



## **TUTORIAL 6. Adding Products and Images of Products to Your Virtuemart Store**

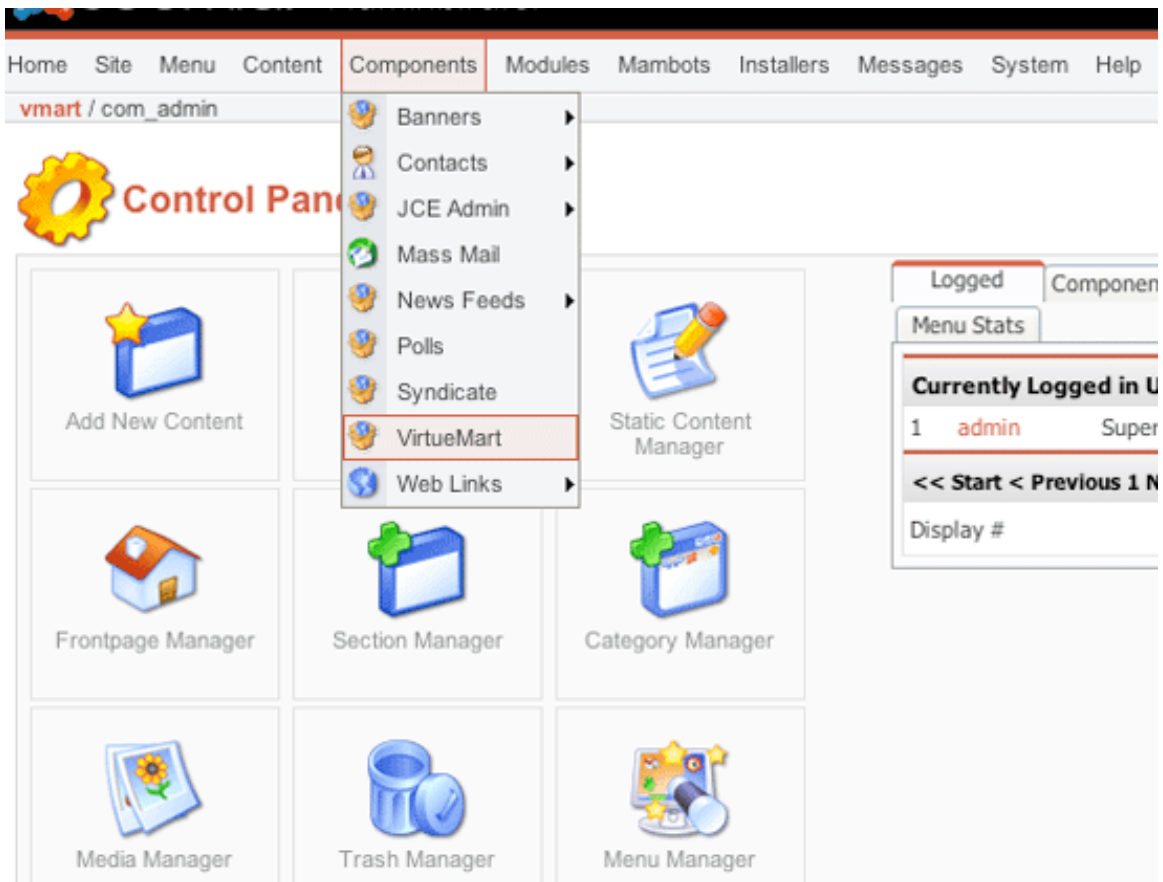
You are reading this tutorial because you have a website powered by the Joomla! content management system. Congratulations! Joomla! is one of the best ways to run a website. It is dynamic and expandable, with a huge community of developers and users (see <http://www.Joomla!.org> for more info.)

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**This tutorial assumes that you have installed the Virtuemart shopping cart component for Joomla! It is available free for downloading at <http://www.virtuemart.net/>.**

Virtuemart the e-commerce system for Joomla! websites is a great way to run an on-line store. In this tutorial, we look at how to add products and images of products to Virtuemart. This tutorial assumes that you know how to login to the back end of your Joomla! website. If not please see the tutorial “How To Log In To the Back End” and “A Tour Of The Joomla! Back End.” These are available at <http://www.floatingworld.ca/>.

We start our tutorial on the home page of the administrator back end of your website. On the administrator navigation bar select “Components”, then click “Virtuemart”:



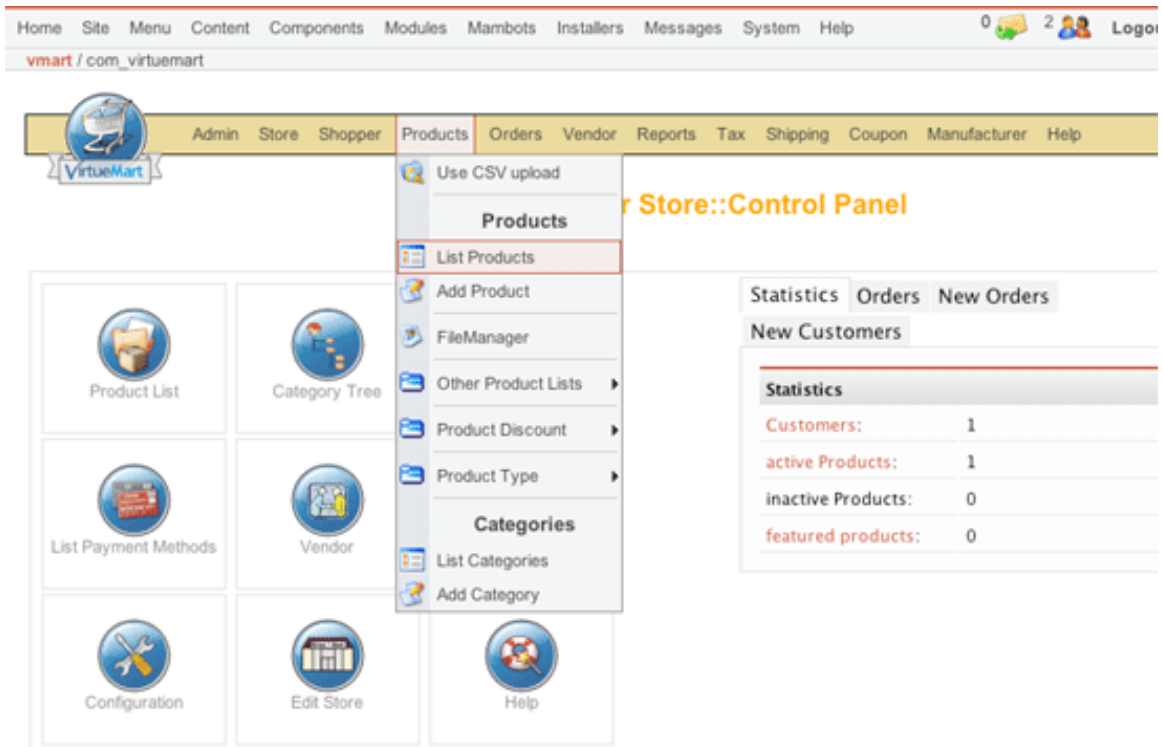
This will take you to the Virtuemart administration area:

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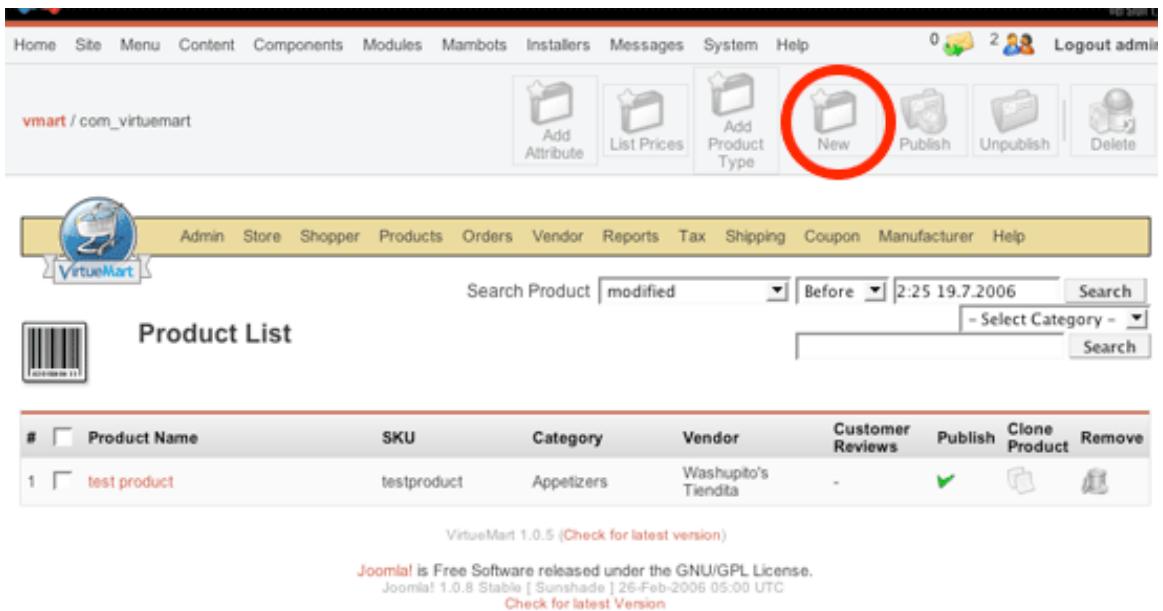
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The Virtuemart Administration area has a list of icons to help you get to often-used areas of Virtuemart, as well as a horizontal navigation bar that allows access to all areas of the Virtuemart component.

Hover over “Products” on the navigation bar and click on “List Products”:



This will take you to the product list for your store:




Since we are creating a new product, we will click “New” at the top right of the screen (see above image).

Now we are in the “New Product” area:

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Admin Store Shopper Products Orders Vendor Reports Tax Shipping Coupon Manufacturer Help

 **New Product**

Product Information Product Status Product Dimensions and Weight Product Images

Related Products

### Product Information

Publish?:

SKU:

Name:

URL:

Vendor: Washupito's Tiendita

Manufacturer: Manufacturer

Categories:

- |1| Appetizers
- |2| stuff
- |1| Trees

Product Price (Net):  US Dollar

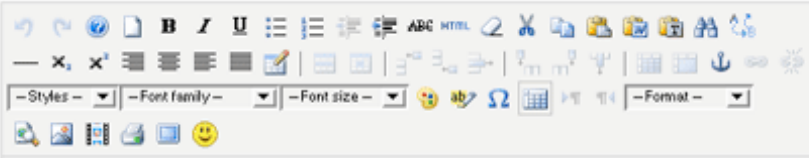
Product Price (Gross):

VAT Id: 2 (8.25%)

Discount Type: You can use the Product Discount Form to add discounts!

Discounted Price:

Short Description:

Product Description: 

In order to successfully create a new product, we must enter at least the SKU, name, and product price, and assign the product to at least on category (you can create more categories by pressing “Product”>”Add Category” from the Virtuemart navigation bar.)

The SKU can be anything. It will be the code that it is used to identify each unique product type.

For this example, we created a new product called “Bonsai Trees.”

## Product Information

Product Price (Net):	<input type="text" value="345"/>	<input type="text" value="Canadian Dollar"/>
Product Price (Gross):	<input type="text" value="373.4625"/>	
VAT Id:	<input type="text" value="2 (8.25%)"/>	
Discount Type:	You can use the Product Discount	
Discounted Price:	<input type="text"/>	
Short Description:	<input type="text"/>	

SKU:   
Name:   
Manufacturer: Washupito's Tiendita  
Manufacturer: Manufacturer  
Categories: 

- Appetizers
- stuff
- Trees**

Notice that we selected the “Trees” category. You must select a category for your product. If you haven’t created the category yet, you must go back to the main Virtuemart administration area and create a new category.

Next, we added short and long product descriptions for the product

Short Description:

Our Bonsai trees are of the finest quality. They come with a blue or red pot. They make a stylish addition to patios or living rooms. These trees are easy to take care of: just water them once a week!

You don’t need to fill out the product descriptions, but it is useful to add this information.

Now we proceed to the next tab called “Product Status”

Product Information **Product Status** Product Dimensions and Weight Product Images Rel:

**Product Status**

In Stock:

Availability Date: 2006-08-22

Availability:

Select Image

On Special:

Attribute List:

Examples for the Attribute List For

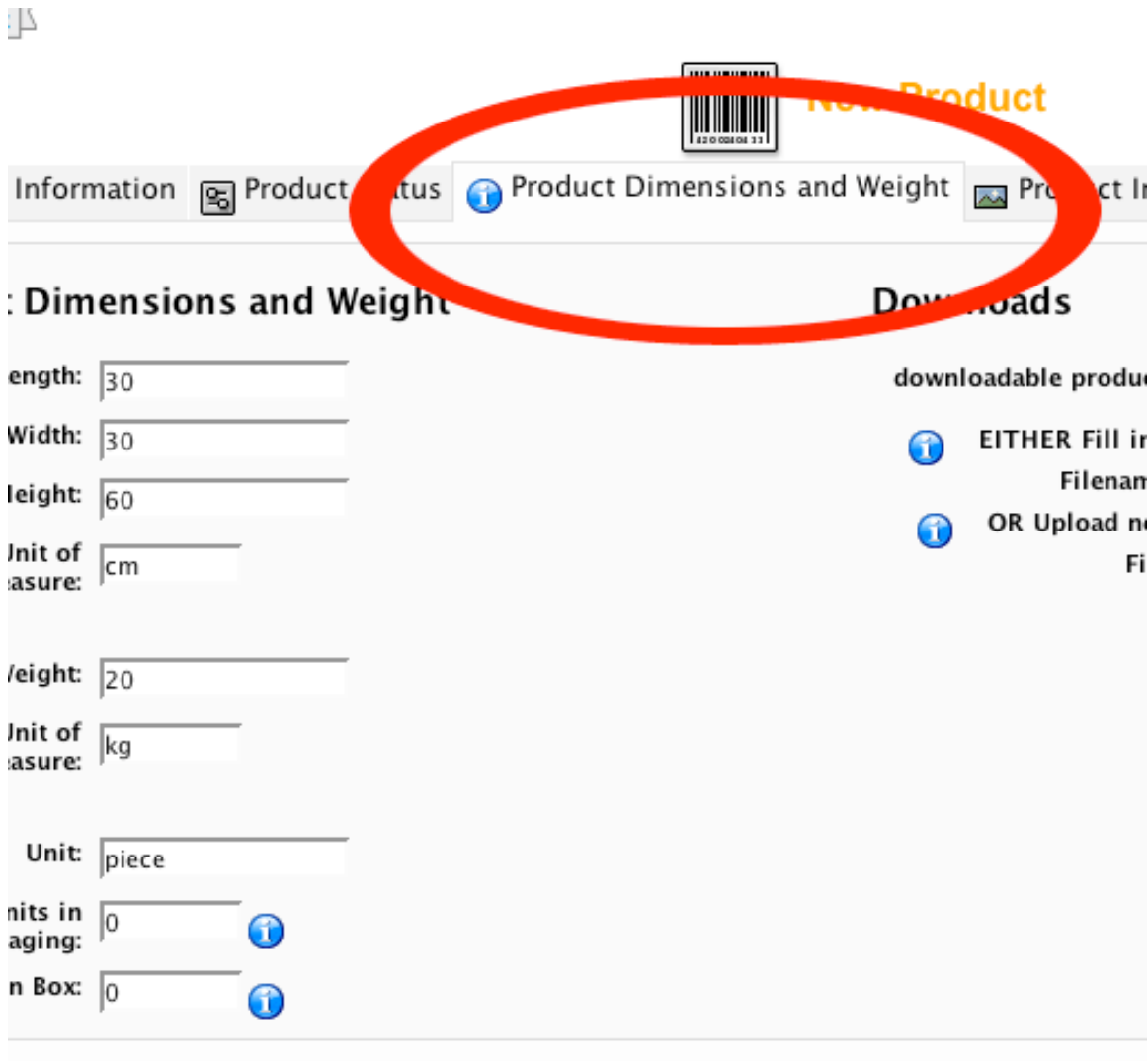
Size, XL[+1.99], M, S[-2] Colour, Red, Green, Yellow, ExpensiveColor[=24

Instructions for using the Advanced Attributes modification:

- + == Add this amount to the configured price.
- == Subtract this amount from the configured price.
- = == Set the product's price to this amount.

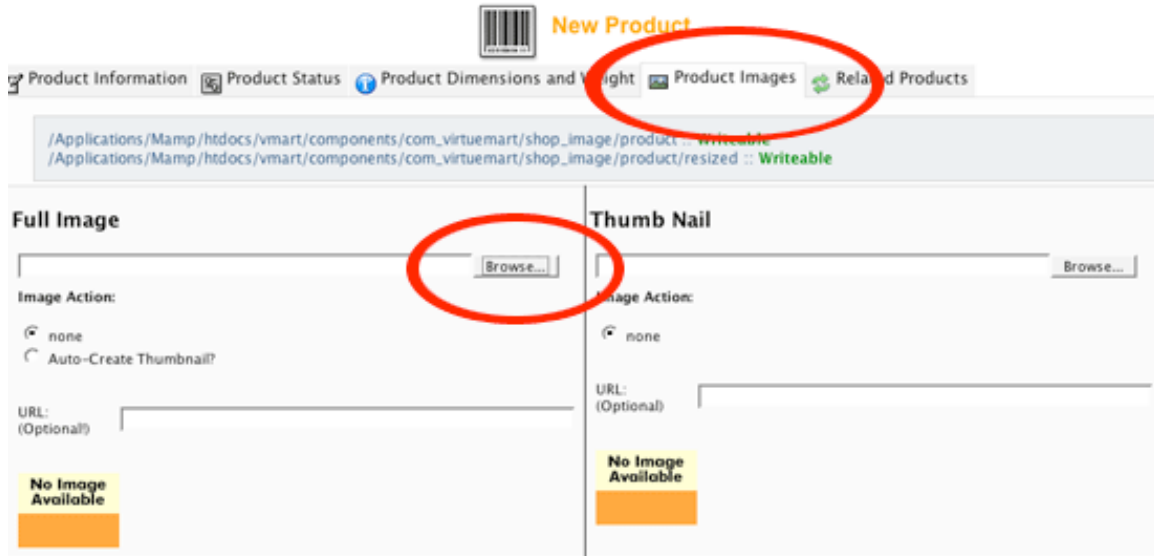
Here we add the amount of product in stock (optional) and the different attributes. Since our bonsai tree comes with a choice of blue or red pot, we must add a “pot color” attribute. We add a new attribute by first stating the attribute, followed by the choices that correspond to that attribute. Since there are two choices of pot color, we typed in: Pot Color, Red, Blue; it’s important that there is a semicolon after the last color choice. If we want to add another set of attributes, we would simply add it after the first set of attributes.

Next, we select the “Product Dimensions and Weight” tab. We enter the length, width, and height, weight, and units of measure.

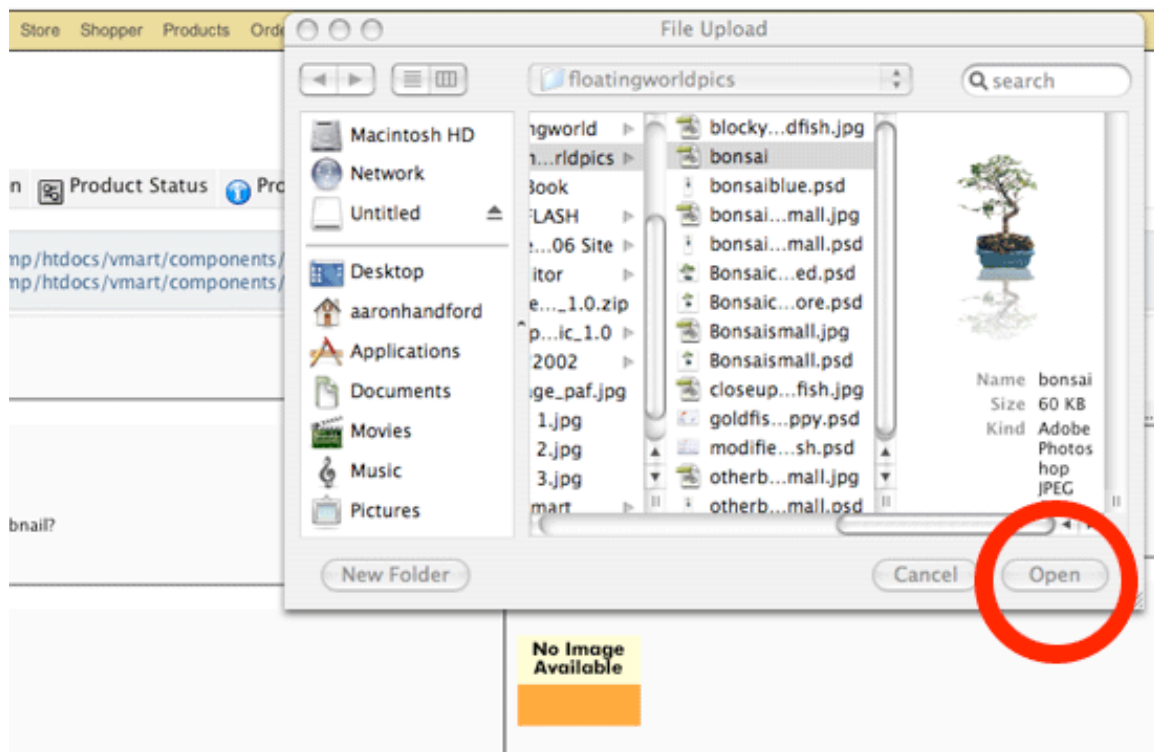


The image shows a web interface for creating a new product. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Information', 'Product Status', 'Product Dimensions and Weight', and 'Product Images'. The 'Product Dimensions and Weight' tab is selected and highlighted with a red circle. Above this tab is a barcode icon. Below the navigation bar, the form is divided into two main sections: 'Dimensions and Weight' on the left and 'Downloads' on the right. The 'Dimensions and Weight' section contains several input fields: 'Length' (30), 'Width' (30), 'Height' (60), 'Unit of Measure' (cm), 'Weight' (20), 'Unit of Measure' (kg), 'Unit' (piece), 'Units in Packaging' (0), and 'In Box' (0). Each of the last three fields has a blue information icon to its right. The 'Downloads' section contains the text 'downloadable product' and two options: 'EITHER Fill in File name' and 'OR Upload new File', each with a blue information icon.

When we have entered this info, we proceed to the “Product Images”. To add an image of the product we select the browse button beside the “Full Image” input box.



Clicking the "browse" button will bring up a pop up window. Use this window to navigate to the desired image on your computers hard drive.  
**Important: The file size of the image is important!** Do not upload any picture with a file size of more than 80-100 K. This is because large image files will take a long time to download when someone visits your website.



When you have found the desired picture, click "Open" to select the image.

**Full Image**

/Users/aaronhandford/Desktop/floatingworldpics/bonsai

**Image Action:**

none

Auto-Create Thumbnail?

URL: (Optional)

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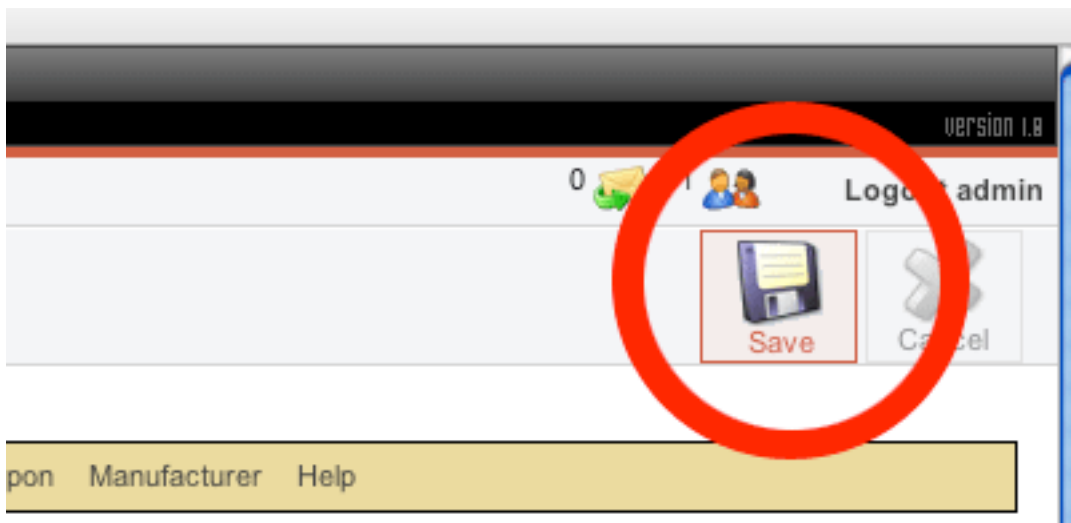
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Make sure that the “Auto-Create Thumbnail” button is selected. This will create a small image that will appear on the front end of your website.

To enter all this information onto the website, we must click the “Save” button on the top right corner.



Once saved, a “Product Add Results” screen will appear. **If this screen does not appear, your product has not been successfully saved.**

 Info: Product was successfully added.



## Product Add Results: Bonsai Tree

[>>Product List<<](#)

### Product Information

SKU: Bonsai1  
Name: Bonsai Tree  
URL:  
Category: Trees  
Vendor: Washupito's Tiendita  
Manufacturer: Manufacturer

Product Price (Net): \$345.00

Short Description: Our Bonsai trees are of the finest quality. They come with a blue or red pot.  
Product Description: Our Bonsai trees are of the finest quality. They come with a blue or red pot. They make a stylish addition to patios or living rooms. These trees are easy to take care of: just water them once a week!

### Product Status

In Stock: 0  
Availability Date: 08/22/06  
On Special: N  
Discount Type:  
Publish?:

### Product Dimensions and Weight

Length: 30.0000 cm  
Width: 30.0000 cm  
Height: 60.0000 cm  
Weight: 20.0000 kg

### Product Images

Thumb Nail:



The “Product Add Results” screen will display all the information you have entered about you product.

We have now successfully added a new product.

This concludes out tutorial on how to add products to the Virtuemart component of a Joomla! website. We hope it is useful to you. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email Floating World Web Development.

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