Joomla! and I

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Assignment

The Assignment was to create a online portfolio.
Target of the course was to come used to basic web / internet technology with focus on layout and design technologies for internet pages.

I decided to build a homepage which would be my portfolio by using Joomla!®.
Background is simple: I found a beautiful website and looked into the source-code to see how it was made and found a link to Joomla! at the end of the source-code.

First step

Once on the homepage of Joomla! (www.joomla.org) I downloaded the OpenSource Joomla!-package. The content was a little surprise to me because there was no executable file, instead a index.html. A little research on google and I knew what to do: Copy the whole package (unzipped) up on an online-server. I did this via ftp using filezilla and webspace (www.kilu.de).

First configuration

To start the first configuration I opened with my browser the location with the index.html. There are some easy steps e.g. open an administrator account and set a password. To round the installation up I had to delete the 'Installation' folder and refresh the page. Easy.

Getting started

The first view on the homepage surprised me. There was a finished homepage with ad's, polls, articles and links for Joomla!, so I suddenly expected a lot of work.
A look on the administrative background was more satisfying because I like to get things structured. It's a proper, clearly arranged console and can be used mostly intuitive. But I quickly realized that Joomla! is not made for my purpose. I could handle a whole community, when I want. To write a blog including a portfolio-page it's way to powerful and complex.

Getting stopped

This was my whole experience with Joomla!. I discovered wordpress and began to love it (although I'm not a good blog writer (no frequency, no style.. and no ideas) but I keep trying).