



How to allow registered users

Joomla Version:

1.5.14 (will apply to most later versions of 1.5)

Objective:

Joomla allows your visitors to sign up to your site to gain access to items of your choosing that only registered users can view. Registered users can also be emailed updates and specials via the back end administrator area from Tools -> Mass Mail. This lesson will show you how to:

1. Enable user registration

Skills You Will Need:

We assume you have and / or know how to do the following:

- You have a current version of Joomla already installed
- Can access the administrator area of your Joomla installation and are familiar with it

Procedures:

1. Log on to your back end administrator area
2. Go to Global Configuration -> System
3. Under "User Settings" make sure "Allow User Registration" is checked to "yes"
4. Decide what level of registered user you want visitors to be by default (either registered, author, editor or publisher).
5. Decide whether to enable "New User Account Activation". This is where an email to activate their account is sent. This creates an opt-in email requiring the visitor to confirm he wants to become a registered member. This will help weed out spammers.
6. Decide whether "Front-end User Parameters" is activated where users can select their language, html editor, detail screen and site preferences from the front end after they log in. Use this wisely as it can create a security hole that hackers can try to exploit.
7. Next, go to Extensions -> Module Manager

- 8.** Look for “Login Form”, make it “Enabled”
- 9.** Decide which pages you want the log in form to appear on
- 10.** If you want some text to appear before the login form, put it in the “Pre-text” field
- 11.** If you want some text to appear after the login form, put it in the “Post-text” field
- 12.** Next to “Login Redirection Page”, decide which page the visitor will be sent to after logging in
- 13.** Next to “Logout Redirection Page”, decide which page the visitor will be sent to after logging out
- 14.** If you want a greeting after the user logs in click “Yes” next to “Greeting” this will create a message that says “Hi, Username/Name” after they log in
- 15.** Choose whether the visitor is referred to when logged in by their Username or Name with the “Name/Username” pop up
- 16.** If your site uses SSL, you can decide if the login form is encrypted by checking “Yes” or “no” at “Encrypt Login Form”
- 17.** Click “Save”