How do I upgrade my existing Joomla! installation?

Article Number: 451 | Rating: 1/5 from 1 votes | Last Updated: Thu, Apr 23, 2015 at 12:35 PM The developers of Joomla! regularly issue patches that upgrade existing installations to the latest stable version. A These patches do not involve any changes to the structure of your database tables. To patch your installation: Log into your Joomla! installation Take your Joomla! offline temporarily: Click Site Click Global Configuration Click Site Settings Click Site Offline Click Yes Do not log out of Joomla! while the site is offline Log into your eXtend Control Panel and back up your website and database: Click Backup/Restore Click Create Full Backup The backup will download onto your computer Click the link above the Create Full Backup button to go to the databases page Scroll down to Manage MySQL Databases Click Backup The database will also download onto your computer If your patch installation fails at any time, you can restore your site to this point by restoring the backups through the eXtend Control Panel Go to the Joomla! website:Â www.joomla.org Click Download Click Upgrade Packages Select the tar.bz2, tar.gz, or .zip file that is appropriate for your update (refer to the version number in your current installation of Joomla! to determine which you should download) Return to your eXtend Control Panel Click File Manager Select the directory that is the root of your Joomla! installation Click the Upload Up Arrow icon Upload the upgrade package you downloaded from the Joomla! website Select the uploaded package Click the Unpack Box icon The upgrade package will be installed Return to your Joomla! administrative page. Click Refresh in your browser The new version number should appear at the top right of the window Bring your site back online through the Site Settings page

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