Switching from other download extensions (Pro)

> **Pro version.** This feature is part of the Pro version of Fileshelf. What the Free version does is covered under *Free version and Pro version*.

The page **Fileshelf → Import** takes over categories, downloads, files and download counts from another download extension of the same site. The old extension stays as it is and keeps working: Fileshelf only reads, files are copied. Super Users see the page.

Source	What is taken over
Phoca Download 6	Categories with image, downloads, counts, version, tags, license
jDownloads 4	Categories, downloads, counts, version, tags, license, passwords; optionally the same file in several categories becomes one download
Dropfiles 6	Categories with image, files, counts, version, tags, several categories per file
Membership Pro	The documents of the plans, bound to their plans (see *Memberships with Membership Pro*)

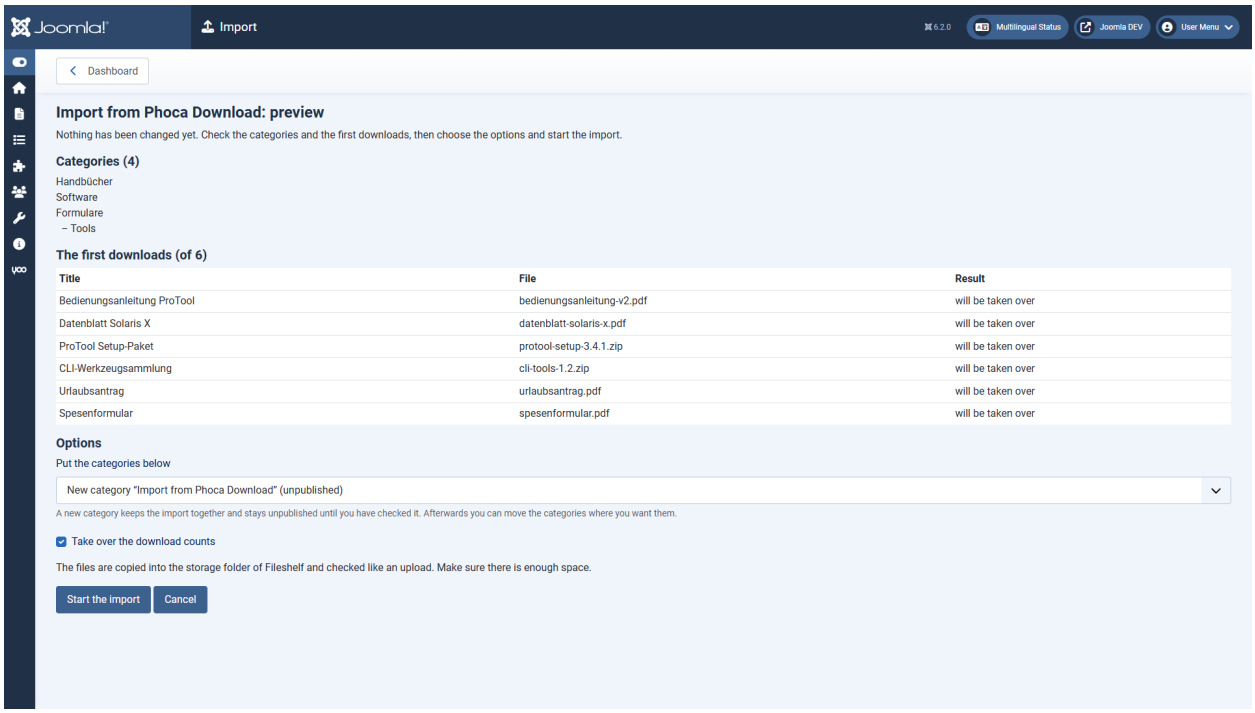
If a source is not installed or its tables differ from the known version, the page says why and imports nothing.

How an import runs

1. Choose **Preview and import** for the source. The preview shows the category tree and the first downloads with what will happen to them – nothing has changed yet.
2. Choose where the categories go:
   - **New category "Import from …"** (default): it keeps the import together and stays unpublished until you have checked it.
   - **Take the structure 1:1 (top level):** the top categories of the source stand on the top level of Fileshelf, the tree stays as in the source. They start unpublished. If a

category with the same address already exists there, the new one gets "-2" added.
- **Under an existing category:** the top categories of the source go under the chosen category.

3. Choose what is imported. At first everything is ticked. A category brings its subcategories and downloads; under **Choose downloads one by one** single downloads can be left out. If only a subcategory is chosen, its parent category comes along empty so the tree is right. A later import adds what is still missing and doubles nothing.
4. Leave **Take over the download counts** ticked if the counts should go on.
5. **Start the import.** It runs step by step; keep the page open until the report appears. You can cancel at any time; starting again continues.



The preview before the import.

An import can be repeated: what was taken over is skipped; a taken-over download deleted since then comes back.

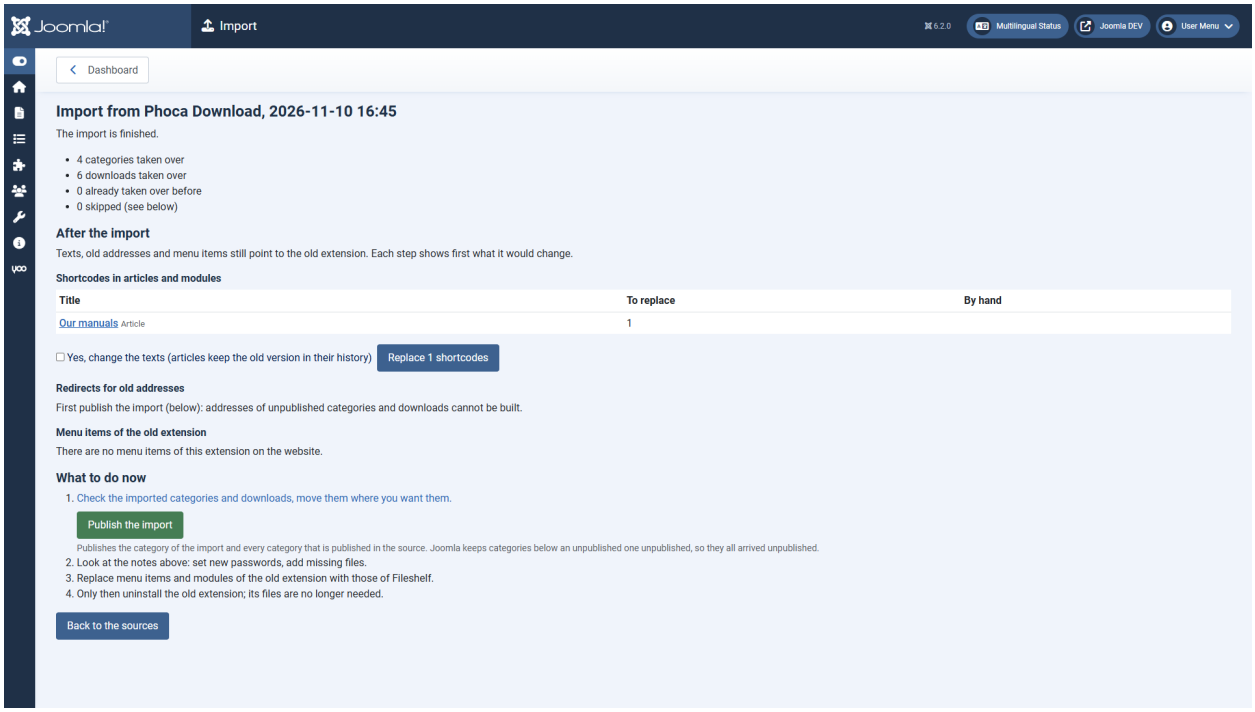
What is not taken over

- **Files Fileshelf does not accept:** every file is checked like an upload (allowed file types, size, content). Refused files are listed with the reason in the report; adjust the options if needed and start the import again.
- **Files outside the site:** links, files in a cloud (Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive). Fileshelf only delivers its own files.
- **Passwords stored only encrypted:** such downloads and categories arrive unpublished; set a new password and publish them.
- **Single download records:** only the count is taken over.

Access levels that do not exist on this site become "Special". License texts go into the field **License**, which the import creates once.

The report

The report says what was taken over and what was skipped, and leads through the next steps.



The report with aftercare and checklist.

- **Publish the import:** the button publishes the category of the import and every category that is published in the source. It stays while one of these categories is still unpublished, so a publish that stopped can be finished.
- **Replace shortcodes:** articles and custom modules with shortcodes of the old extension get those of Fileshelf. Articles keep the old text in their versions. What cannot be replaced is listed under "By hand".
- **Redirects:** old addresses of downloads and categories lead to the new ones. An old download link gives the file at once, as the old extension did; access level, password and limits apply as for every download. This also works for menu items you have switched to Fileshelf, and after the old extension is uninstalled, as long as the plugin "Fileshelf - Import" stays switched on. In addition, **Publish the import** creates redirects in Joomla; the plugin "System - Redirect" must be switched on for them. If some are still missing, the overview of the import shows **Open redirects** with a button to create them.
- **Switch menu items:** menu items of the old extension then show the matching page of Fileshelf.

Uninstall the old extension only after you have checked the report.

The import and its aftercare also change articles, modules and menu items. Fileshelf asks for the permission to configure Fileshelf for it (Super User or “Configure ACL & Options”), not the permissions of articles or menus – so give the import only to people who know the whole website. Category images are taken only as image files (jpg, png, gif, webp).

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