

**Please Note the following:**

**Please make sure that in your php.ini file that the variable  
upload\_max\_filesize is at least 4 MB**

**the default setting of  
upload\_max\_filesize=2M is too small and we recommend at least  
upload\_max\_filesize=4M**

**#1 Backup the Database and Files**

- If this is a Upgrade, continue with the steps below otherwise proceed to step #2.
- It is recommended that you look at your hacks page and in addition to the backup, go to AEC hacks page and backup the hacked files to your local drive.
- If this is an upgrade on J! 1.5.x please disable all AEC plug-in, and re-enable the Joomla Authentication plug-in.
- It is recommended at this point to remove the hacks that AEC has made previously (Use the undo now on the Hacks page)
- Uninstall via the Joomla Uninstall (differs for versions 1.0.x and 1.5.x) the AEC Component, any AEC plug-ins, AEC modules, or AEC mambots.
- Check you Registration flow via the front end doing a test registration, if all is good then proceed to step #2 if not isolate the problem and correct.

**#2 For Joomla 1.0.x proceed with the installation of the following (in this order) below.**

**For Joomla 1.5.x skip to Step #3**

- com\_acctexp\_0\_12\_6RC2n.zip
- aehacks\_mambot\_0\_1.zip
- mod\_acctexp\_0\_12\_4\_6.zip
- Publish the aehacks mambot
- Skip to step #6

**#3 For Joomla 1.5.x proceed with the installation of the following (in this order) below.**

**(Make sure to enable the System Legacy Plugin for Joomla)**

- com\_acctexp\_0\_12\_6RC2n.zip
- aecaccess\_plugin\_0\_4.zip
- aecerror\_plugin\_0\_1.zip
- aecrouting\_plugin\_0\_1.zip
- aecuser\_plugin\_0\_3.zip
- mod\_acctexp\_0\_12\_4\_6.zip
- DO NOT PUBLISH THE PLUGINS YET

#### #4 For Joomla 1.5.x Only - Configure the Authentication

- Go to Components-→AEC → AEC Central then click on Settings
- Click on the Authentication Tab
- Make sure Active-Authentication Plugins has Joomla highlighted
- Highlight Joomla again for Active Authorization Plugins
- Click on Save

#### #5 For Joomla 1.5.x Only - Configure the Plugins

- Extensions → Plugin Manager
- Easiest way to do this is to scroll to the bottom and make sure the Display # is set to all
- Enable Authentication – AEC Access
- Disable Authentication – Joomla
- **Come down to the system Plugins and look for the AEC Routing and AEC Error Handler Plugins and make sure they are after the System Legacy Plugin, if not reorder so that they are.**
- Enable the AEC Error Handler Plugin
- Enable the AEC Routing Plugin

Please Note the following steps assume the flow that most sites will use. That of Clicking On Register or Create an account, then being presented with a choice of Plans, then taken to the registration form the register, then to a Confirmation Screen then to the Checkout screen – then to the appropriate processor gateway.

#### #6 Apply the Hacks.

- Go to Components-→AEC → AEC Central then click on Hacks
- Apply All of the Joomla Hacks and/or CB Hacks. (all other third party hacks depend on the logic flow with that component)

#### #7 AEC Global Settings

- Go to Components-→AEC → AEC Central then click on Settings
- You should be on the Global Tab
- Require Subscriptions set to YES
- If you have any SEO/SEF turned on then set Simple URLs to YES
- For the purpose of this guide for activated gateways we will multi select Paypal and Paypal Subscription, by holding down the Ctrl key
- Gateway Descriptions multi select Paypal and Paypal Subscription, by holding down the Ctrl key
- Entry Plan set to No Plan
- Plans First set to Yes
- Integrate Registration set to Yes
- Show Fixed Decisions set to Yes
- Click on the Apply Button
- After clicking on the apply button two additional tabs will show up for Paypal and Paypal Subscription

#### #8 Configure the Processor

- Click on the Paypal tab from AEC Settings
- Enter in your business ID (email) for Paypal
- Click on the Paypal Subscriptions tab from AEC Settings
- Enter in your business ID (email) for Paypal
- Hit Save

#### #9 Configure the First Plan (Recurring Subscription Paypal)

- Go to Components-→AEC → AEC Central then click on Plans
- Click on New
- Name: Monthly Recurring Subscription
- Published set to Yes
- Visible set to Yes
- Enable User group set to Yes (Registered)
- Make Active set to Yes
- Primary set to Yes
- Update Existing set to Yes
- Override Activation set to No
- Override Registration Email set to No
- Fall Back Plan set to No Plan
- Standard Parent Plan set to No Plan
- Free set to NO
- Regular rate: 9.95
- Lifetime set to NO
- Period: 1
- Period Unit set to Months
- Click on Apply
- Click on the Processors tab
- Under Paypal Subscription check off Active
- Hit Save

#### #10 Configure the second Plan (One Time Charge Paypal)

- Go to Components-→AEC → AEC Central then click on Plans
- Click on New
- Name: Monthly One Time Subscription
- Published set to Yes
- Visible set to Yes
- Enable User group set to Yes (Registered)
- Make Active set to Yes
- Primary set to Yes
- Update Existing set to Yes
- Override Activation set to No
- Override Registration Email set to No
- Fall Back Plan set to No Plan
- Standard Parent Plan set to No Plan
- Free set to NO
- Regular rate: 12.95
- Lifetime set to NO
- Period: 1
- Period Unit set to Months
- Click on Apply
- Click on the Processors tab
- Under Paypal check off Active
- Hit Save

#11 You are done. Do a test registration.....

NOTES:

The individual packages are:

#### **com\_acctexp\_0\_12\_6RC2n.zip - The AccountExpirationControl Component**

This is the AEC Component. Please always install this first. The Component in itself will also not restrict access to content or to the system, but (for example) give you options to modify user accounts to have the system grant different access rights.

#### **mod\_acctexp\_0\_12\_4\_6.zip - The AEC Module**

This is the AEC Module. It lets you display the individual account expiration date to your users. It is also required for certain Micro Integrations which can display Javascript code or other extra information in the Module and thus, for example, display affiliate tracking code and similar information.

### **aecaccess\_plugin\_0\_4.zip - AECaccess Plugin - Access Manager**

This Plugin manages the Joomla login. Please deactivate all other plugins of the group "access". You are able to add in functionality of other plugins by activating integration in the "Authentication" tab of your AEC Settings. This plugin does not in itself restrict access to content.

### **aecerror\_plugin\_0\_1.zip - AECerror Plugin - Error Manager**

This Plugin handles error behavior of your Joomla CMS. For example, instead of redirecting your users to a standard "you are not allowed to access this page, please log in", you can, with this plugin, forward them to a special AEC NotAllowed page, which explains the Membership system on your site.

### **aecrouting\_plugin\_0\_1.zip - AECrouting Plugin - Routing Manager**

A general purpose router for AEC related events such as registration (where, according to your settings, the AEC might redirect to the plan selection screen first).

### **aechacks\_mambot\_0\_1.zip - AEChacks Mambot - System Hacks Emulator**

While previously, the AEC relied on hacking (editing) core Joomla files, this mambot emulates this behavior by intercepting certain calls and redirecting them to AEC functions. It may still be necessary to hack certain files, but the majority of systems will have a complete integration with this Mambot alone.

### **aecuser\_plugin\_0\_3.zip - AECuser Plugin - User Manager**

Certain functions within the AEC need to intercept user registrations to store extra data and propagate changes to a user account to internal functions. This is why the AECuser Plugin is required for most systems.