

JoomION Admin URL

Plugin manual · Hides the Joomla login behind a freely chosen path instead of /administrator (Joomla 5/6)

1. Overview

The system plugin **JoomION Admin URL** replaces the well-known backend address

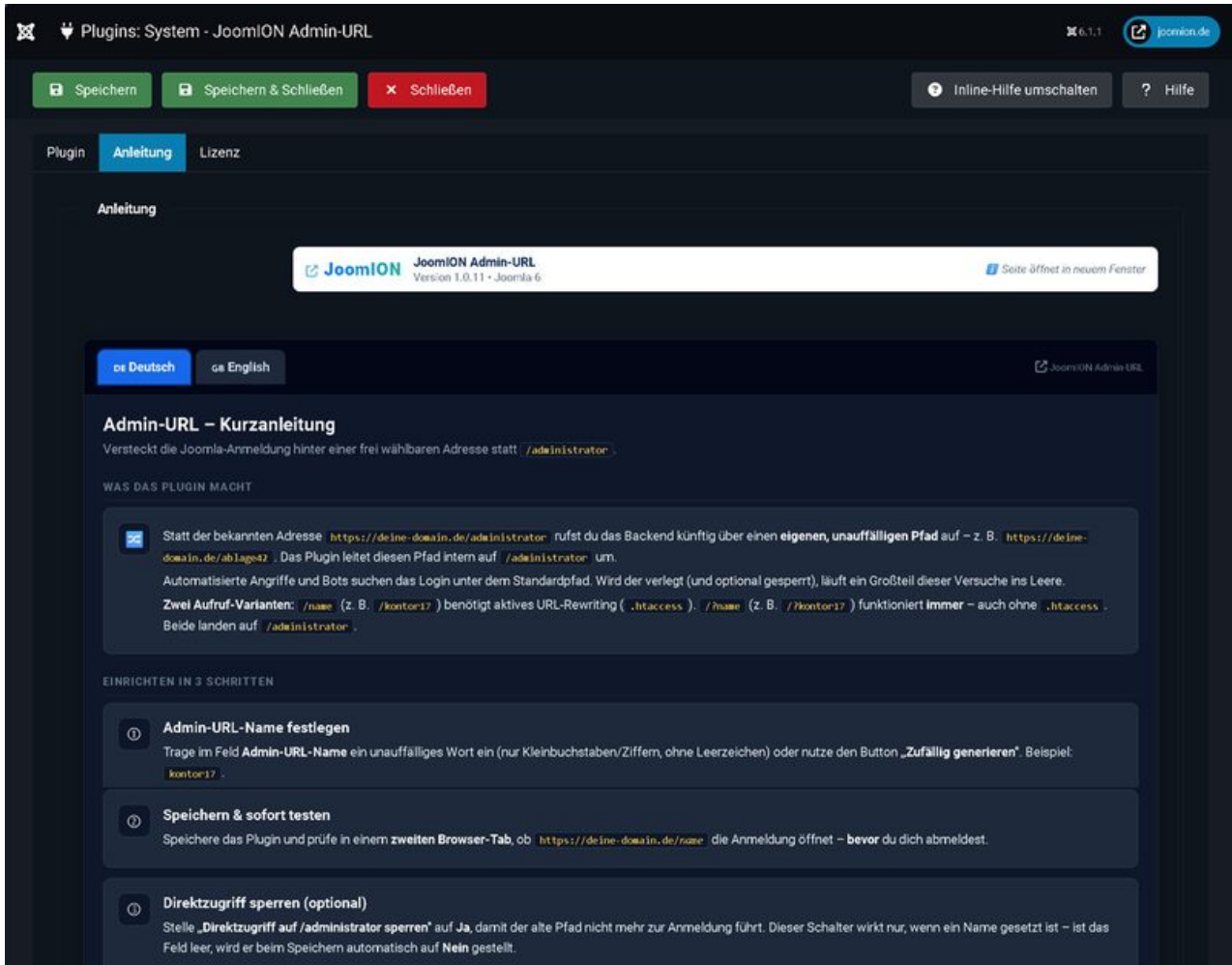
<https://your-domain.com/administrator> with a **freely chosen, inconspicuous path** – e.g.

<https://your-domain.com/kontor17>. The chosen path is redirected internally to **/administrator**.

Automated attacks and bots look for the login at the default path. Moving it (and optionally blocking the old one) makes most of those attempts fail. The plugin is an **additional protective layer** (reducing the attack surface), **not** a replacement for strong passwords or two-factor login.

2. Installation

- 1 Upload the package [plg_system_joomionadminurl-X.zip](#) via **System** → **Install**.
- 2 Open the plugin "System – JoomION Admin URL" under **System** → **Plugins** and **enable** it.
- 3 The **Guide** tab contains this short help bilingually (DE/EN).



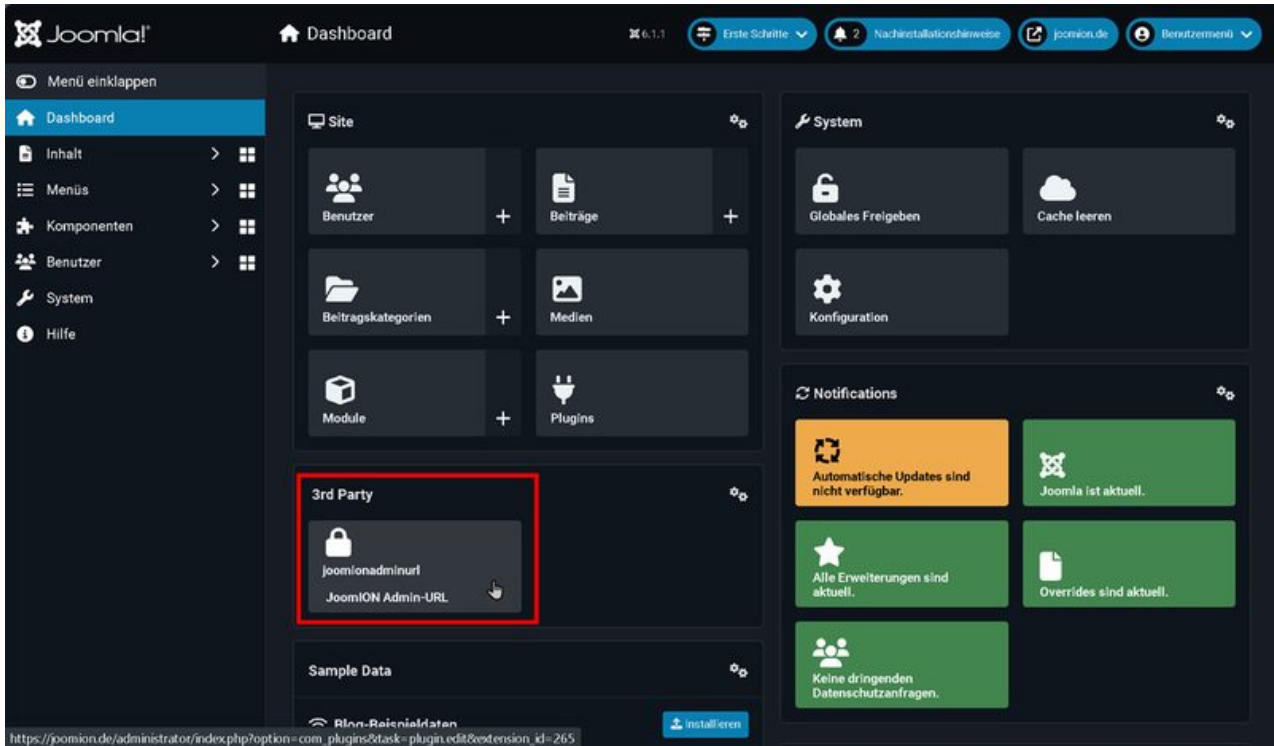
The "Guide" tab with the bilingual quick help

The **Licence** tab stays empty for this free, no-cost extension – no licence key is needed.

3. Quick access via the dashboard icon

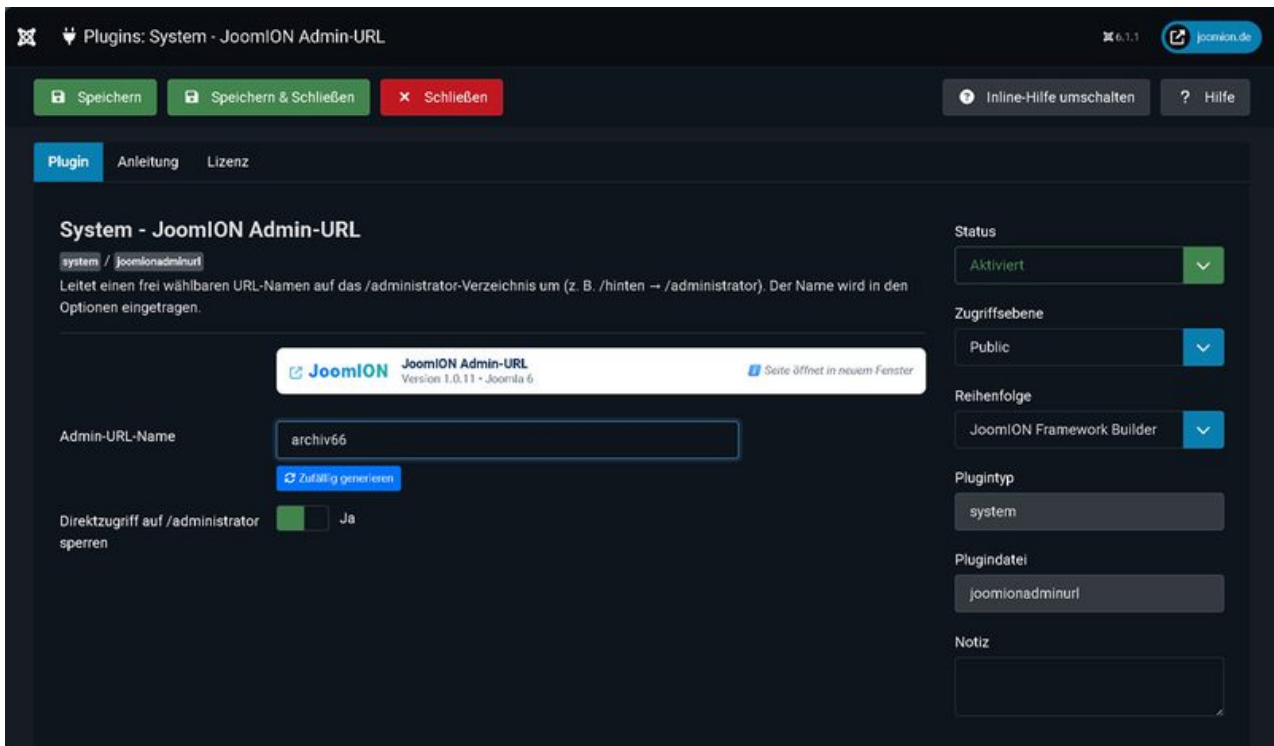
In the Joomla backend dashboard, an icon "JoomlaION Admin URL" with a lock symbol appears in the "System" area (quick icons). Clicking it leads **straight to the plugin settings** – without the detour via *System → Plugins*.

The icon is only visible to users with plugin management permission (`core.manage` for `com_plugins`).



The "JoomlaION Admin URL" dashboard icon in the "3rd Party" area

4. Setup in three steps



The plugin settings with the "Admin URL name" field

Step 1 – Define the Admin URL name

In the **Admin URL name** field, enter an inconspicuous word (letters, digits, -, _, . only; no spaces) or use the **"Generate randomly"** button. An empty field = feature off.

Step 2 – Save and test immediately

Save the plugin and check in a **second browser tab** that the new path opens the login – **before** you log out.

Step 3 – Block direct access (optional)

Set the switch **"Block direct access to /administrator"** to **Yes** so the old path no longer leads to the login (redirect to the home page). Already logged-in backend users are **never** locked out. The switch only takes effect when a name is set – if the field is empty, it is automatically turned **off** on save.

5. Two call variants

Variant	Example	Requirement
/name	/kontor17	Active URL rewriting (.htaccess / SEF URLs).
?name	?kontor17	Always works – even without .htaccess.

Both variants land on `/administrator`. If unsure whether rewriting is active, use the `?name` form.

6. Security & lock-out protection

Do not lock yourself out: note the name safely. Should you forget it **and** `/administrator` is blocked, you can disable the plugin again by renaming the folder `plugins/system/joomionadminurl` via FTP **or** by setting the plugin entry in the database table `#__extensions` to `enabled = 0`. After that `/administrator` is reachable again immediately.

Recommendation: treat the name like a password – a short, inconspicuous word with a number is ideal. Combine the plugin with a strong admin password and two-factor login.

The plugin injects no malicious code, validates input strictly and never locks out logged-in backend users. It hooks in early in the Joomla flow (`onAfterInitialise`) and only decides about redirecting or blocking the default path.