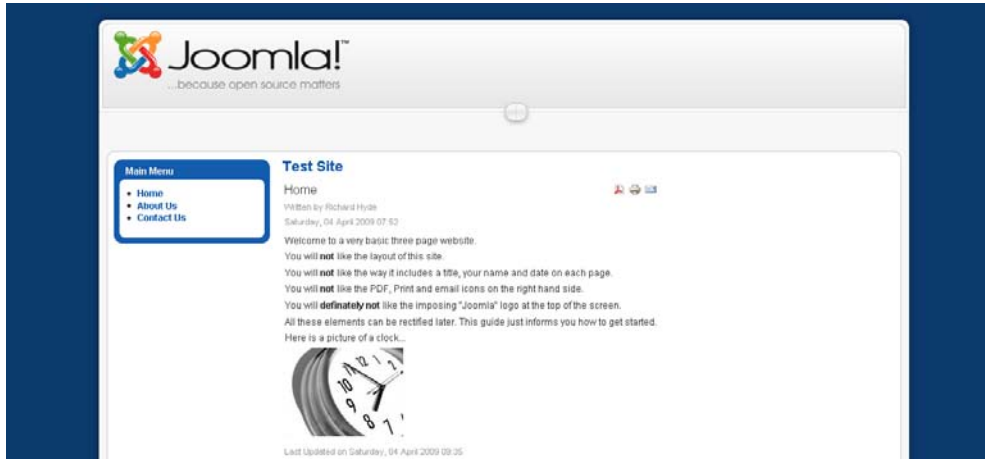




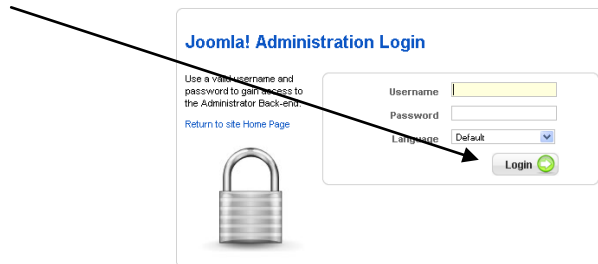
## How to create a very basic Joomla 1.5 website

This short guide will teach you how to turn your newly installed Joomla 1.5 site into a basic three page website. The pages will be “Home”, “About Us” & “Contact Us”. It won't look particularly special but it'll provide the basics before you go onto improve the appearance It will look a bit like this...

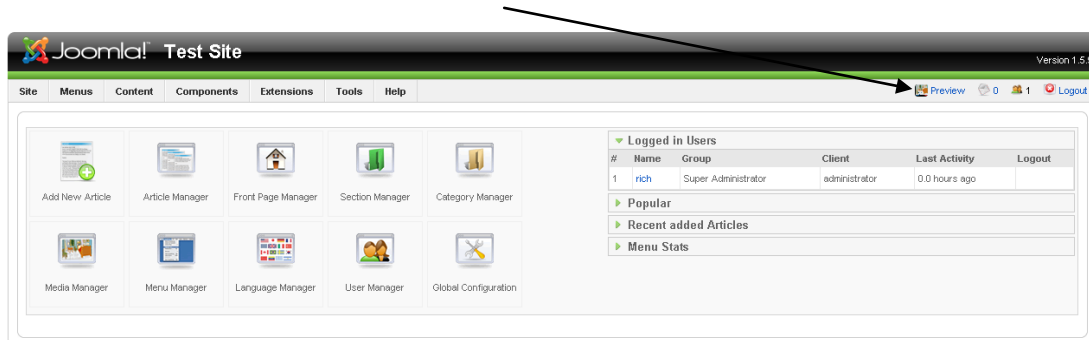


### **To Begin**

To begin, access the Joomla administration Login panel via a web-browser. Then enter your user-name and password and click on the **login** icon.



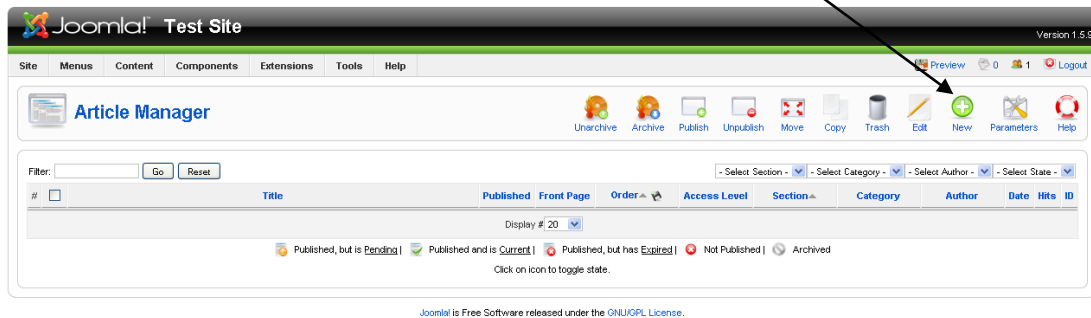
To preview your site at any time click on the “preview” link in the top right hand screen. This will open your live site in another page/tab.



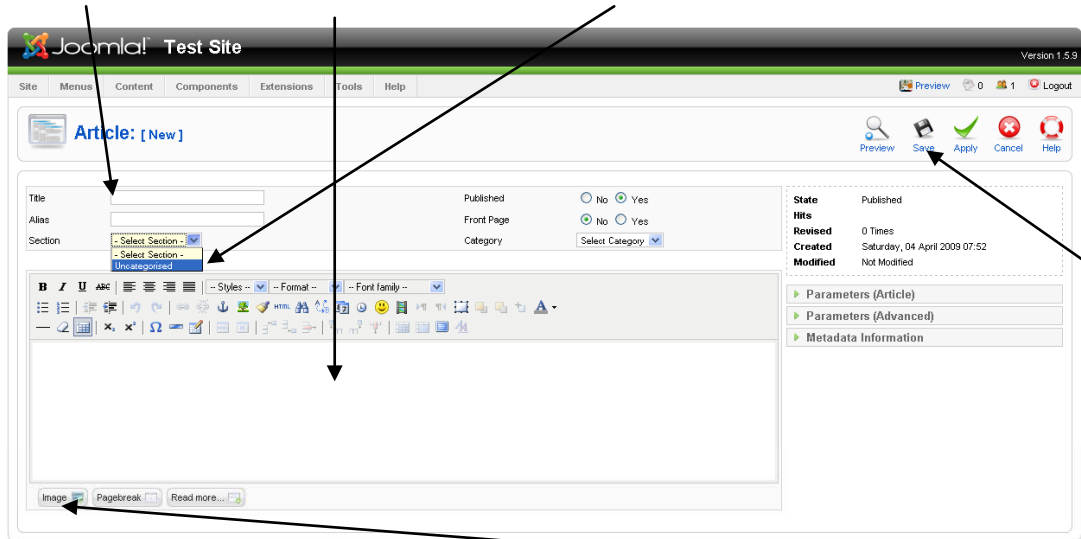


## Articles

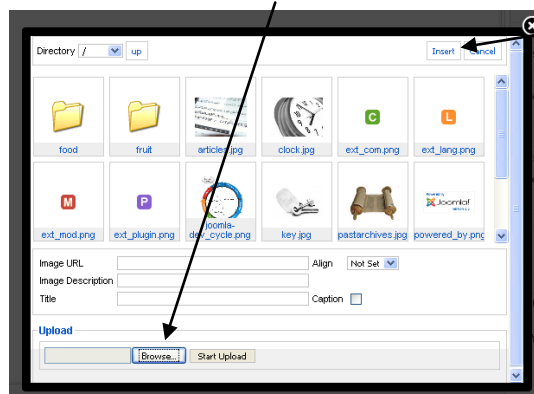
Joomla sites are mainly constructed from **articles**. Our “home-page” will comprise of one **article**. To create it select **Content > Article Manager** from the main menu. Then click on the green **new** icon.



Give it a **title** (eg. “Home”) then from the **section** menu select “uncategorized”. Type whatever you want to appear as content in the main content box.



To add an image: first click at the appropriate image position, then select **image** from the very bottom of the screen. Select the image from the folder selection (or **browse** and upload and then select) then click on **insert** at the top of the screen.



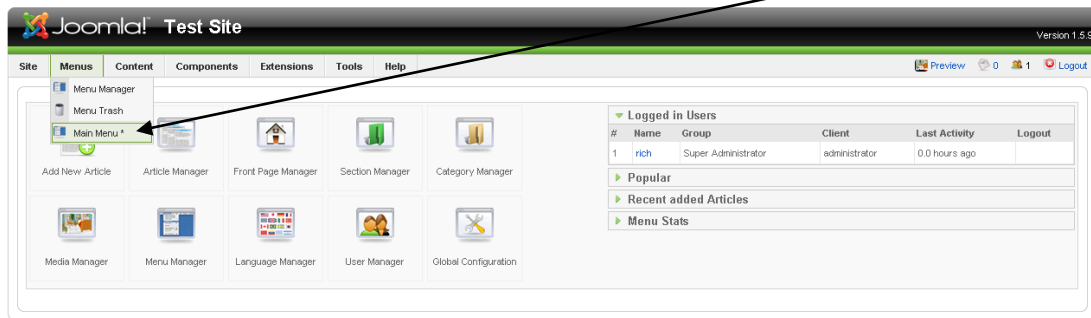
When you are happy with the content of your article, click on the top right-hand **save** icon. This will return you to the article manager.

Our “about us” and “contact us” pages will also be **articles**, so repeat this process for them.



## The Menu

Now we need to create a **menu** with items that link to our **articles**. Joomla already has a pre-installed **menu** called "Main Menu". To view it, return to the control panel and select **Menus > Main Menu**.

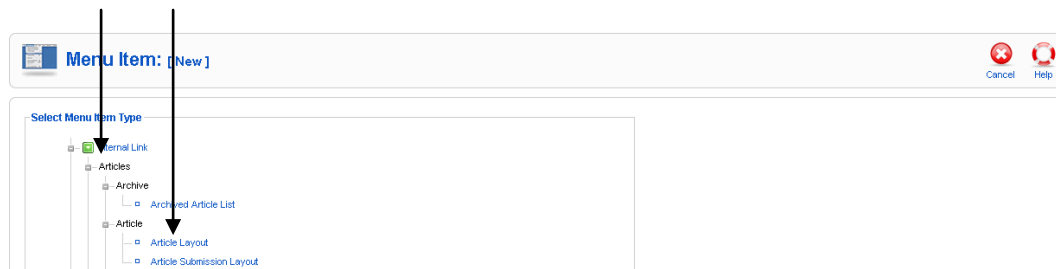


"Main Menu" already contains a **menu item** called "Home", however it is the wrong type of menu item. To start from scratch tick the box next to the "Home" menu item then click on the trash icon at the top of the page.

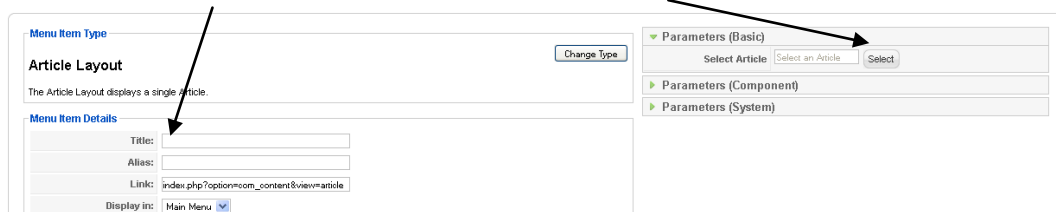
To create a new menu icon, click on the green **new** icon.



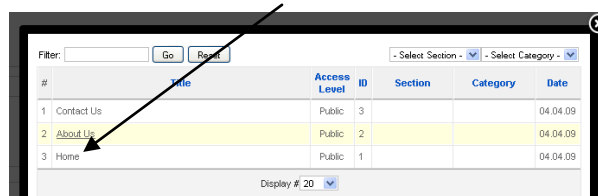
Select **Articles > Article Layout**.



Give the menu item a **Title** (eg. "Home Page") then click on the **Select Article** button on the right.



Select the article you wish this item to link to (eg. "Home Page").



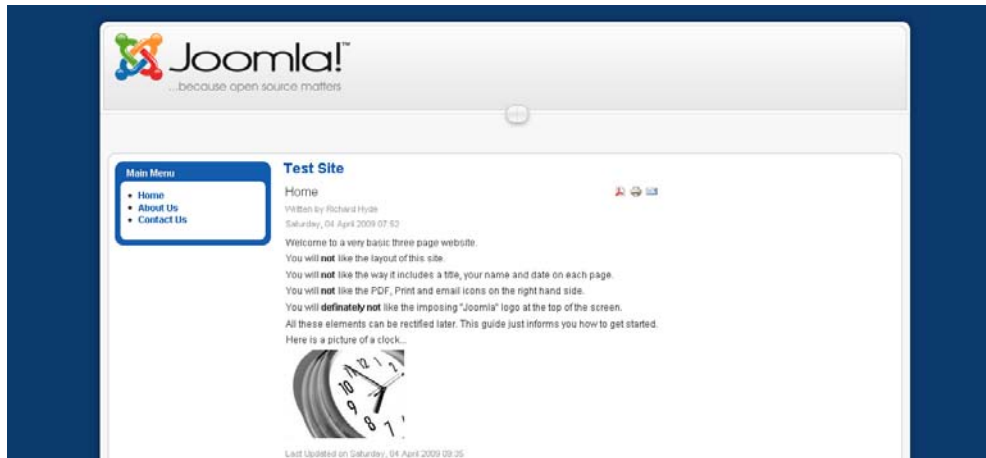
Then click on the **Save** icon.

Repeat this process to create a **menu item** that links to your "about us" and "contact us" **articles**.



## All Done!

You now have a fully functioning basic three page web-site.



You will **not** like the way it includes a title, your name and date on each page. You will **not** like the PDF, Print and email icons on the right hand side. You will **definitely not** like the imposing "Joomla" logo at the top of the screen. But all these elements can be rectified later.