

# SimpleForum Extension User Guide

## About This Extension:

Simple Forum allows to create forums in your magento store.

## Features:

- \*Can create any number of forums at backend.
- \* Supports Multistore functionality.
- \* Include Avatar for Forum users.
- \* Can send Private Messages.
- \* Shows statistics information about total Forums,Topics,Posts.
- \* Shows Total online Users and Total Active members

## Installation:

Steps to install this extension

**We recommend creating a backup of your site before installing any new extension,especially if it is a live site.**

- Please make sure you've downloaded extension package compliant with your magento version.The Compliance information is stated in the package filename.Once you've downloaded and unzipped the archive.
- Upload the contents of the module package to the Magento root folder.This will not overwrite the existing Magento folders or files,only the new contents will be added.
- After uploading is done, Log in your Magento administration panel to refresh cache by way go to System > Cache Management. Select all caches and take action "Refresh" then submit. You can check whether the module is enabled or not in Admin area.Go to System > Configuration, under configuration select "Advanced" >If the Module is Enabled You can see option "Enable" for "MF\_Megaforum".

**Note:** After Installing the extension if you get "404 error" on clicking any module settings,In order to get rid of such error just sign out from current session and sign in again.

## UnInstallation:

In Admin area, go to System > Configuration, under Configuration select "Advanced" >Click on Disable Modules Output and select "Disable" for "MF\_Megaforum",and click Save Config button Clear the store cache under System > Cache Management .

# User Guidance

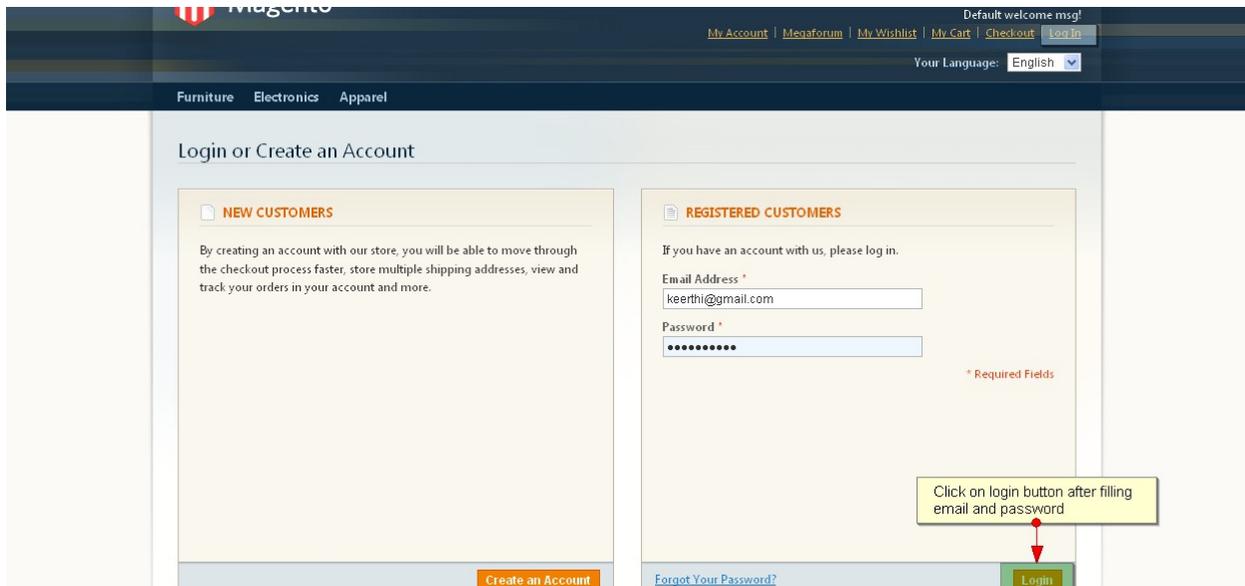
**Step1:** After Installing the extension ,Go to front-end click on Megaforum link which exists on Top links.

Now create an account to create topics under forums and give reply to those topics.

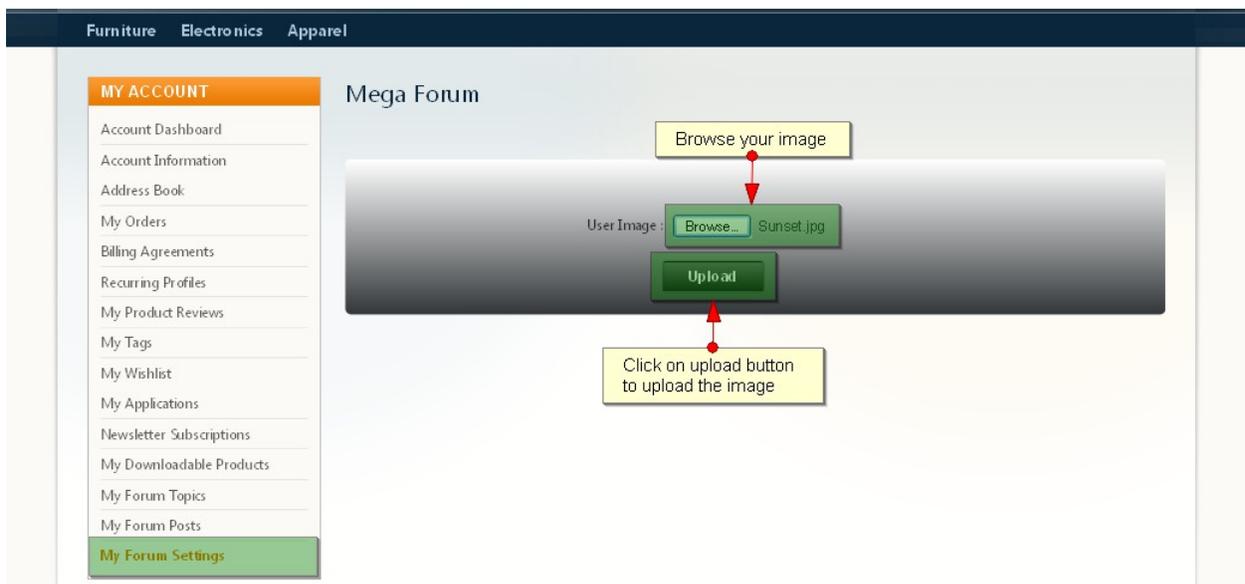
A User Id will be created for each customer who created the account.To see that User Id Login to back end Go to Mageforum \_ Manage Formuser ,An UserId has been created but there is no text in “Image” field.(Which is nothing but a Profile image).

ID	Image
1 2	
2 3	user_image/image/Winter.jpg

In order to set the profile image  
1.Login in to your in front end.



2. Click on "My Account" on "Top links". Under My Account click on "My Forum Settings", Browse the image and click on upload Button to upload the image.



After uploading the image check at back end whether the image is uploaded or not. Open back end Go to Mageforum  $\square$  Manage Formuser.

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ID	User Id	Image
1	2	user_image/image/Winter.jpg
2	3	user_image/image/Sunset.jpg

Image has been uploaded

## Add New Forum

Go to Mageforum > Manage Forum ,add new forum .Only admin can add forums.  
To add New Forum click on “Add New Item”

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ID	Forum Name	Priority	URL Key	Status
1	forum1	Medium		Active

Manage Forumuser  
Manage Forumusertype  
Manage Forum  
Manage Topic  
Manage Post

Click on this to add new forum

Under “Item Information” fill the details.

**Forum Name:** Enter the forum name.

**Priority:** Set the Priority of that forum (high/low/medium)

**Status:** Set the status (i.e active/inactive)

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**Item Information**

**Add Item** [Back](#) [Reset](#) [Save Item](#) [Save And Continue Edit](#)

Enter the forum name

Select the priority of forum

Select the status

Item information

ForumName: About Products

Priority: High

URL Key:

Status: Active

After filling all the details click on “Save Item” button to save the forum.

✔ Forum was successfully saved

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ID	Forum Name	Priority	URL Key	Status
1	forum1	Medium		Active
2	About Products	High		Active

## Add Topic

Now go to front end, click on “My Forum” link on Top links. It will list all the forums. The table shows FORUM NAME, TOTAL TOPICS, TOTAL POSTS, LATEST REPLY.

**Forum Name:** Shows the forum name and also details like created time and Created by.

**Total Topics:** It will show Total topics count under that forum.

**Total Posts:** It will show the count of Total posts under that particular topic.

**Latest Reply:** Shows the latest reply and also details like posted time and posted by.

Click on this link, it will list all forums

Total topics under that forum

Total replies for that particular topic

Shows search results in topics and posts

Shows latest reply

FORUM NAME	TOTAL TOPICS	TOTAL POSTS	LATEST REPLY
<a href="#">forum1</a> Created At : 2014-01-27 Created By : admin	1	1	<a href="#">hell hi</a> Posted At : 2014-01-27 Posted By : swetha
<a href="#">About Products</a> Created At : 2014-01-27 Created By : admin	0	0	Posted At : Posted By :

Now click on the Forum name i.e “About Products” to add/view the topics under that forum.

Mega Forum Statistics shows the status of all total forums, total posts, total topics, total active members and total online users.

# Mega Forum

Move To:

## View All Forums

2 Item(s)

Show  per page

FORUM NAME	TOTAL TOPICS	TOTAL POSTS	LATEST REPLY
 <a href="#">forum1</a> Created At : 2014-01-27 Created By : admin	1	1	<a href="#">tell_m</a> Posted At : 2014-01-27 Posted By : swetha
 <a href="#">About Products</a> Created At : 2014-01-27 Created By : admin	0	0	Posted At : Posted By :

Click on this forum to add "Topics" under this.

Shows forum statistics

0 topics and 0 posts

## Mega Forum Statistic

Total Forums: 2   Total Topics: 1   Total Posts: 1   Total Active Members: 3   Total Online Users: 1

Click on "Add New Topic" to add the new topic under "About Topics" forum. You can navigate from one forum to another forum. To change from one forum to another forum change the drop-down list item under "Move To".

Mega Forum

You can navigate from one forum to another forum using this drop-down list

Click on this button to add new topic

Move To : **About Products** ▼

**Add New Topic**

**View Forum "About Products" Topics**

SEARCH **Search Forum**

TOPIC NAME	TOTAL POSTS	VIEWS	LATEST REPLY
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Mega Forum Statistic

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Fill the details Title,Assign Forum,Description

**Title** : Enter the Topic title.

**Assign Forum**: Select the Forum from drop-down list.

**Description**: Enter the complete description of that topic .

After filling all the details click on “save topic” button to save the topic under that category.

## Create New Topic

Enter the title,select the forum  
enter the description and click on  
save topic

**TITLE**

About stock

**ASSIGN FORUM**

About Products

**DESCRIPTION\***

Is the product available ?

save topic

After saving the topic click on “About Products” forum link,It will show you the list of topics under that forum

## Mega Forum

Move To:

### View All Forums

SEARCH

2 Item(s)

Show  per page

FORUM NAME	TOTAL TOPICS	TOTAL POSTS	LATEST REPLY
 <a href="#">forum1</a> Created At : 2014-01-27 Created By : admin	1	0	<a href="#">tell_m</a> Posted At : 2014-01-27 Posted By : swetha
 <a href="#">About Products</a> Created At : 2014-01-27 Created By : admin	1	0	Posted At : Posted By :

1 topic has been added  
under this forum

After adding the topic  
click on this forum link

Total Forums: 2   Total Topics: 2   Total Posts: 1   Total Active Members: 3   Total Online Users: 1

Click in topic name "About stock" to add post/reply to that topic.

Mega Forum

Move To : **About Products**

View Forum "About Products" Topics

1 Item(s) Show  per page

	TOPIC NAME	TOTAL POSTS	VIEWS	LATEST REPLY
	<a href="#">About stock</a> Created At : 2014-01-27 Created By : keerthi	0	0	Posted At : Posted By :

Mega Forum Statistic

Total Forums: 2   Total Topics: 2   Total Post: 1   Total Active Members: 3   Total Online Users: 1

Click on "Add New post" to add reply to that topic.

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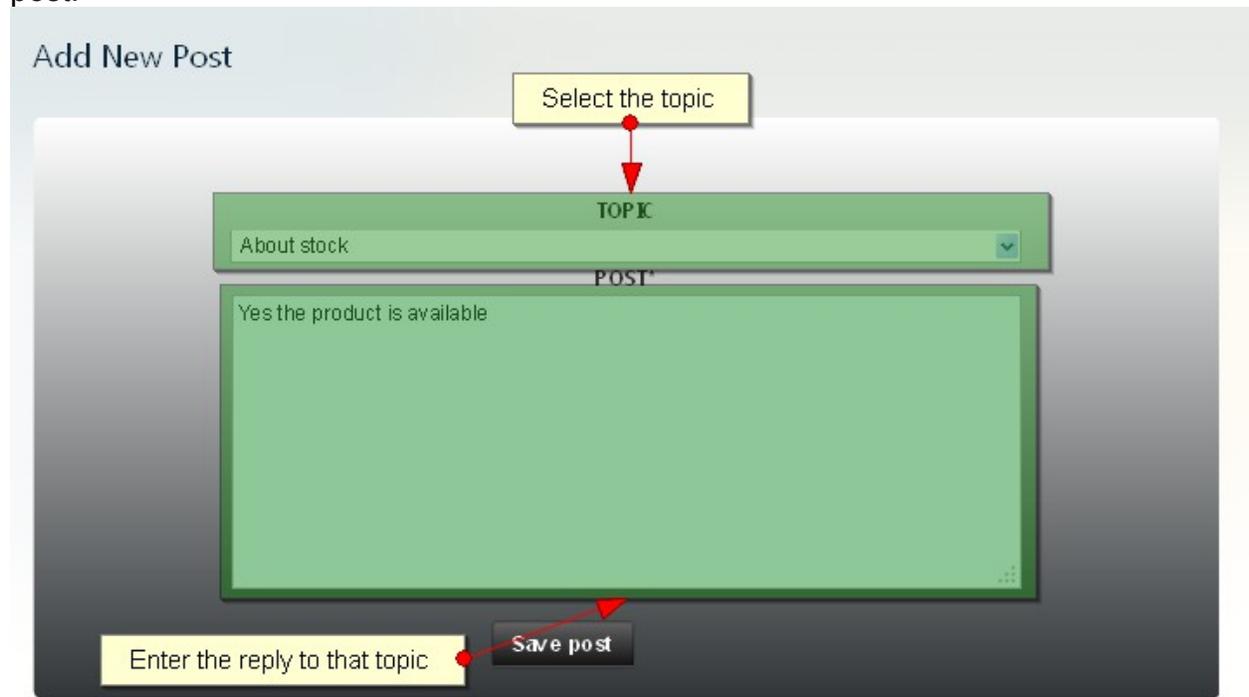
Move To : **Index**

**Topic Description :** Is the product available ?

POST INFORMATION	POST
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Select the "Topic" from drop-down list and click on "save post" button after filling the

post.



After successfully adding of post ,Now you can see the total count of topics,posts and latest reply

✔ Your post is added successfully

### Mega Forum

Move To :

**View All Forums**

2 Item(s) Show  per page

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<a href="#">About Products</a> Created At : 2014-01-27 Created By : admin	1	1	<a href="#">Yes th</a> Posted At : 2014-01-27 Posted By : keerthi

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**Mega Forum Statistic**

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Go to Megaforum  $\Rightarrow$  Manage Topic to manage topics at back end (i.e you can add or delete the topics).

The screenshot shows the Magento Admin Panel with the Megaforum menu open. The 'Manage Topic' option is highlighted in green. A red arrow points from a yellow text box labeled 'Displys list of Topics' to this menu item.

**Topic Manager**

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Select All | Unselect All | Select Visible | Unselect Visible | 0 items selected

ID	Forum Id	Topic Name	Views
Any Front To :			
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 1	Installation Problem	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 2	About stock	1

Go to Megaforum  $\Rightarrow$  Manage Post to manage posts at back end (i.e you can add or delete the posts).

The screenshot shows the Magento Admin Panel with the Megaforum menu open. The 'Manage Post' option is highlighted in green. A red arrow points from a yellow text box labeled 'Displays list of posts' to this menu item.

**Post Manager**

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Select All | Unselect All | Select Visible | Unselect Visible | 0 items selected

ID	Topic Id	Parent Id	Position	Post Type	Post Text
Any Front To :					
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 1	0	1		tell me exact place where you are getting issue?
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 4		1		Yes the product is available