Migrating your old Joomla 1.0.X site to Joomla 1.5.X is not easy. In most cases the existing migration tools will not work automatically...

Installing Joomla 1.5

You cannot extract over the top of your 1.0 install, you have to create a new Joomla! 1.5 site. The best solution is to create a new hosting account with a temporary domain name parked on it. Once you finished the migration, you will switch the main domain to the new account and cancel the old one.

You will follow then the Joomla migration guide . But if you get errors importing migration SQL scripts, you have to do it manually. So, in this case you will use the standard Joomla Migrator component only partially.

Using the Migrator, generate a new migration script, selecting only the core Joomla content types, like content, menus, etc. Repeat the installation with this reduced migration script. If it is Ok, you can proceed to complete the migration manually.

The following operations include a mix of Joomla administration (like extensions installation) and database operations (using for ex. phpMyAdmin). You will need the corresponding permissions to do that. The order of the operations is important.

Importing Languages

If your site uses more than one language, first of all install other required languages. If possible, install it in the same order as you did on the old site. You can find Joomla translations on JoomlaCode

References

1. Joomla 1.0 to 1.5 Migration Guide
2.