

## Joomla 1.5 Iproperty Upgrade Notes

### Upgrade 1.5.4 -> 1.5.x

1. Download the zip package from the IP downloads area. UNZIP the file to see all of the extensions contents. You will see the component, a modules folder, plugins folder, and languages folder. Let's first install the component upgrade:
2. As always, make sure you have a backup of your database and website. If you have done any modification to the core IP code, css, or language files these changes will be overwritten. Make sure you have a backup in order to restore your customizations after upgrading!
3. Go into your site's global configuration and set your site offline. This is not required but we suggest doing so to avoid some notices that might appear as you upgrade the modules and plugins to be compatible with the new release of the component.
4. Go to your admin install panel (Extensions->Install/Uninstall) and browse to the 'com\_iproperty\_v1.5.5.zip' file. Click the 'Upload file & Install' button and wait while the new version is installed. When successfully installed you will see a confirmation page with the folder status, install status, and change log. If any errors occurred, you will see a red error message below the install status telling you what errors have occurred.
5. Now that the component has been upgraded, you can start installing desired modules, plugins and languages. Install the new version of any IP modules or plugins that you currently have installed on your site as some 1.5.4 versions will not work properly with the 1.5.5 component. Modules, plugins, and languages do not need to be un-installed either; just install over the top of the existing version. **Note: Third party plugins that are labeled 'UNZIP' in the zip file name require special installation procedures, so make sure to unzip and read the README.TXT file.**
6. Set your site back online and enjoy!

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### Upgrade Instructions from IP 2.0xx (any earlier 2.0 version):

If you are currently running an earlier version of IP2.0, simply install the newest IP2.0 zip package file via the Joomla installer, and IP will do the rest. The package includes auto installation/upgrade of all modules and plugins along with the component. This means that if you've done any customizations to the component or modules and plugins (other than template overrides or language overrides), these customizations will be lost. As always, make sure you have a backup of your site and database!

After installation, you will notice a tabbed display showing all modules and plugins that were installed (by default they will remain disabled unless they were currently enabled on your site). You can then configure them via the module manager and plugin manager.

Please note: if you receive any error messages saying that files were not found, don't worry - this is just because they didn't exist in the previous version installation process. If any critical errors occur, they will be displayed in the install message under an 'Error Status' status message in red.

### Upgrade Instructions from IP1.6:

If you would like to upgrade your existing Joomla 1.6/1.7 IP install to IP2.0, there have been many database changes, so here's what to do:

1. Use the IP Backup feature to save a backup of your existing IProperty data

2. Un-install IProperty via the extension manager
3. [Upgrade your site to Joomla 2.5](#)
4. Install the 'com\_iproperty\_v2.0xx\_package.zip' zip file. You will see a confirmation message that the media folders exist from a previous install. Any IProperty menu items will be updated and a confirmation message will be displayed.
5. Use the IProperty restore feature to restore your recently saved backup file

### New Install Instructions or Upgrade from IP1.5:

If you are upgrading from IP1.5 or would like to start fresh with a new installation of IP2.0, here's what to do:

1. Install the 'com\_iproperty\_v2.0xx\_package.zip' file on your Joomla 2.5 site
2. After installation, note the installation messages to ensure all folders and sample data were installed correctly
3. Go to your IProperty settings panel and adjust to your needs (if upgrading from IP1.5, skip this step and see #4). Start entering data! Create new categories, then new companies, then agents, and finally properties and openhouses.
4. If you have a previous 1.5 - 1.6 installation of IProperty on another site and would like to restore that data into your IP2.0 install, simply backup your IP data on your old site using the IP backup feature, copy the 'media/com\_iproperty' folder from your old site and replace the 'media/com\_iproperty' folder on the new site. Then go into the IProperty restore admin view on your new site and restore the data. If the old site database prefix is different than your new site database prefix, enter the old db prefix in the 'DB Prefix' field when restoring.

## Upgrade 2.0 -> 2.0.1

Well, in IP2.0.1 we had to "break some eggs to make an omelette". Though, some of the changes made to IP2.0.1 may cause a little extra upgrade work if you've customized the extension, it will save time and trouble in future upgrades. We've added some nice new features to IP2.0.1, one of which is support for overridable css. [Please view the change log here](#).

**If you are upgrading from a pre-IProperty 2.0 release, please refer to the IP1.5 upgrade notes before proceeding.**

In previous versions, IP used the global settings accent and secondary accent which forced the css no matter which template you were using which made it difficult to customize some css for your specific needs. Now, we make it easy to use custom IP css per template! Please note: duplicating the IP css file to your template is not required, but simply a new feature for users who want flexible IProperty styles per template!

**NOTE:** If possible, especially if you've customized the extension in any way, we recommend installing new upgrades in a development environment before upgrading your production site.

### Major Changes

- **Inline styles removed** - all inline styles forcing accent and secondary accent colors in front end layouts have been removed. If you are using template overrides with the old inline styles code, they must be removed since the accent and secondary accent variables are no longer valid.

### Using the IP CSS overrides feature

- **How to use overrideable css** - Go to your IP admin settings panel and click the 'Edit Css' toolbar icon. Select the desired css file and click 'Edit CSS' again. Like always, you will be able to edit the css directly from this view, but you will also notice a new button for 'Duplicate' and a list of templates to the right of

the edit area. To copy your IP css into your template css folder, simply select the desired template from the drop down list, and click the 'Duplicate' toolbar icon.

- **After duplicating the css** - Now that you have duplicated the css into your template css folder, changes to the core IP css will have no affect on the front end display. You can now close the edit css area and go into your template manager. Select the newly created IP css file from your template styles manager and edit to suit your individual template.
- **When copying the css into your template** - by default IP will allow you to customize the styles that originally would be the accent and secondary accent colors. If you still want to use the accent and secondary accent colors no matter the template, there is a new setting in the IP general settings for 'Force Accents'. This will attempt to force the IP accent colors even if you're using a custom template IP css file
- **Keep in mind** - when duplicating the css to your templates folder - the path to background images will no longer be correct and you are now able to add your own custom background images by adding the images used in the css to your templates images folder (or customizing the path all together)

### Possible Complications

- The option for using 'my\_iproperty.css' has been removed. If you are currently using a 'my\_iproperty.css', make sure you back it up before upgrading. You can then transfer your custom css to the template IP css or default iproperty.css file
- Duplicating the css will overwrite the IP css in your template if it exists, so be careful not to duplicate the IP css if you already have a customized IP css file in your template folder
- If you are using the IceTheme IT Property template, do not copy the IP css files! They are already customized for that particular template!
- If you decide not to use the IP css duplication feature, as with old releases, any customizations you've made to the default IP css files will need to be taken into account when upgrading.

## Joomla 3 Iproperty Upgrade Notes

### Upgrade from J2.5 to J3

If you're currently running Joomla 2.5 with Iproperty 2.0+, you just need to update your Joomla installation and install the new IP3 over your existing IP2.0 version. First, [read here for Joomla upgrade instructions](#). After upgrading Joomla, simply install the IP 'com\_iproperty\_v3xx\_package.zip' download file and you're ready to go!

### Importing IP 1.5/2.0 data into new IP3 installation

If you've installed a fresh J3 installation and want to import your pre-IP3 data, simply install IP3 on your new site. Then, to import your pre-IP3 data:

1. Back up your data on your pre-IP3 install using the IP back up feature. This will save a backup sql file in your 'media/com\_iproperty' folder of your pre-IP3 site
2. Copy the 'media/com\_iproperty' folder from your pre-IP3 site and replace the 'media/com\_iproperty' folder on your J3 site
3. Go to the IP3 admin 'Restore' view and find your recently created backup file. Select the file from the select box and if your pre-IP3 db prefix is different than the current IP3 db prefix, enter it in the provided input
4. Click the 'Restore' toolbar button and voila! Your pre-IP3 data should now all be imported into your IP3 installation, complete with images and all (stored in your media/com\_iproperty folder).