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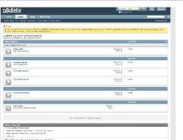
COMPARISON RESULTS


JFORUM

PHPBB 3

SIMPLE MACHINES 2

VBULLETIN 4

Version	2.1.8	3.0.10	2.0	4.1.1
Last Release	March 20, 2009	January 2nd, 2012	June 11th, 2011	December 26, 2010
License	BSD License	GPL License	BSD License	Proprietary License
Price	Free	Free	Free	\$195 for Forum, \$285 for Publishing Suite
Resources	Official Website » Download »	Official Website » Download »	Official Website » Download »	Official Website » Download »
Ergonomy	Easy to Use	Perfection	Easy to Use	Perfection
Installation	Easy to Do	Fast & Simple	Easy to Do	Fast & Simple
Administration	Efficient & Fast	Efficient & Fast	Efficient & Fast	Efficient & Fast
Community Size	Medium Community	Huge Community	Huge Community	Huge Community
Our Opinion				
User Reviews	6.8/10 (43 votes)	8.5/10 (760 votes)	3.8/10 (1115 votes)	4.1/10 (426 votes)
Demonstration	 Open Demo »	 Open Demo »	 Open Demo »	 Open Demo »


































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SERVER REQUIREMENTS





JFORUM
PHPBB 3
SIMPLE MACHINES 2
VBULLETIN 4

Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GNU/Linux Microsoft Windows Apple Mac OS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GNU/Linux BSD Unix Microsoft Windows Apple Mac OS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GNU/Linux BSD Unix Microsoft Windows Apple Mac OS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GNU/Linux BSD Unix Microsoft Windows Apple Mac OS
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COMPARISON RESULTS	 JFORUM	 PHPBB 3	 SIMPLE MACHINES 2	 VBULLETIN 4
Web Server	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apache Tomcat • JBoss • JoNas • Geronimo • WebSphere • Weblogic • Glassfish • Jetty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apache 1.3 • Apache 2.0/2.2 • Microsoft IIS • Lighttpd • Nginx 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apache 1.3 • Apache 2.0/2.2 • Microsoft IIS • Lighttpd • Nginx 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apache 1.3 • Apache 2.0/2.2 • Microsoft IIS • Lighttpd
Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Java 1.4 - J2EE • Java 6 - JEE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHP 4 • PHP 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHP 4 • PHP 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHP 4 • PHP 5
Databases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MySQL • Postgresql • Microsoft SQL Server • Oracle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MySQL • Postgresql • SQLite • Microsoft SQL Server • Oracle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MySQL • Postgresql 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MySQL
BROWSERS & CLIENTS REQUIREMENTS				
Compatible Browsers	 Mozilla Firefox  Internet Explorer  Google Chrome  Opera  Apple Safari  Konqueror  Mozilla SeaMonkey	 Mozilla Firefox  Internet Explorer  Google Chrome  Opera  Apple Safari  Konqueror  Mozilla SeaMonkey	 Mozilla Firefox  Internet Explorer  Google Chrome  Opera  Apple Safari  Konqueror  Mozilla SeaMonkey	 Mozilla Firefox  Internet Explorer  Google Chrome  Opera  Apple Safari  Konqueror  Mozilla SeaMonkey
Plugins/Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Javascript • AJAX 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AJAX 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HTML • Javascript • AJAX • CSS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Javascript • AJAX
Localization	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Languages	Supported Languages: Portuguese (Brazilian) Chinese (Simplified) German Spanish Hungarian Italian Korean (South) Norwegian Polish Portuguese Russian English (British) Vietnamese Chinese (Traditional)	Supported Languages: Albanian Basque Bulgarian Portuguese (Brazilian) Belarusian Catalan Chinese (Simplified) Czech German Danish Estonian Spanish Finnish French Galician Greek Croatian Hungarian Indonesian Hebrew Persian Italian Japanese Kurdish Lithuanian	Supported Languages: Albanian Bangali Bulgarian Portuguese (Brazilian) Catalan Chinese (Simplified) Czech German Danish Spanish Finnish French Galician Greek Croatian Hungarian Indonesian Hebrew Hindi Persian Italian Japanese Kurdish Macedonian Dutch	Supported Languages: Portuguese (Brazilian) Chinese (Simplified) German Danish French Greek Italian Dutch Portuguese Romanian Swedish English (British) English (American) Chinese (Traditional)

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		Dutch Norwegian Polish Portuguese Romanian Serbian Russian Arabic Swedish Slovene Sindhi Slovak Thai Turkish Ukrainian English (British) English (American) Vietnamese Chinese (Traditional)	Norwegian Urdu Polish Portuguese Romanian Serbian Russian Arabic Swedish Slovak Thai Turkish Ukrainian English (British) English (American) Uzbek Vietnamese Chinese (Traditional)	
COMPATIBILITY WITH SMARTPHONES				
Compatible SmartPhones	No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Android iPhone BlackBerry Windows Phone 7 Symbian Phones (Nokia) HP WebOS (ex-Palm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Android iPhone BlackBerry Windows Phone 7 Symbian Phones (Nokia) HP WebOS (ex-Palm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Android iPhone BlackBerry Windows Phone 7 Symbian Phones (Nokia) HP WebOS (ex-Palm)
Distribution	No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Android MarketApple StoreNokia Ovi StoreBlackBerry App World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Android MarketApple StoreNokia Ovi StoreBlackBerry App World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Android MarketApple StoreNokia Ovi StoreBlackBerry App World
THREADS / TOPICS	JFORUM	PHPBB 3	SIMPLE MACHINES 2	VBULLETIN 4
Forum Style	Flat	Flat	Flat	Flat/Threaded
Forum Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Forum CategoriesSub Sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Forum CategoriesURL Redirection Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sub Sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Forum CategoriesURL Redirection Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sub SectionsTrashcan Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Forum CategoriesURL Redirection Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sub SectionsTrashcan ForumTags
Topic Tags	-	Plugin	Plugin	Yes
Sticky Threads	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thread Icons	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hot Topics	-	-	Yes	Yes
Related Threads	-	Plugin	No	Yes
Detect Duplicate Threads	No	Plugin	No	Yes
Hidden Topics	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

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Unread Topics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Announcements	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
FORUM POSTS	JFORUM	PHPBB 3	SIMPLE MACHINES 2	VBULLETIN 4
Message Editing Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Formatting ButtonsPreview Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rich Text EditorPreview Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none">WYSIWYG EditorFormatting ButtonsPreview Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none">WYSIWYG EditorPreview Button
Post Editing Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HTMLBBCode	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HTMLBBCode	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HTMLBBCode	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PlainHTMLBBCode
Spell Checker	No	Plugin	Yes	No
Emoticons	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quick Reply Box	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Syntax Highlighting	No	Plugin	Plugin	Plugin
Message Quoting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Message Rating	Yes	Plugin	Plugin	Yes
Attachments	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Image Attachment	No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Upload via Classic AttachmentsUse BBCode or HTML	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Upload via Classic AttachmentsUse BBCode or HTML	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Upload via Advanced AttachmentsUse BBCode or HTML
Embedded Videos	No.	No.	No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">YouTube
FORUM FEATURES	JFORUM	PHPBB 3	SIMPLE MACHINES 2	VBULLETIN 4
Poll Creation	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Private Messages	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Instant Messaging	No	Yes	No	Yes
Calendar	No	No	Yes	Yes
Members List	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Online Users List	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TECHNICAL FEATURES	JFORUM	PHPBB 3	SIMPLE MACHINES 2	VBULLETIN 4
Bundled Software	No.	No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Portal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Website Home PageCMSBlogBug TrackerProjet ManagerPictures Album Manager

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RSS/Atom Syndication	• RSS 2.0	• ATOM 1.0	• RSS 2.0	• RSS 2.0
Friendly URLs	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Remote Control	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cache System	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Template Engine	• Freemarker	• Custom Template Engine	• Custom Template Engine	• Custom Template Engine
Post By Email	No	No	Plugin	No
USER PROFILES & OPTIONS	JFORUM	PHPBB 3	SIMPLE MACHINES 2	VBULLETIN 4
User Profile	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Avatars	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Signatures	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ranks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bookmark Threads	Yes	Yes	Plugin	Yes
User Selectable Themes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Email Notifications	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Export Private Messages	No	Yes	Plugin	Yes
Payment Subscriptions	No	No	Yes	Yes
SECURITY & SPAM PROTECTION				
CAPTCHA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CAPTCHA Complexity			<div><div></div></div> Normal	<div><div></div></div> Normal
Abnormal Behavior Detection	-	No	Yes	No
Words Filtering	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
User Blacklist	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
IP Blocking	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
CUSTOMIZATION	JFORUM	PHPBB 3	SIMPLE MACHINES 2	VBULLETIN 4
Plugins	No	Yes ~433 Available Plugins.	Yes ~430 Available Plugins.	Yes
Plugin Installation			<div><div></div></div> Very Easy	<div><div></div></div> Normal
Themes	Yes	Yes ~525 Available Themes.	Yes ~130 Available Themes.	Yes
Custom BBCodes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Custom Emoticons	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Custom Thread Icons	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Custom Profile Fields	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
THIRD APPLICATIONS & WEBSITES					
Social Networks	No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FacebookTwitterMySpace	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FacebookTwitterFlickrDiggAddthis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook	
CMS / Blog Bridges	No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DrupalJoomla	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DrupalJoomlaMamboWordPresse107XOOPsiGaming CMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DrupalJoomlaWordPress	
User Accounts Integration	 LDAP	 LDAP  OpenId	 Facebook Connect	 Facebook Connect	
Content Aggregation	No.	No.	No.	No.	
MODERATION & THREADS MANAGEMENT					
Moderation	No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pre-ModerationPost-ModerationReactive ModerationDistributed Moderation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pre-ModerationPost-ModerationReactive ModerationDistributed Moderation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pre-ModerationPost-ModerationReactive ModerationDistributed Moderation	
Moderator per Section	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Global Moderator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Move Threads	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Shadow Topics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Close/Lock Threads	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
USERS MANAGEMENT					
User Groups	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
User Registration	No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Free RegistrationRegistration needs ApprovalInvitation OnlyUser Account created by AdministratorConfirmation sent by email for validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Free RegistrationRegistration needs ApprovalUser Account created by AdministratorConfirmation sent by email for validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Free RegistrationRegistration needs ApprovalUser Account created by AdministratorConfirmation sent by email for validation	

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New Users Limitation	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guest Posting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Multiple Administrators	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Send Warnings to Users	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Access Control List	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
User Banishment	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mass Mailing	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
INSTALLATION & UPGRADING	JFORUM	PHPBB 3	SIMPLE MACHINES 2	VBULLETIN 4
Installation Method	Installation Wizard	Installation Wizard	Installation Wizard	Installation Wizard
Upgrade Method	Upgrade Wizard	Upgrade Wizard	Upgrade Wizard	Upgrade Wizard
Update Notifications	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Forum Migration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
DATABASE MANAGEMENT				
Backup Database	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prune Database	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Restore Database	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
ADMINISTRATION TOOLS				
Statistics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Error/Notice Log Viewer	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tasks Scheduler	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
W3C NORMS & ACCESSIBILITY				
HTML / XHTML	• HTML 4.01	• XHTML 1.0 Strict	• XHTML 1.0 Transitional	• XHTML 1.0 Transitional
Stylesheets (CSS)	• CSS 2	• CSS 2	• CSS 2	• CSS 2
Accessibility (WAI)	• A	• AA	• AA	• AA
UTF-8 Support	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
W3C Norms	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Free & Open Source PHP Forums				Commercial PHP		Forum Hosting		Java / JEE	Microsoft .Net
AEF	IceBB	Quicksilver	XennoBB	FusionBB	WowBB	Answerbase	NitPick 2011	JavaBB	Comm100 Forum
bbPress	Joomla Forum	SEO-Board		IP.Board	XenForo	BulletinBoards	ProBoards	JForum	NearForums
Beehive Forum	MiniBB	Simple Machines 1.1		MesDiscussions		ForumCommunity	Tal.kl	jGossip	YAF.NET
Drupal Forum	MyBB	Simple Machines 2		SocialEngine		Forumotion	Twelvestone	JsForum	
esoTalk	MyProBB	UNB		UBB.threads		FreeForums	Website Toolbox	MVN Forum	Perl
XMB	Phorum	UseBB		UltraBB		Google Groups	ZetaBoards	Nemesis Forum	
FluxBB	PhpBB 2	Vanilla Forums		vBulletin 3.8		Lefora	Zoho	SKForum	E-Blah
Fruit Show	PhpBB 3	Viscacha		vBulletin 4		Nabble		Yazd	YaBB
FUDForum	PunBB	Wikid Forum		Burning Board		Ninja Post			

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