

Fireboard Forum

Version 1.0.3 Stable

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[INSTALLATION AND UPGRADE MANUAL]

This document describes the Fireboard installation walkthrough, Joomla board importing and upgrade methods for previous releases prior to 1.0.3 Stable version.

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1. About Fireboard

Fireboard is a fully integrated forum solution for Joomla! No bridges, no hacking core files and it can be installed just like any other component, with only a few clicks.

The administration backend is fully integrated, native ACL implemented, and it has all the capabilities one would have come to expect from a mature, full-fledged forum solution.

Important Note

Please backup all the jos_fb_XXXXXX tables and the files under components/com_fireboard, administrator/components/com_fireboard, and images/fbfiles. Any action described in this document modifies your database and files in an irreversible manner.

Best of Joomla! cannot be held responsible for damage or loss applying the procedures described here nor we provide any support to fix and reverse the changes.

Note

Fireboard is compatible with **Joomla! 1.0.12+** and **Joomla! 1.5** in **legacy mode**.

2. Installation

Note

If you want to have a clean install of Fireboard, e.g. when you have tested Fireboard before and now you want to delete everything and start fresh, please refer to the section Uninstalling Fireboard and completely uninstall Fireboard.

1. First, unpack the archive on your local computer. First, unpack the archive on your local computer.
2. Go to your Joomla! Administration → Installer → Components
3. Select the package and click on “Install”.
4. After a successful installation, go to Components → Fireboard Forum
5. Once you enter the control panel, at top of the page you will notice a dialogue is asking you whether you want to upgrade from “Joomlaboard” or a “Clean Install”. If you click on Clean Install you will have a fresh installation of Fireboard and necessary database tables are generated automatically.
6. [Optional] You can also try your new board by “loading sample data” which creates a dummy category and a post. We recommend this option to get familiar with creation of categories and post administration.

3. Upgrading to the latest Stable

Note

The basic knowledge of FTP and executing SQL statements is necessary for this section. Fireboard 1.0.1, by mistake, was packaged as version 1.0.0 in the XML file and seen in Joomla! Administration. You should check the version from your installation zip file or check if you have (jos)_fb_groups table. If you have that table, it means you have the 1.0.1 version.

3.1. JoomlaBoard

1. First, unpack the archive on your local computer. First, unpack the archive on your local computer.
2. Go to your Joomla! Administration → Installer → Componentes
3. Select the “component_Fireboard_Forum_1.0.3.zip” package and click on “Install”.
4. After a successful installation, go to Components → Fireboard Forum
5. Once you enter the control panel, at top of the page you will notice a dialogue is asking you weather you want to upgrade from “Joomlaboard” or a “Clean Install”. Click on “Import from Joomlaboard” and Fireboard will automatically import your database and file structure.

Note

Fireboard does **not** modify your Joomlaboard installation and database. Feel free to try Fireboard while your Joomlaboard is still running on your website.

3.2. Fireboard 1.0.0

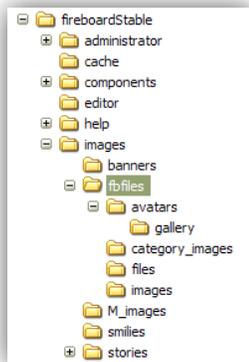
- **Backup your MySQL tables and file structure as described above.**
1. Download the Fireboard 1.0.3 zip file and extract it on your local computer.
 2. Extract the “patch_to_Fireboard_Forum_1.0.3.zip” files on your local system. You will notice that it has the same structure as the files on your server
 3. Connect to your website via FTP and overwrite all the local files over the remote files. This way your server will have latest files of the stable version
 4. Fireboard 1.0.2+ stores the common files, such as uploaded files, avatars, uploaded images,... under “Joomla_Root/images/” directory. Please make sure that your “Joomla_Root/images/” is writable.
 5. Copy “components/com_fireboard/_fbfiles/” directory in the extracted package to “Joomla_Root/images/” directory and rename it to “fbfiles/” and ensure that it is writable (and also all its subdirectories). At the end you will have such a path: “Joomla_Root/images/fbfiles”.

You can do this in Linux by applying the following command:

Command: `chmod -R 777 images/fbfiles/`

6. Move (old) directories and all contents of “components/com_fireboard/avatars”, “components/com_fireboard/category_images”, “components/com_fireboard/uploaded/files”, “components/com_fireboard/uploaded/images” to the new “Joomla_Root/images/fbfiles”.

The final structure should look like this:



7. Open “Upgrades/Fireboard_100_to_1.0.3.Stable.sql” file.
8. If necessary, rename all the “jos_” occurrences to your own database prefix. Hence, if your db prefix is “boj_” then you should rename all “jos_” to “boj_”.
9. Execute the queries on your remote host; either inside phpmyadmin or your favorite database manager. If you don’t know how to do this, please read:

<http://community.mybboard.net/showthread.php?tid=4720>

If you get any error during the execution, e.g. you had done some modifications to the database before, then you should execute the **rest** of the queries and not all of them. The queries are executed in the order as they are listed in the upgrade. First at the top and last at bottom.

10. Now, head on to Fireboard Configuration and check if you have the latest version, by looking at the bottom of the page.
11. Enter Fireboard configuration section and modify the settings to your need.
12. Enter the control panel, and click on “Recount Categories Stats”. This will recount all the posts and update your frontend statistics. You should apply this action from time to time to ensure consistency in your forum statistics.
13. If you have any further questions or problems, please visit the BestofJoomla.com forums.

3.3. Fireboard 1.0.1 (Beta)

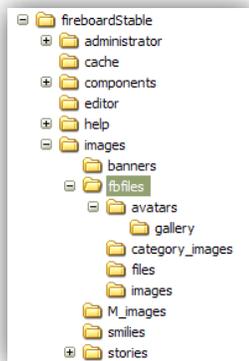
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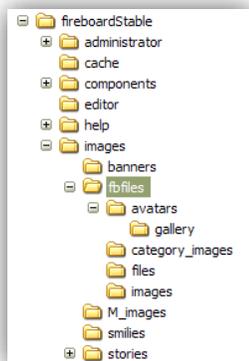
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3.4. Fireboard 1.0.2 (RC2)

➤ **Backup your MySQL tables and file structure as described above.**

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The final structure should look like this:



5. Open “Upgrades/Fireboard_102_to_1.0.3.Stable.sql” file.
6. If necessary, rename all the “jos_” occurrences to your own database prefix. Hence, if your db prefix is “boj_” then you should rename all “jos_” to “boj_”.
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11. If you have any further questions or problems, please visit the BestofJoomla.com forums.

4. Uninstalling Fireboard

Important Note

By Uninstalling all your Fireboard **files** will be deleted! However, if you have a version greater than 1.0.2, your uploaded files, avatars and all the files that are under “Joomla_Root/images” directory will **not** be deleted. Also, your database tables will **not** be dropped.

1. Go to Administrator → Installers → Components
2. Select Fireboard and click Uninstall.
3. After this point, you can decide if you want to completely uninstall Fireboard or leave the database tables and uploaded files intact. If you want to completely Uninstall fireboard:

Apply the following database queries:

```
DROP TABLE `jos_fb_announcement` ,  
`jos_fb_attachments` ,  
`jos_fb_categories` ,  
`jos_fb_favorites` ,  
`jos_fb_groups` ,  
`jos_fb_messages` ,  
`jos_fb_messages_text` ,  
`jos_fb_moderation` ,  
`jos_fb_ranks` ,  
`jos_fb_sessions` ,  
`jos_fb_smileys` ,  
`jos_fb_subscriptions` ,  
`jos_fb_users` ,  
`jos_fb_whoisonline`
```

And delete “Joomla_Root/images/fbfiles/” directory.

[THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING FIREBOARD]

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