

Nucleus CMS - Instant Writing Space for your Web Site

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Nucleus is an attractive open source content management system that provides instant and flexible writing space for your blog or web site. If you are looking for a blogging, publishing or other content management system for your web site, Nucleus is lean in size (only 540 KB), is nice to look at, doesn't rely on php programming, and doesn't require a technician certificate to install. If your web interface has Fantastico programs available, check to see if Nucleus is one of them - you may already have the program available through your web hosting company. If not, you can easily download the program (for free) from the main site at <http://nucleuscms.org/>.

Introduction to Nucleus

This open source program is really quite unique, quite easy to set up and customize - it's hard to believe that it is free to use, made possible by the wonderful programmers who created this delightful program, and the designers who have contributed a hearty assortment of fetching "skins" and "plug-ins" to dress up your CMS.



TAKING A LOOK FIRST & INSTALLATION

To view the program in action, the main Nucleus site features a random list of twenty [working examples](#). To view more examples, you simply refresh your browser window. You can also view and move through a demonstration CMS on the [Nucleus Demo](#) page. A number of skins are available to give your site CMS a customized look that suits your web site. The look is so versatile - I highly recommend that you take the time to browse through their [Skin Showcase](#) to get a feel for what is possible before you choose a final default skin. They also offer many extra plug-ins on their [Plug-in Page](#) to enhance the functioning of your site. The designers of the program explained that they did not include these plug-ins in the original software because they wanted to keep the program light and easy to handle: besides not everyone needs all these plug-ins. The program is fully functional without them.

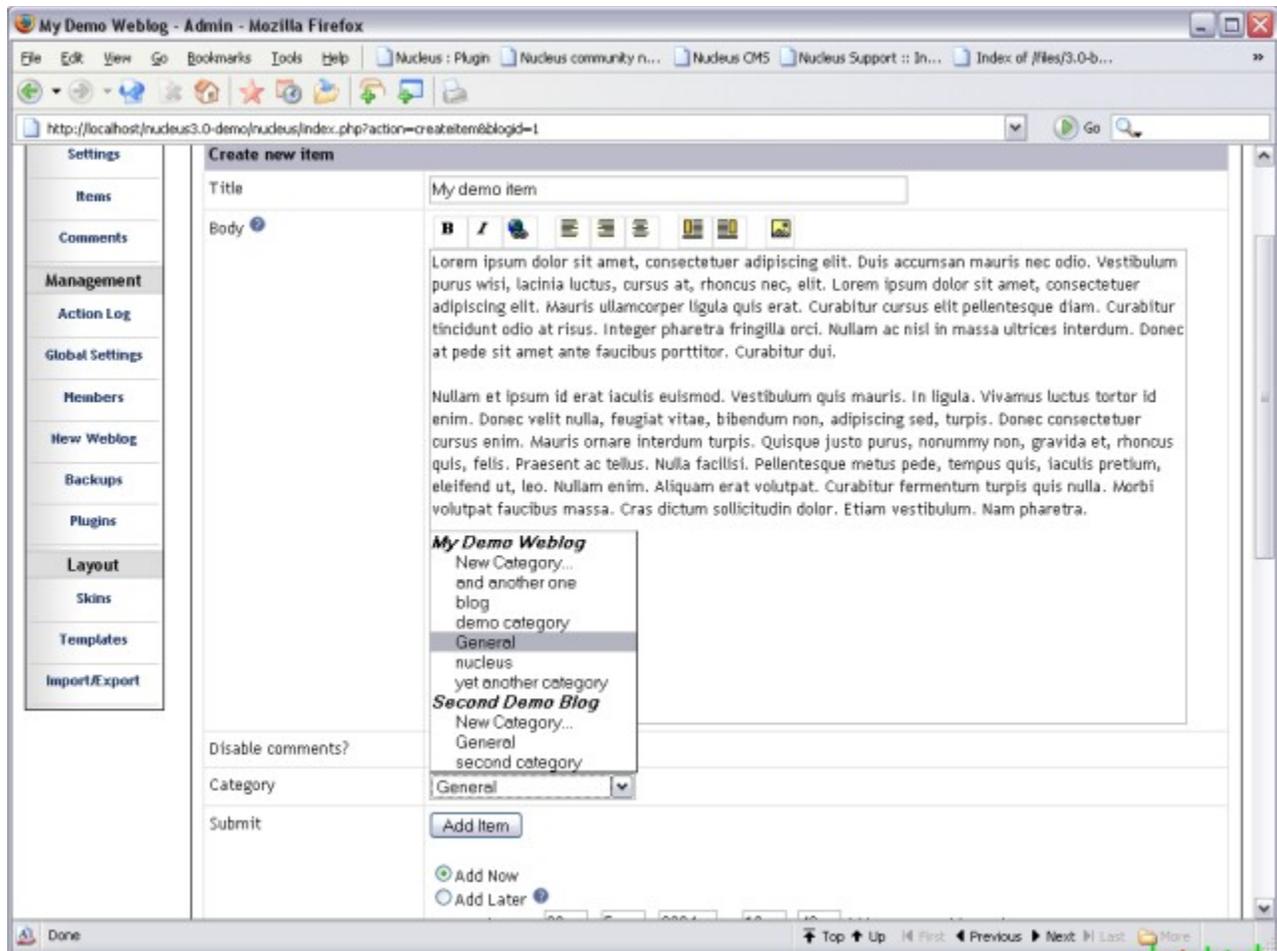
HOW IT ALL STARTED

The current version of Nucleus is v3.24 which has been continuously improved by the authors. Online help in solving problems is available through a number of different avenues. For instant, a generous selection of [Screenshots](#) are accessible online to help you to visualize the installation and set-up steps. A [Documentation Wiki](#) and incredible multi-language [Support Forums](#) to help you to configure and implement your CMS are available as well.

THE ADMINISTRATION AREA

Once you have installed the program files successfully onto your web server, it is quite easy to set up your CMS. This product is so robust, that you can actually set up several weblogs or blogs simultaneously, allowing unique access and privileges for each. You can import one or several skins into your admin area, so that you can change the look of your site(s) as you wish.

The admin area is quite intuitive, and allows you complete control of who can read, write, add to, or edit entries to your CMS. [Full documentation](#) to guide you through the steps to make your CMS functional is also available.



Example of Administration Area of Nucleus

This program really is a great application that will please many web site owners looking for a reliable and professional looking CMS for their site . I highly recommend it, and encourage everyone to check it out, and make a [donation](#) if possible, if they choose to use the software. The authors deserves both kudos and a reward for such an awesome program..especially since they are offering it free, as open source software. To sum the program up in their own words, the authors state, "Nucleus CMS lets you integrate text, images, and user comments in a seamless package that will make your web presence as serious, professional, personal, or fun as you want it to be."