



## AEC Version 0.12.6RC2o

### Installation/Upgrade Quick Start Guide Guide

This guide will lead you through the basic steps of installing the component and dealing with casual server problems.

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Please Note the following:

the default setting of

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`upload_max_filesize=4M`

To check on this in Joomla 1.5.x : Help System Info. Click on the PHP Information tab and look for `upload_max_filesize`.

To check on this in Joomla 1.0.x : System System Info. Click on the PHP Info tab and look for `upload_max_filesize`. System

If you are unable to change this variable you will need to install the component via the “Install for Directory” method. For more information on this method click on the Help icon in Joomla when on the Install screen.

Please Note the versions of Joomla and CB you are using:

We make every effort to make sure that AEC is compatible with different versions of Joomla, but it is **STRONGLY** recommended that you upgrade your version of Joomla to the most current versions. At this time that would be either 1.0.15 or 1.5.8. If you do not, you may have to apply some hacks manually.

It is also recommended that you upgrade to the most current version of Community Builder also, which at this time is CB1.2rc4.

Unzip the package `AEC_package_0_12_6RC2o_unzip_first.zip` to your local hard drive.

### #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
- aechacks\_mambot\_0\_1.zip (Located in the joomla\_1\_0\_mambots folder of the unzipped package)
- mod\_acctexp\_0\_12\_4\_6.zip
- Publish the aechacks 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 (Located in the joomla\_1\_5\_plugins folder of the unzipped package)
- aecrouting\_plugin\_0\_1.zip (Located in the joomla\_1\_5\_plugins folder of the unzipped package)
- aecuser\_plugin\_0\_3.zip (Located in the joomla\_1\_5\_plugins folder of the unzipped package)
- 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

Step 6: Install the Joomla 1.5.x AEC 0.12.6

- Disable any other Authentication Type Plugin you have enabled
- 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. So for example if the legacy plugin is order #3 under the system plugins, then AEC Routing should be order #4 and AEC ErrorHandler should be order #5.
- 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..... This is done via the Login Module. If you are using CB then make sure you have enabled the CB Login module. From the login module click on Create an account or Register.

## Globalnerd.org AEC Support Policy and Options.

Globalnerd.org offers free and paid support for AEC; however, paid memberships will receive priority. Which means that all support issues for paid members will be addressed first (based on date of request) and free members support issues will be addressed only after all the paid members requests are completed.

Please, if you have any problems search our forum. It is the best place to find the an answer to any question you may have. Also look at the topic Frequent Problems - Answered! The forum will help you - either this problem has been talked about before, or our forum moderators will have an answer.

Globalnerd.org offers free and paid support for AEC. When requesting support make sure to include the following information in your request.

What version of Joomla are you running?

What version of AEC have you installed?

Do you have CB (Community Builder) installed and if so what version?

Do you have JACL or JUGA Installed?

What payment processor are you attempting to use?

### Free Support

- Free Support is given the the forum.
- Free Support is given via email using the contact form on the site. Please log in when using the contact form first, this will filter the support level you are at, if you do not it will be assumed that you are at the lowest support level.

### Need us to take a Quick Look

- Need us to take a quick look and try to isolate a problem you may be having.
- For 15<sup>xx</sup> (19 US\$) we will go onto your server and isolate the problem you are having. If it can be fixed within a 15 minute period of time (usually can be) we will fix it.
- If your issue does require more time, a reinstall, or an upgrade or custom programing, we will quote you the membership level you should be at for support and issue you a coupon for 15<sup>xx</sup> (19 US\$) that you can use against the purchase of the proper support level.

### Basic Membership Priority Email Support

- Priority Email Support is given via email using the contact form on the site. Please log in when using the contact form first, this will filter the support level you are at, if you do not it will be assumed that you are at the lowest support level.
- Forum Support
- This membership costs 30€ (38 US\$) for a period of three months.

#### Generous: Priority Email Support, On Server Support

- Priority Email Support is given via email using the contact form on the site. Please log in when using the contact form first, this will filter the support level you are at, if you do not it will be assumed that you are at the lowest support level.
- On Server Support. We will go onto your server and check over the configuration and setup you have done and isolate and fix and problems you are having.
- Forum Support
- This membership costs 60€ (76 US\$) for a period of four months

#### AEC Setup & Top Priority Support: Priority Email Support, On Server Support, AEC Installation Service

- This plan is like the Generous Membership (four months of Top Priority Support), but includes setting the AEC up on your server by our Support Team. We will contact you for your server details and requirements.
- Priority Email Support is given via email using the contact form on the site. Please log in when using the contact form first, this will filter the support level you are at, if you do not it will be assumed that you are at the lowest support level.
- On Server Support. We will go onto your server and check over the configuration and setup you have done and isolate and fix and problems you are having.
- Forum Support
- This setup costs 100€ (126 US\$)

#### Upgrading Support Levels

If you need to upgrade your current support membership to a higher level we do offer discounts on said upgrades. Just use the contact form on the site and we will supply you with the link for upgrading.



## Custom Integrations

Globalnerd.org does offer custom integration services. Need a special payment processor for AEC? Need a special Micro Integration written? Need or want to add a feature to AEC. Just use the contact form on the site and let us know, we will be happy to quote what the sponsorship of such a modification would be.

## 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.