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## Step 1: Purchasing an RSBlog! membership

Upon transaction, users have 2 ways of accessing the [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account and download RSBlog! (an RSJoomla! account is automatically created for unregistered users, once the purchase has been approved):

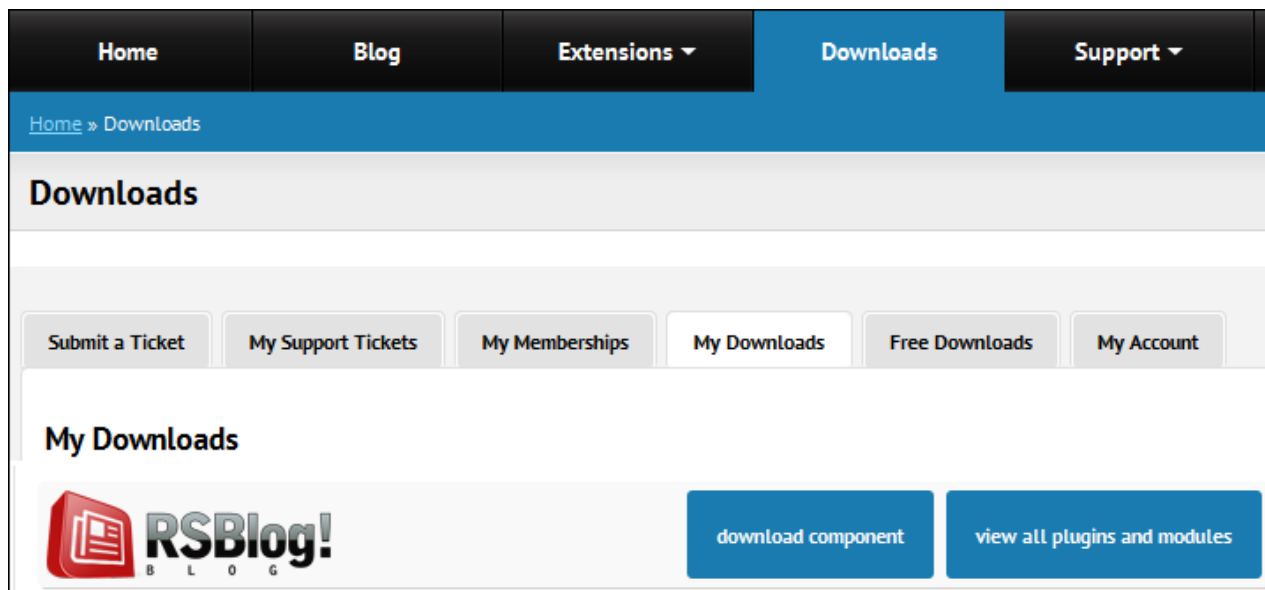
1. Log in with the user and password automatically created and sent through email during the transaction process, using the Customer Login form.
2. Log in with the order number received on the user email.

The screenshot shows the RS Joomla! website interface. At the top, there is a login section with fields for 'Username:' and 'Password:', a 'login' button, and a 'Remember Me' checkbox. Links for 'Not a member? Register', 'Lost your password? Forgot your username?', and 'Login with order number' are present. The 'Login with order number' link is circled in red. Below this is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Blog', 'Extensions', 'Downloads', and 'Support'. A blue banner indicates 'Home » Login with Order Number'. The main heading is 'Login with Order Number'. A note states: 'If you did not receive your username and password, you can login with the order number and the email address you used upon purchasing.' Below this is a form with two fields: 'Order Number:' (containing '1234567') and 'Email:' (containing 'steve\_matt@ymail.com'). Both fields are circled in red. A 'Login' button is at the bottom.

## Step 2: Downloading RSBlog!

In order to download RSBlog! you will need to:

- log in to [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) with the user details or the order number received by email;
- access the “Downloads” link from the main menu.
- all the user’s memberships are listed in the **My downloads** section



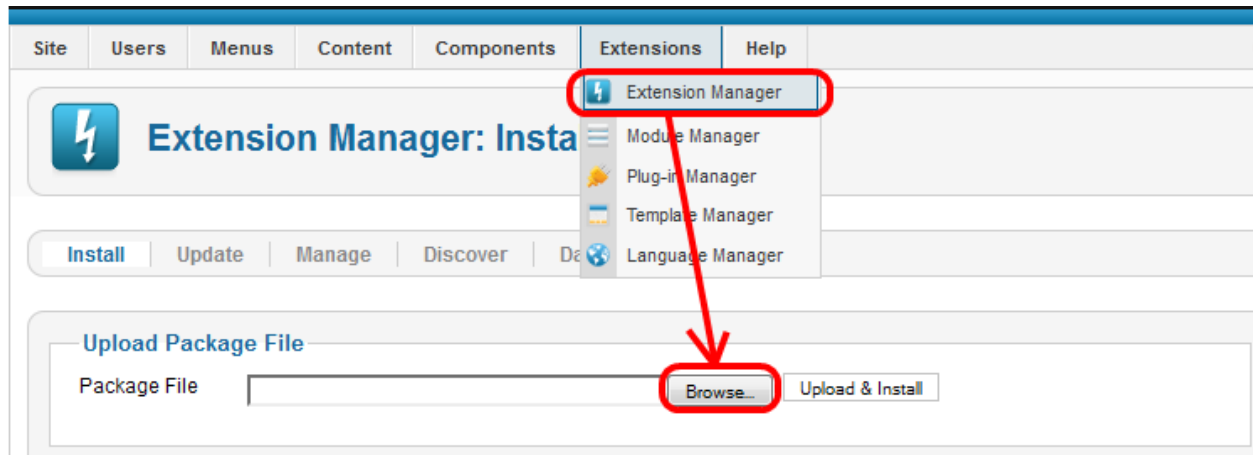
## Step 3: Installing RSBlog!

Path: *Joomla! backend panel >> Extensions >> Extension Manager*

### 3.1 Installing the component

In the back-end panel, head to **Extensions >> Extension Manager**, browse the **com\_rsblog.zip** package file and click **“Upload & Install”** button.

## 3.2 Installing a new language file



You can install additional language files for RSBlog! exactly the same way that you installed the component, through the default Joomla! installer (see the above screenshot). Please note that, in order to be able to use these language files you have to previously install the according Joomla! language pack for frontend and backend.

### **Install the Joomla! language pack (if you don't have them already installed):**

- Head to <http://community.joomla.org/translations.html> and choose the desired language pack;
- Download the Joomla! language pack for frontend and backend;
- Install the Joomla! language pack (regular installation through the Joomla! installer): in the backend panel head to **Extensions > Extension Manager > Browse the Joomla! language files > Upload & Install**

**e.g.** If you want to use the **RSBlog!** Dutch translation, first of all install the Dutch Joomla! language packs for frontend and backend:

*nl-NL\_joomla\_lang\_site.1.5.20.zip*

*nl-NL\_joomla\_lang\_admin.1.5.20.zip*

### **Install the RSBlog! languages pack: (through the Joomla! installer)**

- Download the **RSBlog!** language files from [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) - **Customer Downloads**
- In the backend panel, head to **Extensions >> Install/Uninstall >> Browse the RSBlog! language files >> Upload & Install**

## Step 4: Import plugins (optional)

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Import**

RSBlog! has several plugins for importing Joomla! content and 3rd party posts, as K2, MyBlog and WordPress.

Before starting importing articles, you need first to install the plugins and publish them in the “**Plugin Manager**” area.

### 4.1 Import Joomla! articles to RSBlog!

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Import >> Content**

#### 4.1.1 Download the RSBlog! - Joomla! Articles Plugin

The plugin can be downloaded from [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) site, by all users with an active RSBlog! membership.

Access your [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account and head to **Downloads >> My Downloads >> View all plugins and modules**.

#### 4.1.2 Install the Import plugin

In the backend panel, head to **Extensions >> Extension Manager**, browse the **content.zip** package and upload the file by clicking the “**Upload & Install**” button.

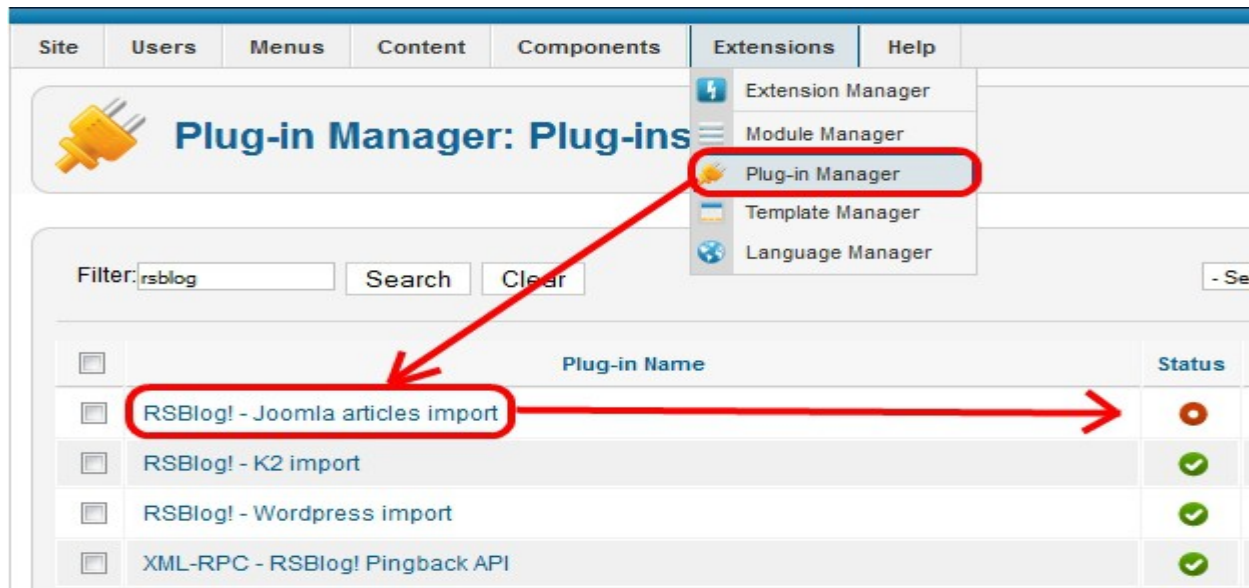
#### 4.1.3 Publish the plugin

Head to the “**Plugin Manager**” area and enable the *RSBlog! - Joomla! articles import*. The plugin doesn’t require any further configuration.



#### 4.1.4 Import articles

All installed and published RSBlog! Import Plugins are listed in the RSBlog! tab - "Import."



To import the Joomla! articles, head to **Extensions >> Plug-in Manager >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Import** and click on the "Content" link .

Here, you'll need to select the Joomla! sections and categories from which you want to import articles and hit the "**Import**" button.

## 4.2 Import K2 posts

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Import >> K2**

### 4.2.1 Download the K2 Importer Plugin

The plugin can be downloaded from [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) site, by all users with an active RSBlog! membership.

Access your [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account and head to **Downloads >> My Downloads >> View all plugins and modules**.

#	Plugin
1	Content
2	K2

Import posts from: Joomla Articles

Category: Sample Data-Articles

Import Back

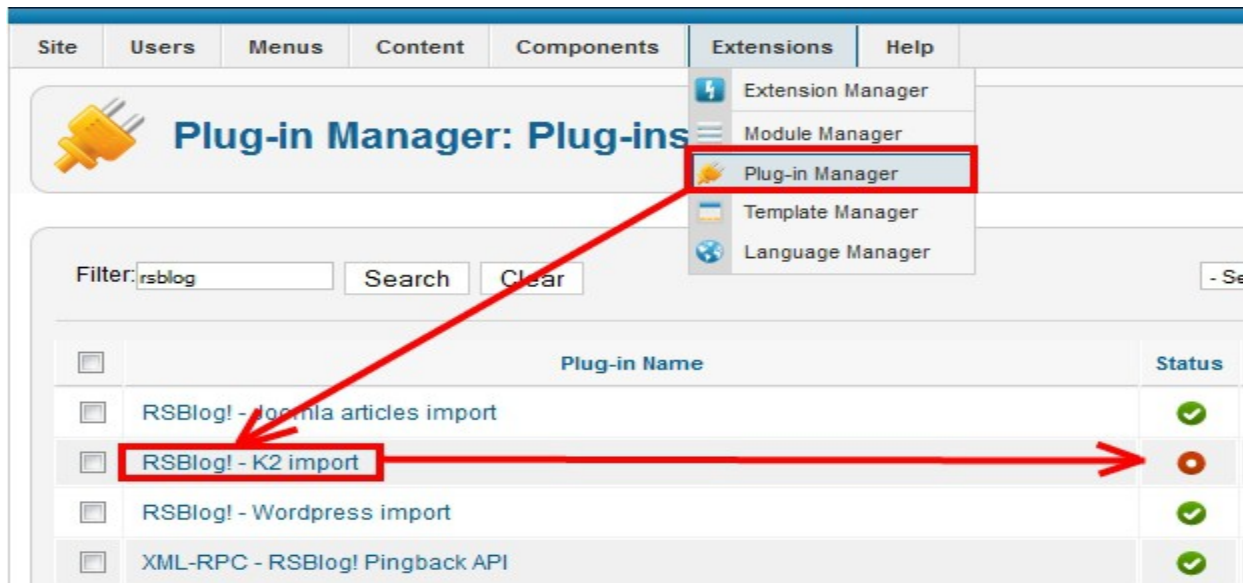
### 4.2.2 Install the plugin

The Import plugin installs through the default Joomla! installer.

In the backend panel, head to **Extensions >> Extension Manager**, browse the package and upload the **k2.zip** file by clicking the **“Upload & Install”** button.

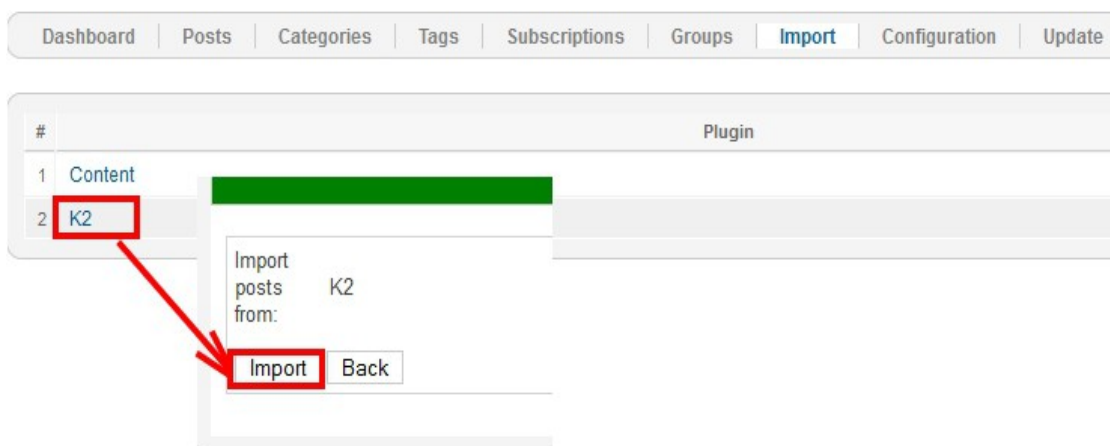
### 4.2.3 Publish the plugin

Head to the “Plugin Manager” area and enable the RSBlog! - K2 import. The plugin doesn’t require any further configuration.



### 4.2.4 Import posts

All installed and published RSBlog! Import Plugins are listed in the RSBlog! tab - Import. To import the K2 items, head to **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Import >> K2** and click on the “K2” link. Hit the “Import” button to import all K2 posts to RSBlog!



## 4.3 Import MyBlog posts

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Import >> MyBlog**

### 4.3.1 Download the MyBlog Importer Plugin

The plugin can be downloaded from [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) site, by all users with an active RSBlog! membership.

Access your [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account and head to **Downloads >> My Downloads >> View all plugins and modules**.

### 4.3.2. Install the plugin

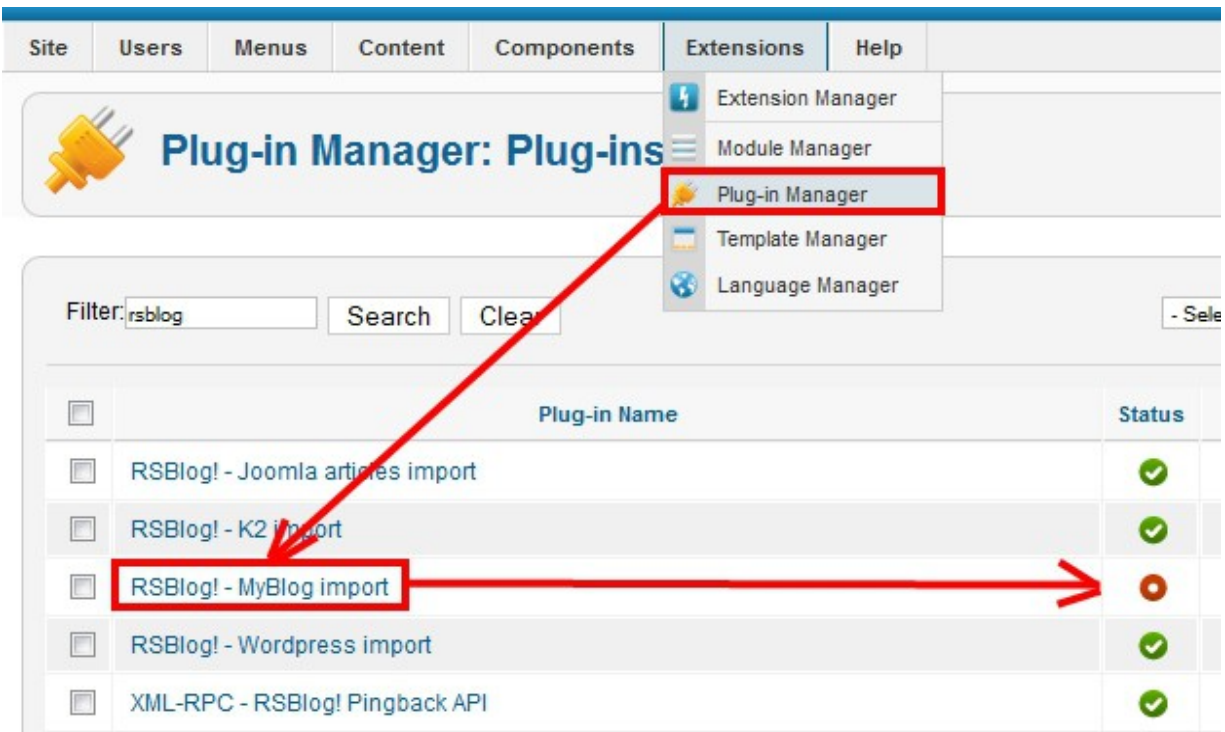
The Import plugin installs through the default Joomla! installer.

In the backend panel, head to **Extensions >> Extension Manager**, browse the package and upload the **myblog.zip** file by clicking the **“Upload & Install”** button.

### 4.3.3 Publish the plugin

Head to the “Plugin Manager” area and enable the **RSBlog! - MyBlog Import**.

The plugin doesn't require any further configuration.



#### 4.3.4 Import posts

All installed and published RSBlog! Import Plugins are listed in the RSBlog! tab - Import. To import the MyBlog posts, head to **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Import** and click on the “MyBlog” link . Hit the “Import” button to import all MyBlog posts to RSBlog!

### 4.4 Import WordPress posts to RSBlog!

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Import >> Wordpress**

RSBlog! has a specific plugin that allows you to import your existing WordPress blog posts.

#### 4.4.1 Download the importer plugin

The plugin can be downloaded from [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) site, by all users with an active RSBlog! membership.

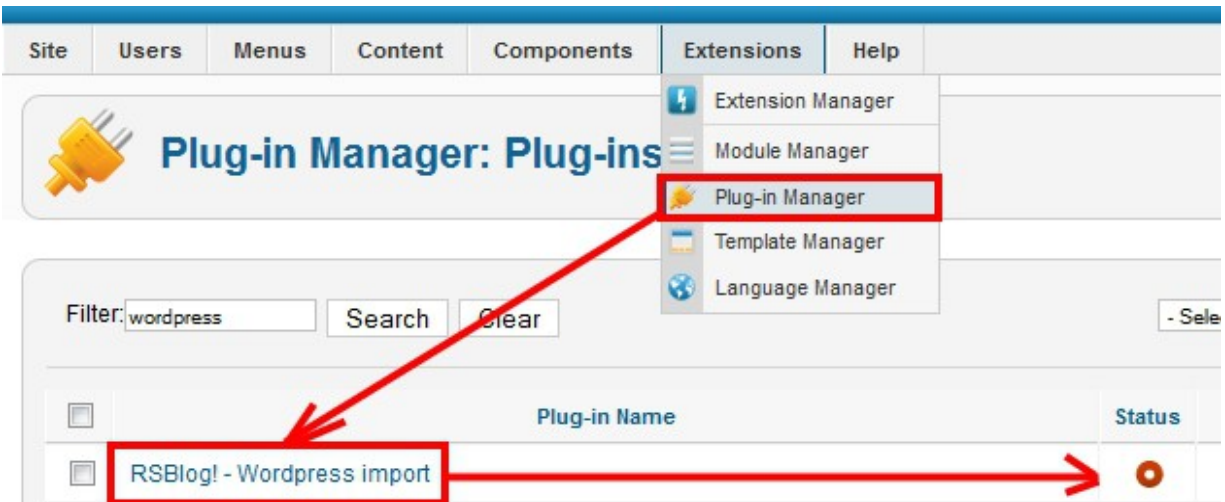
Access your [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account and head to **Downloads >> My Downloads >> View all plugins and modules**.

#### 4.4.2 Install the plugin

To be able to install the plugin, in the backend panel, head to **Extensions >> Extension Manager**, browse the package and upload the **wordpress.zip** file by clicking the **“Upload & Install”** button.

#### 4.4.3 Publish the plugin

Head to the “Plugin Manager” area and enable the **RSBlog! - Wordpress import**. The plugin doesn’t require any further configuration.



#### 4.4.4 Import posts to RSBlog!

**Note:**

You will have to delete all RSBlog! posts before importing the WordPress posts.

**Step 1:**

In the Joomla! backend panel, head to **Components >> RSBlog >> Import** and click on the “Wordpress” link.



## Step 2:

In order to import your WordPress posts, RSBlog! needs to connect to the WordPress MySQL database.

You will have to supply the connection information as the **host, username, password, WordPress database, and WordPress database prefix**, available in your WordPress configuration file (wp-config.php).

- **Host** : The MySQL host, it is usually "localhost";
- **Username** : This is the username you use to connect to the MySQL server;
- **Password** : Your MySQL password, needed in order to successfully connect to your Wordpress database;
- **Database** : The name of your Wordpress database;
- **Database Prefix** : The prefix of the WordPress database, this is usually 'wp\_';
- **Import comments** : Check this option to import the WordPress comments;;

Import posts from:

WordPress

WordPress Connection Info

In order to import your WordPress posts, we need to connect to the WordPress MySQL database. Please supply the connection information below (these are available in your WordPress configuration file, wp-config.php, in your root installation).

localhost

Host

This is your MySQL host, usually 'localhost'.

root

Username

This is the username you use to connect to the MySQL server.

Password

Please supply your MySQL password.

j256

Database

This is the name of your database.

wp\_

Database Prefix

This is usually 'wp\_'.

☐ Attempt to synchronize users

Synchronize users in the following way: if a WordPress user has the same email as another user in your Joomla! website, assign the post or item to the respective Joomla! user.

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After adding the parameters, click on the “Import” button to import the WordPress blog posts to RSBlog!

## Step 5: Configure RSBlog!

Path: *Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Configuration*

### 5.1 General RSBlog! settings

- **Add the license code** to be able to receive in the backend panel RSBlog! updates. The license code can be generated by accessing your [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account, **Downloads >> My Memberships >> Licenses**. The license code is generated after specifying the domain.
- **Blog title:** the title of your blog.
- **Tagline:** the subtitle usually displayed under the blog title.
- **Template:** the blog's template.

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**Basic**

License Code MYLICENSECODE

Blog Title Your Blog

Tagline Your Tagline

Template default ▼

- **Modify date/time format:** the **date format** allows you to set a single central point of configuration for dates that will be used throughout RSBlog!. This is essentially a mask that will be applied to all RSBlog! stored dates. A complete list of usable mask is available [here](#).



Date/Time Options

Date Format

Time Format

You can read more on how to customize your date/time display on [www.php.net](http://www.php.net)

- **Global settings:**

**User Details** - you can choose what user information you will display for the post owner;

**Comments Integration** - select the commenting system you want to use for your blog (RSComments!, Disqus, JomComment, Jcomments or Facebook comments);

**Disqus short name** – you can enter your unique Disqus identifier assing to your webstie;

**Disqus developer mode** – No/Yes;

**Avatar** - for each blog post, you can choose to display author avatar from Gravatar, JomSocial, Community Builder, Kunena and FireBoard.

**Link avatar to** - besides publishing the author avatar, you can set a link to its Community Builder or JomSocial profile.

**Truncate Blog Posts** - you can choose to automatically truncate the blog posts to a predefined number of characters and set a *read more* link.

**Tagcloud Size** - the number of tags that will be displayed in a tag cloud.

Global Settings

User details

Comments Integration

Avatar

Link avatar to

Truncate Blog Posts

Tagcloud Size

- **Moderation settings:** if a new post that requires moderation is added, the emails from this field will receive an email notification.
- **Dashboard settings:**  
*Recent Drafts* - the number of recent drafts that will be displayed in the dashboard;  
*Recent Comments* - the number of recent comments that will be displayed in the dashboard.

**Moderation settings**

Moderation e-mails

**Dashboard Settings**

Recent Drafts

Recent Comments

## Notifications

- **New post notification e-mails:** the email addresses that will receive the new post notification. Multiple recipients can be used, separated by comma (",")
- **Enable new post notification:** No \ Yes - if enabled, a notification email will be sent to the configured email addresses. The notification email text can be adjusted directly from the RSBlog! language file (ex: language\en-GB\en-GB.com\_rsblog.ini, RSB\_BODY\_NEW\_POST\_ADDED\_NOTIFICATION label)
- **New post notification e-mails:** the email addresses that will receive the new post notification. Multiple recipients can be used, separated by comma (",")
- **New subscription notification e-mails:** the email addresses that will receive the new post notification. Multiple recipients can be used, separated by comma (",")

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**Notifications**

Enable new post notification ☒ No ☐ Yes

New post notification e-mails

Enable new subscription notification ☒ No ☐ Yes

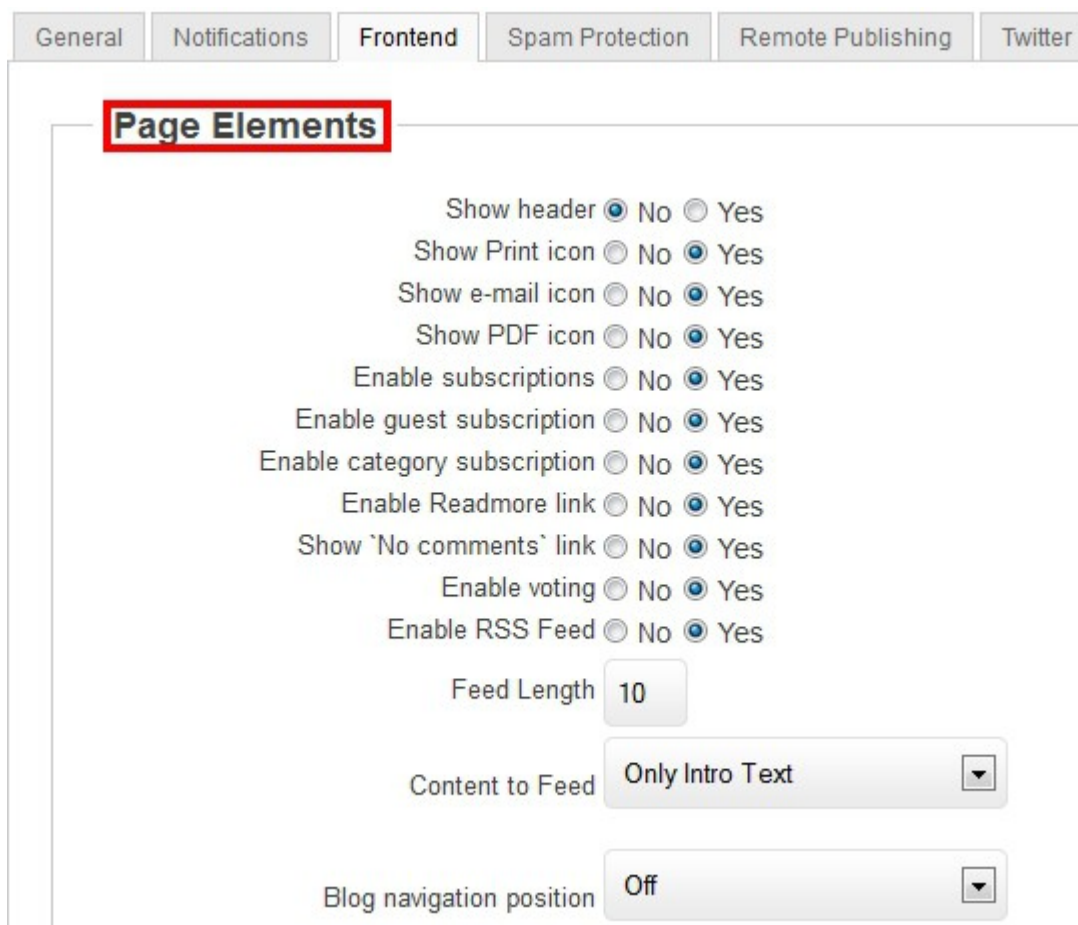
New subscription notification e-mails

## 5.2 Frontend settings

### 5.2.1 Page settings

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Configuration >> Frontend**

The “**Configuration**” tab allows you to control the page elements in frontend. If enabled, users will be able to print and email blog posts, generate PDF files, subscribe to blog by email or by RSS.



The screenshot shows the 'Frontend' tab of the RSBlog! configuration interface. The 'Page Elements' section is highlighted with a red box. It contains several radio button options for enabling or disabling various features, a text input for 'Feed Length', and two dropdown menus for 'Content to Feed' and 'Blog navigation position'.

Setting	Value
Show header	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Show Print icon	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Show e-mail icon	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Show PDF icon	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Enable subscriptions	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Enable guest subscription	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Enable category subscription	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Enable Readmore link	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Show 'No comments' link	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Enable voting	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Enable RSS Feed	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Feed Length	10
Content to Feed	Only Intro Text
Blog navigation position	Off

- **Show header** - enable/disable the blog header.
- **Show Print icon** - enable/disable the print icon for each blog post.

- **Show e-mail icon** - enable/disable the print icon for each blog post.
- **Show PDF icon** - enable/disable the PDF icon for each blog post.
- **Enable subscriptions** - when users subscribe to blog by email, they are notified each time a new post is added to your blog. When clicking the **Subscribe** option the user will be asked to input his Name and Email address.

You will be able to view and delete the blog subscribers from the backend by going to **RSBlog! >> Subscriptions** (see [Step 10: Manage blog subscriptions](#)).

Before receiving the notifications, the users will also have to confirm their subscription.

Also, they can cancel their subscription via the **Unsubscribe Link** they receive in the notification emails.

- **Enable guest subscriptions:** if enabled, user guests will be able to subscribe to blog
- **Enable category subscription:** if enabled, users will be able to subscribe to certain blog categories
- **Enable voting:** when enabled, users will be able to rate the blog posts
- **Enable Readmore link** - this option will add a *read more* link to your intro text
- **Enable RSS Feed** - when the option is enabled, users can subscribe to blog by RSS.
- **Feed Length** - select the number of posts that will be displayed in the RSS Feed
- **Content to Feed** - you can choose to send the full text of the post or only the intro to your RSS.
- **Blog navigation position** - If enabled some navigation buttons will appear when viewing the post details page.
- **Show 'No comments' link** - If no comments are available for a particular post, then the comments link can be disabled.

### 5.2.2 Sharing options

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Configuration >> Frontend**

Users can share blog posts via social media channels as Twitter, Facebook, Google Buzz, Yahoo! Messenger and Add To Any.

General	Notifications	Frontend	Spam Protection
<b>Sharing</b>			
Enable sharing <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes			
Facebook Like button <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes			
Facebook Share button <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes			
Twitter button <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes			
Google + button <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes			
Yahoo! Messenger button <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes			
Add To Any button <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes			
Add LinkedIn button <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes			

*Enable sharing* - Yes/No : enabling this option will allow you to share your post to the most popular social media services;

- **Facebook Like** - Yes/No : will display the Facebook like button;
- **Facebook Share** - Yes/No : will display the Facebook share icon;
- **Twitter** - Yes/No : will display the Twitter share icon;
- **Google Buzz** - Yes/No : will display the Google Buzz share icon;
- **Google+ button** - Yes/No : will display the Google+ share icon;
- **Yahoo! Messenger** - will display a Send via Y! Messenger icon
- **Add To Any** - will display an Add to Any icon.
- **Enable sharing** - Yes/No : enabling this option will allow you to share your post to the most popular social media services;

### 5.3 Enable Twitter

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Configuration >> Twitter**

With RSBlog!, your Twitter status is automatically updated, each time a new blog post is published..

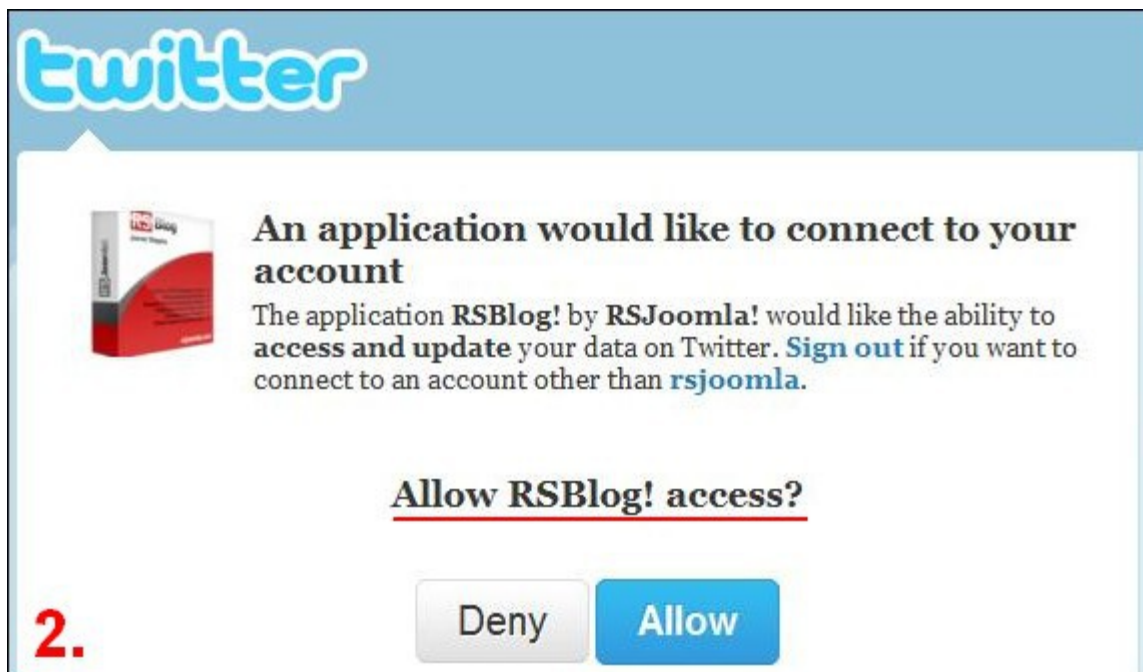
#### Step 1:

Enable the Twitter option from the RSBlog! “Configuration” tab and hit the “Setup Twitter Automatically” button.

#### Step 2:

You will be redirected to your twitter account and asked if you’re allowing RSBlog! to update the Twitter status.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! RSBlog! Configuration interface with the 'Twitter' tab selected. The 'Enable Twitter' section has a radio button set to 'Yes'. A red arrow points from the 'Yes' radio button to the 'Sign in with twitter' button in the 'Twitter API Keys' section.



The below fields are automatically populated when the configuration process is successful.

Access Token (oauth_token)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Access Token Secret (oauth_token_secret)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

## 5.4 Enable Facebook

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Configuration >> Facebook**

RSBlog! allows you to share blog posts on the Facebook profile/page.

Once you have allowed RSBlog! to access your Facebook account, the extension will be able to update your wall, access basic profile information, the news feed posts, date & time and manage pages.

### Step 1:

Enable the Facebook option from the **RSBlog! “Configuration” tab** and click on the **“Connect to Facebook Application”** button.

If you fill in the page profile ID, RSBlog! will also manage your Facebook pages.

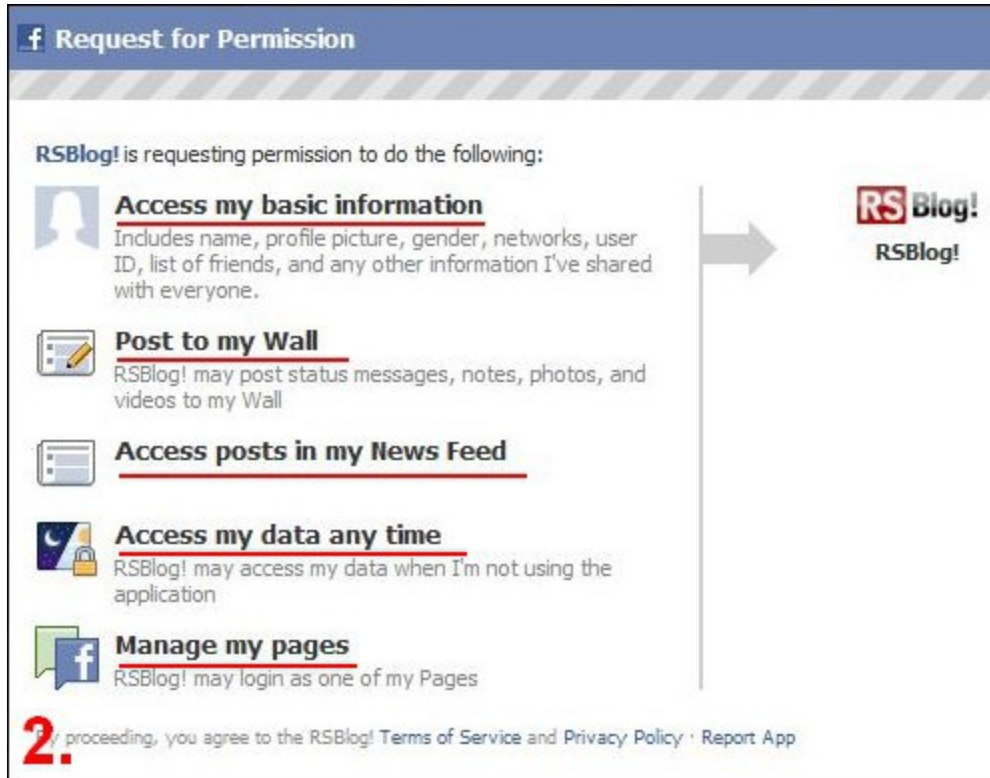


The screenshot shows the 'Facebook' configuration tab in the RSBlog! backend. At the top, there is a row of tabs: General, Notifications, Frontend, Spam Protection, Remote Publishing, Twitter, and Facebook. The 'Facebook' tab is selected. Below the tabs, the section 'Integration with Facebook' contains a single setting: 'Automatically push posts to your Facebook wall' with radio buttons for 'No' and 'Yes'. The 'Yes' option is selected. A red arrow points from this setting down to the 'Facebook connection settings' section. In this section, there is a button with a Facebook 'f' icon and the text 'Connect with Facebook', which is also highlighted with a red box.



## Step 2:

You will be redirected to your Facebook account and asked to allow RSBlog! to connect to your profile/page. After that, the status is automatically updated each time a new blog post is published.



## 5.5 Captcha settings

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Configuration >> Spam Protection**

There are 2 spam protection systems that you can enable within RSBlog!: the built-in CAPTCHA and reCAPTCHA.

### Build-in Captcha

- *Characters* - the number of characters that will be generated in captcha image;
- *Draw lines* - for added security you can choose to generate random lines in your image;



- *Case Sensitive* - choose if the input of the captcha field will be case sensitive or not.

If you're using **reCAPTCHA**, you'll need to sign up on the <http://www.google.com/recaptcha> website and register your domain to get the public and the private key.

- *reCAPTCHA Public Key* - the public key retrieved from the reCAPTCHA site;
- *reCAPTCHA Private Key* - the private key retrieved from the reCAPTCHA site;
- *reCAPTCHA Theme* - choose the theme that best integrates with your template.

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### Captcha Settings

Captcha Type
Built-in Captcha

Enable in subscription view
☐ No
☒ Yes

#### Built-In Captcha

Characters
5

Draw lines
☐ No
☒ Yes

Case Sensitive
☒ No
☐ Yes

#### reCAPTCHA

reCAPTCHA Public Key

reCAPTCHA Private Key

reCAPTCHA Theme
Black-glass

## 5.6 Remote publishing option

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Configuration >> Remote publishing**

The remote publishing option allows you to publish blog posts directly from your email.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! RSBlog! configuration interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for Dashboard, Posts, Categories, Tags, Subscriptions, Groups, Import, Configuration (highlighted), and Update. Below this, a sub-navigation bar contains tabs for General, Notifications, Frontend, Spam Protection, Remote Publishing (highlighted with a red box), Twitter, Facebook, and Blog Cleanup. The main content area is titled 'Remote Publishing'. It features a section 'Enable Publishing by Mail' with radio buttons for 'No' (selected) and 'Yes'. A red arrow points from the 'Remote Publishing' tab to this section. Below the radio buttons is a 'Test connection' button. Further down is a 'Connect to mailbox' button. The 'Sending Accounts' section is visible, with a label 'Sending addresses allowed' and a text area for input.

- *Enable Publishing by Mail* - enable this option if you want to start publishing remotely.

### Test connection

- *Test connection* - clicking this button will test your current settings;

### Sending Accounts

- *Sending addresses allowed* - the addresses from which you allow remote publishing (please add each address on a new line);

## Receiving Account

- *Mail Server* - the email server's address;
- *Mail Protocol* - what email protocol should be used: POP3/IMAP;
- *Port* - depending on the protocol and server side settings you have to specify the port number that should be used for the connection;
- *Security Method* - you can choose the security method your server will use;
- *Self-signed Certificates* - Yes/No
- *Username* - the username for the specified email account;
- *Password* - the password for the specified email account;

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**Receiving Account**

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Mail Server

Mail Protocol

Port

Security Method

Self-signed Certificates

Username

Password

Email Check Handling

Number of Mails to Parse

Check Interval (minutes)

Delete Mail After Parsing

Default Received Category

Both Manual and Auto

10

10

No ☒ Yes

Uncategorized

task=mailcheck

Sent emails will be parsed whenever RSBlog! is loaded -  
Please note that this will affect page loading time.  
You can set up a cron job with the following URL:  
[http://localhost/j256/index.php?option=com\\_rsblog&](http://localhost/j256/index.php?option=com_rsblog&)

## Email settings

- **Email Check Handling** - this option allows you to choose when the cron job will be triggered: manual (when RSBlog! is accessed), automatic or both;
- **Number of Mails to Parse** - the number of emails that will be parsed;
- **Check Interval (minutes)** - To avoid multiple connections that might be detected as flood by your email server, you need to set a time interval between connections. We recommend a 5 minutes interval;
- **Delete Mail After Parsing** - Yes/No
- **Default Received Category** - choose the default category your remotely submitted posts will be placed in.

## 5.7 Blog cleanup options

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Configuration >> Blog Cleanup**

RSBlog! offers several tools that help you quickly remove empty categories, groups and unused tags.

- **Auto-Archive Posts** - with this option you can choose a time interval after which the post will be automatically archived (from the date the post was created).
- **Check Interval (minutes)** - Auto-archiving posts in a large database is both time and resource consuming. Please set a check interval (buffer time) of at least 5 minutes in order for your website's loading time to not be affected.

General
Notifications
Frontend
Spam Protection
Remote Publishing
Twitter
Facebook
Blog Cleanup

### Cleanup Tasks

Remove Empty Categories

Remove Unused Tags

Remove Empty Groups

### Automatic Cleanup

Auto-Archive Posts
After 1 Month
▼

Check Interval (minutes)
10

## Step 6: Add user permissions

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Groups**

The **Groups** tab allows you to set different permissions for your Joomla! *user groups* or for *custom groups*, created either based on the Joomla! users or with users selected from your site. You can set permissions related to *the blog, articles* and *posts*:

You can assign multiple Joomla! Groups to RSBlog! groups or add/remove specific users from the group.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! Groups configuration interface. At the top is a navigation bar with tabs: Dashboard, Posts, Categories, Tags, Subscriptions, **Groups**, Import, Configuration, and Update. Below the navigation bar, the 'Group Name' is set to 'Guests'. The main configuration area is divided into three columns: 'Joomla Groups' (containing 'Public Front-End'), 'Group users' (with a vertical scrollbar), and 'Allowed categories' (containing a list: 'Uncategorized Category', '- New category', '- New subcategory', and '- Subcategory 2', with '- Subcategory 2' selected). Between the 'Group users' and 'Allowed categories' columns are links for 'Add users', 'Remove users', and 'users'. Below this is a 'Permissions' section with a list of permissions and their status (No/Yes) indicated by radio buttons.

Permission	No	Yes
Can view the blog	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Can submit articles	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enable moderation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enable captcha	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
View unpublished posts	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Can edit own posts	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Can edit all posts	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Can delete own posts	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Can delete all posts	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The following permissions can be set to RSBlog! groups:

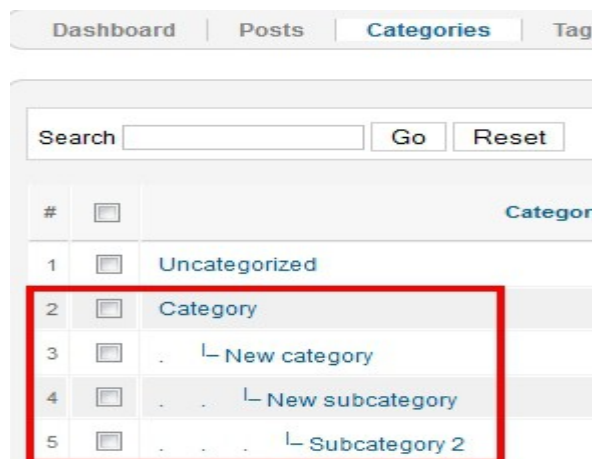
- **Can view the blog:** the group is allowed to view all blog articles; when the option is set to “No”, the group won’t be able to view the blog area;
- **Can submit articles:** Users can submit new articles from front-end;
- **Enable moderation:** when is set to “Yes”, the submitted blog articles (by this particular group) will require moderation before approval.
- **Enable captcha:** Enable captcha for posting;
- **View unpublished posts :** If enabled, the unpublished posts will be displayed for users that belong to this group. This is only available for post listings (not modules);
- **Can edit own posts:** when is set to “Yes”, the group can edit its own posts through the front-end interface;
- **Can edit all posts:** when is set to “Yes”, the group is allowed to edit any post through the front-end interface;
- **Can delete own posts:** when is set to “Yes”, the group is allowed to delete its own posts through the front-end interface;
- **Can delete all posts:** *when is set to “Yes”, the group is allowed to delete its own posts through the front-end interface;*

Starting with rev. 7, you can allow/restrict users groups to post blog articles in certain categories.

## Step 7: Categories

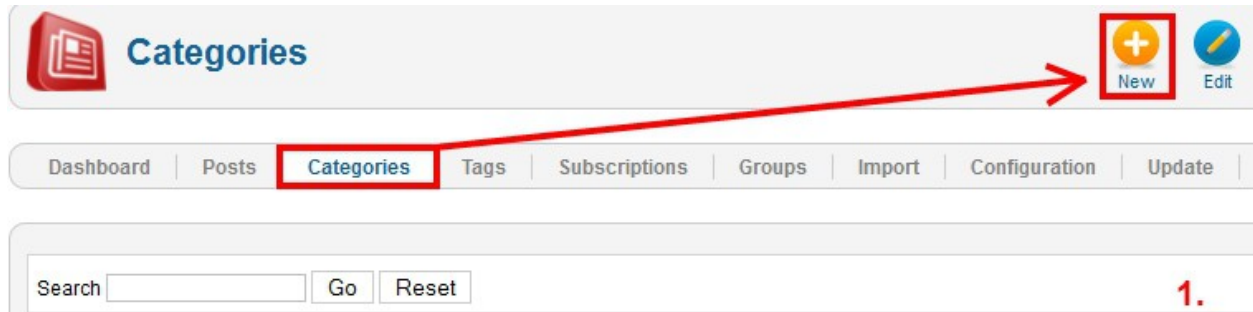
Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Categories**

RSBlog! allows you to group blog posts into categories/subcategories and publish them in a module position using the Category Module (see step [7.2 Publish RSBlog! categories in frontend](#)).



## 7.1 Create new categories

1. To create a new category, click the “New” icon from the right.



### 2. Add the category parameters:

- **Published** : the state of your category, published/unpublished;
- **Name** : the name of the category;
- **Alias** : the alias of the category;
- **Author** : the author of your selected category. By clicking the author name, a pop-up window will open where all your site users will be listed, if you decide to change the author of your selected category all you need to do is select a different user from the list.
- **Parent** : RSBlog! allows **subcategories** to be created as well, you can choose a parent for your selected category from this option;
- **Permissions** : this setting allows you to select which user groups will be able to access this category (for group permissions see [Step 6: Add user permissions](#)).
- **Description** : the category description.

Dashboard | Posts | **Categories** | Tags | Subscriptions | Groups

Published: ☐ No ☒ Yes

Name:  (\*)

Alias:

Author:

Parent:  ▼

Permissions: 

All users  
Guests

2. Description: 

group posts into categories/subcategories

## 7.2 Publish RSBlog! categories in frontend

The RSBlog! Categories Module allows you to publish blog categories/subcategories in a module position.

### 7.2.1 Download the RSBlog! Category Module

The module can be downloaded from [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) site, by all users with an active RSBlog! membership.

Access your [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account and head to **Downloads >> My Downloads >> View all plugins and modules**.

### 7.2.2. Install the module

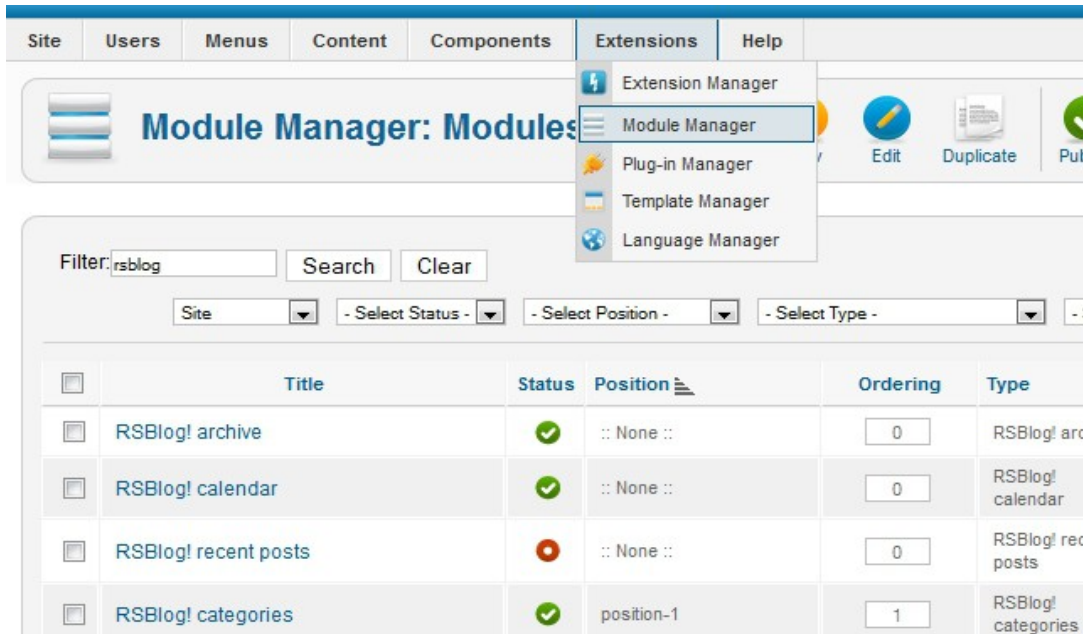
The Category Module installs through the default Joomla! installer.

In the backend panel, head to **Extensions >> Extension Manager** browse the package and upload the **mod\_rsblog\_categories.zip** file, by clicking the **"Upload & Install"** button.



### 7.2.3 Publish the module

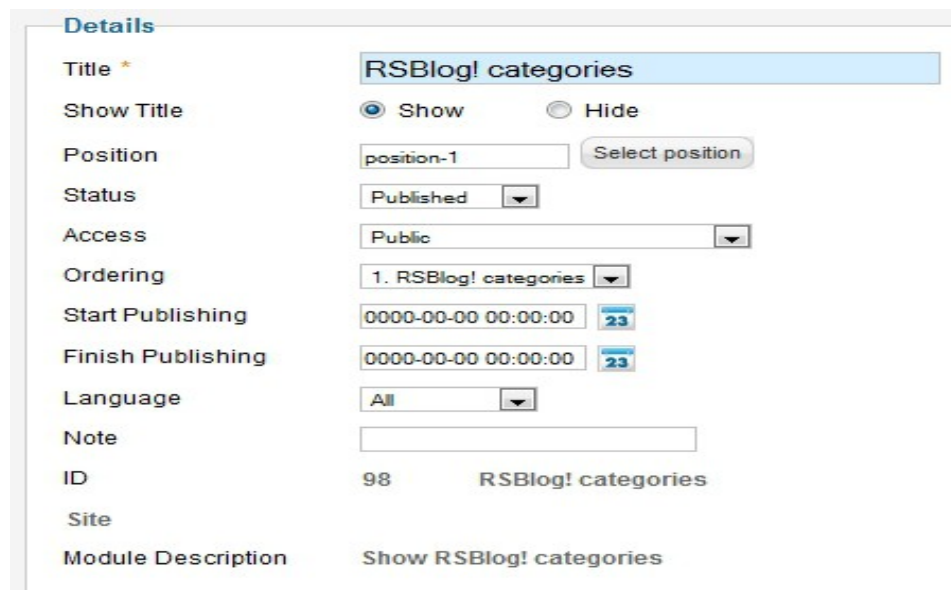
Head to the “**Module Manager**” area and enable the **RSBlog! - Categories**.



### 7.2.4 Configuration

While you are In the “Module Manager” area, edit the “RSBlog! Categories” and configure the module.

- Set the module position.



- In the “**Basic Option**” area, select the categories/subcategories that you want to publish in frontend. If you wish to publish all categories leave the field blank.

▼ **Basic Options**

Module Class Suffix

Active Item Class

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Select Categories  
(Leave empty to show all)

Open links

Ordering

Ordering D

Show Article

Itemid

Module Manager: Module

Search

**Add selected**

#	<input type="checkbox"/>	Category name	Author
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Uncategorized	Guest
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Category	admin
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	New category	admin

## Step 8: Tags

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Tags**

RSBlog! allow authors to add free-form tags to a post, along with placing the post into categories. Each of those tags is usually a web link leading to an index page listing all of the posts associated with that tag.

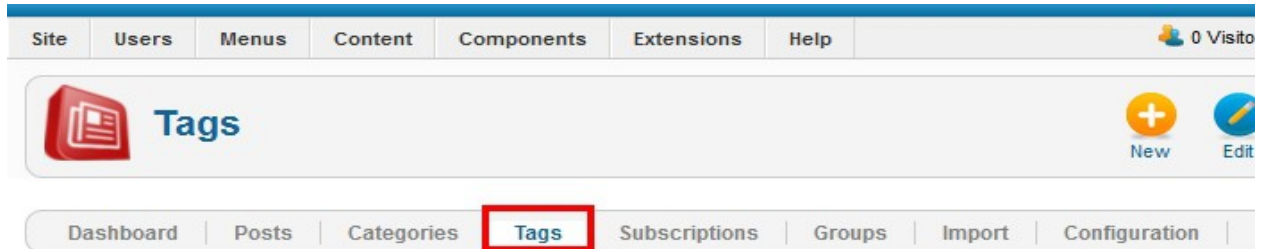
Dashboard | Posts | Categories | **Tags** | Subscriptions | Configuration | Update

Search

#	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tag name▲	Frequency
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	blog	0
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	joomla 1.5	1
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	joomla 1.6	1

## 8.1 Add new tags

1. To add a new tag, click on the “New” icon from the right.



2. Add the tag attributes:

- Published : the state of your tag, published/unpublished;
- Name : the name of your tag;
- Alias : the tag's alias;
- Author : the author of your selected tag. By clicking the author name, a pop-up window will open where all your site users will be listed, if you decide to change the author of your selected tag all you need to do is select a different user from the list.

A screenshot of the 'Add new tag' form in the RSBlog! admin panel. The form is located below the 'Tags' tab in the secondary navigation bar. It contains the following fields:

- Published:** Two radio buttons, 'No' and 'Yes'. The 'Yes' button is selected.
- Name:** A text input field containing 'tag 1'.
- Alias:** An empty text input field.
- Author:** A text input field containing 'admin'.

## 8.2 Manage tags

RSBlog! offers multiple options to manage article tags in frontend (publish the tag cloud in a module position or using a RSBlog! menu item), as well as in the admin panel (tag cloud on the RSBlog! dashboard and an easier way to add article tags).

### 8.2.1 In backend

Dashboard | Posts | Categories | **Tags** | Subscriptions | Groups | Import | Configuration | Update

Search

#	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tag name 	Recently used in	Frequency
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	blog	Introducing RSBlog! - the most powerful blog component for Joomla!	1
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	RSBlog!	Introducing RSBlog! - the most powerful blog component for Joomla!	1

RSBlog! allows you to create and add new tags while writing a new blog article.

For an easier way to manage tags, RSBlog! displays the tag cloud on the component **“Dashboard”**. By clicking one item from the tag cloud, you are redirected to the “Tags” tab where you can easily edit the information.

### 8.2.2 In frontend

#### 8.2.2.1 RSBlog! Tag Cloud Module



### Step 1: Download the Tag Cloud Module

The plugin can be downloaded from [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) site, by all users with an active RSBlog! membership.

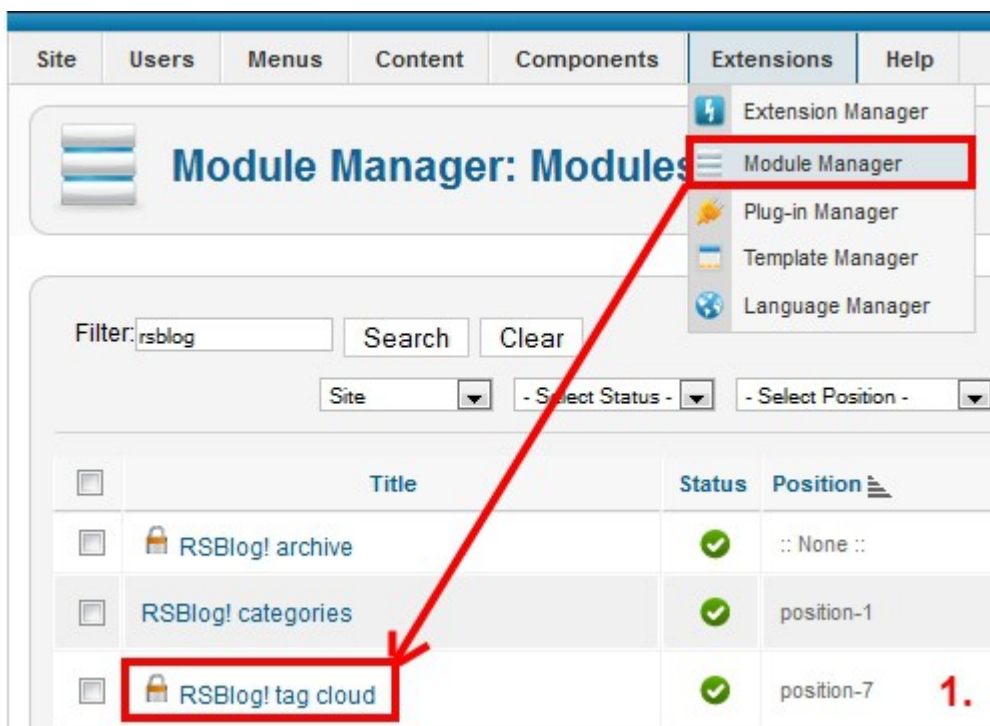
Access your [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account and head to **Downloads >> My Downloads >> View all plugins and modules**.

### Step 2: Install the Tag Cloud Module

In the backend panel, head to **Extensions >> Extension Manager** browse the package and upload the **mod\_rsblog\_tags.zip** file by clicking the **“Upload & Install”** button.

### Step 3: Publish the module

Head to the **“Module Manager”** area and enable the RSBlog! Tag Cloud.



#### Step 4: Configure the module

While you are in the “Module Manager” area, you can add the module details as the title, alias, position, etc.

The 'Details' configuration form for the RSBlog! tag cloud module includes the following fields and options:

- Title \***: RSBlog! tag cloud
- Show Title**: ☒ Show ☐ Hide
- Position**: position-7 (with a 'Select position' button)
- Status**: Published (dropdown)
- Access**: Public (dropdown)
- Ordering**: 1. RSBlog! tag cloud (dropdown)
- Start Publishing**: 0000-00-00 00:00:00 (calendar icon)
- Finish Publishing**: 0000-00-00 00:00:00 (calendar icon)
- Language**: All (dropdown)
- Note**: (text area)
- ID**: 88 RSBlog! tag cloud
- Site**: (empty)
- Module Description**: Show RSBlog! tag cloud.

In the “**Basic Options**” area, select the tags that you want to publish in frontend. If you wish to publish all tags leave the field blank.

The 'Basic Options' configuration form includes the following fields and options:

- Module Class Suffix**: (text input)
- Limit**: 0 (text input)
- Select Tags**: (Leave empty to show all) (with 'Select' and 'Clear' buttons)
- Open links in**: (dropdown)
- Max font size**: (text input)
- Min font size**: (text input)
- Itemid**: (text input)

A modal window is open, showing a search bar and a table of tags. A red arrow points from the 'Select Tags' field to the 'Add selected' button in the modal.

#	Tag name	Recently used in	Frequency
1	blog	Introducing RSBlog! - the most powerful blog component for Joomla!	1
2	RSBlog!	Introducing RSBlog! - the most powerful blog component for Joomla!	1

### 8.2.2.2 Publish the tag cloud using the RSBlog! menu item

The tag cloud menu item allows you to list a predefined number of blog tags in frontend - see [step 11.3 Tag cloud](#).

## Step 9: Posts

### 9.1 Add quick posts

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Dashboard**

RSBlog! allows you to create and send quick posts right from the component dashboard.

The screenshot shows the 'Quick Post' tab selected in the RSBlog! dashboard. The form includes a 'Title' field with the text 'Publish quick post'. Below it is a 'Categories' dropdown menu showing '1 selected'. The main 'Content' area is a large text editor with a toolbar containing buttons for 'RSFiles!', 'Article', 'Image', 'Page Break', and 'Read More'. Below the content area is a 'Tags' field. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'Send pingbacks', 'Post to Twitter', and 'Post to Facebook', all of which are checked. Finally, there are two buttons: 'Save Draft' and 'Publish'.



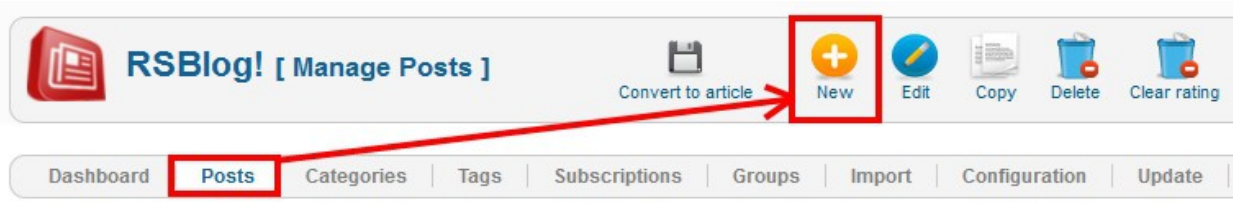
You can easily select the article category, add content, tags and enable sharing options (pingbacks, Twitter and Facebook publishing).

## 9.2 Create new blog posts

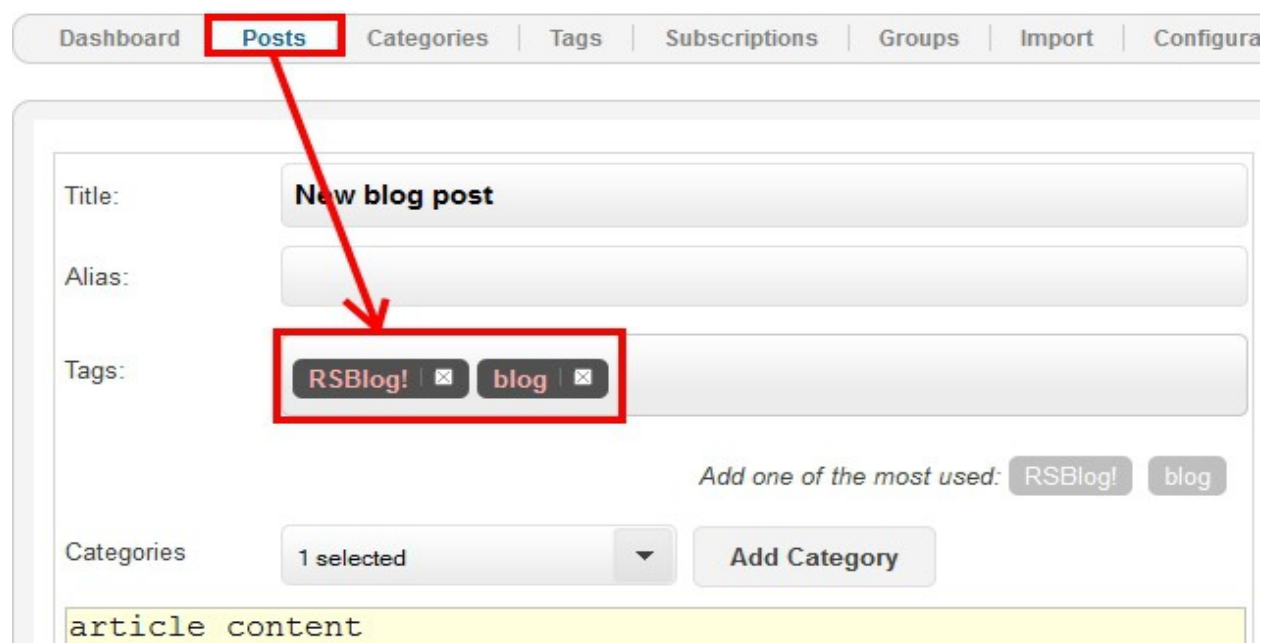
Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Posts**

The “**Posts**” tab allows you to create, edit and set up advanced post settings, archive old articles and make sticky posts.

1. Click on the “**New**” icon located on the right side to create a new blog post.



2. Here you can add the article title, content, create new tags or select them from a list.





3. To enable article comments, set to “Yes” the “Allow Comments” option located on the right side of each blog article.

Allow Comments	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Accept Trackbacks	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Accept Pingbacks	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes

4. You can also **send pingbacks and trackbacks** to notify other blogs that you have linked to their blog. Note that in order for pingbacks to work please enable **"Web Services"** from **Global Configuration**.





Blog posts can be automatically published to Twitter and Facebook if these options are previously enabled in the **"Configuration" tab >> Twitter and Facebook** - see [step 5.3 Enable Twitter](#) and [step 5.4 Enable Facebook](#).

5. Setting a **publishing period** (start and end date) will basically allow a blog post to be visible only in the specified period. At its end this will simply be excluded from the posts listing (it will not become unpublished or archived).

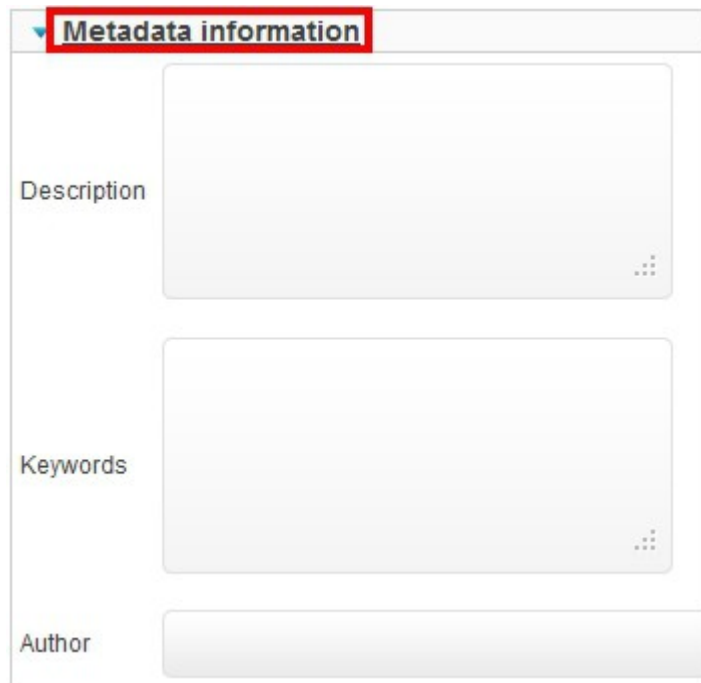
You can also set the post to be sticky (see [step 9.3 Sticky posts](#)), add password protection (the blog articles will be accessed in frontend only by entering a password) and select the post categories.



**Accepting pingbacks or trackbacks** will imply that you accept the notification send from other blogs (that have linked to your post). This is a good way to keep track on who linked to your post or how many linked to your post. Basically the pingback and trackbacks achieve the same result just that different methods are used.

▼ <b>Post settings</b>	
Publish	<input type="radio"/> Draft <input checked="" type="radio"/> Publish
Archive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sticky	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Author	<u>Guest</u>
Created date	2012-07-27 06:32:09 
Start Publishing	
Finish Publishing	
Password Protection	
Allow Comments	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Accept Trackbacks	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Accept Pingbacks	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes

6. RSBlog! allows you to add the article meta keywords and description, so your blog posts will be SEO ready.



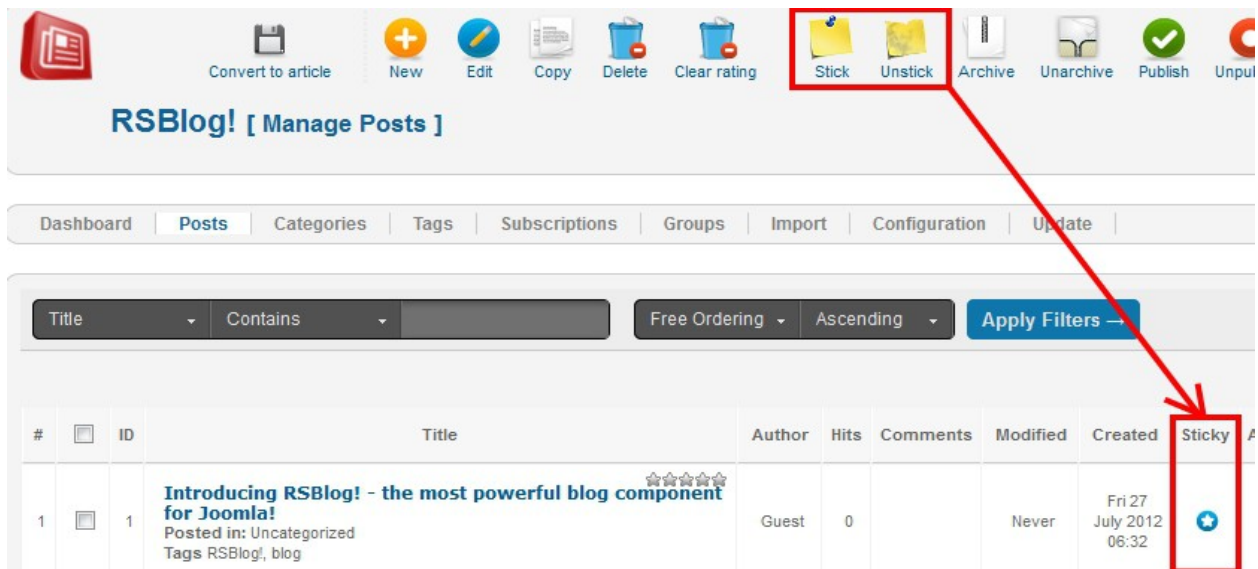
The image shows a screenshot of the 'Metadata information' section in the RSBlog! Joomla! backend. The section is titled 'Metadata information' and is highlighted with a red box. Below the title, there are three input fields: 'Description', 'Keywords', and 'Author'. Each field has a small 'x' icon in the bottom right corner, indicating a text area or a field that can be cleared. The 'Description' and 'Keywords' fields are larger, while the 'Author' field is smaller.

### 9.3 Sticky posts

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Posts >> Stick option**

Via the sticky feature (similar to the forum topics that need a special attention) available in the “Posts” tab, RSBlog! allows you to add a blog post on top of the listings to increase article visibility.

## 9.4 Archive/unarchive posts



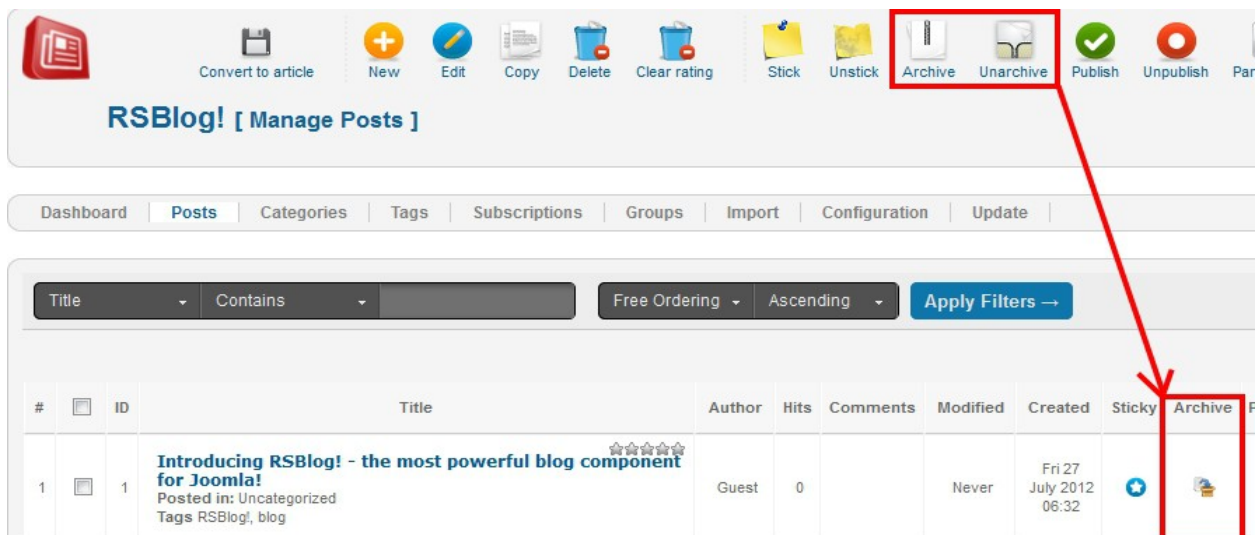
RSBlog! [ Manage Posts ]

Dashboard | **Posts** | Categories | Tags | Subscriptions | Groups | Import | Configuration | Update

Title | Contains | Free Ordering | Ascending | Apply Filters →

#		ID	Title	Author	Hits	Comments	Modified	Created	Sticky
1		1	<b>Introducing RSBlog! - the most powerful blog component for Joomla!</b> Posted in: Uncategorized Tags RSBlog!, blog	Guest	0		Never	Fri 27 July 2012 06:32	★

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Posts >> Archive/Unarchive options**



RSBlog! [ Manage Posts ]

Dashboard | **Posts** | Categories | Tags | Subscriptions | Groups | Import | Configuration | Update

Title | Contains | Free Ordering | Ascending | Apply Filters →

#		ID	Title	Author	Hits	Comments	Modified	Created	Sticky	Archive
1		1	<b>Introducing RSBlog! - the most powerful blog component for Joomla!</b> Posted in: Uncategorized Tags RSBlog!, blog	Guest	0		Never	Fri 27 July 2012 06:32	★	📁

Archiving a blog post will exclude it from any blog posts listings that you might have configured on your site (if not specified otherwise). Archived posts can be easily reversed within a click.

Additionally, you can configure RSBlog! to automatically archive blog posts after a specified time period (e.g. after 1 month) - see [step 5.7 Blog cleanup options](#).

## Step 10: Manage blog subscriptions

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Subscriptions**

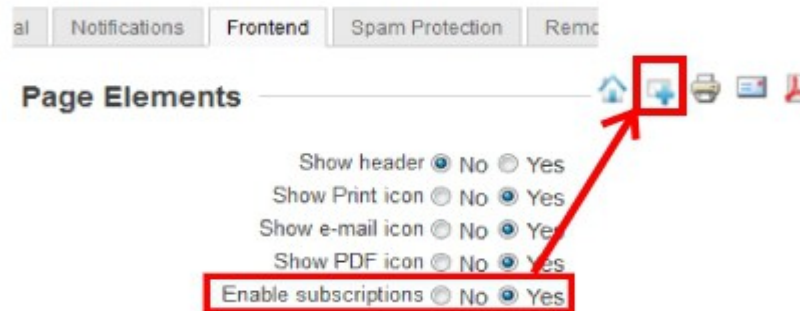
To be notified by email each time a new post it's published, users can subscribe to blog using the frontend option. Once the subscribing option is enabled from the "Configuration" tab, users will be able to subscribe to newsletter (see [step 5.2.1 Page settings](#)).

All blog subscribers along with their details (the subscription date, subscriber's name and email) are listed in the "**Subscriptions**" tab.

Categories	Tags	Subscriptions	Groups	Import	Configuration	Update
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/>						
E-mail	Blog category	Date Added	Confirmed			
Steve_Matt@email.com	All blog categories	Mon 06 August 2012 14:00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Aida@email.com	All blog categories	Mon 06 August 2012 13:59	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Julia@email.com	All blog categories	Mon 06 August 2012 13:59	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

## 10.1 In frontend

After enabling the subscription option from the “**Configuration**” tab, users will be able to subscribe to blog in frontend using the specific icon.



Through a modal window , users will be asked to input their Name and Email address.

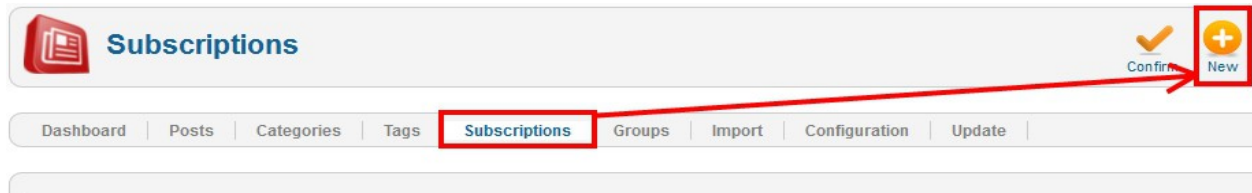
A screenshot of a modal window used for user subscription. The window has a dark header and a light body. It contains two input fields: 'Name' with the value 'Steve Matt' and 'E-mail' with the value 'steve\_matt\_ymail.com'. Below the input fields is a 'Subscribe' button. The window also features a close button (X) in the top right corner and a vertical scrollbar on the right side.

You will be able to view and delete your subscribers from the backend by going to **RSBlog! >> Subscriptions**. Also, subscribers can cancel their subscription via the **Unsubscribe Link**, received in the notification emails.

## 10.2. In backend

### Step 1:

First, click on the “New” icon from the right to manually add a new subscriber.



### Step 2:

Add the subscriber name and email and save the new record.

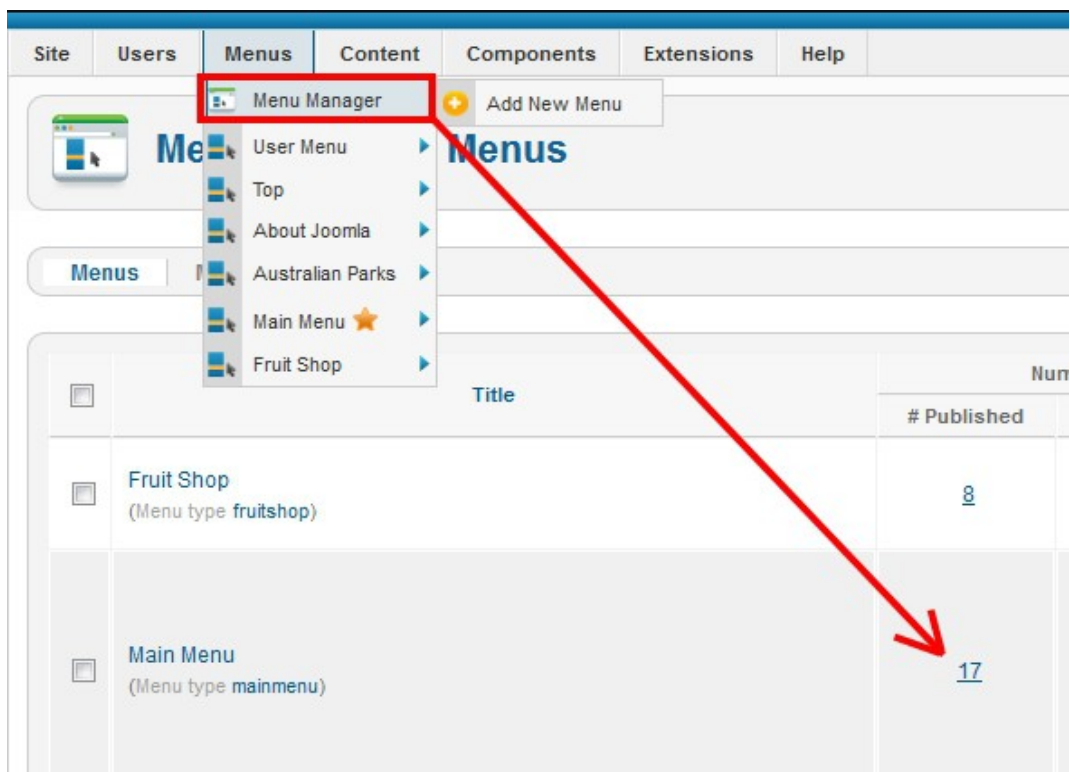
A screenshot of the Joomla! Subscriptions form. The form is located within a navigation menu that includes tabs for "Dashboard", "Posts", "Categories", "Tags", and "Subscriptions". The "Subscriptions" tab is highlighted with a red border. The form itself has two input fields. The first field is labeled "Name:" and contains the text "Steve Matt". Below this field is a small asterisk in parentheses "(\*)". The second field is labeled "E-mail:" and contains the text "steve\_matt@ymail.com". Below this field is also a small asterisk in parentheses "(\*)".

## Step 11: RSBlog! menu items

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Menus >> Menu Manager >> Add New Menu** (or any other Joomla! menu where you want to publish the items)

To create a new RSBlog! menu item, head first to **Menus >> Menu Manager** and edit the menu where you want to publish the new item.

RSBlog! has 4 menu options which allows you to publish a single article/all blog posts, submit new articles in frontend or create a tag cloud.



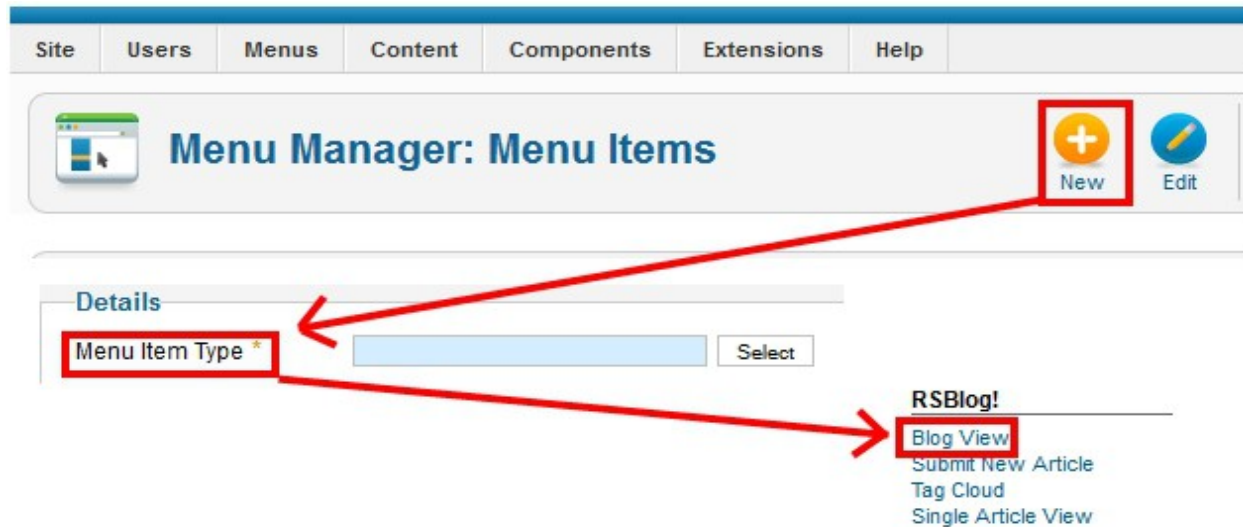


## 11.1 Blog view

This menu item lists in frontend all blog posts by author, tag, category or article type.

**Step 1:** In the “*Menu Manager*”, click on the “*New*” icon from the right panel.

**Step 2:** From the menu item list, select the “*RSBlog! >> Blog view*” option.



**Step 3:** Add the menu item title.

**Step 4:** From here, using the view parameters you can customize which articles to show and how to show them (i.e. condensed, list, etc).

- **Custom Blog Display**
  - Show password protected posts : this option will display or hide posts with password protection in the main list view;
  - Only Display Intro Texts : from this option you can choose to display the Full text of your post ...or the text until it reaches the first "read more" separator
  - Enable search : enable or disable search;
  - Ordering : select the order of your posts, ascending/descending;
- **Archived Articles**
  - Include Archived Articles : this option will include your old, archived articles in your blog;
  - Display Archive : if this option is set to "Yes", only archived posts will be displayed;
- **Article Selection Parameters**
  - List by author : list only the posts submitted by a certain user;

- List by tags : display only the articles that have the selected tags;
- List by categories : list only the posts from the selected category/subcategory.

## 11.2 Submit new article

The “Submit New Article” view allows your users with publishing permissions to submit new articles from front-end.

Based on the user group permissions (see [Step 6 Add user permissions](#)), the article is automatically published or requires the administrator moderation.

**Step 1:** In the “*Menu Manager*”, click on the “*New*” icon from the right panel.

**Step 2:** From the menu item list, select the “*RSBlog! >> Submit new article*” option.

**Step 3:** Add the menu item title and save the changes.

Details	
Menu Item Type *	<input type="text" value="Submit New Article"/> <input type="button" value="Select"/>
Menu Title *	<input type="text"/>
Alias	<input type="text"/>
Note	<input type="text"/>
Link	<input type="text" value="index.php?option=com_rsblog&amp;view=rsblog&amp;la"/>
Status	<input type="text" value="Published"/> ▼
Access	<input type="text" value="Public"/> ▼
Menu Location *	<input type="text" value="About Joomla"/> ▼
Parent Item	<input type="text" value="Menu Item Root"/> ▼
Ordering	Ordering will be available after saving
Target Window	<input type="text" value="Parent"/> ▼
Default Page	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Language	<input type="text" value="All"/> ▼
Template Style	<input type="text" value="- Use Default -"/> ▼
ID	0

## 11.3 Tag cloud

The “Tag Cloud” view displays in frontend blog tags based on the limit number imposed by the administrator. When the limit is 0, RSBlog! shows all article tags.

**Step 1:** In the “*Menu Manager*”, click on the “*New*” icon from the right panel.

**Step 2:** From the menu item list, select the “*RSBlog! >> Tag cloud*” option.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: Site, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. Below this is a header for 'Menu Manager: Menu Items' with a 'New' button (a yellow circle with a plus sign) and an 'Edit' button (a blue circle with a pencil). A red arrow points from the 'New' button to the 'Menu Item Type' field in the 'Details' section below. In the 'Details' section, the 'Menu Item Type' field is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from this field to the 'Tag Cloud' option in the 'RSBlog!' menu list on the right. The 'Tag Cloud' option is also highlighted with a red box. The 'RSBlog!' menu list includes 'Blog View', 'Submit New Article', 'Tag Cloud', and 'Single Article View'.

**Step 3:** Set the tag limit. If “0” is set, RSBlog! displays in the cloud all blog tags.

▼ Basic Options	
Limit	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Max font size	<input type="text" value="32"/>
Min font size	<input type="text" value="14"/>

## 11.4 Single article view

Single Article view creates a menu item with an individual article. You can select the article from the parameters panel.

**Step 1:** In the “*Menu Manager*”, click on the “*New*” icon from the right panel.

**Step 2:** From the menu item list, select the “*RSBlog! >> Single Article View*” option.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! Menu Manager interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: Site, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. Below this, the main heading is "Menu Manager: Menu Items". On the right side of this heading, there are two buttons: "New" (a yellow circle with a plus sign) and "Edit" (a blue circle with a pencil). The "New" button is highlighted with a red box. Below the heading, there is a "Details" section. In this section, there is a label "Menu Item Type" followed by a dropdown menu and a "Select" button. The "Menu Item Type" label is highlighted with a red box. To the right of the dropdown menu, there is a list of options under the heading "RSBlog!". The options are: "Blog View", "Submit New Article", "Tag Cloud", and "Single Article View". The "Single Article View" option is highlighted with a red box. Two red arrows originate from the "New" button and point to the "Menu Item Type" label and the "Single Article View" option.

**Step 3:** Add the menu item title and select the article from the parameters area.

▼ Required Settings

Article






Select

Select

## Step 12: RSBlog! add-ons

### 12.1 RSBlog! Modules

Available files:

	Name
	..
	<a href="#">RSBlog! archive module</a>
	<a href="#">RSBlog! calendar module</a>
	<a href="#">RSBlog! categories module</a>
	<a href="#">Popular posts module</a>
	<a href="#">RSBlog! recent posts</a>
	<a href="#">RSBlog! tag cloud module</a>

#### 12.1.1 RSBlog! archive

This module lists in frontend the months with archived blog posts inside an Ajax slide to toggle the months which contain archived posts.

#### 12.1.1.1 Download

The module can be downloaded from [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) site, by all users with an active RSBlog! membership.

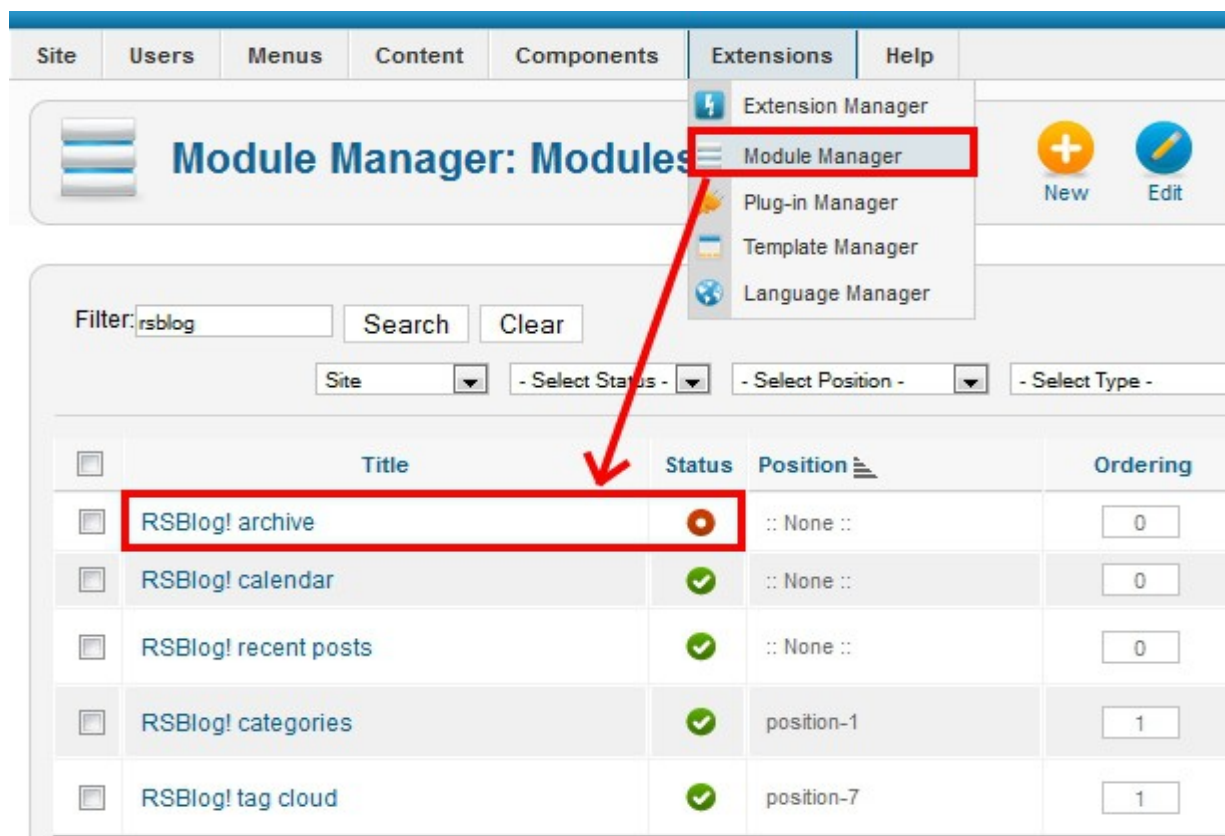
Access your [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account and head to **Downloads >>My Downloads >> View all plugins and modules**.






#### 12.1.1.2 Installation

In the backend panel, head to **Extensions >>Extension Manager** browse the package and upload the **mod\_rsblog\_archive.zip** file by clicking the **“Upload & Install”** button.

#### 12.1.1.3 Publish in a module position

Head to the “Module Manager” area and enable the **RSBlog! calendar module**.



	Title	Status	Position	Ordering
<input type="checkbox"/>	RSBlog! archive		:: None ::	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	RSBlog! calendar		:: None ::	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	RSBlog! recent posts		:: None ::	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	RSBlog! categories		position-1	<input type="text" value="1"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	RSBlog! tag cloud		position-7	<input type="text" value="1"/>

#### 12.1.1.4 Configure the Archive Module

The configurable parameters of the module are:

- **Module Class Suffix** : A suffix to be applied to the CSS class of the Module. This allows for individual Module styling;
- **Select Categories** : You can select the categories from which the archived posts are displayed. Leave blank to display all posts;
- **Show empty months** : Yes/No - display the empty months which do not contain posts;
- **Show number of posts** : Yes/No - display the number of archived posts in the months;
- **Open links in** : Same Page/New Page.
- **Itemid**

**Details**

Title \* RSBlog! archive

Show Title ☒ Show ☐ Hide

Position  Select position

Status Unpublished ▼

Access Public ▼

Ordering 1. RSBlog! archive ▼

Start Publishing 0000-00-00 00:00:00 23

Finish Publishing 0000-00-00 00:00:00 23

Language All ▼

Note

ID 89 RSBlog! archive

Site

Module Description Show RSBlog! archive

**Basic Options**

Module Class Suffix

Select Categories (Leave empty to show all)

Show empty months No ▼

Show number of posts No ▼

Ordering Ascending ▼

Open links in Same page ▼

Itemid

#### 12.1.2 RSBlog! calendar

This module displays in frontend the current month and highlights the days which contain posts in your blog.



### 12.1.2.1 Download

The module can be downloaded from [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) site, by all users with an active RSBlog! membership.

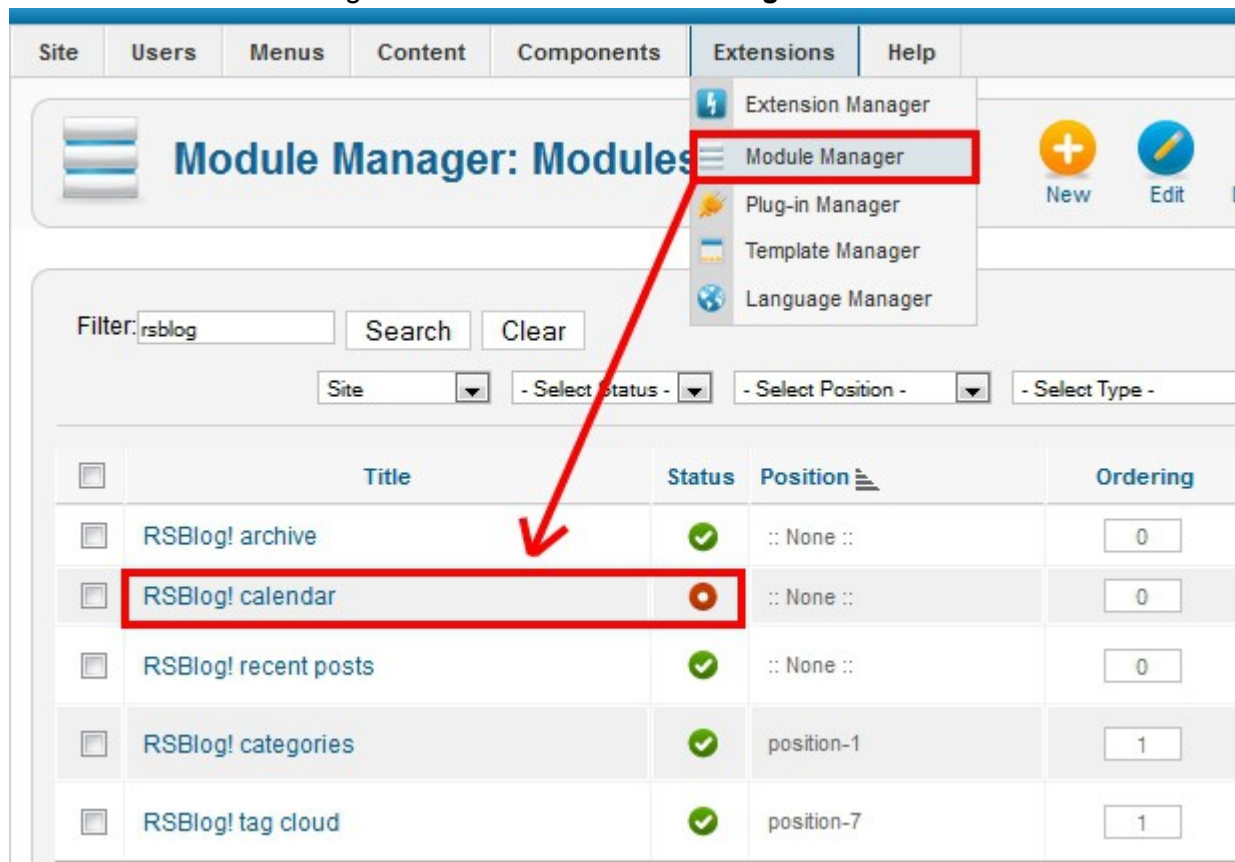
Access your [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account and head to **Downloads >>My Downloads >> View all plugins and modules**.

### 12.1.2.2 Installation

In the backend panel, head to **Extensions >>Extension Manager** browse the package and upload the **mod\_rsblog\_calendar.zip** file by clicking the **“Upload & Install”** button.

### 12.1.2.3 Publish in a module position

Head to the “Module Manager” area and enable the **RSBlog! calendar module**.



	Title	Status	Position	Ordering
<input type="checkbox"/>	RSBlog! archive	✓	:: None ::	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	RSBlog! calendar	✗	:: None ::	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	RSBlog! recent posts	✓	:: None ::	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	RSBlog! categories	✓	position-1	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	RSBlog! tag cloud	✓	position-7	1



#### 12.1.2.4 Configure the Calendar Module

The configurable parameters of the module are:

- **Module Class Suffix** : A suffix to be applied to the CSS class of the Module. This allows for individual Module styling;
- **Start day** : Monday/Saturday/Sunday
- **Itemid**

#### 12.1.3 RSBlog! categories

(see [step 7.2 Publish RSBlog! categories in frontend](#))

#### 12.1.4 RSBlog! Recent Posts

This module displays in frontend the most recent blog posts.

The screenshot displays the Joomla! administrator interface for configuring the 'RSBlog! calendar' module. The interface is divided into two main sections: 'Details' on the left and 'Basic Options' on the right.

**Details Section:**

- Title:** RSBlog! calendar
- Show Title:** ☒ Show ☐ Hide
- Position:** [Empty text box]
- Status:** Unpublished
- Access:** Public
- Ordering:** 1. RSBlog! archive
- Start Publishing:** 0000-00-00 00:00:00
- Finish Publishing:** 0000-00-00 00:00:00
- Language:** All
- Note:** [Empty text box]
- ID:** 99 RSBlog! calendar
- Site:** [Empty text box]
- Module Description:** Show RSBlog! calendar

**Basic Options Section:**

- Module Class Suffix:** [Empty text box]
- Start day:** Monday
- Itemid:** [Empty text box]

##### 12.1.4.1 Download

The module can be downloaded from [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) site, by all users with an active RSBlog! membership.

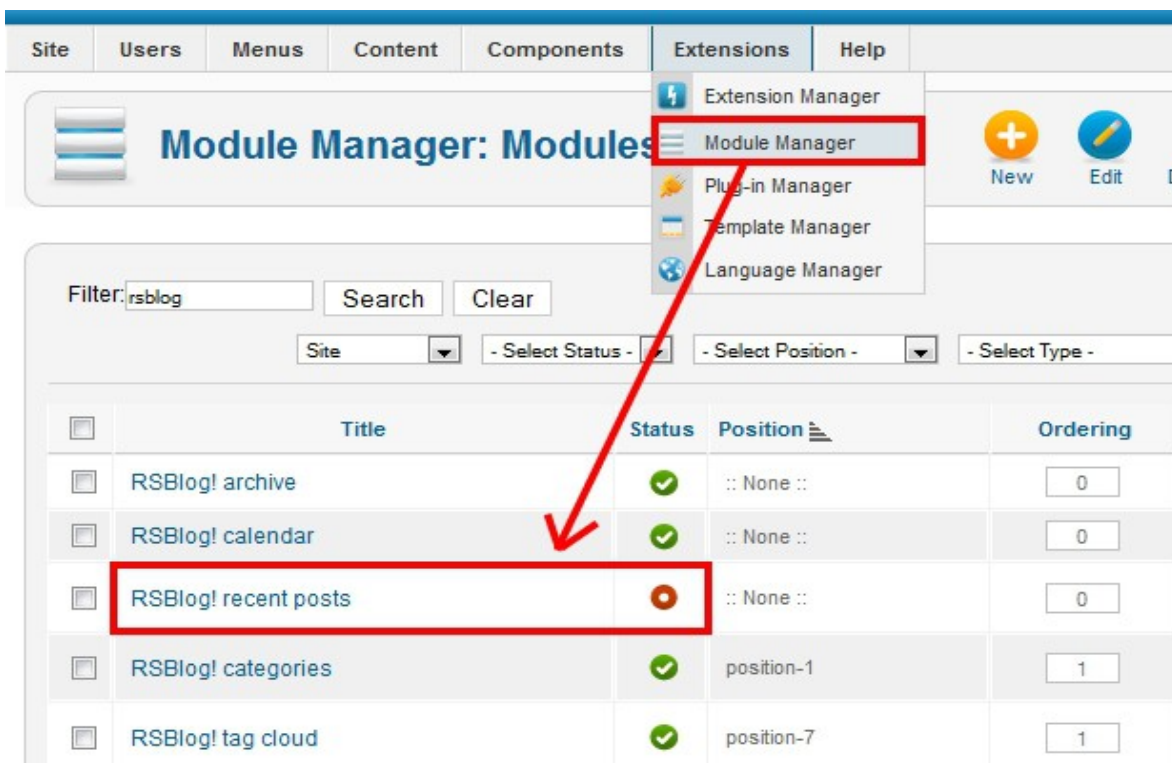
Access your [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account and head to **Downloads >>My Downloads >> View all plugins and modules**.

#### 12.1.4.2 Installation

In the backend panel, head to **Extensions >> Extension Manager** browse the package and upload the **mod\_rsblog\_recent.zip** file by clicking the **“Upload & Install”** button.

#### 12.1.4.3 Publish in a module position

Head to the “Module Manager” area and enable the **RSBlog! recent posts**.



#### 12.1.4.4 Configure the Module

The configurable parameters are:

- **Module Class Suffix** : A suffix to be applied to the CSS class of the Module. This allows for individual Module styling;
- **Number of days** : This is the number of days a blog post will be considered recent. For example, if you set this to 4, all posts made in the latest 4 days will be shown in this module;

- **Limit** : the number of posts that will be displayed by the module;
- **Ordering** : the order of the posts in the module;
- **Open links in** : Same page/New page.

Details	
Title *	RSBlog! recent posts
Show Title	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Show <input type="radio"/> Hide
Position	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Select position"/>
Status	Unpublished ▼
Access	Public ▼
Ordering	1. RSBlog! archive ▼
Start Publishing	0000-00-00 00:00:00 <input type="button" value="23"/>
Finish Publishing	0000-00-00 00:00:00 <input type="button" value="23"/>
Language	All ▼
Note	<input type="text"/>
ID	100 RSBlog! recent posts
Site	
Module Description	Show recent posts from RSBlog!

Basic Options	
Module Class Suffix	<input type="text"/>
Custom Item ID	<input type="text"/>
Select Categories (Leave empty to show all)	<input type="button" value="Select"/> <input type="button" value="Clear"/>
Number of days	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Limit	<input type="text" value="10"/>
Ordering	Descending ▼
Open links in	Same page ▼

### 12.1.5 RSBlog! Tag Cloud

(see [step 8.2.2.1 RSBlog! Tag Cloud Module](#))

### 12.1.6 RSBlog! Popular Blog Posts

The *Popular blog posts module* provides an easy way to display your most visited blog posts.

#### 12.1.6.1 Download

The module can be downloaded from [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) site, by all users with an active RSBlog! membership.

Access your [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account and head to **Downloads >> My Downloads >> view all plugins and modules >> Popular Posts Module**

#### 12.1.6.2 Installation

The module can be installed on your site by using the default Joomla! installer (*Extensions >> Install/Uninstall >> Browse >> select the module >> "Upload File and Install"*).

#### 12.1.6.3 Publish in a module position

Head to the "Module Manager" area and enable the **RSBlog! Popular Posts**.

#### 12.1.6.4 Configuration

The configurable parameters are:

- Module Class Suffix: A suffix to be applied to the CSS class of the Module. This allows for individual Module styling;
- Categories: (Leave empty to show all) Select which categories to display;
- Show hits: No / Yes
- Ordering: Default/Title/Parent Title/Author's Username;
- Open links in: Same page/New page - this option will determine how the categories will be opened (on the same page or in a new browser window).
- Limit: The number of items that will be displayed

## 12.2 RSBlog! Plugins

### 12.2.1 JomSocial! Integration

With this plugin users will be able to view their blog posts from **RSBlog!** in their **JomSocial profile page**.

#### 12.2.1.1 Download

The plugin can be downloaded from [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) site, by all users with an active RSBlog! membership.

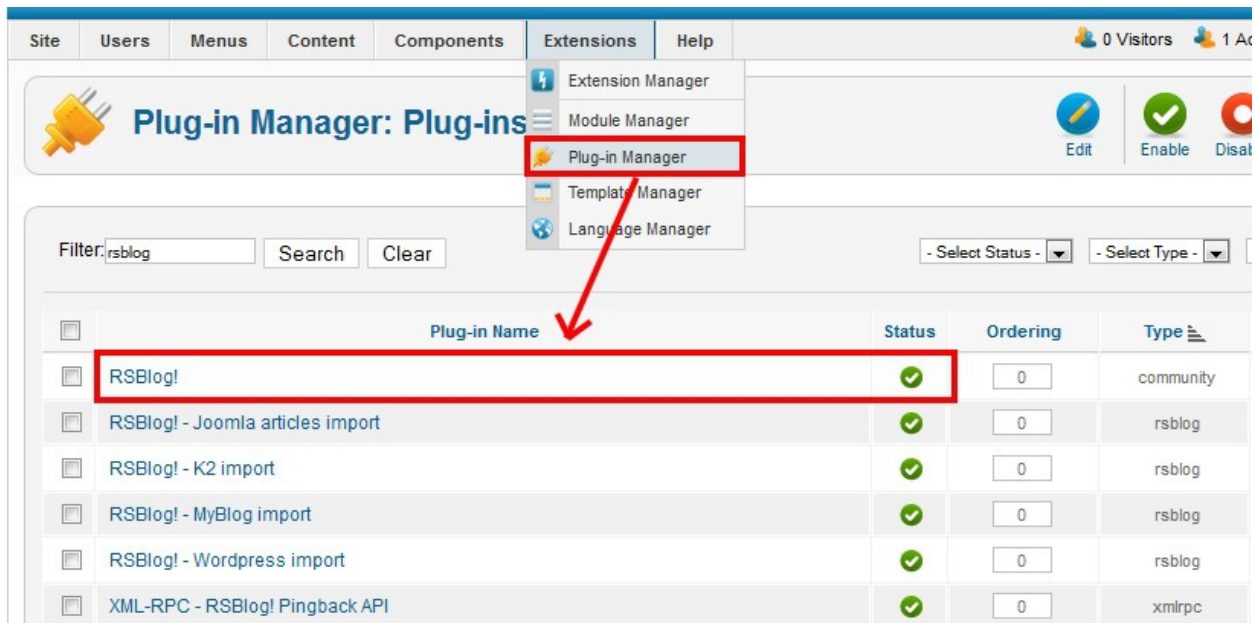
Access your [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account and head to **Downloads >> My Downloads >> View all plugins and modules**.

### 12.2.1.2 Installation

In the backend panel, head to **Extensions >> Extension Manager** browse the package and upload the **plg\_rsblog.zip** file by clicking the **“Upload & Install”** button.

### 12.2.1.3 Publish the plugin

After you download and install this plugin please make sure to enable it from **Extensions >> Plug-in Manger >> RSBlog!**.



The screenshot shows the Joomla! Backend interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Site, Users, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, and Help. The 'Extensions' tab is active, and a dropdown menu is open, showing options: Extension Manager, Module Manager, Plug-in Manager (highlighted with a red box and a red arrow), Template Manager, and Language Manager. Below the dropdown, the 'Plug-in Manager: Plug-ins' section is visible. It includes a filter box with 'rsblog' entered, a search button, and a clear button. To the right, there are buttons for Edit, Enable, and Disat. Below this, a table lists installed plugins. The first row, 'RSBlog!', is highlighted with a red box. The table has columns for Plug-in Name, Status, Ordering, and Type. The 'Status' column shows a green checkmark for 'RSBlog!'. The 'Ordering' column shows '0'. The 'Type' column shows 'community'. Other plugins listed include 'RSBlog! - Joomla articles import', 'RSBlog! - K2 import', 'RSBlog! - MyBlog import', 'RSBlog! - Wordpress import', and 'XML-RPC - RSBlog! Pingback API', all with a status of 'checked' (green checkmark) and ordering of '0'.

Plug-in Name	Status	Ordering	Type
RSBlog!	✓	0	community
RSBlog! - Joomla articles import	✓	0	rsblog
RSBlog! - K2 import	✓	0	rsblog
RSBlog! - MyBlog import	✓	0	rsblog
RSBlog! - Wordpress import	✓	0	rsblog
XML-RPC - RSBlog! Pingback API	✓	0	xmlrpc

#### 12.2.1.4 Configure the plugin

Details	
RSBlog!	
Status	Enabled ▼
Access	Public ▼
Ordering	0. RSBlog! ▼
Plug-in Type	community
Plug-in File	plg_rsblog
ID	10054
Description	
RSBlog! Application for JomSocial	

There are only a few configurable options for this module:

- **Core Application** - Yes/No : causes this application to not appear in the users applications list, but it will allow this application to appear in the user profile automatically if selected;
- **Caching** - Use Global/No : this option allows you to cache the content of the plugin if enabled from your global configuration settings;
- **Limit** : the number of posts that will be displayed;
- **Order by - Date/Order** : orders your post by the selected criteria;
- **Order - Descending/Ascending** : further controls the ordering of your posts.

Starting with revision 6, RSBlog! will automatically update the JomSocial Activity Stream with the latest published articles.



**Super User**

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**Karma**  


**Member since**  
Tuesday, 01 February 2011 08:14

**Last online**  
2 minutes ago

**Profile views**  
0 views

 **Like**  **0**



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[Super User](#) added a new post entitled [New Update on RSBlog!](#) on his [blog](#)

Nunc in imperdiet ligula. Nullam accumsan nisi vel dolor viverra vel lacinia urna bibendum. Cras

 2 seconds ago

### 12.2.2 RSBlog! Joomla! Articles Import

(see [step 4.1: Import Joomla! articles to RSBlog!](#))

### 12.2.3 RSBlog! - K2 Import





(see [step 4.2: Import K2 posts](#))

### 12.2.4 RSBlog! - MyBlog Import

(see [step 4.3: Import MyBlog posts](#))

### 12.2.5 RSBlog! - WordPress Import

(see [step 4.4: Import WordPress posts to RSBlog!](#))

Available files:	
	Name
	<a href="#">..</a>
	<a href="#">Import Joomla! Articles to RSBlog! posts</a>
	<a href="#">Import K2 Articles to RSBlog! posts</a>
	<a href="#">Import MyBlog posts to RSBlog! posts</a>
	<a href="#">JomSocial plugin</a>
	<a href="#">RSBlog! Joomla! 1.5.x search plugin</a>
	<a href="#">RSBlog! Joomla! 1.6, 1.7 &amp; 2.5 search plugin</a>
	
	<a href="#">Import WordPress posts into RSBlog!</a> This plugin allows you to import your existing WordPress blog into RSBlog!.



## Step 13: Updates

Path: **Joomla! backend panel >> Components >> RSBlog! >> Update**

Keeping your component up to date is essential to it's overall functionality. You can check the component version that you are using by going to **Components >> RSBlog!**, you will be able to see the revision number on the right side of the screen, above the component logo.

RSBlog! 1.0.0 rev 9	
	
Installed version:	1.0.0
Copyright:	© 2007-2012 RSJoomla!
License:	GPL Commercial License
Author:	<a href="http://www.rsjoomla.com">www.rsjoomla.com</a>
Please enter your license code to receive updates:	MYLICENSECODE
	<input type="button" value="Modify License Code"/>

To be able to automatically receive updates directly from the backend panel, you need to add first the RSBlog! license code.

1. The license code is generated in your [www.rsjoomla.com](http://www.rsjoomla.com) account, in the **"My Downloads>> My Memberships >> Licenses"**. Notice that you'll be required to specify a domain.

General

Notifications

Frontend

Spam Protection

Remote Publishing

Twitter

Facebook

Blog Cleanup

Basic

License Code

MYLICENSECODE

Blog Title

Your Blog

Tagline

Your Tagline

Template

default

2. To check if there are any new RSBlog! updates, head to the “Updates” tab.  
If newer versions are available, you will be able to download the package file directly from the backend panel.

Dashboard

Posts

Categories

Tags

Subscriptions

Groups

Import

Configuration

Update

Checking for updates..

RSBlog! Single site subscription for 12 months

Your version is up to date. No new downloads are available.

## The purpose of this guide

This guide is designed to assist you, step by step, in setting up a Joomla! Blog using the RSBlog! Component.

We've also created a RSBlog! Quick Guide, that includes all important steps that you must follow to quickly configure a blog.

Additionally, we've launched the [RSJoomla! TV Channel](#) to support our components with a series of video tutorials and presentations.

The RSBlog! Documentation can be found [here](#).

For any other questions, please submit a ticket to the [RSJoomla! support department](#).