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## Information

**Module:** phpBB 3 Last Topics Module

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**Version:** 1.0.0

**License:** GPLv2.0

### Mod History:

#### Version 1.0.0

1. Added option to group posts to topics.
2. Direct link to post ID instead of forum and topic.
3. Fixed date bug (thanks to Fleiva).
4. Added installation guide/readme (thanks to Mic).

#### Version 0.3

1. Added options to include or exclude forums.

#### Version 0.2

1. Removed the ability to exclude any administrator forums.

This simple but user friendly module will allow you to show your phpBB 3 last forum topic activity within Joomla. Whether it be on your home page, or on a specific page.

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## Setup

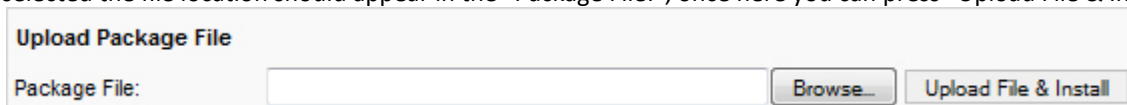
To install this module please make sure when you have downloaded this module you keep it as a zipped archive.

Proceed to login into your Joomla administrator control panel.

Once logged in, along the top of the control panel you should see "Site" "Menu" etc. Move your cursor over "Extensions" and press "Install/Uninstall".

Once here you can upload this module and install it.

Referencing the image below, click "Browse..." and browse to the zip file which you downloaded. Once selected the file location should appear in the "Package File:", once here you can press "Upload File & Install"



Once installed, you can browse to your "Module Manager" which is located under the same menu as "Install/Uninstall" and continue to set this module up.

Once here proceed to look for a module named "phpbb 3 last topics module" and then click the title to enter its options.

Once inside the options of the module you will be greeted with a few familiar details which are relevant to this module, these include options to setup the "Title" and "Position" of the module and also it's "Order" plus more.

Make sure that "Enabled:" is set to yes to activate this module.

Further beneath that you will have the Menu Assignment, this is where you would like your module to appear, whether it be on all the pages, or specific ones you can select.

The main Parameters of this module are located on the right. This is where you will set the main options for your module and enable it to show your topics. It will look like this:

**Parameters**

▼ **Module Parameters**

Host	<input type="text"/>
Database	<input type="text"/>
User	<input type="text"/>
Password	<input type="text"/>
Prefix	<input type="text"/>
URL	<input type="text"/>
Page	<input type="text"/>
Forum id tag	<input type="text"/>
Topic id tag	<input type="text"/>
Limit of posts	<input type="text"/>
Date format	<input type="text"/>
Include admin forums	Not include ▼
which forums to include	<input type="text"/>
which forums to exclude	<input type="text"/>
Group posts to topics	Not Group ▼

► **Advanced Parameters**

For these options, you should follow this guide on inputting the correct details: **(do not include “quotation marks”)** Please also observe the use of none capitals.

**Host:**

Usually “localhost” this could be different if your forum resides on a different server.

**Database:**

You should remember the name of your database from when you created it, if not this can be found through the settings which sometimes can be accessed through your cPanel if you use such software.

**User:**

This should include your username exactly as you have for your forums database.

**Password:**

Again please input your password for your forums database.

**Prefix:**

The default prefix for phpBB is “phpbb\_” unless you have changed it.

**URL:**

This will be the URL to your forum and will be something like this <http://www.myforum.com/forum>

**Page:**

This should be “viewtopic.php” as default.

**Forum id tag:**

Your forum ID should be set to “f” as default.

**Topic id tag:**

Your topic ID tag should be set to “t” as default.

**Limit of posts:**

Enter a number relevant to how many posts your wish the module to display.

**Date Format:**

The default is set to “%d/%m/%Y %H:%M” you may change this if you wish but you do not need to.

**Include Admin Forums:**

Set “Include” or “Not Include” if you wish to show or hide your administrator only forums.

**Which forums to include:**

To include specific forums you must enter the forum ID tag correctly followed by a comma. You can find a forum ID tag by looking at the URL of one of your forums, for instance I want to get the tag for my General Discussion forum. I would enter the forum then look at the URL to find something like this:

http://www.myforum.com/forum/viewforum.php?f=10

The number after “f=” is your forum ID. Entering these should be in the following format with **no spaces**.

Example: “9,10,8,14,1,2,3,4” Remember no quotation marks.

**Which forums to exclude:**

To exclude certain forums, for instance moderator only forums. Follow the same guide as “Which forums to include” and enter the forums you wish to exclude in the same format.

**Group Posts to Topics:**

Either set to Group or Not Group.

Here is a completed example:

▼ Module Parameters	
Host	localhost
Database	phpbb_forums
User	user_phpbb
Password	••••••••
Prefix	phpbb_
URL	http://www.myforum.
Page	viewtopic.php
Forum id tag	f
Topic id tag	t
Limit of posts	4
Date format	%d/%m/%Y %H:%M
Include admin forums	Not include ▼
which forums to include	9,15,6,4,18,19,28,9<
which forums to exclude	17,39,38,33,11,12,3
Group posts to topics	Not Group ▼

► Advanced Parameters

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For bug reporting, please email me at: [sdocdb@gmail.com](mailto:sdocdb@gmail.com)

Thank you for using this module.

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