

## Phorum Support Forums / 5.2 Modules/Add-Ons

Module: Forum Lockdown

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Joe Curia / September 26, 2008 05:22PM

### [Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

This module allows the admin to redirect all unauthorized access to the login page and to disable registration without template changes. If registration has been disabled, the admin can also allow visitors to register if invited. Invitations can be setup to be sent from the admin, from moderators, or from all users. The admin can also allow visitors to request an invitation. Admin users can also send mass invitations by uploading a csv file containing names and emails. This file should be in the format of name,email without a header row.

The invitation system makes use of the lang/english.php, templates/emerald/invite.tpl, and templates/emerald/invite\_step.tpl files to show the various invitation and registration information. You can copy and edit these files as needed for your language or custom templates. Please note the template files have been coded to be compatible with the three templates pre-packaged with Phorum.

**This module requires Phorum 5.2.7 or higher.**

TODO:

- Add further features as requested or as they pop into my head.

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Attachments:

- [forum\\_lockdown\\_v5\\_2\\_1\\_03.zip](#)

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Joe Curia / October 01, 2008 06:43PM

### [Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

I have finished v5.2.1.01 of this mod with these changes:

- Added invitation mode with:
  - the ability to enable moderators or users to send invitations
  - the ability for moderator/user invitations to come from their personal email
  - the ability to allow visitors to request an invitation
  - the ability to set the number of days before an invitation expires

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Maurice Makaay / October 01, 2008 07:32PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Would it be an idea to split the lockdown and the invitation mode into two separate modules? They feel like different functionalities to me, in which case splitting them would provide more specific functionality and possibly easier to maintain code. Unless there's a substantial shared code base, that would be what I'd do.

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Joe Curia / October 01, 2008 08:09PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

I knew you would suggest that, I really did. And I thought about doing just that, especially when my hook count hit double digits. However, it doesn't make sense to me to have an invitation mode without disabling registration, so I thought that the two really belong in the same mod. I also debated calling this an Invitation Mode module, but I felt the name would put off admins that only want to disable registration or require authorization before viewing any page.

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Maurice Makaay / October 01, 2008 08:31PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Well, I'd see the separation at "disable registration + invitation mode" and "require authentication for every page". Those are the two functions that I see. I agree that invitation and disabling registration do fit together in a logical way. If I see "lockdown", then I'd expect "require authentication for every page" myself.

And yes, I am pedantic, anal, strict and predictable in my quest for functional separation :)

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KWood / November 11, 2008 08:28PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Hi I got an error when entering settings for this module!:

Parse error: syntax error, unexpected '=', expecting ']' in

/hsphere/local/home/madam/madammangor.dk/medlemv2/phorum/mods/forum\_lockdown/settings.php on line 13

You are missing the end bracket on line 13 to 19 in settings.php:

changed the code from:

```
$PHORUM["phorum_mod_forum_lockdown"]["disable_registration"] = empty($_POST["disable_registration"]) ? 0 : 1;
$PHORUM["phorum_mod_forum_lockdown"]["enable_user_invite"] = empty($_POST["enable_user_invite"]) ? 0 : 1;
$PHORUM["phorum_mod_forum_lockdown"]["enable_invite"] = empty($_POST["enable_invite"]) ? 0 : 1;
$PHORUM["phorum_mod_forum_lockdown"]["enable_moderator_invite"] = empty($_POST["enable_moderator_invite"]) ? 0 : 1;
$PHORUM["phorum_mod_forum_lockdown"]["enable_invitation_request"] = empty($_POST["enable_invitation_request"]) ? 0 : 1;
$PHORUM["phorum_mod_forum_lockdown"]["enable_user_personal_invite"] = empty($_POST["enable_user_personal_invite"]) ? 0 : 1;
$PHORUM["phorum_mod_forum_lockdown"]["invitation_expiration"] = empty($_POST["invitation_expiration"]) ? 0 : intval($_POST["invitation_expiration"]);
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To:

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$PHORUM["phorum_mod_forum_lockdown"]["disable_registration"] = empty($_POST["disable_registration"]) ? 0 : 1;
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$PHORUM["phorum_mod_forum_lockdown"]["enable_moderator_invite"] = empty($_POST["enable_moderator_invite"]) ? 0 : 1;
$PHORUM["phorum_mod_forum_lockdown"]["enable_invitation_request"] = empty($_POST["enable_invitation_request"]) ? 0 : 1;
$PHORUM["phorum_mod_forum_lockdown"]["enable_user_personal_invite"] = empty($_POST["enable_user_personal_invite"]) ? 0 : 1;
$PHORUM["phorum_mod_forum_lockdown"]["invitation_expiration"] = empty($_POST["invitation_expiration"]) ? 0 : intval($_POST["invitation_expiration"]);
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And the settingspage worked:-)

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Joe Curia / November 11, 2008 08:47PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

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Wow, no idea how I missed that. Thanks for catching the bug and providing a fix. I have released v5.2.1.02 of this module with your fix.

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KWood / November 13, 2008 09:11AM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Hi

I have made a danish translation in utf-8 encoding for forum-lockdown.

/Kenneth Wood - KWood

Attachments:

- [dansk.php](#)

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elliott\_makin / December 02, 2008 03:22PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Hi there

I have installed the module and unfortunately found a problem.

When I request an invitation as a visitor I get the following message:  
"That username/password was not found or is inactive. Please try again"

It is as if an attempt to login had been made.

Try it here:

[\[www.durhamcityharriers.org.uk\]](http://www.durhamcityharriers.org.uk)

Regards

Elliott

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Joe Curia / December 02, 2008 04:03PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Elliott,

The invitation only mode requires Phorum 5.2.7 or higher. I see that you are on 5.2.6a. I would urge you to upgrade

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for more important security reasons, but also to make full use of this module. Thank you for bringing this to my attention though. I have added the "require\_version" field to the info.txt so that others will not run into the error you did.

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mila / June 30, 2009 05:10PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Hi, here is a translation file with german utf-8 language strings.

Attachments:

- [german.utf-8.php](#)
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Robert Angle / August 01, 2009 11:06PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

I get the following error when I activate this mod...

Forbidden

You don't have permission to access /phorum/login.php on this server.

Additionally, a 404 Not Found error was encountered while trying to use an ErrorDocument to handle the request.

- Bob

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Robert Angle / October 07, 2009 02:51PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Quote

**Joe Curia**

TODO:

- Add further features as requested or as they pop into my head.

I like this module but only for the invitation side of things.

However, it conflicts with the "Notification of Registration" module which sends me an email when a new user

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creates a profile. I no longer get the email, probably because invited users are automatically approved. I would like to receive a notification every time a new user registers to my forum.

Also, if I have "Allow Invitations" turned on, so that it shows up in the users Control Panel, then normal registrations without an invitation ID are not accepted.

So I guess I do not need all the features that this module is catered towards. What I need is a simply "Refer a friend" or "Tell a friend" or "Invite a friend" module that simply lets my users fill in a form and send an email to the friends he is inviting, with a simply link to the forum index. There they can register, and I'll receive an email notifying me of this so that I can set up their group permissions manually.

- B ob

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Joe Curia / October 07, 2009 06:56PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Bob, the idea behind this module is to privatize a forum, either by restricting what non-registered visitors see or by further restricting the ability of non-registered users to even register. That said, I don't think your idea would belong in this module. I will, however, add it to my list of ideas for new modules. You may also get someone else to pick up the idea if you post your request in the [Phorum Hack/Mod Requests](#) forum.

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canadarules / October 25, 2009 11:00PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Hi Joe,

Great module. Here's a suggestion for you: I think it'd be great to see some sort of .csv upload functionality added to the Invite Users page. For example I'm using this module to create a private forum for about 250 users. It's exactly what I need, don't get me wrong, but it's just going to be quite the process to manually invite each user by copying in their name/email.

Again, thanks for doing this, it works wonderfully.

- Mark

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Joe Curia / October 26, 2009 01:32PM

[Module: Forum Lockdown v5.2.1.03 - Mass invitations via csv](#)

Thanks for the suggestion! I have completed v5.2.1.03 of this module with the following change:

- Enhancement: Added the option for admin users to upload a csv file of names and emails to whom invitations will be sent. Thanks go to Phorum user canadarules for suggesting this feature.

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canadarules / October 27, 2009 12:08AM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown v5.2.1.03 - Mass invitations via csv](#)

Well holy cow was that ever quick. You're the best Joe, thanks!

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swajon / November 04, 2009 03:50AM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Hi there. Every time I try to invite a user through the control panel, I get an error message telling me that I need to attach a valid csv file. I'm trying to send the invite without the csv file, but somehow it doesn't realize that.

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canadarules / November 04, 2009 03:30PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Quote

**swajon**

Hi there. Every time I try to invite a user through the control panel, I get an error message telling me that I need to attach a valid csv file. I'm trying to send the invite without the csv file, but somehow it doesn't realize that.

Try using the latest version of the module. That issue should be fixed.

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Joe Curia / November 04, 2009 04:09PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

To be more specific, try re-downloading/re-installing the latest version. Canadarules reported that bug to me earlier and I updated the latest version with a fix.

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korsakov / November 21, 2009 03:00AM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

I am not in need of this module but what would be the best way to allow users to login on the start page? Thank you!

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Robert Angle / November 21, 2009 03:41AM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

If you maintain a private forum like I do, and want the log in page to show up at the index.php page, then do this trick that I did, described here....

[[www.phorum.org](http://www.phorum.org)]

By implementing this trick, there is no need to click the "Log In" link at the top. It shows up on the main page if the visitor is not logged in.

- Bob

As an aside, let me take this opportunity to cry and whine a little more about how the **Invitations** part of this module would be so beautiful if it was a stand alone module, and if it didnt require that someone actually have been sent an invitation in order to register. Currently my members have to send people a link to the location of the forum. I tried activating this mod so that users could invite others via their control panel, but then when someone came along who was simply sent a link, their registration would be denied because they didn't get an invitation ID from within.

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korsakov / November 21, 2009 03:59AM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Thanks for sharing but it does not work for my private and public Phorum.

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Robert Angle / November 21, 2009 04:14AM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Yeah, mine is totally private, so nothing gets displayed at all to non-logged in guests, which is when that template file is called and why it works for me.

Why not take that same code and put it in your footer.tpl file? Then the public portion of your phorum will still be displayed to guests, but they will see the log in form at the bottom of the page. Once logged in, it would disappear.

You could even put it in somewhere in the header.tpl file, but then I would make some serious changes in the HTML to make it much smaller.

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- Bob

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spartacus / September 26, 2010 07:39PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

The module has been installed, but not enable in my admim yet.

There is a warning displayed in Modules:

Warning: possible module "forum\_lockdown\_v5\_2\_1\_03" found, but no module information is available for that module.

Is this normal? Can I go ahead and turn it on?

Thank

Nick

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Joe Curia / September 26, 2010 10:25PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Quote

**spartacus**

The module has been installed, but not enable in my admim yet.

There is a warning displayed in Modules:

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Is this normal? Can I go ahead and turn it on?

Nick, in order to install a module you need to upload all of the files in the module's zip file to the {phorum\_root}/mods folder. In this case it sounds like you simply uploaded the zip file itself. When properly installed, you should have a {phorum\_root}/mods/forum\_lockdown folder with (amongst others) a {phorum\_root}/mods/forum\_lockdown/forum\_lockdown.php file. You should also see a README, Changelog, and Settings link for this module in the module section. Hope this helps, let me know if you have more questions.

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spartacus / September 26, 2010 10:49PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

When I unzipped the folder, it created a sub-folder and was buried in it. I changed it and tried again. I see it

displayed in the Module now.

Thanks

PS: Do you know how I go about opening my header.tpl file so I can redirect the login to my main website?

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dsibilant / April 08, 2011 11:40AM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

This might be similar to Robert Angle's problem. In general I want to verify emails for registrations, and that feature works by itself. When I enable Forum Lockdown, then the verify isn't working. I want them to have to verify their email before I approve the invitation request. Otherwise a person could make the request with the wrong email, and I've just invited a total stranger onto my system.

Can I get both features to work simultaneously?

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autoven / October 06, 2012 02:11AM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

sorry for digging out this old thread.

Just asking...after we lock the forum, how can we still allow google to crawl the contents?

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autoven / October 13, 2012 02:14AM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

hai....nobody is helping....

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Scott Finegan / October 14, 2012 05:52PM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

If you lock the forum there is no reason for Google to crawl, they keep their own cache.

(The whole idea does not make sense, so maybe I am missing something.) If you make it read only Google will check for changes periodically.

Google uses a range of ips. Google will tell you what ranges they use for their bots. You can use a .access file to allow / deny access to your forum.

What about the other search engines?

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autoven / February 23, 2013 01:20AM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

I only allow google to crawl....then how do i create .htaccess?

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Maurice Makaay / February 25, 2013 07:20AM

[Re: Module: Forum Lockdown](#)

Creating an .htaccess will not help you, since that will actively block the rest of the world that is not Google from your forums.

What's your idea behind this all? Why lock it down, while at the same time allowing Google to crawl, cache and publish the contents?

Regardless the idea, allowing for such setup would require modification to the module, to authorize Google from there for accessing the forums. It is not a built-in feature, nor can you fix this from outside the module.

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