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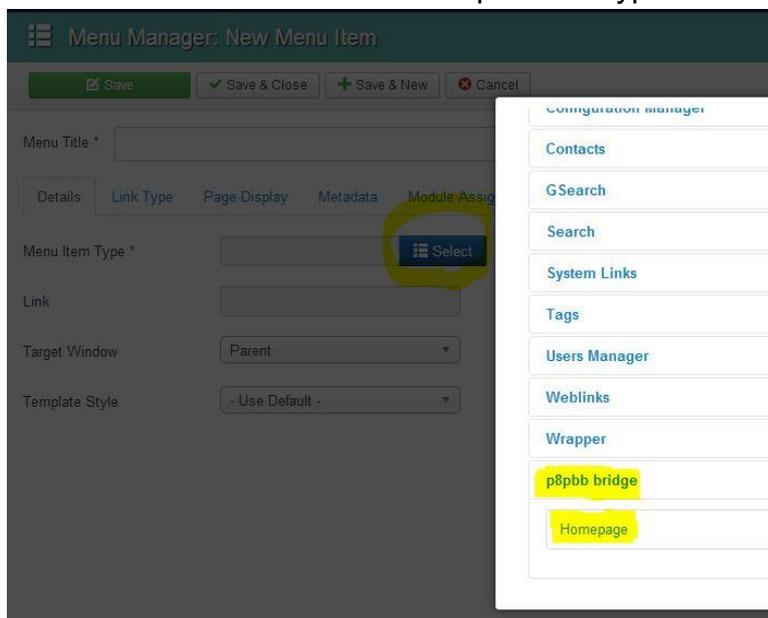
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Installing the bridge

1. Please completely remove any other installed bridges or integrations, ensure that Joomla and phpBB both work correctly.
2. Ensure that your **/modules**, **/plugins/system**, **/plugins/user**, **/plugins/search**, **/plugins/authentication** and **/administrator/manifests/packages** Joomla folders are writable.
3. Install the ZIP package as usual Joomla extension. The bridge comes with modules and plugins which are installed/de-installed/updated and published automatically.
4. If you see the error messages like **Warning! "User" plugin wasn't installed successfully!** please check p.1 again.
5. Go to **Components** -> **p8pbb bridge**. Select phpBB folder from the drop-down list and click top **Apply** icon. No folders here mean that no phpBB installation is found in the top-level domain folders and you need to install the phpBB.
6. Once everything is correct – setup all other configuration parameters. Move mouse over setting title to read setting description.
7. Note that options “**Auto-insert in phpBB**”, “**Auto-insert in Joomla**”, “**Restore Joomla password**”, “**Restore user from phpBB**”, “**Restore phpBB password**” and “**Restore user from Joomla**” are useless for the new Joomla and phpBB installations (there is 1 user in Joomla and 1 user in phpBB – no need for these additional synchronizations).
8. Option “**phpBB 'Name' field**” can be setup if your phpBB has the custom profile fields. In this case you can synchronize Joomla “Name” field with any phpBB custom profile field.
9. Save the configuration.
10. Create the menu item of the component's type:



Note that “Alias” **should not** be the same as the folder of your phpBB installation, for instance, use “forum” if phpBB is installed in “phpBB3” folder.

11. Edit “.htaccess” file in the phpBB folder.

Add the following lines **right after** “RewriteEngine On” line.

The code differs depending on Joomla “**Add suffix to URLs**” setting.

This is the code with **enabled** “Add suffix to URLs”:

```

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3(\/?)$
RewriteRule (.*) /forums.html [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/index.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums.html?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/ucp.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/user.html?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/viewforum.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/forum.html?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/viewtopic.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/topic.html?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/memberlist.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/members.html?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/report.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/report.html?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/posting.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/post.html?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/mcp.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/moderator.html?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

```

This is the code with **disabled** Joomla setting “Add suffix to URLs”:

```

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3(\/?)$
RewriteRule (.*) /forums [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/index.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/ucp.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/user?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/viewforum.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/forum?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/viewtopic.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/topic?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/memberlist.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/members?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/report.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/report?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/posting.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/post?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} /phpBB3/mcp.php
RewriteRule (.*) /forums/moderator?%{QUERY_STRING} [R=301,L]

```

Replace “**phpBB3**” here with the name of your phpBB installation folder and “**forums**” with the alias of the menu item created in p.10.

Note that if menu item is child to other menu item you should use the full alias, like **community/forum**.

12. You can skip the steps 14-20 if you use bridge in stand-alone mode. Any phpBB template can be used for this mode. Please proceed if you use wrapped mode (frameless integration with Joomla).
13. Copy the contents of phpBB styles ZIPs in the **/styles** folder of your phpBB installation.
14. Login in forum and access phpBB Administration Control Panel.
15. Install these new style “**jprosilver**” in **Styles** section, make it default during the installation.
16. Deactivate the standard phpBB style “prosilver”.

Note that “**jprosilver**” has only English imagesets. If you use other languages, please edit the style and setup the imageset from “prosilver”. Or copy the none-English imagesets to “jprosilver”.

17. Note that CSS conflicts with your Joomla template can be possible – we can’t 100% guarantee that these phpBB templates will be 100% correctly displayed in your site. But all these conflicts can be easily fixed by any developer or just using basic knowledge of CSS.
18. Now load your website and click the forum menu item. Note that site should be accessed by the domain used in phpBB’s “Domain name” setting.
19. You also need to empty the phpBB setting for Cookie domain (or use same setting as in Joomla global configuration) and change cookie name to any other, cookie path should be ‘/’:

Cookie settings

These details define the data used to send cookies to your users browsers. In most cases sufficient. If you do need to change any do so with care, incorrect settings can prevent use

Cookie settings

Cookie domain:	<input type="text"/>
Cookie name:	<input type="text" value="phpbb3_"/>
Cookie path:	<input type="text" value="/"/>
Cookie secure: <small>If your server is running via SSL set this to enabled else leave as disabled. Having this enabled and not running via SSL will result in server errors during redirects.</small>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Disabled <input type="radio"/> Enabled
<input type="button" value="Submit"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/>	

20. Ensure that phpBB uses ‘Db’ authentication:

Authentication

phpBB supports authentication plug-ins, or modules. These allow you determine how users are a default three plug-ins are provided; DB, LDAP and Apache. Not all methods require additional info to the selected method.

Authentication

Select an authentication method:	<input type="text" value="Db"/>
LDAP server name:	<input type="text"/>

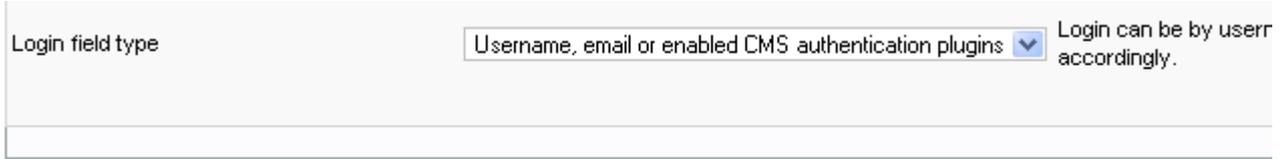
21. Ensure that Joomla settings “**Search Engine Friendly URLs**” and “**Use URL rewriting**” are **YES** (“Add Suffix to URL” can be **No**):

SEO Settings

Search Engine Friendly URLs	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Use URL rewriting	 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Adds Suffix to URL	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Unicode Aliases	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Include Site Name in Page Titles	<input type="text" value="No"/>	

Installing Community Builder Integration

1. Setup CB “**Login field type**” setting in CB configuration:



The screenshot shows a configuration box for 'Login field type'. The dropdown menu is open, showing the selected option: 'Username, email or enabled CMS authentication plugins'. To the right of the dropdown, there is a note: 'Login can be by user accordingly.' The box has a light gray background and a thin border.

This is also applied for basic integration without additional plugins.

2. Check the “Community Builder” tab of bridge settings and ensure that “Enable support” for CB is on. Setup desired setting here.
3. Install CB plugin “**cb.p8pbb**”.

Note that CB plugins are installed from CB plugins manager, **not** from Joomla plugin manager.
4. Publish this plugin.
5. Note that CB plugin adds the new CB field type “**phpBB signature**”. You can create new field of this type and associate “**phpBB signature**” field with it. This field parses all BBCode and images and displays the signature like in the forum.
6. Note that if you want to display phpBB Private Messages notifications in CB login module you need to edit this module and setup “**CB Plugins integration**” setting to “**YES**”.
7. Edit “**Forum posts**” CB tab and setup its settings.

Installing JomSocial Integration

1. Check the “JomSocial” tab of bridge settings and ensure that “Enable integration” for JomSocial is on. Setup desired settings here.
2. Edit community plugin “**Forum**” and setup integration settings.
3. Optionally publish and edit system plugin “**System - JomSocial activity for p8pbb bridge**” and setup the activity stream integration settings.

Installing EasySocial Integration

1. Check the “EasySocial” tab of bridge settings and ensure that “Enable integration” for JomSocial is on. Setup desired settings here.
2. Install EasySocial application in EasySocial applications manager.
3. Publish “**User – phpBB Forum**” application and edit its settings.

Installing AltaUserPoints (ex AlphaUserPoints) integration

1. Click '**Auto-detect new rules**' in AUP control panel.
2. Configure new rules "**New Forum Topic**" and "**New Forum Post**"
3. Enable '**System - AltaUserPoints rules for p8pbb bridge**' plugin.

In fact we don't recommend to use ANY SEO extension, but Artio JoomSEF looks like the best solution:

<http://extensions.joomla.org/extensions/site-management/sef/1063>

It works with native Joomla routing better and right from installation, no need to configure anything special except enabled characters.

+ you need to disable setting "Redirect Joomla SEO to JoomSEF"

Using bridge with AceSEF

1. Enter AceSEF '**Extensions**' configuration.
2. Enter the settings for **p8pbb** as shown:

8	<input type="checkbox"/>	com_p8pbb	-	1.5.0	Commercial	Get Extension	Component's router	joomla-forum	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
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Where 'joomla-forum' is the alias of your bridge menu item.

3. Ensure that bridge setting "Topics titles in URLs" is disabled (AceSEF can't work with this setting).

Removing the bridge

For removing the extension please uninstall 'p8pbb bridge' **package, not component!**

Possible issues

There is a problem with RokCandy extension which converts BBcodes into HTML tags. You can disable RokCandy on forum pages via RokCandy component options > Disabled: set it to **option=com_p8pbb**

Basic Settings

Force Cache No
 Yes

Enable Admin No
 Yes

Enable Edit No
 Yes

Enable Content No
 Yes

Disabled