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Thread: [\[Tutorial\] How to make a successful MyBB Forum w/ Plugins](#)

Xorex - January 31, 2014, 9:03 pm

Hello everyone of the Hackforums Community. Today I am going to teach you how to setup a myBB Forum.

I will divide this into a couple of chapters, and by each chapter I will go by and explain.

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Chapter 1 - Introduction to a MyBB Forum

-You might be asking yourself if you don't already know, "What is a MyBB Forum?". Well I have one answer that you can understand, the forum you are on right now is a MyBB Forum. As you can see this forum looks nice, easy to use, has a lot of plugins and looks fun. Well by the time you finish this tutorial, you will know how to set one up, add plugins, and more.

Chapter 2 - Things required to make a MyBB Forum

-Well to make a myBB Forum, you need a couple of things. They are all free, so don't worry!

First - you will need the MyBB Installation itself. Go on here - <http://www.mybb.com/downloads> - and click Download Now.

Second - you will need some kind of FTP Client, I prefer Filezilla.
The link to download Filezilla is here - <https://filezilla-project.org/>

Third - you need a host - I suggest using SPAM if you are using this for fun/testing purposes. When you are ready to go pro, just buy a host.

Fourth- you need determination. This is a really easy guide, though if you don't pay attention you might get lost really easily.

Chapter 3 - Getting Started

So let us get started. First go on SPAM.com and navigate to Login In/Register. Once you make an account, login, and go to your CPANEL. This is how your CPANEL should look like.

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So you would want to first change the password to whatever you want, since they make a random default password. Once you done that, open up Filezilla, and type in your information.

So as you see in the in the previous screenshot, those are the details I would type, and this is how

it would look like.

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Note: Leave the port blank

Once you've done that, click connection, and this should pop up.

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Okay now go into the public_HTML folder, and delete whatever's inside of it.

Now go to your unzipped MyBB installation folder, and open it.

Go into the Installation folder, like here-

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Now CTRL - A all the files, and drag them over to FileZilla, into the Public HTML folder.

Like this -

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Now wait for everything to upload. Once done, move onto the next Chapter. Remember to overwrite files if it asks you too.

Chapter 4 - Making the Forum

So once everything is done uploading, go to your Website link, and add /install at the end.

For example since my link is - xorexhftut.netii.net, I would do - xorexhftut.netii.net/install

Once done that, this should pop up-

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Now click next, and next again, and next again.

When Database Configuration pops up-

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So now create the Database and go back to the MYBB Installation.

When filling it out, make sure you look at this link at your CPANEL.

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So now it should look like this -

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Click Next, click Next again after Table Creation. Keep clicking Next until you get to Board Configuration.

I would not suggest touching anything except, Forum Name & Admin Email, leave everything else alone.

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Click next, and create your Administrator Account.

Once you've done everything, this should pop up-

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Congratulations, you have created your Forum!

This is a very high quality tutorial! I just got done talking to a guy about making his first forum! Will definatly edit my post and link him to this thread! Good job Xorex!

Xorex - January 31, 2014, 9:08 pm

Chapter 5 -Adding Plugins

So once you have your Forum setup, I would suggest adding some simple plugins that would help. You could get a whole range of plugins from - <http://mods.mybb.com/>

Today I am going to show you how to install the Awards Plugin. It's not the one that Omnmiscient developed, it's a different one.

The one I'm showing you, is this one - <http://mods.mybb.com/view/ougc-awards>

So download that one, and extract it.

So now head back to Filezilla, and quick connect again.

Once you're in, this is what we're going to do.

Go to the OUGC Awards Folder, click it, and click images.

So in Filezilla, navigate to the Images folder, and drop OUGC Awards Folder in.

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Now go back to public_html and go to inc. Then from inc go to Plugins.

Now in the Awards Folder you downloaded, find the inc folder, click it, and go to the Plugin Folder.

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Open it, and drag the OUGC Awards Folder, into the Plugins under Inc in Filezilla. Then do the same with the PHP File.

Then go back to public_html and drop the last two PHP files in.

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Now go back to your Forum, and go to Admin Panel.

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Login , your Details are your Forum Details when you made an Administrator Account.

Now go to Configuration tab and click Plugins.

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Now, you will the plugin "OUGC Awards" click Install and Activate.

Then this should pop up -

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Now go to Users and Groups tabs, and you will see Manage Awards at the end.

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Click it, and now click Add.

So if you want a custom image, go download one, (I'll be using the HF Awards).

Now if you want an image, go to your public_html in FileZilla. Go to Images > Then OUGC Awards.

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Upload the image, you want, but make sure you remember what the extension and name is.
So I will upload one -
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So I uploaded Wings.JPG, now I'll go back to MyBB and fill this out.

So now fill this in- and you can see that I typed in Wings.jpg because that's what the exact file is called. Just Wings.jpg you don't need to type in the directory.
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Now click Submit and you should see your Award.

Click Options then Give.
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Now type in the Username you want to give it to -
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Click Submit, now go back to your Forums.
Now you'll see you got a PM, and when you click it, it'll show -
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Cool huh? Though maybe you don't want the Award to be delivered from MyBB System, maybe you want it from yourself.

So to do that, go back to Admin Panel, and click the Configuration Tab.
Scroll down to OUGC Awards.
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And click on it.

Now you can edit how many awards can the person have on their profile, and who it will send the awards from. So I want it from me, so I do this.
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Now click Save Settings, and lets test it. So I'll make a new award and give it to myself.

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See now it says this -
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So this is the end of my tutorial. I will be adding a lot more, just wanted to show this. Thank you for reading it, and it took me a long time to write this. Please leave feedback! Thank you

overtake - January 31, 2014, 9:09 pm

Thats a lot of effort you put right there. Thanks for making such HQ tutorial mate. Will definitely try it out.

express21 - January 31, 2014, 9:09 pm

Bookmarked this thread, nice tutorial.
can i pm you regarding something else?

Xorex - January 31, 2014, 9:11 pm

Yes! I forgot to mention! If you need help please PM Me. I will be sure to help! Currently I'm formatting my thread to make it look a little bit nicer.

Currently in process adding - Code How to change your theme
How to add anti-spam plugins
More.

sspartacuss - January 31, 2014, 10:13 pm

Wow , i need to translate them , but very high quality post !
Thanks man

express21 - January 31, 2014, 11:28 pm

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Hydra - February 1, 2014, 12:12 am

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<http://docs.mybb.com/>

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Xorex - February 1, 2014, 10:03 am

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Yeah right now, I'm working on some crucial plugins, and how to make sure your new theme works with the plugin theme.

I just wanted to show how to basically make a forum since sometimes it's very confusing, and I gave a really basic installation guide, that works.