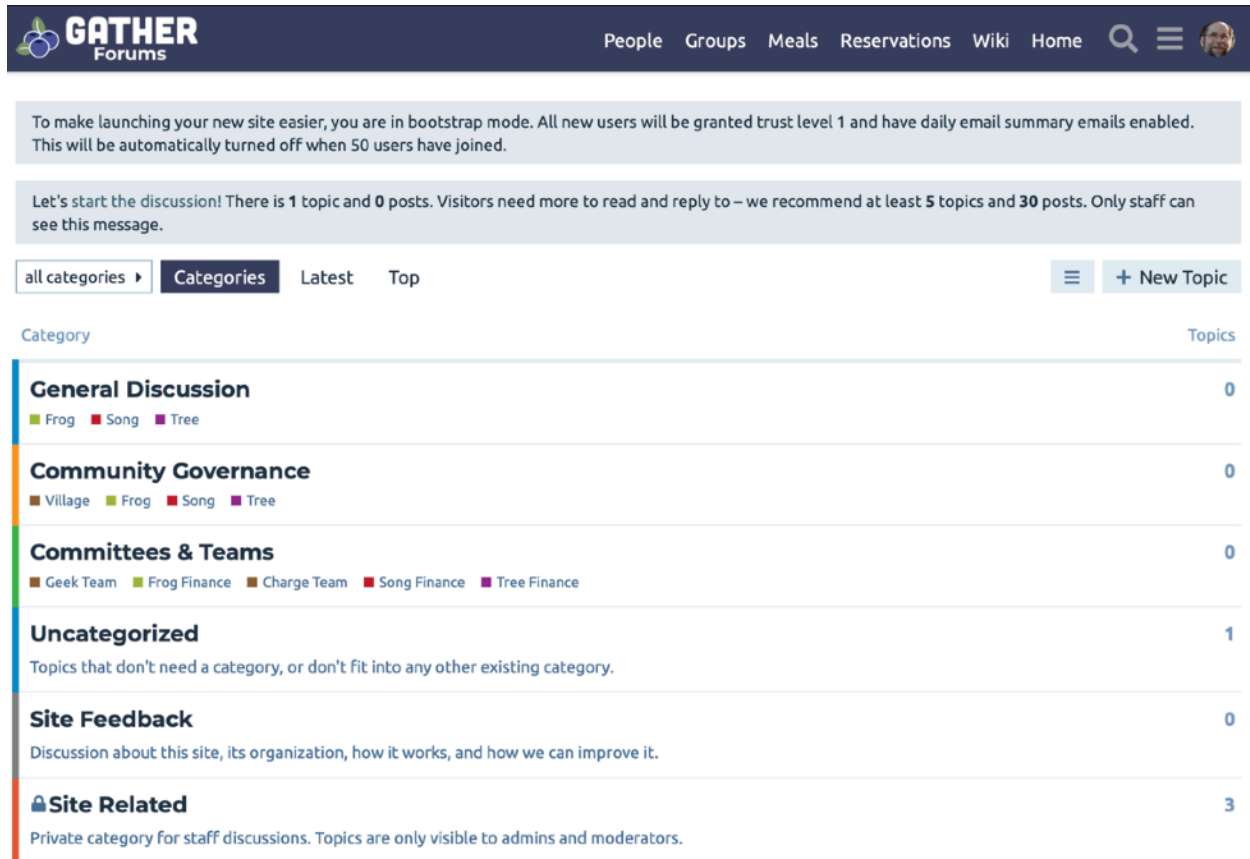


Modifying Discourse Instance for Gather

The following steps will allow you to alter a standard Discourse instance using the Default theme to visually integrate with Gather.



The screenshot shows the top of a Discourse forum instance. The header is dark blue with the 'GATHER Forums' logo on the left and navigation links (People, Groups, Meals, Reservations, Wiki, Home) on the right. Below the header, there are two informational messages. The first message states that the site is in bootstrap mode and that new users will have trust level 1 and daily email summaries. The second message encourages discussion, noting there is 1 topic and 0 posts, and recommending at least 5 topics and 30 posts. Below the messages, there is a navigation bar with 'all categories' and 'Categories' buttons, and a '+ New Topic' button. The main content area displays a list of categories with their respective topic counts:

| Category | Topics |
|--|--------|
| General Discussion Frog Song Tree | 0 |
| Community Governance Village Frog Song Tree | 0 |
| Committees & Teams Geek Team Frog Finance Charge Team Song Finance Tree Finance | 0 |
| Uncategorized Topics that don't need a category, or don't fit into any other existing category. | 1 |
| Site Feedback Discussion about this site, its organization, how it works, and how we can improve it. | 0 |
| Site Related Private category for staff discussions. Topics are only visible to admins and moderators. | 3 |

Step by Step directions

1. Log in to Discourse with a user that has administrative privileges. Note "Settings" are available under the menu icon just left of your profile picture.
2. Go to Settings/Settings/Required and and:
 - Set **Title** to "Gather"
 - Set **Short site description** to the name of your community, i.e "Ecovillage at Ithaca"
3. Go to Settings/Settings/Branding and:
 - Upload the Gather logo file gather_logo-rectangle-white.png as the **logo**
 - Upload the attached Gather logo file gather_logo-square-white.png as the **logo small**
4. Go to Settings/Settings/Basic Setup and:
 - Set **base font** to Ubuntu
 - Set **heading font** to Montserrat

- If desired, change **desktop category page style** to “Categories only” to create a cleaner looking opening page
5. Go to Settings/Settings/Customize/colors and:
 - Click on the color palette “Shades of Blue” and press “Copy”
 - Click on the copied palette “Copy of Shades of Blue”
 - In the box at the top, change the name to “Gather Colors”
 - Change color **quaternary** to “3A3F5D”
 - Change color **header background** to “3A3F5D”
 - Change color **header primary** to “ffffff”.
 6. Go to Settings/Settings/Customize/Themes and:
 - Click on the theme “Default”
 - Check **Theme is enabled by default**
 - Under **Color Palette** select “Gather Colors”

Optional

If you want to replicate the Gather menu inside of Discourse, do the following:

1. Go to Settings/Settings/Customize/Themes and click on “Components”
2. If **Custom Header Links** already appears, skip to step 4, otherwise click “Install”
3. Search for the theme component called “Custom Header Links” and click the **install** button next to it.
4. Click on **Custom Header Links** on the left, which will display the config for this component on the right
5. In the **Include component on these themes** box, start typing “default” and select the "Default" template when it appears
6. Below, under **Theme Settings - Custom header links** enter the following. Note you may need to click the + button to add more items. Replace "<https://evi.gather.coop>" with the URL for your own Gather instance in each, and don't include the leading numbers:
 - **People, People,** <https://evi.gather.coop/users>, vdo, self, remove
 - **Groups, Groups,** <https://evi.gather.coop/groups>, vdo, self, remove
 - **Meals, Meals,** <https://evi.gather.coop/meals>, vdo, self, remove
 - **Reservations, Reservations,** <https://evi.gather.coop/reservations>, vdo, self, remove
 - **Wiki, Wiki,** <https://evi.gather.coop/wiki>, vdo, self, remove

That should do it!