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Step 1: Purchasing an 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 line of text: '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

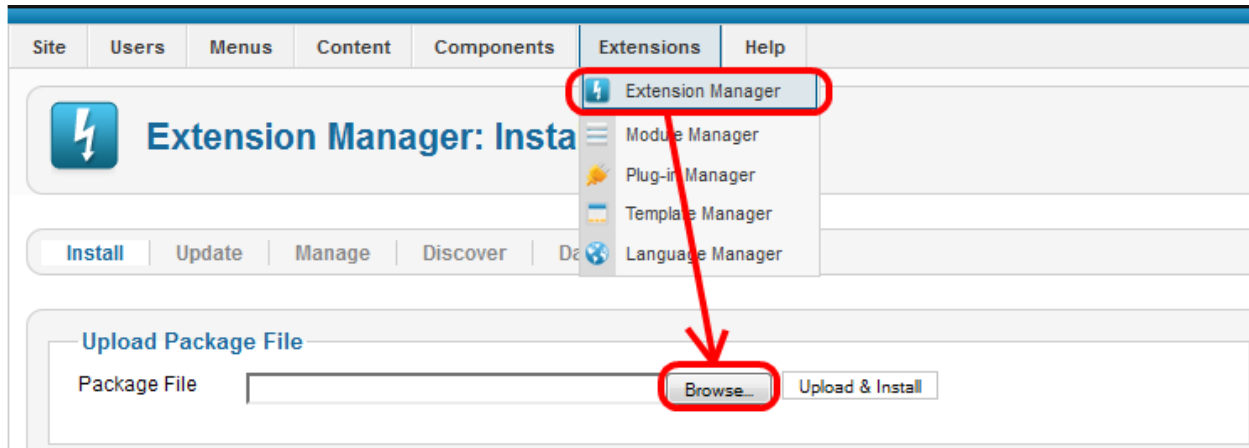
Currently we have the following translations available:

#	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://joomlaco.de.org>

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

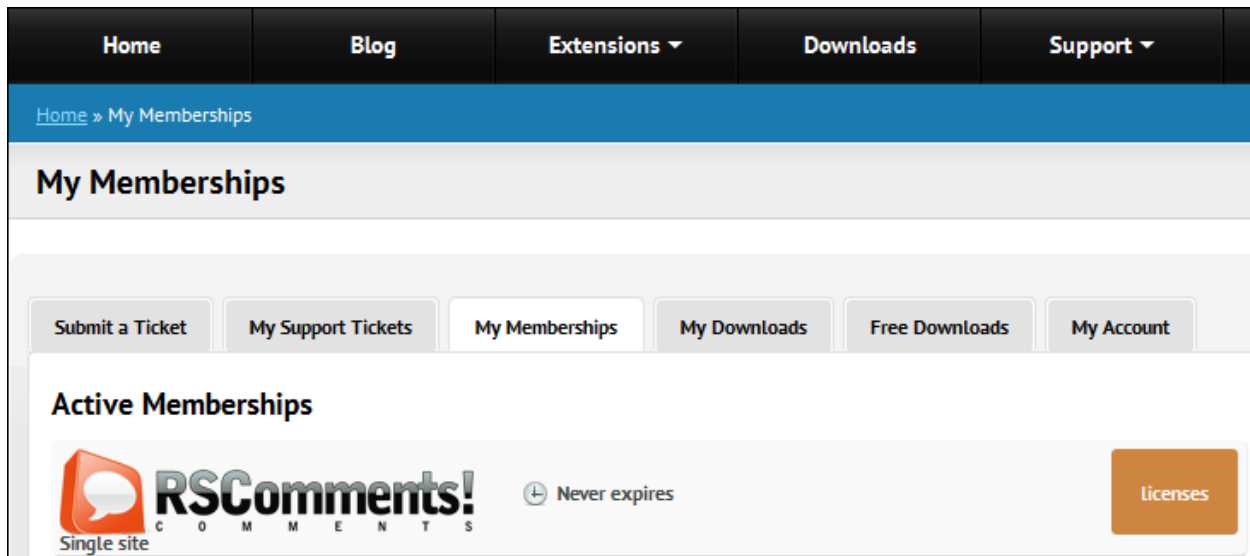
2. **Install the RSComments! languages pack:** (regular installation through the Joomla! Installer)
 - a. Download the RSComments! language files from www.rsjoomla.com - Customer Downloads (see [Step 2.2. Download RSComments! language files](#))
 - b. In the backend panel, head to **Extensions >> Install/Uninstall >> 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 a user interface with a dark navigation bar at the top containing 'Home', 'Blog', 'Extensions', 'Downloads', and 'Support'. Below this is a blue breadcrumb trail 'Home » My Memberships'. The main content area is titled 'My Memberships' and features a row of buttons: 'Submit a Ticket', 'My Support Tickets', 'My Memberships', 'My Downloads', 'Free Downloads', and 'My Account'. Underneath, the 'Active Memberships' section displays the RSComments! logo with the text 'Single site' and 'C O M M E N T S'. To the right of the logo, it says 'Never expires' with a circular arrow icon. An orange button labeled 'licenses' is positioned to the right of the membership details.


Step 2:

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

RSComments! 1.1.0 rev 10	
	
Installed version:	1.1.0
Copyright:	©2009-2012 www.rsjoomla.com
License:	GPL Commercial License
Author:	www.rsjoomla.com
Please enter your license code to receive updates	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Update registration"/>	

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.



Overview | Comments | Subscriptions | Group Permissions | Import | Configuration | **Updates**

i License saved

Checking for updates

i RSComments! Single site subscription for 12 months Your version is up to date. No new downloads are available.

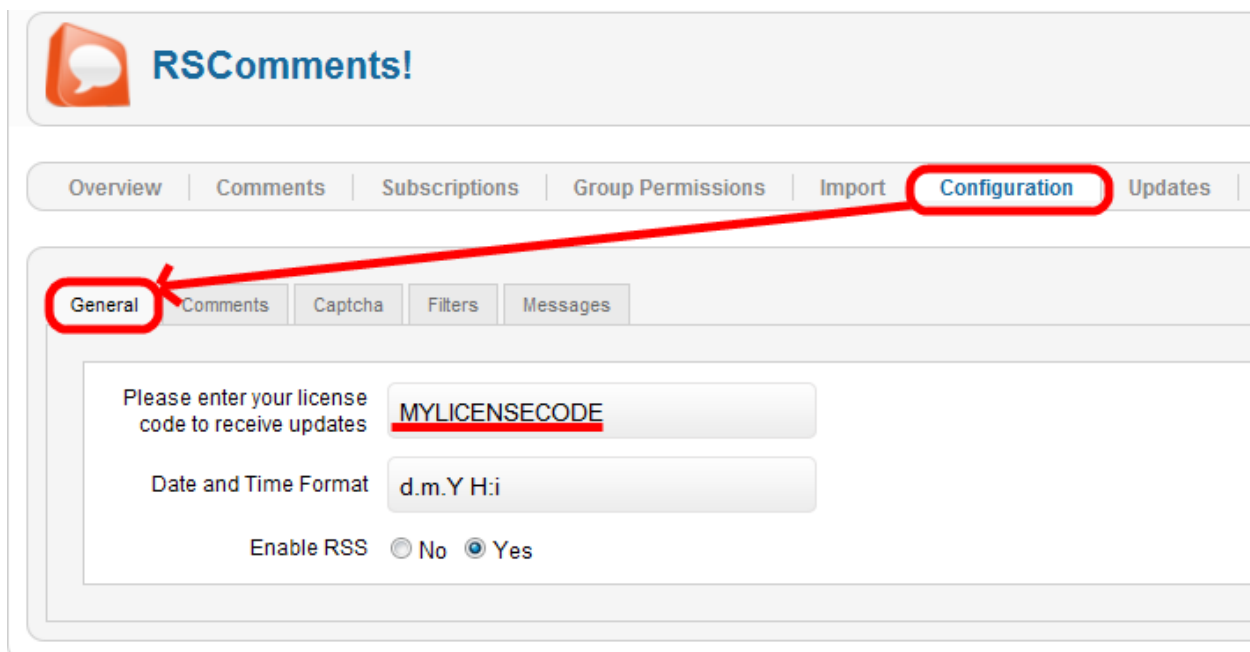
Step 5: Configure RSComments:

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](#))



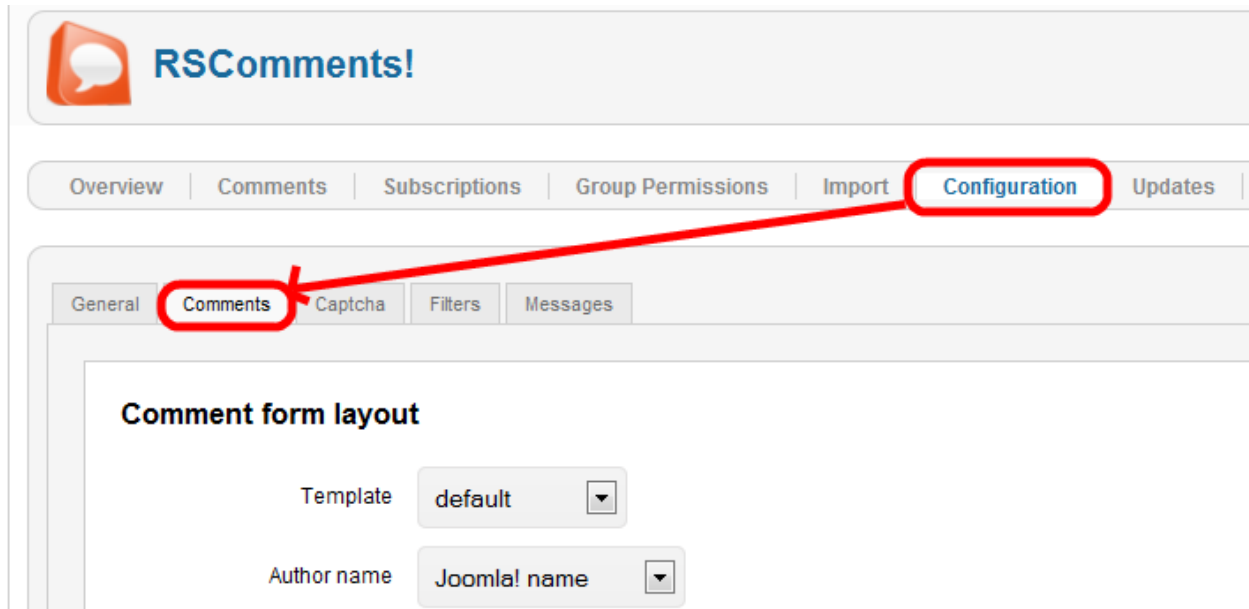
The screenshot shows the RSComments! configuration interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: Overview, Comments, Subscriptions, Group Permissions, Import, Configuration (highlighted with a red circle), and Updates. Below this, there is a sub-navigation bar with tabs: General (highlighted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

- Please enter your license code to receive updates: (The text 'MYLICENSECODE' is underlined in red.)
- Date and Time Format:
- Enable RSS: No Yes

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.

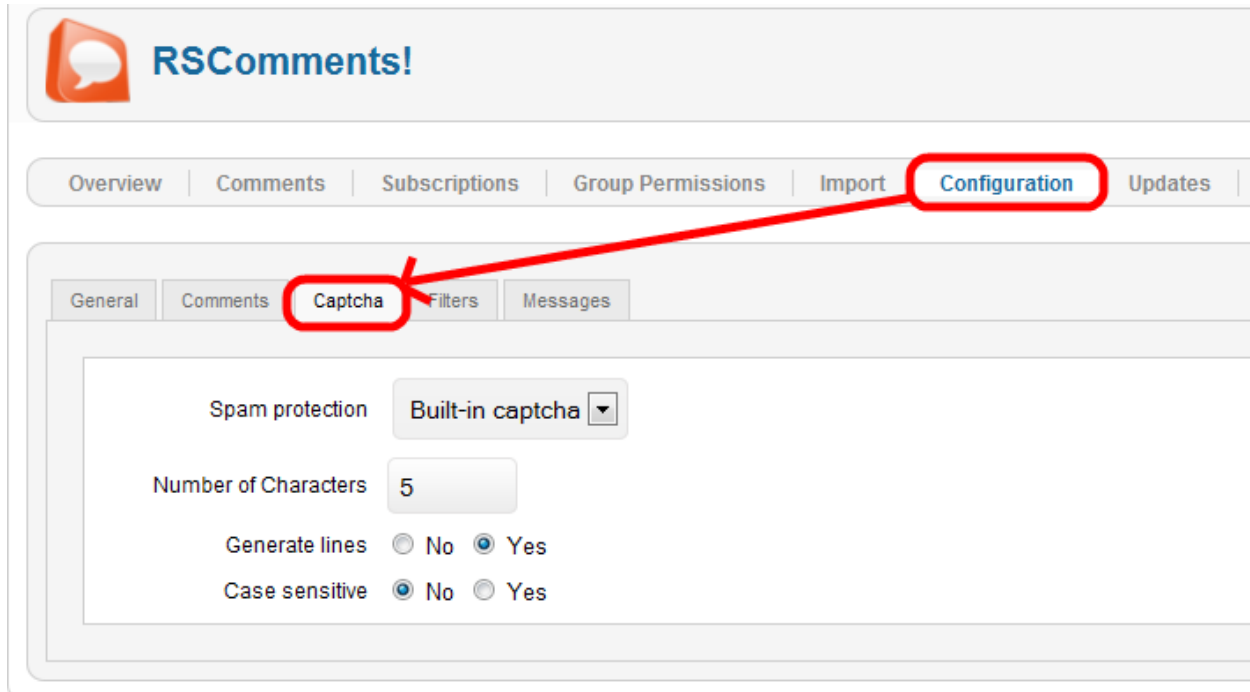
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- **Enable avatar:** if this option is enabled, the comment will also display a image of the person who has submitted the comment. The avatar can be imported from: Gravatar, Community Builder, JomSocial, Kunena, Fireboard
- **Enable smiles:** emoticon 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 RSComments! group permissions)
- **Enable votes:** enabling this option will allow visitors to vote for comments (if visitor has enough RSComments! 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 RSComments! will not be displayed on
- **Joomla! sections:** sections that RSComments! will not be displayed on
- **Show User Social link:** show profile link from Community Builder or JomSocial

5.3 Configure captcha

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



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

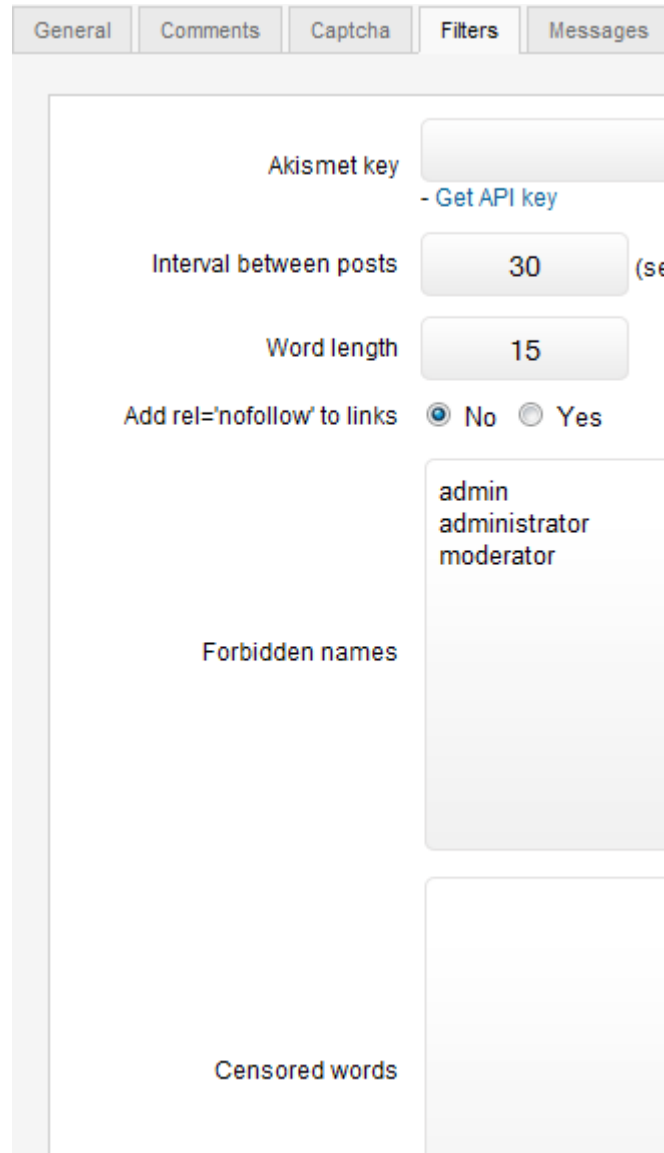
Step 3. Copy the Public Key and paste it in the reCAPTCHA Public Key field from RSComments!

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

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

5.4 Configure filters to prevent spam

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



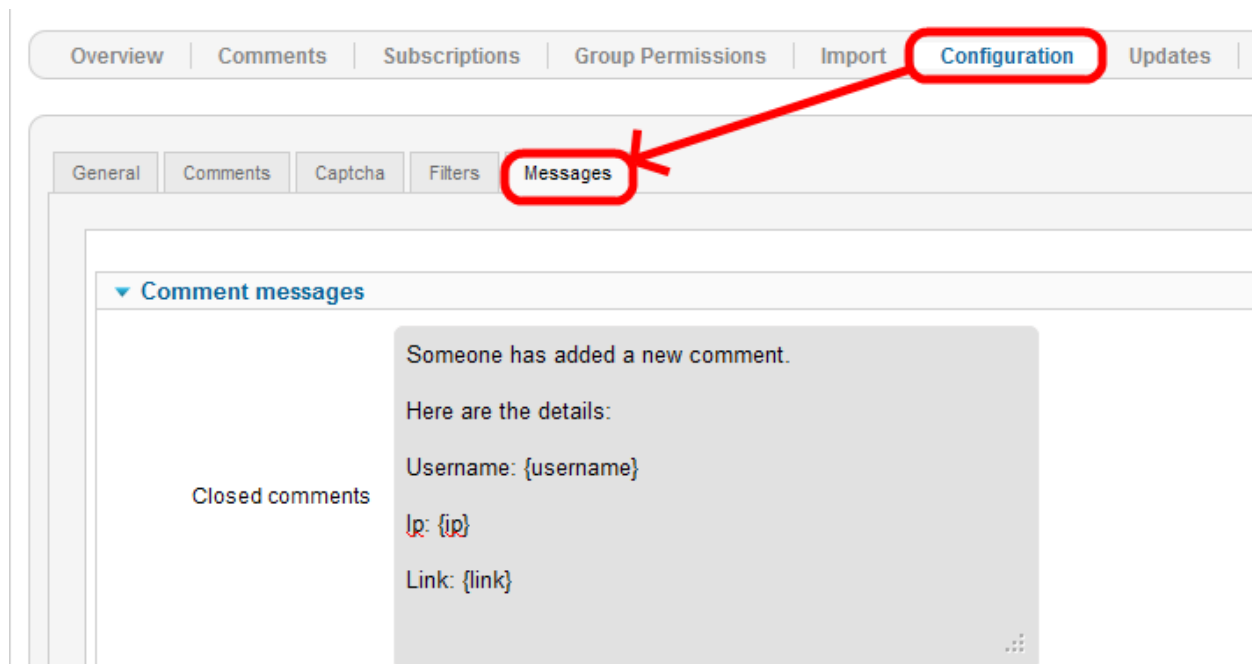
The screenshot shows the Joomla! configuration interface for the 'Filters' tab. At the top, there are five tabs: 'General', 'Comments', 'Captcha', 'Filters' (which is selected), and 'Messages'. Below the tabs, the configuration options are as follows:

- Akismet key:** A text input field is empty. Below it is a link that says '- Get API key'.
- Interval between posts:** A numeric input field contains the value '30', followed by '(seconds)'.
- Word length:** A numeric input field contains the value '15'.
- Add rel='nofollow' to links:** Two radio buttons are present. The 'No' button is selected, and the 'Yes' button is unselected.
- Forbidden names:** A text area contains the words 'admin', 'administrator', and 'moderator' on separate lines.
- Censored words:** 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.

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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, auto-subscribe to thread, allow reply, allow to open/close threads(gives the user a certain amount of authority in managing his own threads, enabling him to open or close them).

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.

Group Permissions

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

#	
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

1.

General | BBCode

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 :

2.

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 5.4 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.

Id	Comment	Author	Component	Date	Published
4	this is a test this is a test.	test	com_rsblog	01.08.2012 08:17	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	this is another test this is the second test.	test2	com_rsblog	01.08.2012 08:17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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}*
- 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

RSComments! Latest Comments



[this is a test.](#)



[this is the second test.](#)

7.3.4 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.

▼ RSComments! Cpanel Module	
Comment	Added
this is the second test.	Wednesday, 01 August 2012
this is a test.	Wednesday, 01 August 2012
▶ Last 5 Logged-in Users	
▶ Top 5 Popular Articles	
▶ Last 5 Added Articles	



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](#).