
Is this a component, mambot, plugin, or module

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Downloading Joomla Extensions

So you downloaded this compressed file and you have no clue if this is a fscking component, mambot/pluging, or module. Don't sweat it son, just read along.

Check the filename:

The first thing you want to do is check the filename. Most developers will follow the established practice for naming Joomla Extensions. Components -> com_componentname.zip, Mambots/plugins -> bot_mambotname.zip or plugin_pluginname.zip, Modules -> mod_modulename.zip. But what happens if the developer was drunk when he/she submitted the extension for download, and they decided to ignore any kind of naming convention?

Extract the downloaded extension.

After extracting the downloaded file search for the .xml file. This contains all sorts of neat information about how the install is going to take place. Along with this information there is also a line that tells Joomla! if this is a component, mambot/plugin, or a module. I looks like this:

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<mosinstall type="component" version="1.0.0">
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or this

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<mosinstall version="1.0.12" type="mambot" group="editors">
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or this

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<mosinstall type="module" version="1.0.0">
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For now you're basically concerned with the "type" attribute. Pay attention son!!