



# What the heck is a CCK?



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# Definition

- A CCK or Content Construction Kit is a tool to create your own content types.
- If you create blog posts using blogging software or create polls, you are using an advance content type.
- CCKs have been around since J1.5
- Extends the Joomla content capabilities

# Popular CCKs



[flexicontent.org](http://flexicontent.org)



[getk2.org](http://getk2.org)



[seblod.com](http://seblod.com)



[yootheme.com/zoo](http://yootheme.com/zoo)



[crosstec.org](http://crosstec.org)



[form2content.com](http://form2content.com)

# CCK still needed with J3?

Short Answer: It Depends

With the new features of J3 such as tagging and ratings, more of the functionality that in the past a CCK was used for is now in the Joomla core.

# Uses

- Blogs
- Extended User Profile
- Classified Ads
- Job Boards
- Catalogs
- Front-end Content Submissions
- Consistent Article Look-and-Feel
- Directory Listings

# How do they work?

- Core Replacements
  - K2
  - Flexicontent
- Core Enhancements
  - Content Builder
- Content Application Builders
  - Seblod
  - Fabrik

# Cost

- The base for most is FREE
- Paid subscriptions for:
  - Added features and functionality
  - Subscription for support/documentation
  - 3rd Party extensions/add-ons
  - Upgrades

# A Quick Poll



# Confession

I don't use CCKs as much as I could or should

# Resources

- JED, Joomla Extension Directory
- SlideShare
  - Articles are boring - long live the CCK by Ruth Cheesley - Virya Technologies presentation at JoomlaDay UK 2013
- YouTube
  - Welcome to CCK's: Building Blocks for Content Applications by Jon Neubauer presentation at JoomlaDay Atlanta 2014

# Recap

CCKs:

- Can replace or extend Joomla Core
- Can be used to create applications within your Joomla Site
- Are generally free to start
- Can make it easier for content creators to maintain websites

Questions?