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Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/10/26 23:46

Congratulations! You have found Fireboard – the best native bulletin board for the award winning Joomla! CMS system. We are going to guide you through the simple downloading and installation process to get your Fireboard forum up and running in no time.

To start you need to have Joomla! installed, this can be found on the joomla site, currently the latest stable version available is 1.013 and this is the version we recommend for security reasons, if you dont have Joomla! already installed do it now.

Ok now you have Joomla! installed you need to go ahead and grab the files from the Fireboard repository, this is found herehttp://joomlancode.org/gf/download/frsrelease/5447/15386/Fireboard_Forum_1.0.3_UnzipFirst.zip, you will be downloading 1.03 which is the first stable release of fireboard, if you are reading this tutorial and a newer stable release has become available please download the latest version.

* Please note that the fireboard component is a packed archive and to use this must first be unpacked using winzip or similar*

If you are new to Joomla! it is worth reading the documentation relating to Joomla! itself to get yourself acquainted, the documentation is found [HERE help.joomla.org](http://help.joomla.org)

Before you begin please make sure that if you are performing a clean install you follow the instructions [HERE](#) If on the other hand you are upgrading from JoomlaBoard or a previous version of Fireboard, please follow the upgrade instructions

Fireboard installs as simply as other Joomla! components so now you have your file go into your Joomla! backend (yoursite/administrator) and locate the installers link on the top menu. From the installers menu you will see a dropdown menu appear when you hover over it, if you scan down you will see the menu item 'components' this is the link you need to choose, so lets go ahead and click that link.

That will now take you to the installers page where you can choose your software to install, as I said this is no different from any other Joomla! component so click the browse tab and locate your recently downloaded Fireboard component. * This will most likely be in the file named : Fireboard_Forum_1.0.3_UnzipFirst *

Ok, still with me?? Good!

Next all there is to do is click the Upload file and install button and Fireboard will begin automatically uploading to your Joomla! installation, if all is well you will be met with a success message with a continue link underneath, click continue to – well – err – continue...

So there you have it, a simple download and install for your new Fireboard forum, next we will deal with configuration. Configuration

Configuring your fireboard is where the fun begins, you really get to play with your forum, adding and removing categories, user ranks and a whole host of other nice gadgets and gizmo's. To start this process we must first finalise the installation process by letting Fireboard install the necessary database. If at this stage you are upgrading from JoomlaBoard or an earlier version of Fireboard please see the Upgrading section.

If on the other hand you have a clean installation of Fireboard we will continue on this page, first things first you need to go into the fireboard component located at:
components > fireboard forum - once you have entered the Fireboard component you will be met with the following screen

To complete the installation you simply need to click the Apply! button underneath Clean Installation, this will now upload the necessary database files for your Fireboard installation.

On successful install you will now be met with:

Click continue to be redirected to the Fireboard Control Panel - you are now free to configure Fireboard how you like.

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Posted by ANi_Gurl - 2007/11/13 10:42

Quick clarification suggestion? for the noobs out there... this edit might help make things crystal clear:

....This will most likely be in the file named : Fireboard_Forum_1.0.3_UnzipFirst *

Ok, still with me?? Good!

Next all there is to do is unzip this file, locate the component zip file named "component_Fireboard_Forum_1.0.3", click the Upload file and install button and Fireboard will begin automatically uploading to your Joomla! installation,

other than that its a perfect walkthru! (unless you want to explain how to install the patch and language files which noobs can only look at with blank fear after the installing the component!)

cheers, ANi_G

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Posted by riskor - 2007/12/03 21:40

hello, Please help I am a compete noob to joomla so sorry if this is really basic. I have followed the instructions and have installed the component and created 2 catagories one as a parent. The problem I'm having is that I dont know the actual address of the forum. ie how can i view the actual forum itself? This may be fairly obvoius, I have havent found any instructions that go on futher than 'you are now at the fireboard control panel'.

Cheers,

Jon

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Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/12/04 01:20

Jon, you need to publish the component link as a menu item within Joomla! If you are not sure how to do this I would suggest having a read up of the joomla docs as there are a lot of different ways to set up menu links. Once you have the basics it gets easier though I promise!

cheers

leigh :D

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Posted by grumblemarc - 2007/12/04 01:24

http://help.joomla.org/images/User_manual/user_manual_v1%200%201_10%2021%2006.pdf

Check page 67.

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Posted by AainaA - 2007/12/09 05:38

Okay... the pdf file attached {or maybe not} is very concise. It is must-reading for newbies, as well as people who may not know much about Fireboard.

I'd like to ask - after scouring the Board today - {I can't seem to find the topic tho I've tried}... how on earth do you install the Fireboard Template? FTP somewhere or can you install it via the backend through the install plugin or whatever that is available?

Help appreciated here,

Thank you,

AA

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Posted by AainaA - 2007/12/09 09:16

Just in case newbies are figuring out how to install new themes for fireboard - you'd need to upload via FTP your untarred/unzipped file up to components/com_fireboard/template/ and configure it in the fireboard configuration panel to reflect the new theme.

{found this answer in the French board}.

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Posted by gregbanig - 2008/02/05 09:58

from a newbie to a newbie.

publishing a link to your fireboard forum.

from the joomla administrator.

Menu --> MainMenu --> New --> Component (not "Link - Component Item")--> Enter a Name and click on Fireboard Forum from the components list --> Save

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Posted by Diko - 2008/02/26 07:39

Thank you! Your post is exactly what I needed!

Diko

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Posted by nineof12 - 2008/03/31 18:01

Is there a way to update to the latest version of Fireboard without losing my posts? I've been on 1.0.0

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Posted by alamers - 2008/06/10 16:30

well I did create a menu item and got a blank page. So whats up? Even when when I clicked on the sample data link in

the admin area of Fireboard I got a blank page

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