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Step 1: Purchasing a RSComments! membership

When you purchase a membership for the first time, a RSJoomla! account is automatically created for unregistered users, after the purchase has been approved. The transaction along with the user details are sent on the registration email.

Upon transaction, users have 2 ways of accessing the www.rsjoomla.com account and download RSComments!:

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

Login with the order number



The screenshot shows a web interface with a dark navigation bar containing 'Home', 'Blog', and 'Extensions' with a dropdown arrow. Below the navigation bar is a blue breadcrumb trail: 'Home » Login with Order Number'. The main content area has a light gray header with the title 'Login with Order Number'. Below the title, there is a note: 'If you did not receive your username and password, you can login with the order number'. The form contains two input fields: 'Order Number:' with the value '123456' and 'Email:' with the value 'myemail@yahoo.com'. Both fields have a red asterisk icon to their right. A blue 'Login' button is positioned below the email field.

Step 2: Download RSComments!

2.1. Download the component

To download RSComments! you need to:

Step 1: login on www.rsjoomla.com with the user details or the order number received on email.

Step 2: Access the “Downloads” link from the main menu.


Home Blog Extensions Downloads Support

Home » Downloads

Downloads

Submit a Ticket My Support Tickets My Memberships My Downloads Free Downloads My Account

My Downloads



download component view all plugins and modules



2.2. Download RSComments! language files

Additionally, if you need RSComments! translated in other languages, you can download the available RSComments! language files from **Support >> Documentation >> RSComments! >> Multi-language support >> Language files available** or [create your own language files](#)

Home » Support » Documentation » RSComments! » Multi-language support » Language files available

Language files available

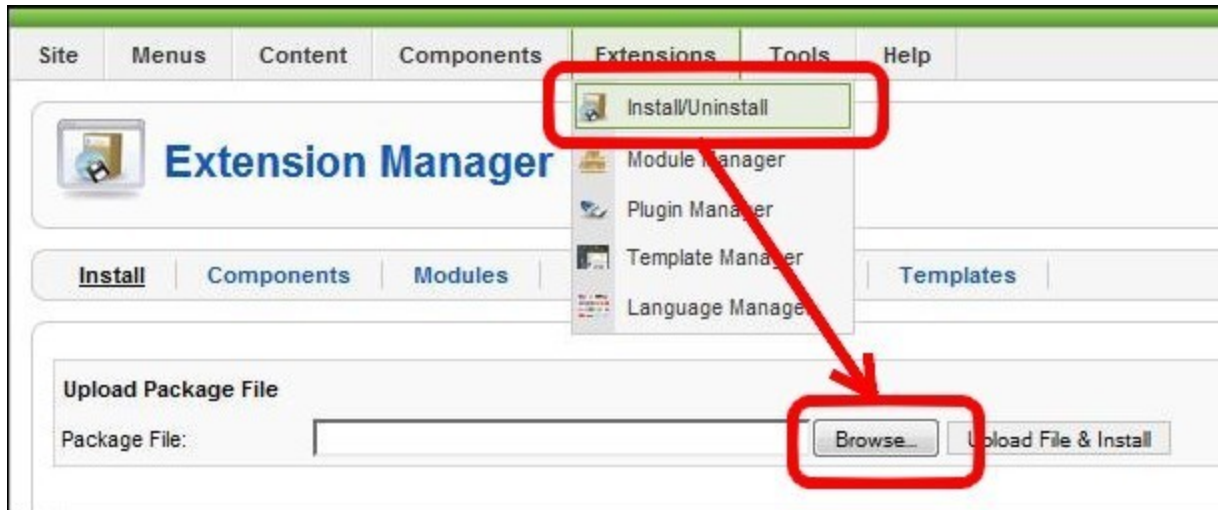
Currently we have the following translations available:

#	Language
	English
	Dutch
	Czech

Step 3: Installing RSComments!

3.1: Installing the component

RSComments! installs like any other component - through the default Joomla! installer. In the backend panel, head to **Extensions >> Install/Uninstall >> Browse RSComments! from your computer >> Upload File & Install**.



3.2: Installing the language files

The language files are installed using the same method as for the component - through the default Joomla! installer (see the above screenshot), the only condition in order to work is to have previously installed the Joomla! languages pack for frontend and backend.

1. **Install the Joomla! languages pack** (if there aren't already installed):
 - a. Head to [Joomla! language packs area](#) and choose the desired translation.
 - b. Download the corresponding Joomla! languages pack for frontend and backend.
 - c. Install the Joomla! languages pack (regular installation through the Joomla! installer): in the backend panel head to **Extensions >> Install/Uninstall >> Browse the Joomla! language files >> Upload and Install** e.g. If you want to use RSComments! in Dutch, first install the Dutch Joomla! languages pack for frontend and backend, from <http://joomlancode.org>

nl-NL_joomla_lang_site.1.5.20.zip
nl-NL_joomla_lang_admin.1.5.20.zip

2. **Install the RSComments! languages pack:** (regular installation through the Joomla! Installer)
 - a. Download the RSComments! language files from www.rsjoomla.com - Customer Downloads (see [Step 2.2. Download RSComments! language files](#))
 - b. In the backend panel, head to **Extensions >> Install/Uninstall >> Browse the RSComments! language files >> Upload**

Step 4: Update RSComments! to a newer version

RSComments! has an “*Updates*” tab, especially designed to smooth the update process. To be able to receive updates directly in the Joomla! backend panel, you need to enter first the RSComments! license codes.

Step 1:

To get this license code, access your **RSJoomla! Account >> Downloads area >> My memberships** and click on the “Licenses” button. Notice that you'll be required to specify a domain first. Once you've entered the domain name, you'll have access to your license code.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! backend interface for RSComments!. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Blog, Extensions, Downloads, and Support. Below this, a breadcrumb trail indicates the current location: Home » My Memberships. The main content area is titled 'My Memberships' and contains a sub-menu with buttons for 'Submit a Ticket', 'My Support Tickets', 'My Memberships', 'My Downloads', 'Free Downloads', and 'My Account'. Underneath, the 'Active Memberships' section is visible, featuring the RSComments! logo, the text 'Single site', 'Never expires', and an orange 'licenses' button.

Step 2:

Copy the license code and paste it in the RSComments! control panel from the backend Joomla!



RSComments! 1.0.0 REV 4

RSComments!

Installed version:	1.0.0
Copyright:	@2009-2010 www.rsjoomla.com
License:	GPL Commercial License
Author:	www.rsjoomla.com

Please enter your license code to receive updates

2.

Step 3:

Whenever you want to check new RSComments! updates, in the administrator panel head to **Components >> RSComments! >> Updates** and you will be able to download the component directly from the backend.



RSComments!

Overview | Comments | Subscriptions | Groups | Import | Configuration | **Updates**

Checking for updates

3.  RSComments! 1 Domain Life Time Your version is up to date. No new downloads are available.

Step 5: Configure RSComments:

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

5.1 General Configuration

Step 1: Add your license code generated in your RSJoomla! account in order to receive updates and download newer RSComments! versions directly from the backend.

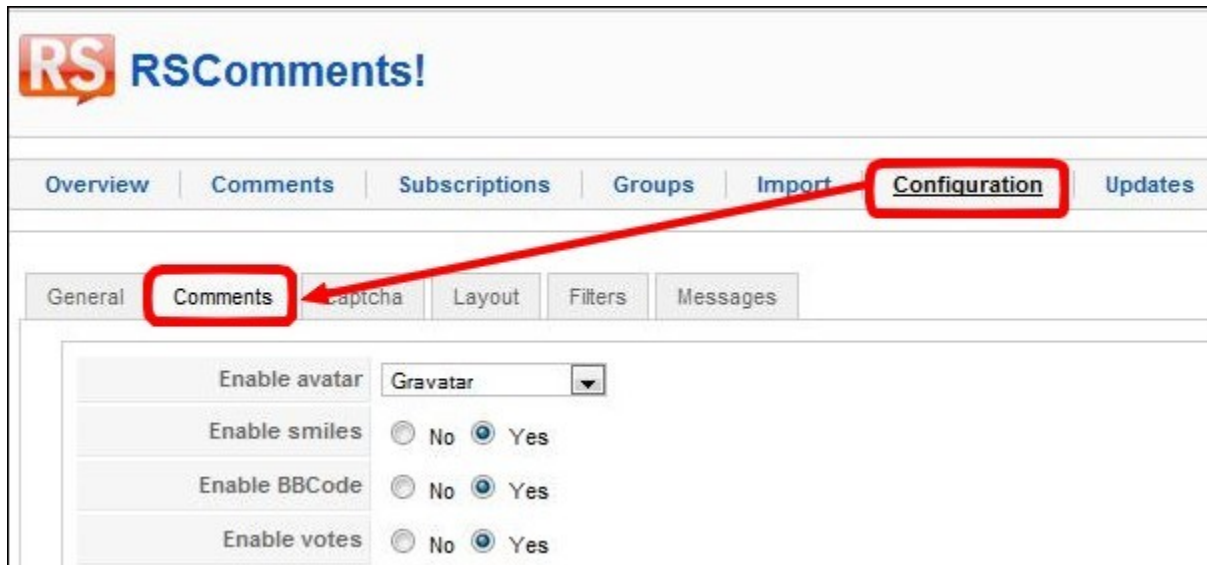
For more information about the license code and the update process see [Step 4: Update RSComments! to a newer version](#)

The screenshot shows the RSComments! configuration interface. At the top, the 'Configuration' tab is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from this box to the 'General' sub-tab, which is also highlighted with a red box. The 'General' sub-tab contains three configuration options: 'Please enter your license code to receive updates' with a text input field containing 'MYLICENSECODE'; 'Date and Time Format' with a text input field containing 'd.m.Y (H:i:s)'; and 'Enable RSS' with radio buttons for 'No' and 'Yes', where 'Yes' is selected.

Step 2: The date format configuration, allows you to set a single central point of configuration for dates that will be used throughout RSComments!. This is essentially a mask that will be applied to all RSComments! stored dates. A complete list of usable mask is available [here.](#) By default, the *d M y H:i* mask is used.

Step 3: Enable/disable RSS: users can stay up to date with the new posted comments by subscribing to the RSS feed.

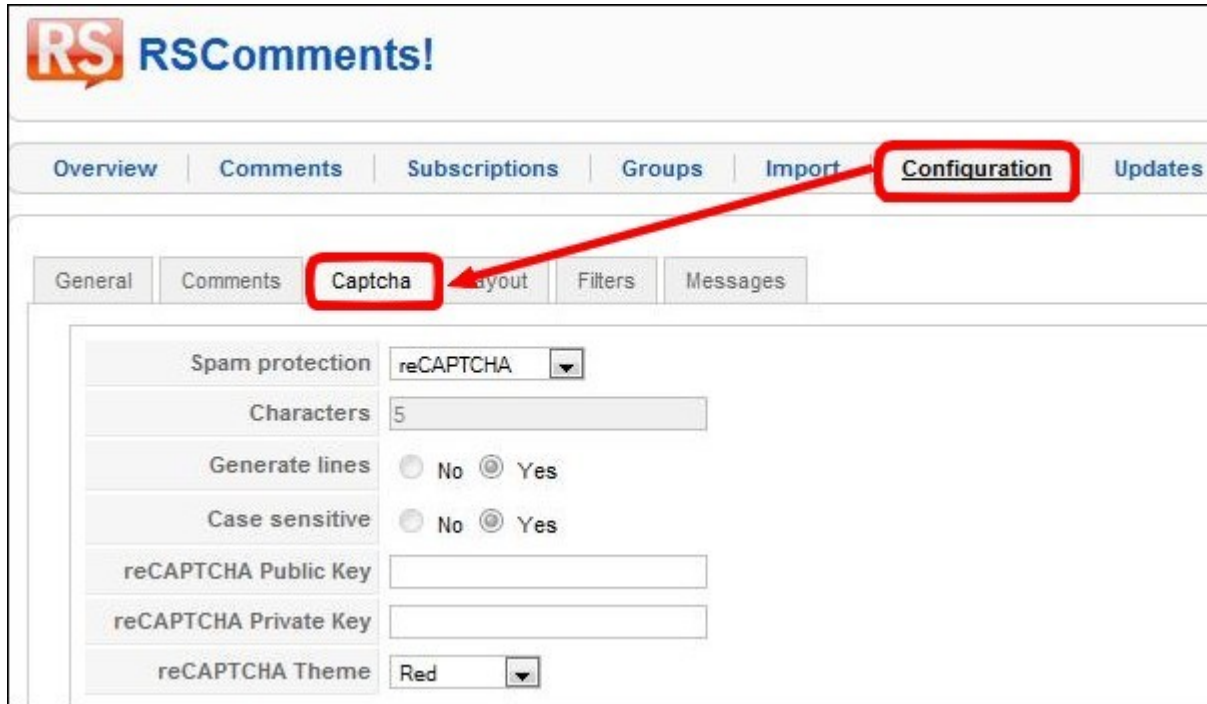
5.2 Configure comments



- **Enable avatar:** if this option is enabled, the comment will also display a image of the person who has submitted the comment. The avatar can be imported from: Gravatar, Community Builder, JomSocial, Kunena, Fireboard
- **Enable smiles:** emoticon buttons will be displayed in the comment submission form
- **Enable BBCode:** the BBCode bar will displayed in the comment submission form (if user has enough RSCComments! group permissions)
- **Enable votes:** enabling this option will allow visitors to vote for comments (if visitor has enough RSCComments! group permissions)
- **Enable accordion effect:** Yes / No - the commenting form can be toggled.
- **The comment form will be:** Closed / Opened - if accordion effect is enabled, the form can have a predefined position.
- **Ordering:** Most recent first/last
- **Comments per page:** number of comments per page
- **Maximum comment length:** how many characters can be used within a comment
- **Email notifications:** if set to "yes" the a notification email can be send when a new comment is submitted
- **Show 'No comments' text:** Yes / No - if enabled the text will be displayed if no comments are available
- **List of emails:** the emails that will be used to send the notification to
- **Joomla! categories:** categories that RSCComments! will not be displayed on
- **Joomla! sections:** sections that RSCComments! will not be displayed on

5.3 Configure captcha

RSCComments! offers 2 anti-bot services that you can use for your comments: the built-in captcha and reCAPTCHA.



The screenshot shows the RSCComments! administration interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with tabs for Overview, Comments, Subscriptions, Groups, Import, Configuration, and Updates. The Configuration tab is highlighted with a red box. Below this, there is a sub-menu with tabs for General, Comments, Captcha, Layout, Filters, and Messages. The Captcha tab is also highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from the Configuration tab to the Captcha tab. The Captcha configuration panel includes the following settings:

Spam protection	reCAPTCHA
Characters	5
Generate lines	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Case sensitive	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
reCAPTCHA Public Key	<input type="text"/>
reCAPTCHA Private Key	<input type="text"/>
reCAPTCHA Theme	Red

5.3.1 The built-in captcha

Step 1. Choose the number of characters to be displayed in the captcha image

Step 2. Enable/disable lines between characters

Step 3. Enable/disable case sensitive validation to increase security

5.3.2 The reCAPTCHA system

Step 1. Register on the <http://www.google.com/recaptcha/whyrecaptcha> website to receive your reCAPTCHA keys.

Step 2. Enter the website domain and hit the Create key button

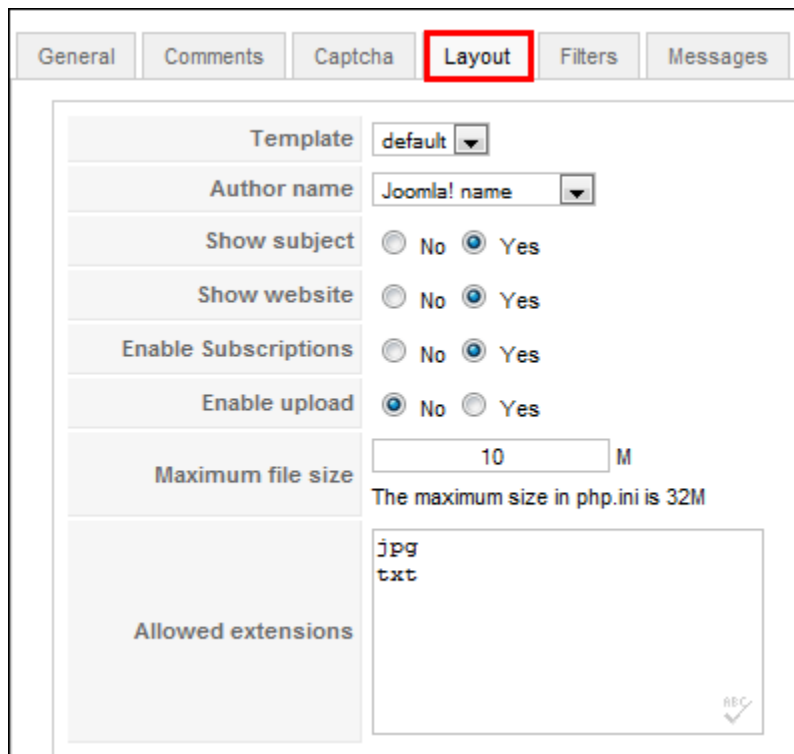
Step 3. Copy the Public Key and paste it in the reCAPTCHA Public Key field from RSCComments!

Step 4. Copy the Private Key and paste it in the reCAPTCHA Private Key field from RSCComments!

Step 5. Choose the reCAPTCHA system theme: red/white/blackglass/clean.

5.4 Layout configuration

The *Layout* tab offers some controls over how comments are displayed:



The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for the 'Layout' tab of the RSComments! component. The 'Layout' tab is highlighted with a red box. The configuration options are as follows:

Option	Value
Template	default
Author name	Joomla! name
Show subject	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Show website	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Enable Subscriptions	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Enable upload	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Maximum file size	10 M
Allowed extensions	jpg txt

The 'Maximum file size' field is accompanied by the text: 'The maximum size in php.ini is 32M'. The 'Allowed extensions' field contains a text area with 'jpg' and 'txt' listed on separate lines. A small 'REC' icon with a checkmark is visible in the bottom right corner of the text area.

- **Template:** Upon installing the component, RSComments! comes with one default template. Furthermore, new, custom layouts can be added. Just create your own (follow the default one as an example: *components/com_rscomments/designs/default*) and place it in the *components/com_rscomments/designs/* folder
- **Author name:** Joomla! name / username. In the author area of the comment the name or username can be displayed
- **Show subject:** yes/no
- **Show website:** yes/no
- **Enable Subscriptions:** yes/no - if enabled, registered viewers will be able to subscribe a commenting thread
- **Enable upload:** yes/no - if enabled the comment submitter will be able to upload a field to its comment
- **Maximum file size** - specified in MB
- **Allowed extensions:** a list of the allowed file extensions that can be uploaded (each on a new line)

5.5 Configure filters to prevent spam

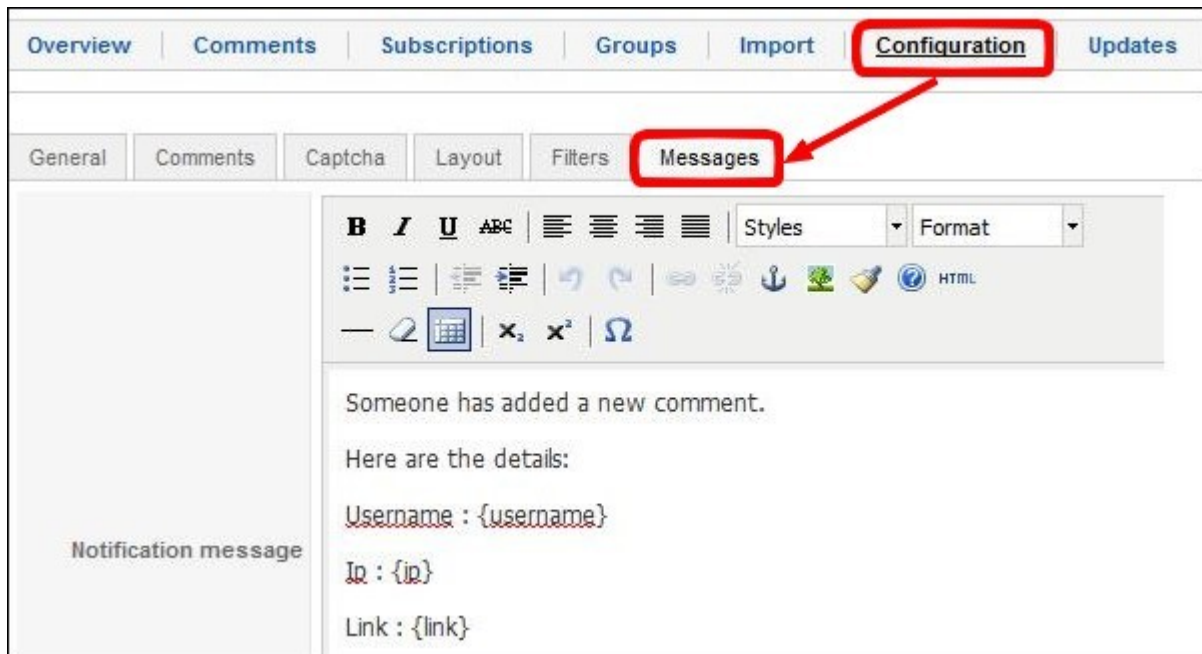
The *Filter* tab allows you to set what words can be filtered upon posting a comment:

The screenshot shows the Joomla! administrator interface with the 'Filters' tab selected. The 'Filters' tab is highlighted with a red box. The form contains several sections:

- Akismet key:** A text input field with a '- Get API key' link to its right.
- Interval between posts:** A text input field containing '30' and '(seconds)' to its right.
- Word length:** A text input field containing '15'.
- Add nofollow links:** Radio buttons for 'No' and 'Yes' (selected).
- Forbidden names:** A text area containing 'admin', 'administrator', and 'moderator'.
- Censored words:** A text area containing 'vicodin' (highlighted in yellow).
- Word replacement:** A text input field containing '*****'.
- Block users:** An empty text area.

- **Akismet key:** to use the Akismet comment validation you will require a key. Using the Akismet option will provide some protection against spammers.
- **Interval between posts:** what time should pass before a new comment can be added by you.
- **Word length:** the maximum number of chars a word can have. This is useful for preventing the comment to break the layout.
- **Add nofollow links:** you can set this attribute to notify the search engines not to pass PageRank to the linked page.
- **Forbidden names:** the listed names can't be used when filling up the comment form.
- **Censored words:** a list of the words that will be censored. Each has to be separated by comma (,)
- **Word replacement:** the censored words can be replaced with the configured chars. For example: *****
- **Block users:** listed users are not able to comment.

5.6 Configure messages



The *Messages* tab allows all types of message configuration:

Closed comments: if the comment thread has been closed and a visitor will try to add comment this message will be displayed.

- **Commenting is denied:** if the visitor does not have sufficient permissions the comment this message will be displayed
- **Notification message:** this message will be send to the configured email address from the Configuration > Comments > List of emails if *Email notifications* option is enabled. The placeholders that can be used in the Notification message are: **{username}**, **{ip}** and **{link}**.
- **Subscription message:** if the user subscribes to a comment thread the configured email will be sent to his email address. The placeholders that can be used in the Subscription message are: **{name}**, **{author}**, **{message}** and **{link}**
- **Terms and conditions:** Rolling this area, will allow you to enable or disable the terms and conditions checkbox when submitting a new comment. It is to be noted that this setting is applied globally (to all comment areas and every user group). The **Terms of usage** area allows you to set up the actual agreement terms (WYSIWYG area).

Step 6: Assign user permissions using the “Groups” tab

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.

Here you’ll find 9 pre-configured groups for each Joomla! user category: public front-end, registered, author, editor, publisher, public back-end, manager, administrator, super administrator.



Notice:

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

General permissions:

Administrators can assign user permissions like auto-publish comments option, edit/delete comments, display users info.

BBCode:

In the “Groups” tab, you can enable/disable each BBCode option: bold, italic, stroke or underlined characters, the quote tag, the unordered/ordered lists, images, URL-s, code or videos.

Groups	
Overview Comments Subscriptions <u>Groups</u>	
#	
1	Public Front-end
2	Registered
3	Author
4	Editor
5	Publisher
6	Public Back-end
7	Manager
8	Administrator
1	Super Administrator

General | **BBCode**

Post new comments :

Autopublish :

Enable Captcha :

Enable BBCode :

Edit own comments :

Delete own comments :

Edit other comments :

Delete other comments :

Publish comments :

Allow voting for comments :

View author IP :

Show emails :

Censor bad words :

Check names :

Enable flood control :

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Step 7: Moderate comments

7.1 Spam prevention methods

Spam can be blocked through the Akismet service, censored words and users blacklist options - for further information see [step 5.5 Configure filters to prevent spam](#)

7.2 Anti-bot protection

RSComments! uses the captcha system for anti-bot protection - for further information see [step 5.3 Configure captcha](#)

7.3 Publish options

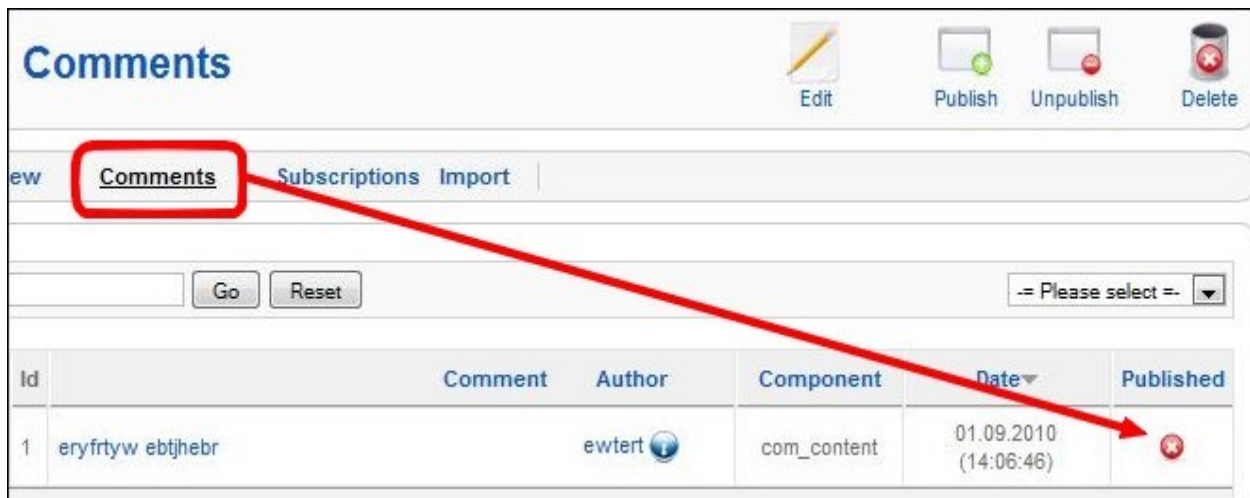
7.3.1 Auto-publish comments

Auto-publishing options are configured in the “Groups” tab, for each Joomla! user category - for further information see [Step 6: Assign user permissions using the “Groups” tab](#)


7.3.2 Approve 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.



The screenshot shows the Joomla! administration interface for managing comments. At the top, there are icons for Edit, Publish, Unpublish, and Delete. Below these is a navigation bar with tabs for 'ew', 'Comments', 'Subscriptions', and 'Import'. The 'Comments' tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar are search and filter options, including 'Go', 'Reset', and a dropdown menu set to '-- Please select --'. The main content area is a table with the following columns: Id, Comment, Author, Component, Date, and Published. The table contains one row with the following data:

Id	Comment	Author	Component	Date	Published
1	eryfryw ebtjhebr	ewtert	com_content	01.09.2010 (14:06:46)	

Tips:

- To disable/enable the commenting feature on certain items, just use the following syntax:
`{rscomments on}` or `{rscomments off}`
- if a particular article is part of the disabled Joomla! sections and categories, you'll still be able to use the default RSComments! syntax, which allows you to publish comments on any Joomla! page: `{rscomments on}`
- 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!](#)

7.3.3 Frontend latest comments module

RSComments! comes with a module which allows you to display the latest X comments in a module position: the **Front-end latest comments module**.



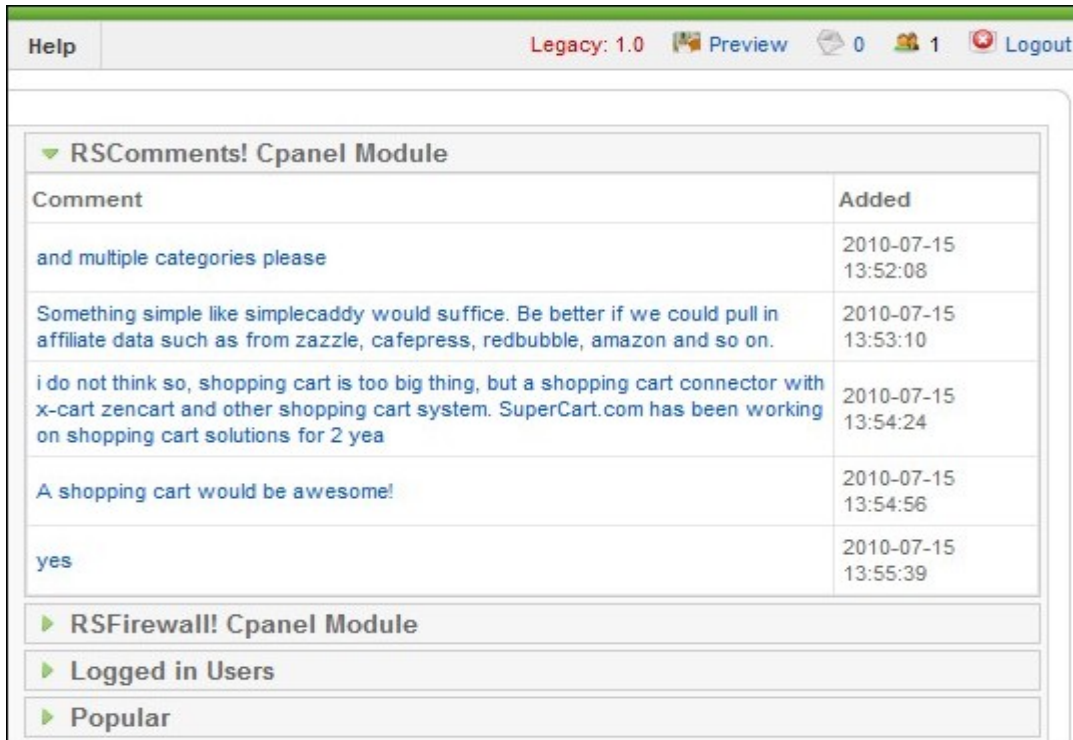
Note that X is a configurable module parameter that controls the number of comments that will be displayed.

Module parameters:

- *Module Class Suffix*: Enables you to differentiate between the CSS style of the modules, by assigning a class suffix.
- *Limit*: Numeric value that controls the number of comments that will be displayed

73.4 Cpanel Latest Comments Module

With the help of the Cpanel Latest Comments Module, you can publish a list of your most recent comments in your Joomla! administrative panel. The module configuration is simple, you only need to set the number of comments that will be displayed.



The screenshot shows the Joomla! Cpanel interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Help', 'Legacy: 1.0', 'Preview', '0', '1', and 'Logout'. Below this, the 'RSComments! Cpanel Module' is expanded, displaying a table of comments. The table has two columns: 'Comment' and 'Added'. Below the table, there are three more modules: 'RSFirewall! Cpanel Module', 'Logged in Users', and 'Popular'.

Comment	Added
and multiple categories please	2010-07-15 13:52:08
Something simple like simplecaddy would suffice. Be better if we could pull in affiliate data such as from zazzle, cafepress, redbubble, amazon and so on.	2010-07-15 13:53:10
i do not think so, shopping cart is too big thing, but a shopping cart connector with x-cart zencart and other shopping cart system. SuperCart.com has been working on shopping cart solutions for 2 yea	2010-07-15 13:54:24
A shopping cart would be awesome!	2010-07-15 13:54:56
yes	2010-07-15 13:55:39



Note:

- Please make sure that you publish the module in the *cpanel* position.

The purpose of this guide

This guide is designed to assist you, step by step, in configuring comments using the RSComments! component.

We've also created a RSComments! Quick Guide, that includes all important steps that you must follow to be able to quickly setup comments.

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](#).