

However, in some cases this installation procedure will result in an error message because the maximum execution time for PHP scripts was exceeded. If this is the case, please follow these alternative installation steps:

1. Create a temporary directory (“tr\_tmp” in the following)
2. Unzip com\_trackback-x.y.z.zip into tr\_tmp
3. Connect via (S)FTP or Webdav to your web-server
4. Navigate to the tmp directory in your Joomla installation path
5. Copy the tr\_tmp directory into the tmp directory
6. Log into the Joomla backend as the administrator
7. Navigate to “Extensions/Install”
8. Enter “(Joomla path)/tmp/tr\_tmp” into the path field
9. Click on “install”

## 5 Update

To update from an earlier version of the Trackback extension, simply follow the installation procedure. Trackback will automatically detect that it is already installed and perform the necessary update steps (your data is kept!).

## 6 Uninstall

The uninstall procedure is very simple: In the Joomla back-end, navigate to “Extensions/Components”, select Trackback and then click on “uninstall”. Note that all database entries are kept, so if you re-install Trackback nothing is lost. However, if you like to have all the database entries deleted, then you can manually delete the database table “jos\_trackback”.

## 7 First steps

First make sure that the component installed correctly by checking that there is a menu entry “Trackback” in the Joomla administration backend (in the menu “Components”). Check that the Trackback content plugin and the XML-RPC plugin are activated (“Extensions/Plugin Manager”). When logging into the front-end of your page and viewing an article that was written by the logged-in user, you see a “send trackback” field above the article. Enter the trackback-link to another site and click “send” to send the trackback. The user manual gives more information about the different parameters and configuration options.