

Joomla 2.5 And The End of Joomla 1.5

We have received a lot of questions regarding the compatibility of Joomla 2.5 and our products. We realize that all the recent version numbers of Joomla ie: 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, and soon to be 2.5, can be very confusing. We'd like to clarify this and make it very simple to understand.

Will our products work with Joomla 2.5? Yes, absolutely they will work! Any product that works currently with Joomla 1.7 will work with Joomla 2.5 with no issues at all.

Will you need to install a component to upgrade your site from 1.7 to 2.5? No, the upgrade from 1.7 to 2.5 is very easily done from the backend of Joomla. No downloads or file extractions will be needed. No new installation will be created, it will simply upgrade your existing files. It's really that simple.

Will we continue to support Joomla 1.5 products? We will adhere to the Joomla life cycle of each Joomla version. Joomla will discontinue support on 1.5 in April 2012. This means that as of April 1, 2012 we will no longer be creating new 1.5 compatible products, and will focus on Joomla 1.7/2.5 products. We will continue support on 1.5 products through the end of 2012. Do not let the new version number scare you, the upgrade from 1.7 to 2.5 is nothing like 1.5 to 1.6+, and can be done in a matter of minutes. If you have not begun the move to 1.7+ we would highly recommend this so that your site stays up to date with the latest features and security updates.

What products do you offer that are compatible with Joomla 1.7+? Our list of compatible products can be found at the following url:

http://www.shape5.com/joomla/product_compatibility/current_joomla_product_compatibility_list.html

We will continue to convert older 1.5 products to the newer 1.7+ platform, so please check this page often. Any site shaper listed as 1.7 can simply be installed and upgraded to 2.5 when it becomes available.