

## Can Joomla! 1.5 operate with PHP Safe Mode On?

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Yes it can! This is a significant security improvement.

The *safe mode* limits PHP to be able to perform actions only on files/folders who's owner is the same as PHP is currently using (this is usually 'apache'). As files normally are created either by the Joomla! application or by FTP access, [ask](#) the combination of PHP file actions and the FTP Layer allows Joomla! to operate in PHP Safe Mode.