HUBzero™

Cyberinfrastructure for Digital Scholarship, Dissemination, Collaboration, and Outreach

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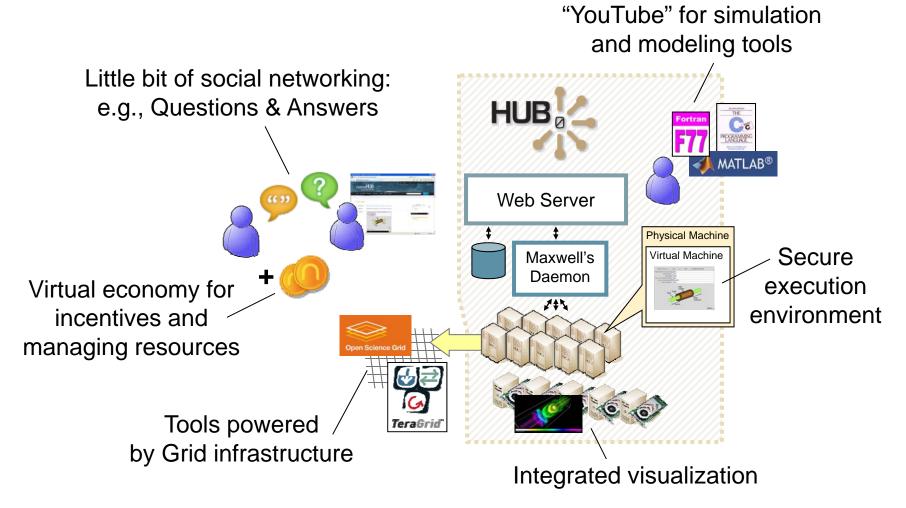
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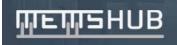




































• Feb 2007: 1 hub

• Feb 2008: 5 hubs

• Feb 2009: 8 hubs

• Feb 2010: 21 hubs

Each hub has its own funding stream

Outside institutions: EPA, SUNY, Rice







I want to do it all by myself!



Installing the HUBzero Software Stack (setting up the basic website)









This won't work....









This will...

- Debian GNU/Linux 5.0
- 64-bit Intel compatible CPUs
 (32-bit support forthcoming)







- A HUB-in-a-box can be squeezed into a 64-bit x86 virtual machine with about 4 Gigabytes of disk and 768 Megabytes of RAM.
- A typical starter production hub uses a dedicated machine with dual Quad Core Intel Xeon processors, 16-24 Gigabytes of RAM, and 1 Terabyte of mirrored disk (e.g., Dell R610)







Personnel Roles



- Systems Administration
- Web Development
- Application/Tool Development
- Content Management
- Application/Tool Deployment
- Hub Management







Installation



Documentation for the installation process can be found at http://hubzero.org/documentation/0.9.0/installation

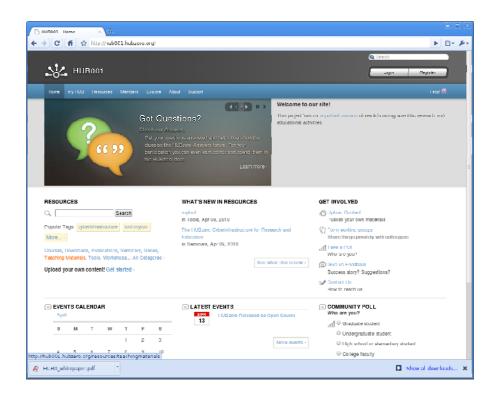






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HUBzero Content Management System









The Base Operating System...

The goal is to work with an off-the-shelf Debian GNU/Linux 5.0 installation. We aren't there yet...



A separate /export filesystem containing subdirectories www, opt, home and apps is required to isolate filesystem quotas used by the HUBzero middleware.

We also assume that it is running on a system dedicated to HUBzero. There can be no user accounts (above id 900), or groups (above id 900) and it must run an OpenVZ kernel.







OpenLDAP

HUBzero uses "first class" users and groups. This means every registered user on the site and every group has a corresponding Linux account. This is currently handled by mirroring account data into an OpenLDAP instance that Linux can then use PAM and NSS modules to access.

A custom HUBzero LDAP schema is currently used, later this year we will just be using the default schema that ships with Debian.









MySQL

HUBzero uses a MySQL database as its primary data store. This pretty much works straight out of the box but could be customized for security and performance considerations as required by your site.

Our 'hubzero-mysql' package makes a slight change to the default Debian mysql maintenance account, giving it permissions to grant permissions to other accounts. The lack of these permissions appears to be a bug.









Apache 2

HUBzero makes extensive use of the Apache 2 web server. Our "hubzero-apache2" module enables several modules that we use and provides basic "hub" and "hub-ssl" site definitions which get installed into /etc/apache2/sites-available.









PHP

The HUBzero Content Management System (CMS) is written in PHP. Nothing special really needs to be done, although we typically disable displaying errors and enable logging errors. You may also need to increase the file and post limits if you expect users to upload very large files. You may also find that you need to increase the memory limits.

These settings can all be modified in /etc/php5/apache2/php.ini



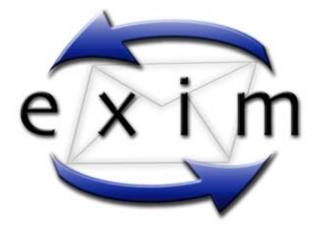






Mail

Mail configuration is really site dependent. Basically HUBzero expects outgoing mail to work. Our documentation goes over the simplest configuration of the exim4 mailer to achieve this.









Content Management System

The HUBzero Content Management System (CMS) is the most visible part of HUBzero. It is based on the Joomla! CMS at its core, but adds dozens of extensions and enhancements.

The remainder of this presentation will discuss basic installation of the HUBzero CMS and go over where some important configuration details are.











CMS Preparation

- ✓ Edit /etc/hubzero.conf
- ✓ Copy files from master copy to document root
- ✓ Create hub and hub_metrics database
- ✓ Change document root in apache configuration

Restart the apache service and navigate to your site in a browser to begin the modified Joomla! Installation process

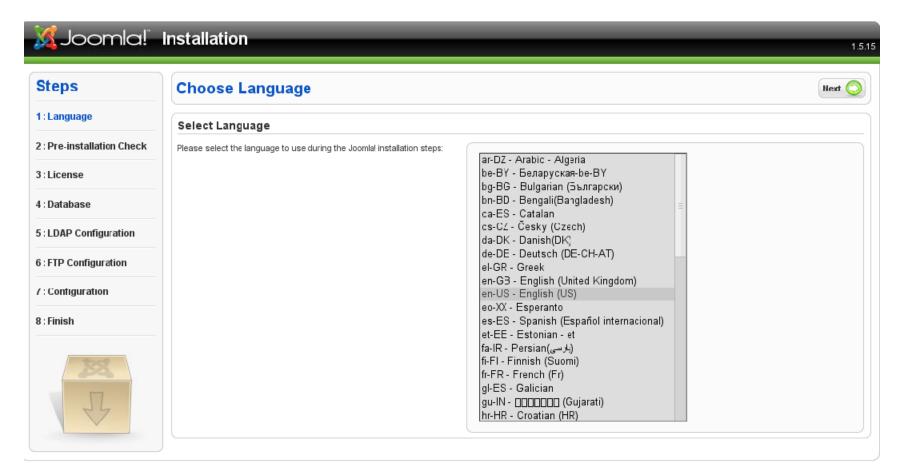








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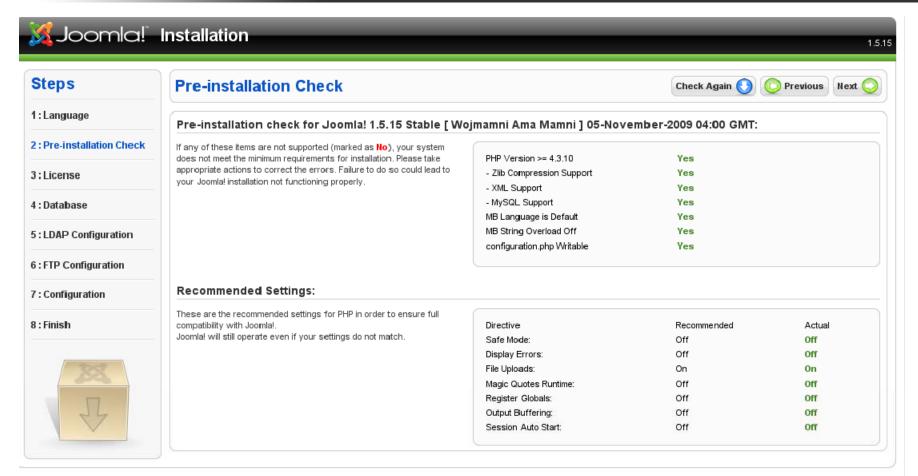








Pre-installation Check

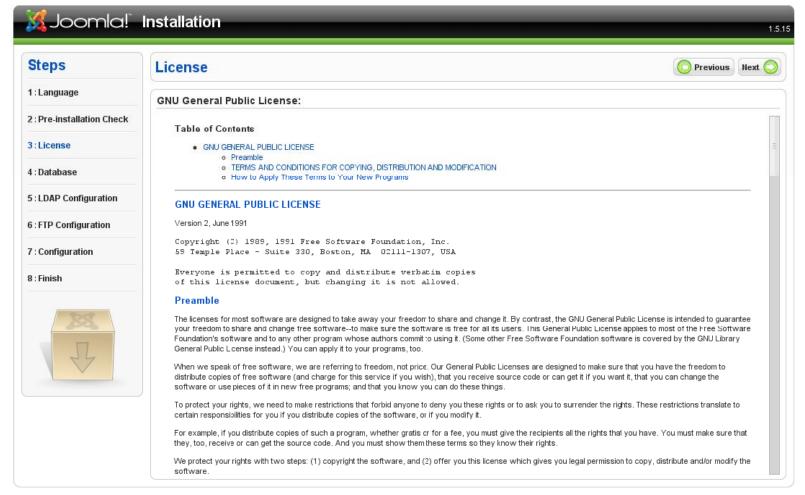








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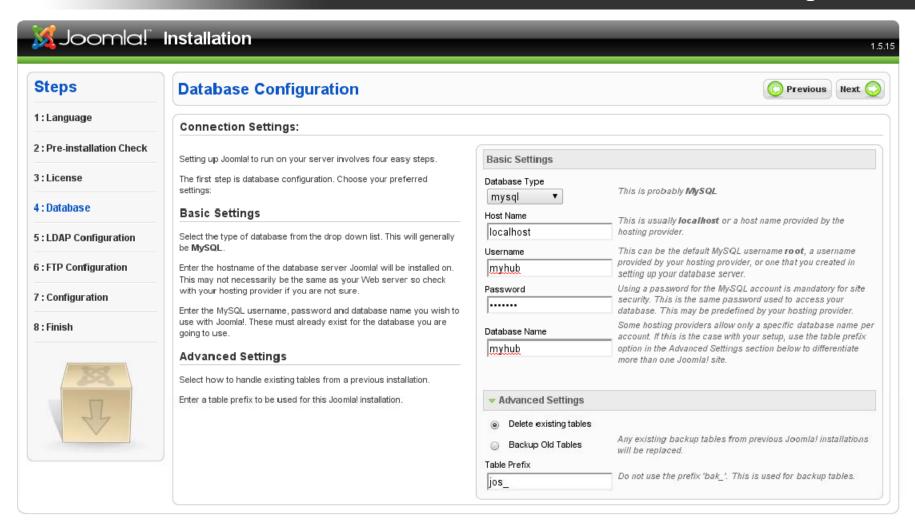








Database Configuration



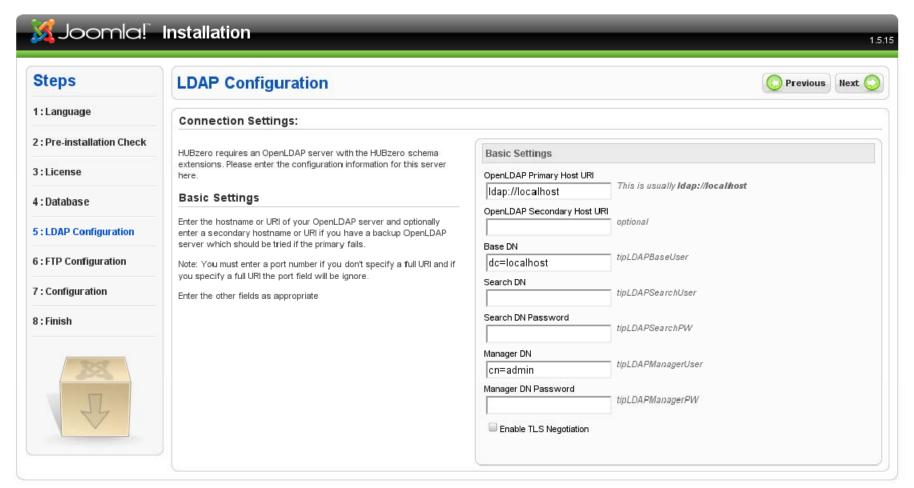








LDAP Configuration



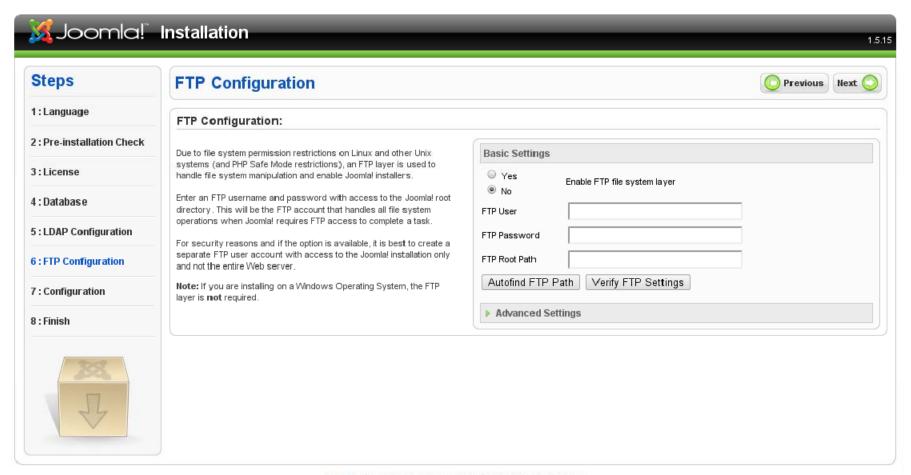








FTP Configuration

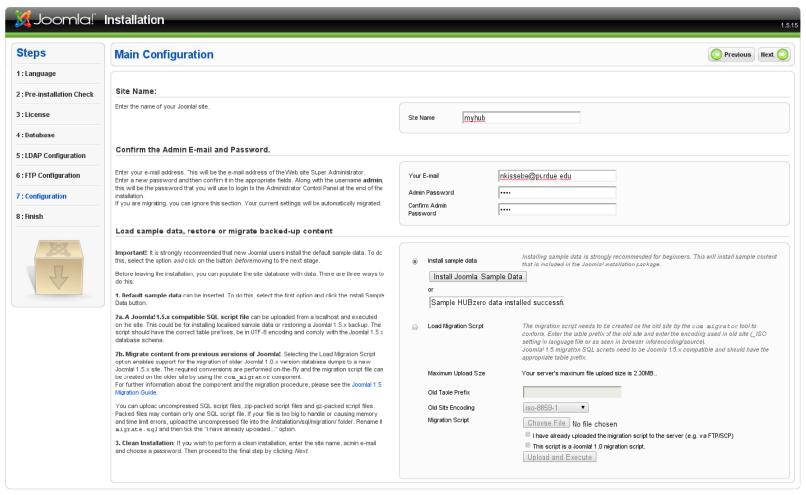








Main Configuration



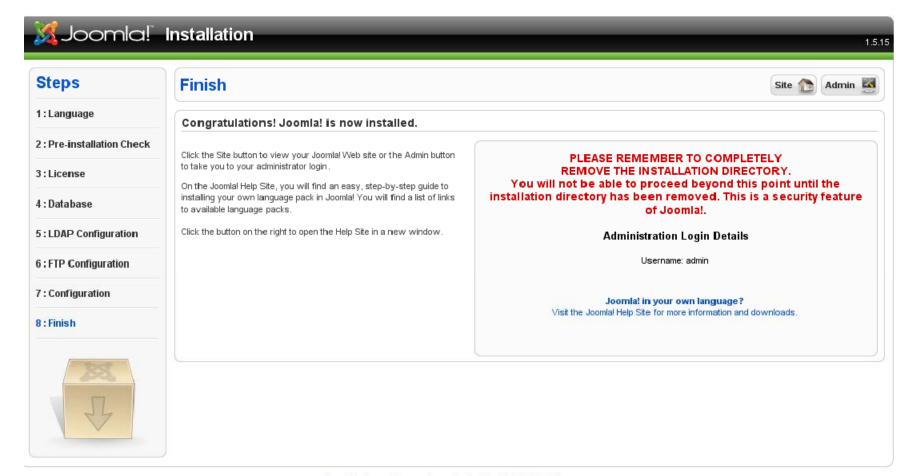








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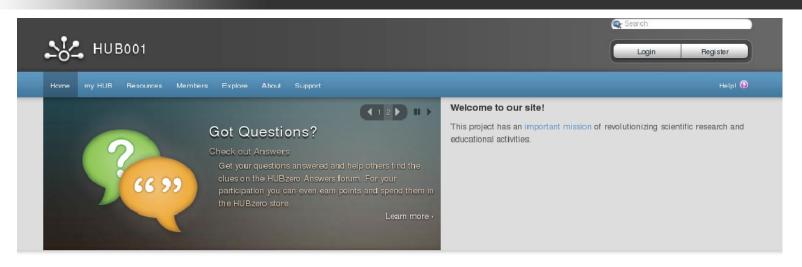








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Are we there yet?



You might be done.... if all you wanted was a web site. If that's all you want then you might just want to use Joomla! Or other similar content management system rather than deal with something that is quite a bit quirkier.

But let's assume you are here for the HUB Apps (Tools). There is a long way to go get that support up and running. We will cover most of it in the next section, but there are a few small pieces that fit in between that we will quickly cover here.







Subversion

SUBVERSION°

Subversion is an open source version control system. HUBzero uses it as part of its HUB App development platform via the "contribtool" component. HUB App developers get access to a Subversion repository to use for the application development. We use the subversion revision number to identify the application/tool version.







WebDAV

WebDAV stands for "Web-based Distributed Authoring and Versioning". It is a set of extensions to the HTTP protocol which allows users to collaboratively edit and manage files on remote web servers. HUBzero uses this mechanism as way of allow users to directly access the files in their HUB home directories from their desktop. There are WebDAV clients available for all common desktop operating system.









Usermap

- In order for WebDAV apache module to serve files to a client, it
 must have permission to access the files. Since we want to use
 WebDAV to serve files in a user's home directory we have to use
 a filesystem that can map a user's home directory into a
 permission space suitable for the Apache WebDAV module to
 access.
- USERMAP serves this purpose, it is used to mount a user's home directory inside the /webdav directory with ownership and group permissions assigned to WebDAV process owner (www-data). Usermap is implemented as a simple FUSE based filesystem.







Trac



Trac is an enhanced wiki and issue tracking system for software development projects (http://trac.edgewall.org).

- A Trac project is created for every HUBzero Application development project created by the CONTRIBTOOL component of the HUBzero CMS.
- Trac projects are stored in /opt/trac/tools/<project> and apache Routes URLs from /tools/<project>/<trac-function> to Trac. Trac does not currently have a Single Sign On relationship with the main HUBzero CMS (you have to login separately), but they do share the same authentication tables.

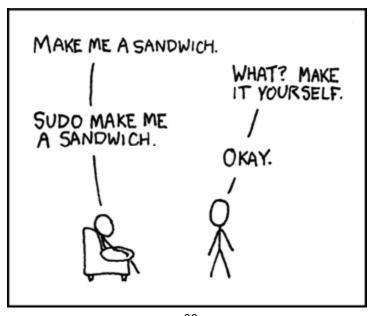






addrepo

ADDREPO is an external script used to create HUBzero Application development projects. It is run as part of the contribtool component of the website. It has to run various commands as the 'apps' user which requires modifying the "sudo" configuration file /etc/sudoers.











Hands-on

If we have time we will try a hand-on session. See your hand-outs. We have some partially installed VM instances that you can try to finish configuring.









Next Session...

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