Inputting content into Smart Content

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I read through many of the tutorials this morning, and am having a hard time figuring out how to add content on any of the modules. The tutorials refer to linking to a "data source" of some kind. I am not understanding what is being requested.

When I've created tables within Joomla articles in the past, I've usually pulled up JCE, decided how many rows and columns I want, and generated the table within my article.   I then simply click into each cell and type the content I wish to display.   This method makes it very easy for me to input lots of fresh new content, and all of the content is accessible through Joomla's "Search" module.

However, the onscreen look from this method is not that great. Which is why I searched for a commercial extension to improve the look of my tables. In the process I was excited to find ARI Smart Content, with not just tables but accordions, sliders, tabs, etc. to display content.

However, the method with ARI for inputting content is not at all clear to me. What are the "data sources" referred to in the tutorials, and how are they generated?   Can I simply type content as I go, to create tables or other ARI modules displaying content?

The tutorials on tables refer to linking to a database or CSV file.   This is not what I need to do - in fact I'm not sure what these are or how to generate them. I just want to type in product info into each cell of the table, ideally in a WYSIWYG environment like JCE - but generate a more professional looking visual like the examples ARI generates.   Please help me understand what is needed to generate content within an ARI table, accordion, etc.

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"ARI Smart Content" is not a visual tool for creating static tables. It contains table applications which can show data from databases and CSV files or convert HTML tables to advanced tables with support paging, sorting, searching and etc.

About tabs, accordions and other similar widgets, it is possible to show data from data sources (for example with database, CSV file, Joomla! articles) or enter data manually directly in plugin code. For example for accordion use the following plugin code:


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{accordion}
    {item title="Item 1"}
        This is the first item
    {/item}
    {item title="Item 2"}
        This is the second item
    {/item}
    {item title="Item 3"}
        This is the third item
    {/item}
{/accordion}
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Regards,
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