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## Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by Breilaine - 2007/04/24 06:04

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I know its been asked for before, but its pretty much essential, I tried using JACLPlus which integrates with CB, but the new user groups did not come up when creating new sections in the forum.

I was really excited to see so many people switching from SMF to fireboard since I've had lots of trouble with the bridge, but without this functionality I'll be stuck there for a bit longer :(

If anyone knows of a modified JAC, or has been able to get the functionality of 'private boards' based on custom user groups, please post em!

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by danialt - 2007/04/24 06:58

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I will see what we can do about this part.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by Breilaine - 2007/04/24 07:02

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Thank you

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by Mythik - 2007/04/24 08:17

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I love the looks of Fireboard, but I just can't use it either until and if the devs are able to put in custom user groups that we can use to grant/restrict access. Very excited to see that you are looking into it! I really want to be able to use a non-bridged forum!

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by reeps - 2007/05/03 17:51

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any updated news on this?

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by Q Sinlah - 2007/05/04 04:20

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by Rascal71 - 2007/05/04 08:11

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Same problem here....I really need this functionality...that's why I'm using a bridged SMF installation now. But I would love to switch to Fireboard as soon as this functionality is available.

In any case...thanks for all the work you've done sofar...it really looks great...

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by NateM - 2007/08/14 14:53

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I'd just like to add my name to the list of people for whom this is essential. Hope we'll see some progress on this soon.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by kankaanp - 2007/08/15 15:05

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I could use the feature also.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by BetaByte - 2007/08/21 15:51

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I've exactly the same problem as all the people above me already posted. Being able to make a forum contents visible to the outside, but with the need of being regged to reply would be great. As well as creating user groups (with specific rights).

Basicly I'd love to have that part based upon the phpBB right attribution system in Fireboard.

Edited : Noticed "JACLPlus" hopefully it helps doing just that.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by don\_coprofia - 2007/08/23 01:05

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by don\_coprofia - 2007/08/23 01:06

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by NateM - 2007/08/23 02:22

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Supposedly 1.02 has this feature in it, tied to GroupJive, (see [groupjive.org](http://groupjive.org)). However, I haven't been able to get it properly working yet, exactly, at least not using the steps listed on the site and the RC2 build posted in the forums. Seems like we're getting closer to at least having something, though.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by wwvine - 2007/08/24 06:22

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FireBoard originally considered groups for FB 1.0.3 but they did not make the build. B)

GroupJive can offer a maturing component along with other features in addition to Private Forums. GroupJive does Bulletin Boards w/comments via JomComment, integrates with EventList as well as PMS and Email. GroupJive also hosts a friendly and supportive community :).

You can learn more if you'd like here

and grab the code here

Hopefully MOD's will inform me that I am posting with proper etiquette :)

I'm hoping too.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by Azazriel - 2007/09/02 08:35

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Need to jump in here and register our need for this as well.

In our case, we're desperate for a place where our server admins can discuss things that really shouldn't be in the public domain, such as bans, etc.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by wwvine - 2007/09/02 08:53

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GroupJive works quite well with FireBoard for Private Forum posting. :cheer:

The current GroupJive release is in Beta3 and soon to be RC1. ;)

The Forum integration with FireBoard works flawlessly. Just follow the readme.txt in the GroupJive install package -AND- be sure to use the recent FireBoard 1.0.3 build. BestOfJoomla patched a filter issue on the most recent posts module on 8/23/2007 that keeps unpublished forums from "public view".

Read more about that here

GroupJive is at <http://groupjive.org>. It is a working solution :D

Hope this helps.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by danialt - 2007/09/03 16:51

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Groups will be in 1.5 series as it needed a lot of modifications and testing and also was linked to a better session management.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by sonofmore - 2007/10/01 10:08

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I'm sorry if I misunderstood your post above. Does that mean that 1.0.x version of Joomla won't work with any sort of default FB user access control? That is to say, if we want to continue running version 1.0.13 of Joomla we'll need some 3rd party component?

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by brianbye - 2007/10/04 18:20

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Use jacplus pro. [www.byostech.com](http://www.byostech.com)

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by sonofmore - 2007/10/05 20:28

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Thank you for the link. Hopefully FB will nail this down internally before long. :)

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by FidelGonzales - 2007/11/07 18:10

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So, if I were to use GroupJive now for group-restricted forums, would I be able to switch entirely from GroupJive to the to-be-released Fireboard 1.5 forum without issues?

It would be a pain to use GroupJive now and then have to keep using it when 1.5 arrives. Thanks.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by wwvine - 2007/11/07 18:41

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Hi  
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The short answer about GJ/FB integration somehow upgrading to FB 1.5 stand alone when the time comes...is "no it will not do that".

FireBoard 1.5 is a unique and "from the ground up" vision of Danial and Miro and has in no way "any relation" to GroupJive.

GroupJive will give you Groups today and it will provide continued integration in the future since the GJ core team has made a commitment to each other and the community to continue into Joomla!'s future. When BofJ does release FB 1.5 it makes sense for GroupJive to continue integration. Moving the two together onto one single FireBoard installation is a long shot at best though and there is no intent at this time to "support" a method to accomplish a migration from GJ/FB

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combo to FB alone.

I do see GroupJive giving an effort to supporting the move from one GJ/FB integration to another GJ/FB integration as both components progress.

From my reading here, BofJ has their own specific vision for FireBoard. I'm sure the next gen version will be very cool and GroupJive is very supportive of the community here even though the relationship is "unofficial". Remember that GJ and FB's integration actually began with SimpleBoard and JoomlaBoard. However, each community in Joomla is a separate node in the Joomla space and the only root is Joomla! itself. I can share that my understanding is GroupJive will continue to integrate with FB and possibly phpBB as well in the future but please don't make plans based on a foundation that suggests you will be able to seamlessly migrate from a GJ/FB integration to FireBoard 1.5 all by itself. This will not happen. BestOfJoomla is not (that I know of) basing any development on what GJ does today or intends to do tomorrow and GroupJive is simply staying tuned to what the FB team here decides to do before we take our next integration steps with GroupJive.

MY SUGGESTION: With Joomla! itself in a state of change, J1.5 just around the corner and many different plans from many different dev teams on their own futures, IMO it is best to go with what works today and consider tomorrow when tomorrow comes. Joomla! is somewhat of a nomadic community, people and ideas do come and go. This tends to make an upgrade path a bit more challenging than in other more structured camps ... but if you choose "components" with strong communities and stay in tune with the devs, you can at least make "informed" choices.

again... short answer is "no". Check out posts by Danial and Miro to check status of when FB 1.5 might make the download page.

hope this helps :)

BTW (in the short term) if you are planning on lining up access control for the Joomla! future look at RokACL as it begins to be implemented into J1.6. That would also be something to keep an eye on! (see Andrew's article)

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by sfutterer - 2007/11/11 19:18

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I desperately need a secure/restricted/private forum area that is only available to members that I designate. When will this be functionality be available in FB?

The Group Jive option is not as secure as I need it to be.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by grumblemarc - 2007/11/11 21:22

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No time soon I'm afraid.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by sfutterer - 2007/11/12 01:47

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I'm willing to make a significant donation if this feature can be expedited? Is this an option?

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by brnr - 2007/12/05 23:46

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Any of you folks that use GroupJive having issues with the various LATEST POSTS modules available? We use JACLPlus and can't get the LATEST POST modules to show the web visitors only the latest posts on the forum groups they are limited to seeing. Visitors can see new posts on private and administrative boards that they shouldn't. They'll click on the latest posts link only to be displayed a message that they don't have access to that message.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by Dannymh - 2007/12/07 07:45

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sfutterer wrote:

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I am with you on that. This is a must have for any forum software as I see it. You must have Private/Hidden forums if nothing else for deleted posts (i keep these in a hidden forum in case they are needed later for evidence) and also for admin communication

My site also has user level forums for different member levels, because we have a purchase membership etc and also we have secret forums etc.

I am really looking to come over from e107 to Joomla but don't want a separate forum software to the site framework so really depend on this feature

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by Dannymh - 2007/12/11 06:18

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I am going to write this in natively to Fireboard. I am going to use the latest stable release and allow users to be added on a user by user basis. I will try to keep up with all future versions until it is apart of the core of the component.

I am an experience PHP programmer but this will be my first Joomla coding, so will need testers etc.

Fingers crossed it shouldn't be too hard.

The idea will be as follows

- New database table (fb\_private\_user)
- new function that checks forum access
- hide forum from view in both cat list and forum view unless Super Admin or user with perms
- Admin function to add users to forums

The first release will assume a forum is public unless it has a user in fb\_private\_user table, I may change this later, however I think I should only have to add a grand total of 1 new SQL query to the frontend, and hopefully there shouldn't be a major speed issue

Here is the post I am using to track progress

[http://www.bestofjoomla.com/component/option,com\\_fireboard/Itemid,38/func,view/catid,68/id,34011/#34011](http://www.bestofjoomla.com/component/option,com_fireboard/Itemid,38/func,view/catid,68/id,34011/#34011)

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by adrianlewis - 2007/12/17 19:13

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A mention of RokACL there from wvwine. I do hope that any dev work going towards groups and group ACL will incorporate the strong possibility of RokACL being rolled into Joomla 1.6. I would hate to see too many group systems developed, none compatible or interchangeable with each other. One of the huge benefits of Fireboard is the 'nateness' of the component (no bridges, wrappers etc). Surely any group ACL in Fireboard should carry on the tradition and be forwards compatible with 1.6 if at all possible at this stage.

Hopefully, wvwine's comment is suggesting that Groupjive might also follow a similar track(?).

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by itgl72 - 2007/12/17 19:53

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FYI - we use jacplus. One of our guys is a charter member. We sent them the latest post module and they hacked it to work for our site. Guess that was the only way for us to get one working.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by wwvine - 2007/12/17 20:39

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adrian...

Yes, GJ would definitely consider \*how to\* make it's way into alignment with RokACL when the time comes. Basically, with Andrew donating RokACL to Joomla!, it would be complete nonsense not to get on board with him and support the effort. Besides, there is some history here and (at least in my thinking) it is appropriate to support any trunk contribution to Joomla (IMO which includes contributions by MasterChief).

Andrew has a new FREE magazine site here <http://www.theartofjoomla.com>. I have posted a comment to the Legacy article and asked if he might write on the subject of RokACL and integration. With articles existing, it will make it much easier for others to integrate as well. :)

Thanks,  
wwvine

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by Dannymh - 2007/12/18 01:50

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My approach to the code on this (almost finished just doing admin screens) is to build a fireboard native support at the forum level.

Rather than tie in groups or add components, all that happens is that you assign a user to any private forum you want them to have access too. Works well and pretty easy.

personally I like the e107 approach to groups. They have a system they call "Userclasses" you can assign a user to any userclass so a User can be a member of all classes or multiple classes, single classes or no classes. You can then assign multiple classes to any part of e107, including the forums or any component. The other great part about this function is that you can apply classes to plugins/extensions without the developer having had to write it in.

It is a pity that e107 just doesn't cut it as a powerful CMS because that is the 1 part that they really have gotten it right.

But I digress. Native fireboard support for this will be available by weeks end, depending on how busy work is.

Dan

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by drazhar - 2007/12/19 15:41

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Do you already know (and can tell) what it will be in terms of joomla add-ons category? In other words - is it going to be a core hack in FireBoard, a plug-in or another component or maybe a mambot?

I'm eagerly awaiting this moment to come - I'm using GroupJive and since switching from SMF fo FB+GJ I've noticed a dramatic decrease in user activity.

So if I can help in anyway (testing, graphics, small-hosting) I'll be glad to do so.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by xcomputerman - 2007/12/28 11:45

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Then I discovered that Fireboard has no usergroup/restricted permissions support. My forum has several boards that have to be restricted to specific usergroups.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by Dannymh - 2007/12/28 11:52

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If you want this working on your site I have it working front end, the only thing is I haven't even had a chance to work on this for a week to do admin screens

If there is anyone out there who has some time and already knows how to write Joomla admin screens this one should be simple, I can provide the SQL and logic.

That would speed it up. But either way if you are desperate and can manage your system through a database interface easily then, I can give you the code, all you do is add the user\_id and forum\_id to a table then it's all good.

Dan

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by grumblemarc - 2007/12/28 14:49

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Just take your time and release it when you are ready. If you partially release it now you'll still wind up "supporting" it afterwards.

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by drazhar - 2007/12/29 02:59

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grumblemarc wrote:

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totally agreed. and then we'll have to beg FB developers to include it :)

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by Dannymh - 2008/01/02 09:48

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I wanted to check there were no licensing issues for me to use a hacked up version of the AJAX auto complete found at

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<http://nodstrum.com/2007/09/19/autocomplete/> for this addon.

Basically for adding users to the private forums, rather than loading a complete list I am using a search box where you start typing the members name and it auto completes with the user name for you, that way it should save time.

So can anyone let me know if there are any licensing issues with doing this?

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by rjscott2005 - 2008/01/04 20:55

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I wonder if the access control needed to be figured out before the first product release was rolled out. Meaning, "will we build a product for general public access, or will we build a product that can be used in environments where control is necessary?" I have to ask myself if FB is capable of such sophistication at this point- or more simply, should access control be the foundation or the roof?

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## Re:Another plea for restricted forums

Posted by grumblemarc - 2008/01/04 21:22

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[http://www.bestofjoomla.com/component/option,com\\_fireboard/Itemid,38/func,view/id,34011/catid,68/limit,10/limitstart,20/#37248](http://www.bestofjoomla.com/component/option,com_fireboard/Itemid,38/func,view/id,34011/catid,68/limit,10/limitstart,20/#37248)

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Yes, thank you. I read that thread. It's a start.