

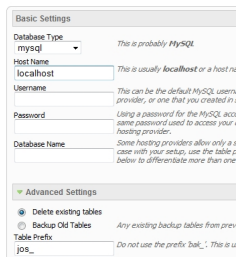
## Site Shaper

So what are Site Shapers? They are quick installs of Joomla combined with all the modules, content, etc used on our demo. Within a few minutes you can have your site up, running and looking just like our demo, excluding stock photography. No more importing SQL dumps and installing modules. Just head on over to the download section of this template and grab a Site Shaper. Simply install the Site Shaper like any other Joomla installation, it's that easy!

### How to setup a Site Shaper

**Note** - please read the entire tutorial. Virtuemart requires one extra step at the bottom of this tutorial.

- Login to your cpanel or your server admin panel.
- Locate the area where your databases are (usually labeled Mysql Databases)
- Create a new database
- Next create a new database user and assign it to this newly created database in the previous step
- You will then need to extract the site shaper to either a folder on your server or the root directory such as WWW. NOTE: if you already have a website in the root of your WWW folder, we suggest creating a new folder and extract the site shaper there. If your cpanel does not have an extract option or you cannot find it, you may also extract the contents of your site shaper in to a folder on your desktop and upload all the files via an ftp client to your server.
- Next, navigate to the url where you extracted the site shaper via your web browser.
- Continue through each screen until you reach the below screenshot:



The screenshot shows the 'Basic Settings' section of the Site Shaper installation interface. It includes fields for 'Database Type' (set to 'mysql'), 'Host Name' (set to 'localhost'), 'Username', 'Password', and 'Database Name'. There are also 'Advanced Settings' options like 'Delete existing tables' and 'Backup Old Tables'. The 'Table Prefix' field is set to 'jos\_'.

- At the above screen be sure to enter localhost as shown, continue to fill in the following text fields with your newly created database and username information
- Follow through the rest of the site shaper setup and click the install sample data at the last screen and the installation is complete! (be sure to rename/remove the installation directory after finishing the install)
- This is the final step. There is a configuration file in Virtuemart that requires the url of your site. Navigate to:

administratorcomponentscom\_virtuemartvirtuemart.cfg.php

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At line 35 and 36 change the following to the url of your site:

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define( 'URL', 'http://localhost/eshopper/' );  
define( 'SECUREURL', 'http://localhost/eshopper/' );
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example:

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define( 'URL', 'http://www.mysite.com/' );  
define( 'SECUREURL', 'http://www.mysite.com/' );
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Make sure that it ends with a trailing / at the end.

Save the file and the installation is complete!