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Step 1: Purchasing a RSComments! membership

After purchasing a RSComments! membership, an email is sent to user with its details. The user can login using its RSJoomla! account automatically created after transaction or using the order number received on the user email.

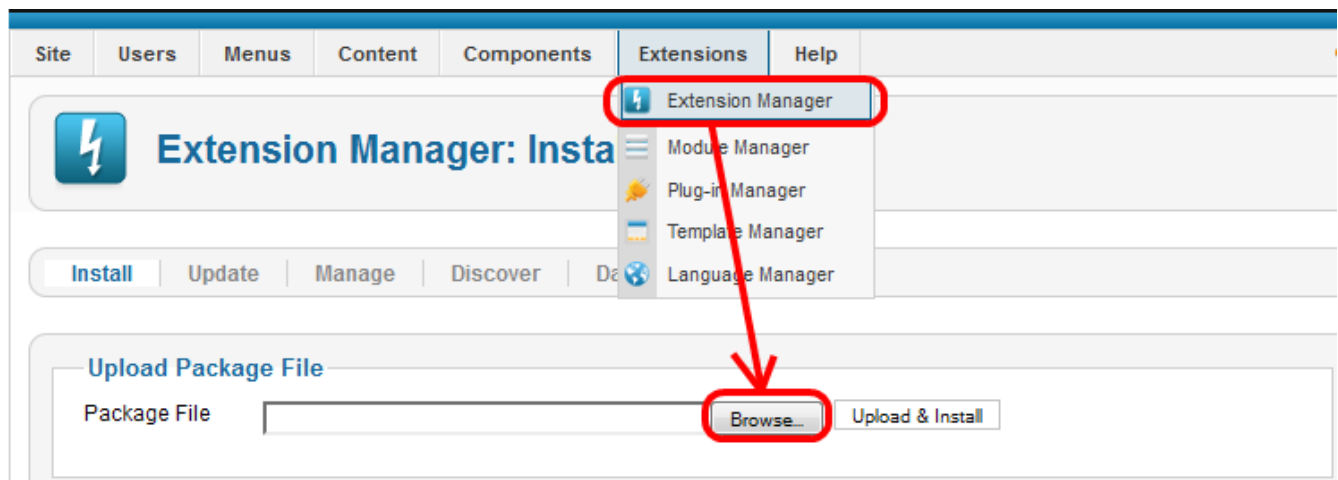
Step 2: Download RSComments!

1. First login to your RSJoomla! account
2. *all the user's memberships are listed in the My downloads section, click on Downloads >> My Downloads >> Download Component for the RSComments! license*

Step 3: Installing RSComments!

RSComments! installs like any other extension, using the default Joomla! installer

1. in the Joomla! backend panel, head to **Extensions >> Extension Manager**
2. Browse the file and hit "Upload & Install"

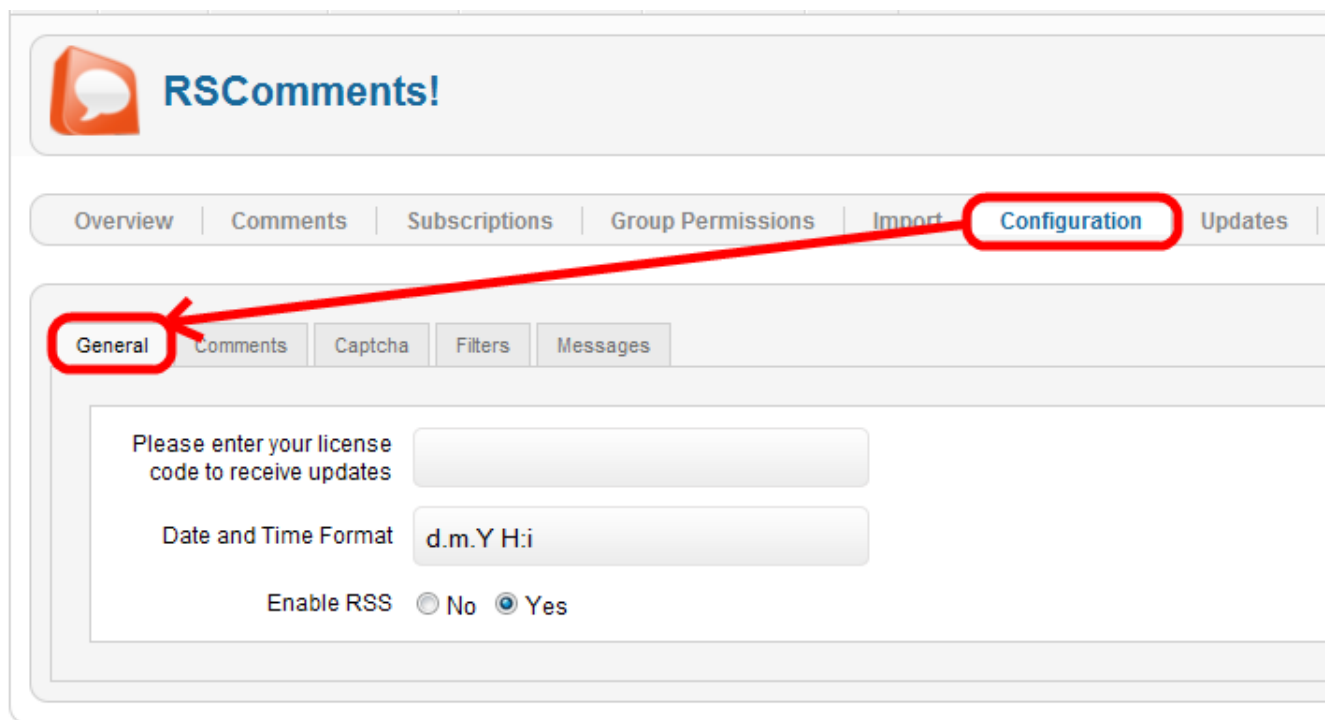


Step 4: Configure RSComments:

Path: *Joomla! backend panel >> RSComments! >> Configuration*

4.1 General Configuration

Step 1: Add your license code in order to receive updates (this is the generated code when you add a domain in your RSJoomla! Account).



The screenshot shows the RSComments! configuration interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: Overview, Comments, Subscriptions, Group Permissions, Import, Configuration, and Updates. The 'Configuration' tab is highlighted with a red circle. Below this, there is a sub-navigation bar with tabs: General, Comments, Captcha, Filters, and Messages. The 'General' tab is also highlighted with a red circle. A red arrow points from the 'Configuration' tab to the 'General' sub-tab. The main content area of the 'General' sub-tab contains the following form elements:

- A text input field with the label "Please enter your license code to receive updates".
- A text input field with the label "Date and Time Format" and the value "d.m.Y H:i".
- An "Enable RSS" section with two radio buttons: "No" and "Yes". The "Yes" radio button is selected.

4.2 Configure comments

RSComments! is functional right after installation, thus the comment form can be used immediately.

The default permissions in frontend are:

1. Comments are displayed after administrator approval (to autopublish comments see [step 6.3.1 Auto-publish comments](#))
2. The built-in captcha is enabled (to modify the captcha settings, see [step 6.2 Add anti-bot protection with the captcha system](#))
3. Users can use smilies (you can disable the option in **RSComments! >> Configuration >> Comments >> Enable smiles**)



Notice: The spam protection isn't active by default. To modify the default spam settings, see [step 6.1 Spam prevention methods](#).

To enhance the comment form, you can enable more functionalities in the backend panel:

1. enable BBCode in **Components >> RSComments! >> Group Permissions >> General or BBCode tab**. This allows your users to include in comments bold, underlined, italic text, lists, images, youtube and Google videos, code.
2. enable votes in **Components >> RSComments! >> Configuration >> Comments**
3. display the username, name or the Community Builder name in **Components >> RSComments! >> Configuration >> Comments >> "Comment form layout" section >> Author name**
4. enable avatar **in Components >> RSComments! >> Configuration >> Comments >> "List of comments" section >> Enable avatar**; 6 options to choose from: Gravatar, Jomsocial, Community Builder, Kunena, Fireboard or EasyBlog.

Step 5: Add user permissions

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

Before allowing your users to comment on your website, you need to assign their permissions in the “Groups” tab.

These permissions include:

1. auto-publish comments option
2. allow comments moderation
3. delete other comments
4. voting option
5. censor bad words

Group Permissions

Overview | Comments | Subscriptions | **Group Permissions**

#	Group
1	Public
2	Manager
3	Administrator
4	Registered
5	Author
6	Editor
7	Publisher
8	Shop Suppliers (Example)
9	Customer Group (Example)
10	Super Users

Commenting

- Post new comments :
- Edit own comments :
- Delete own comments :
- Edit other comments :
- Delete other comments :
- Allow BBCode :
- Allow voting for comments :
- Auto-subscribe to thread :
- Allow to open/close threads :
- Allow Reply :

Publishing

- Allow comments moderation :
- Auto-publish comments :

Security

- View author's email address :
- View author's IP address :
- Enable Captcha :
- Censor bad words :
- Enable flood control :
- Disallow forbidden names :



Notice:

- We recommend to review the assigned permissions and configure them according to your needs.

Step 6: Moderate comments

6.1 Spam prevention methods

Spam can be blocked:

1. through the Akismet service – you'll need an API key
2. adding a list with censored words
3. block user
4. adding a list with forbidden names – e.g. users won't be able to choose as the displayed name administrator or moderator

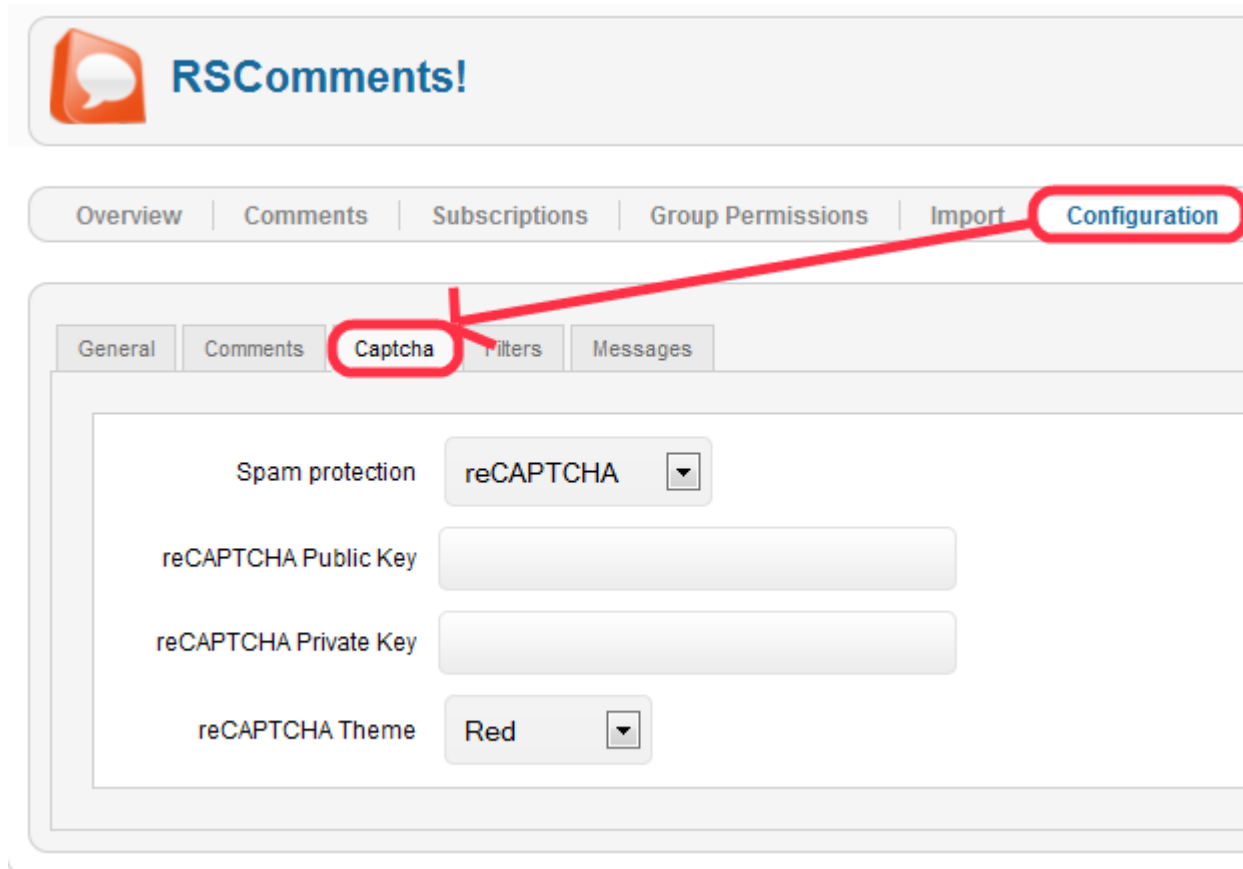
The above methods can be activated in the "Configuration" tab, **Components >> RSComments! >> Configuration >> Filters**

6.2 Add anti-bot protection with the captcha system

Path: **Joomla! Backend panel >> Components >> RSComments! >> Configuration >> Captcha**

RSComments! has included 2 anti-bot services that you can use for your comments:

1. the built-in captcha
2. the reCAPTCHA. System: you need to register on the <http://www.google.com/recaptcha/whyrecaptcha> website to receive your reCAPTCHA keys.



The screenshot displays the RSComments! configuration interface. At the top, the RSComments! logo is visible. Below it, a navigation bar contains tabs for Overview, Comments, Subscriptions, Group Permissions, Import, and Configuration. The Configuration tab is selected and highlighted with a red circle. A red arrow points from this tab to the Captcha sub-tab in the main configuration area. The Captcha sub-tab is also highlighted with a red circle. The Captcha configuration section includes a dropdown menu for Spam protection set to reCAPTCHA, input fields for reCAPTCHA Public Key and reCAPTCHA Private Key, and a dropdown menu for reCAPTCHA Theme set to Red.

6.3 Publish options

6.3.1 Auto-publish comments

Path: **Joomla! Backend panel >> Components >> RSComments! >> Group Permissions**

This option is available via the “Groups” tab and allows you to automatically publish comments without further moderation.

The administrator can enable/disable this option based on the user category.

e.g. You can disable autopublish comments for guests and enable it for registered users.

6.3.2 Approve comments

Path: **Joomla! Backend panel >> Components >> RSComments! >> Comments**

If auto-publishing options are disabled, comments must be first approved by administrators before publishing in frontend.

Administrators can approve/delete comments in the “Comments” tab.

Tips:

- To disable/enable the commenting feature on certain items, just use the following syntax:
`{rscomments on}` or `{rscomments off}`
- You can add the above mentioned placeholders almost anywhere on your Joomla! installation, even in other components.
- RSComments! allows you to import existing comments from third party extensions (JComments, JomComments, !JoomlaComment and JXComments - for each of these a separate plugin needs to be installed. These plugins are available in the *View my downloads* section). If not included in this list used the advanced import function:
Components >> RSComments >> Import.
 - RSComments! integrates perfectly with **RSFeedback!**. [Read more about RSFeedback!](#)

The purpose of this guide

This guide is designed to help you quickly configure comments using the RSComments! component, by following some basic steps.

We've also created a detailed RSComments! Guide, that explains all required steps to configure the component.

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

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

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