

Phoca Download Source (EN)

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Phoca Download Source at a glance

Phoca Download Source connects the download manager **Phoca Download** with the page builder of **YOOtheme Pro**. Your documents, files and download categories thus become available as a dynamic content source in every builder element — in grids, lists, sliders, cards or headlines, however you want to design your download areas.



ProTool Setup-Paket

2.29 MB

Installationspaket für Windows und Linux.

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DOWNLOAD



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Formular zur Reisekostenabrechnung.

DOWNLOAD

The screenshots in this manual were taken on a German Joomla installation. The extension follows the language of your installation, so the labels appear in English on an English backend.

What the plugin does

- **Three source types:** a single document, a document list (compiled by hand or built automatically from categories) and a category list.
- **All relevant fields:** title, description, version, file name, file size (formatted), file type icon, author, licence, images, download and detail link, hit counts, tags — and all custom

Joomla fields you have created.

- **Automatic subcategories:** category queries include up to four levels of subcategories on request.
- **Sorting and limit:** by title, date, popularity or manual order, with a freely chosen count.
- **Download counting is preserved:** the download links produced go through Phoca Download — hit counts, permissions and direct-link settings of the component apply unchanged.

The plugin only reads data from Phoca Download and offers it to the builder. It changes neither your downloads nor the component itself — you can disable it at any time without losing content.

How it works

After the installation the plugin registers the source "Phoca Download" with the YOOtheme builder. In the dynamic content of an element you choose one of the three source types, make your selection (document, categories, sorting, count) and map the fields to the element's areas. The output updates automatically as soon as your downloads change — new files appear in the layout without any further action.

How to use the source in the builder is shown in the article [Using the Phoca Download source in the builder](#).

Applies to version 1.7.3.

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Requirements and installation

Requirements

- **Joomla:** 6.0 or newer
- **PHP:** 8.2 or newer
- **YOOtheme Pro:** installed and active as the site template
- **Phoca Download:** version 6.x — available free of charge at phoca.cz

Install **Phoca Download** first. The installation of Phoca Download Source checks whether the component is present and stops with a notice otherwise — without the download manager the plugin would have no data to offer.

Installation

1. Download the installation package `plg_system_ytp_phocadownload-x.y.z.zip` from your customer account on graup-it.de.
2. In the Joomla backend, open *System* → *Install* → *Extensions*.
3. Drag the ZIP file into the upload area or select it via *Browse*.

On a first installation the plugin is enabled automatically. You will find it afterwards under *System* → *Plugins* as *System - Phoca Download Source*.

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Updated from version 1.7.3

Open settings

What's new
This release brings changes and fixes. The full list is in the changelog.
[View the changes](#)

Enable updates
Without a stored download key Joomla will not report any updates for this extension.

Help
The manual, frequently asked questions and troubleshooting are in the online documentation.
[Open the manual](#)

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The panel after the installation names the installed version and leads to the three things now due: selecting the source in the builder, storing the download key for updates, and the manual. After an update, the changelog takes the place of "Getting started".

After the installation

1. Clear the YOOtheme cache: *YOOtheme* → *Settings* → *Advanced* → *Clear Cache*.
2. Open a page in the builder — the dynamic content of the elements now offers the group "Phoca Download" with the three source types.
3. Enter your download key for automatic updates — see [Download key and updates](#).

Updating from version 1.6 or older

An update is installed like a fresh installation via the ZIP, or conveniently through the Joomla updater; your settings are preserved. Version 1.7 automatically cleans up the files of older plugin versions and converts a download ID already stored to the current key format — you do not have to do anything further.

Uninstalling

Under *System* → *Manage Extensions*, select the plugin *System - Phoca Download Source* and uninstall it. Your downloads and categories in Phoca Download remain fully intact; only the source in the builder is gone. Phoca Download sources used in layouts show no content afterwards.

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Download key and updates

Phoca Download Source receives updates through the official Joomla update mechanism. To allow your website to fetch them, enter your personal download key once.

Entering the download key

1. Create your download key in your customer account on graup-it.de (menu item *Download IDs*). One key applies per website and covers all extensions obtained through it.
2. In the backend, open *System → Update → Update Sites*.
3. Open the entry *Phoca Download Source Updates* and enter the key into the field *Download Key*.
4. Save.

Make sure to paste the key **without leading or trailing spaces**. A space copied along with it makes the update fail with an error message ("URL rejected" or "Package download failed").

Installing updates

1. Open *System → Update → Extensions*.
2. If a new version is available, Phoca Download Source appears in the list. Select it and click *Update*.
3. Joomla downloads the package using your download key, verifies the checksum and installs the new version. Your settings and your builder layouts are preserved.

If Joomla finds no update although a new version exists, click *Check for Updates* first to refresh the cache.

The manual route

You can also install any version by hand: download the ZIP and install it via *System → Install → Extensions*, just like the first installation. An update through the package overwrites the existing

installation and keeps your settings.

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Using the Phoca Download source in the builder

The Phoca Download source is available in every YOOtheme element that supports dynamic content — grid, list, slider, cards, headlines or buttons, for instance.

Selecting the source

1. Open the page you want in the YOOtheme builder.
2. Add an element (a *grid*, for example) or open an existing one.
3. Switch to the *Content* tab of the element and enable the source under *Dynamic Content*.
4. In the source selector you find the group **Phoca Download** with three entries: *Single document*, *Documents* and *Categories*.

GRID

Content Settings Advanced

NAME

Define a name to easily identify this element inside the builder.

STATUS

☐ Disable element

Disable the element and publish it later.

DYNAMIC CONTENT

Phoca Download: Documents



Select a content source to make its fields available for mapping. Choose between sources of the current page or query a custom source.

SELECTION MODE

Manual



SELECT DOCUMENTS

Select one or more documents. Labels show [Category] Document Title for orientation.

ORDER BY

Manual (order of selection)



DISPLAY CONDITION

None



The source does not appear? Clear the YOOtheme cache (*YOOtheme* → *Settings* → *Advanced* → *Clear Cache*) and reload the builder. Also check whether Phoca Download and the plugin are enabled.

Assigning fields

Once the source is chosen, you map the Phoca Download fields to the areas of the element: on a grid, for example, *title* → field "Title", *image* → "Image (full view URL)", *link* → "Download link". Every field can additionally be filtered (shortening text or formatting a date, say) — those are the standard filters of the YOOtheme builder.

ITEM 1

Inhalt Einstellungen Erweitert

TITEL

Dynamisch

 Titel - Phoca Download: Dokumente



META

Dynamisch

 Dateigröße (formatiert) - Phoca Download: Dokum...



INHALT

Dynamisch

 Beschreibung - Phoca Download: Dokumente



BILD

Dynamisch

 Datei Icon (automatisch) - Phoca Download: Doku...



BILD ALT ATTRIBUT

Dynamisch

ICON

Dynamisch

Klicke auf das Stift-Symbol um alternativ zu einem Bild ein Icon aus der Icon-Sammlung zu wählen.

LINK

Dynamisch

 Download-Link - Phoca Download: Dokumente



Gebe ein oder wähle einen Link, Bild oder Video Datei aus.

LINK TEXT

Dynamisch

Preview and publishing

The builder shows the real content in the preview right away. New or changed downloads appear automatically — the layout stays in sync with Phoca Download without you having to edit the page again. Unpublished or unapproved documents are never output.

Which settings the three source types offer is described in the article [The three source types](#).

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The three source types

Phoca Download Source offers three source types. All three return published content only (and, for documents, approved content).

Single document

Outputs exactly one document — ideal for a highlighted download, such as the current version of a product on the home page.

- **Document:** chosen from all published downloads.

Documents

Outputs a list of documents. The mode determines how the list comes about:

Mode "manual"

- **Documents:** multiple selection; for orientation the entries show the category in square brackets (for example *[Manuals] User guide*).
- **Sorting:** "manual selection order" keeps the order of your selection; alternatively by title, date, popularity or the Phoca order.

Mode "automatic"

- **Categories:** one or more categories — or *all categories*.
- **Include subcategories:** includes up to four levels of subcategories (see [Categories and subcategories](#)).
- **Sorting** and **count** (default 20, upper limit 500).

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SELECTION MODE

Automatic



PHOCA DOWNLOAD CATEGORIES



Select one or more categories — or 'All Categories' to show documents from all categories.

INCLUDE SUBCATEGORIES

Yes



ORDER BY

Ordering



Automatic mode is the choice for "living" download areas: new files in the selected categories appear in the layout immediately, without anyone having to touch the page.

Categories

Outputs download categories — as a tile overview linking to the respective category pages, for instance.

- **Mode "manual"**: a fixed selection of individual categories.
- **Mode "automatic"**: all categories, or the subcategories of a chosen parent category.
- **Show empty categories**: by default, categories without files are hidden.
- **Sorting** (order, title, popularity) and **count**.

The sorting options at a glance

- **Manual selection order** (document list in "manual" mode only)
- **Order** — the sorting defined in Phoca Download
- **Title A-Z / Title Z-A**
- **Newest first / Oldest first**
- **Most popular first** — by download counts

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Fields and properties

Once the source is chosen, the following fields are available for assignment in the builder.

Fields of a document

Basic information

- **Title, alias, project name**
- **Description, features, changelog, notes** — the four text areas from Phoca Download
- **Version**

File

- **File name, file extension** (for example `pdf`)
- **File size** — raw in bytes or ready-formatted (for example "2.4 MB"). The size is determined from the file itself and is therefore correct even after the file has been replaced.
- **File type icon** — as an icon key (for example `pdf`, `zip`) or as a ready-made icon URL from the Phoca Download component; more than 60 file types are recognised.

Links

- **Download link** — goes through Phoca Download; hit counting and permissions stay active
- **Detail link** — the document's detail page
- **External link, mirror 1/2** (each with link, title and target window)

Images and media

- **Image** (file name, full view URL, thumbnail URL)
- **Extra image 1 and 2** — the special images from Phoca Download 6
- **Download button image, video file, play/preview file**

Metadata

- **Author** (name, email, website), **licence** (name, URL)
- **Date, publish up/down**
- **Hits, direct-link flag**
- **Category** (ID and title)
- **Tags** — as a comma-separated list (for example "Software, Open Source, Free")
- **Meta keywords, meta description**

Custom fields

All Joomla fields you have created for Phoca Download documents appear automatically as additional builder fields — under the name of the respective field. A field `manufacturer` is thus available in the builder without any further configuration.

Fields of a category

- **Title, alias, description**
- **Image** (file name and URL)
- **File count** — including subcategories; handy for badges such as "12 files"
- **Parent category** (ID and title), **order, hits**
- **Link** — the category page of Phoca Download

All fields can be post-processed with the builder's standard filters — shortening text ("Limit") or formatting dates ("Date"), for instance.

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Categories and subcategories

Phoca Download organises files in categories nested to any depth. Phoca Download Source mirrors that structure in the builder — for document lists as well as for category overviews.

Subcategories in document lists

If the option *include subcategories* is active for the source type *Documents* (mode "automatic"), the plugin searches up to four levels:

- main category (level 1)
- → subcategory (level 2)
- → → sub-subcategory (level 3)
- → → → fourth level

All documents from all levels flow into the result list and are sorted and limited together. If you disable the option, only the category selected directly counts.

Category overviews

With the source type *Categories* you build overview pages: in automatic mode you choose a parent category and the element shows its direct subcategories — each with title, description, image, file count and a link to the category page. Without a parent category, all published categories are output.

The field *file count* counts the published and approved documents of the category **including its subcategories**. Categories without files are hidden by default — the option *show empty categories* changes that.

Example: a download centre

A proven layout for a download centre combines both types:

1. At the top a *grid* with the source type *Categories* — one tile per area (for example "Manuals", "Software", "Forms") with image and file count.
2. Below it a *list* with the source type *Documents*, sorting "newest first", count 5 — the most recent downloads across all areas.

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Practical examples

Three practical examples show typical field assignments. You find the field names in the assignment list of the respective element area; the examples name the field labels with the technical name in brackets.

Download grid with cards

Element *grid*, source *Documents* (mode "automatic", category "Software"):

- **Title** → title (`title`)
- **Meta** → for example "Version 2.1 • 4.7 MB" from version (`version`) and formatted file size (`file_size_formatted`)
- **Content** → description (`description`), shortened with the *Limit* filter
- **Image** → image (full view URL) (`image_full`) — or the file type icon (`file_icon_url`) for a plain icon look
- **Link** → download link (`download_link`)

Download button

Element *button*, source *Single document*:

- **Text** → title (`title`) or a fixed text such as "Download now"
- **Link** → download link (`download_link`)

The download link goes through Phoca Download: hits are counted, and the component's permissions and direct-link settings apply unchanged. If you would rather link to the document's detail page, use the detail link (`detail_link`) instead.

Category tiles

Element *grid*, source *Categories* (mode "automatic"):

- **Title** → title (`title`)
- **Meta** → file count (`file_count`), for example as "12 files"
- **Image** → category image (`image_url`)
- **Link** → category link (`link`)

Author and licence details

For software downloads, author (`author`), author website (`author_url`) and licence (`license`) can be combined in the meta area of a card, say — or in a text element of their own below the download button.

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Common questions and troubleshooting

The source "Phoca Download" does not appear in the builder

- Clear the YOOtheme cache: *YOOtheme → Settings → Advanced → Clear Cache*, then reload the builder.
- Check under *System → Plugins* whether *System - Phoca Download Source* is enabled.
- Check whether the Phoca Download component is installed **and enabled** — without it the plugin deliberately stays inactive.
- Also clear the Joomla cache (*System → Clear Cache*) and the browser cache (Ctrl+F5).

No documents are shown

- Documents have to be **published** and **approved** in Phoca Download — both are checked.
- In "automatic" mode: are the selected categories right? If the document sits in a subcategory, *include subcategories* has to be active.
- In "manual" mode: is at least one document selected?
- The plugin follows the visibility rules of Phoca Download: documents with a restricted **access level** are only seen by permitted visitors, and a configured **publishing period** is respected. Check both in the document.

Images are not shown

- Phoca Download images live under `images/phocadownload/` — check whether the file exists there (if in doubt, assign it again in the document in Phoca Download).
- For file type icons the Phoca Download component must have installed its media (`media/com_phocadownload/images/mime/`).

The file size is 0 or wrong

The plugin reads the size directly from the file in the Phoca Download folder; only if the file is not readable there does the value stored in the database apply. Check whether the file is in the configured download folder and whether the file name in the document is correct.

Custom fields are missing in the builder

- The fields have to be created for Phoca Download documents and published.
- After creating new fields, clear the YOOtheme cache.

The update fails ("403", "Invalid Domain", "URL rejected")

- Check the download key under *System → Update → Update Sites* — without leading or trailing spaces.
- The key is tied to your website's domain; for a new domain, create another key in your customer account.

Does the plugin change my downloads?

No. The plugin only reads data from Phoca Download. Management, permissions, hit counting and delivery of the files remain entirely with the component.

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Changelog

This changelog lists every released version of Phoca Download Source, the most recent first.

This page is generated automatically from the product's changelog file when a release is made. Changes made by hand are lost at the next synchronisation.

Version 1.7.3 – 16 August 2026

Fixed

- The links in the overview panel always led to the German manual. They now follow the configured language.
- The panel shown after the installation named licence version 2. It now shows the GNU General Public License version 3 or later, as everywhere else.

Version 1.7.2 – 31 July 2026

Changed

- The extension is licensed under the GNU General Public License version 3 or later. All details on licence, author and copyright are consistent.

Fixed

- The licence file shipped named a different product and contained only a short notice instead of the full licence text.

Version 1.7.1 – 31 July 2026

Added

- After an installation or update an overview panel appears with version, status and entry points to getting started, download key and manual.
- A click on "Enable updates" leads straight to the update sites, already filtered to missing download keys.
- The extension manager now shows the list of changes behind the version number.

Changed

- Notices about leftover files of an old version or about Phoca Download being disabled now appear in the overview panel instead of loosely beside it.

Language

- All messages shown during installation and update are available in German and English.

Version 1.7.0 – 30 July 2026

Security

- Downloads now follow the visibility rules of Phoca Download: access level, publishing period and content language are respected.
- Until now, downloads with restricted access or a publishing period appeared publicly in the layout.
- Determining the file size can no longer escape from the download folder.
- All database values go through bound parameters.

Changed

- Large lists load considerably faster: categories and tags are fetched in bulk instead of per document.
- On regular page views the queries for the builder's selection lists are gone; they only run in the customizer.
- Complete modernisation onto the Joomla 6 architecture — no more deprecation warnings.
- The download key is passed in the form the update server expects; existing update sites are converted during the installation.

- The category selection in the builder is sorted hierarchically and indented, and the image fields carry unambiguous labels.
- The display name is now "System - Phoca Download Source".

Fixed

- An update no longer leaves files of old versions behind.

Removed

- The plugin no longer disables itself when Phoca Download is missing. Instead the installation stops without the component; at runtime it simply has no effect.
- An interface endpoint unused since 1.2.0 was removed.

Version 1.6.0 – 6 March 2025

Added

- The download key is managed centrally under System → Update → Update Sites.
- A key previously stored in the plugin settings is taken over during the installation.

Version 1.5.0

Changed

- Update connection and download key as a plugin setting — the precursor to the central management in 1.6.0.

Version 1.3.0 – 22 January 2025

Added

- Automatic detection of the file type with a matching icon for more than 60 file types.

Version 1.2.1 – 22 January 2025

Fixed

- The YOOtheme builder showed raw text keys instead of the labels.

Version 1.2.0 – 22 January 2025

Language

- Full multilingual support in German and English.

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