

# Joomla! 4

a first look

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# Basis

I just wanted to see how things were coming along and what new things were in store. I didn't get far.

# Installation

- Failed first attempt
- Tried a few things, nothing worked.
- Finally tried upgrading PHP from 7.2 to 7.3.
- Tested other sites since host only allows one version per account.
- **Conclusion:** PHP 7.3 is required for Joomla! 4, at least for installation.

# Configuration

- The new admin template is very different and somewhat confusing.
- I set things up the same as my existing 3.6 sites.
- Installed demo content.
- Tried testing email, which does not work at all (sendmail, PHP Mail, SMTP Mail, **NADA**)

# Back End Navigation

- Could not figure out why the menus are arranged as they are.
- More clicks needed now to find the same panel.
- Did not try alternative admin templates.
- Akeeba Backup is integrated.

# Extension Installation

- Installed my own Content Notifier plugin.
  - Extremely simple content plugin.
  - Looks and works as expected in back end.
  - Couldn't test due to email not working.
- Community Builder Install
  - Tried Install from Web; **FAIL**
  - Tried Install via upload; **FAIL**
- Did not try module or template install.

# Cassiopeia Template

- Nice looking enough, but looks like a typical Joomla template.
- Error on post-login page.
- Almost no options.
- Very basic.