

# VBulletin Bridge

This *bridge type* is available on Enterprise editions, and also if you have purchased the addon for "all bridge types".

## Steps inside vBulletin Admin

Since this bridge is *one-way*, changes made to user details<sup>1)</sup> in the Geo software are also made inside vBulletin by the vBulletin bridge. However, changes made in vBulletin are **not transfered** back to the Geo installation, so if a user changes the password or a new user registers, that information will be "out of sync".

The solution to this, is to disable user registrations, user info editing, and password changing, from inside vBulletin itself. Instead they make those changes in the Geo software and the changes get copied over. To accomplish this, follow the steps below.

<tip c n>**Note:** These instructions were created for vBulletin **3.8.4**, things may be different in newer (or older) versions of vBulletin. When that is the case you may need to consult the vBulletin documentation to accomplish each task.</tip>

## Disable Registrations

Follow the steps below to disable user registrations.

1. Within the vBulletin admin, go to **vBulletin Options > vBulletin Options**, and select **User Registration Options**. <
2. For the setting **Allow New User Registrations** select **no**. <
3. In the admin, go to **Languages & Phrases > Search in Phrases**. <
4. Use the tool to search for "noregister" (without the quotes), and select the option for "Phrase Variable Name Only" <
5. Click **edit** for the phrase found, and change the text to reflect a more appropriate message regarding the location of the registration within the Geo installation.
6. Save the changes.

We will be working to update the rest of the documentation, until then you can reference the legacy documentation found below.

## Legacy Documentation

Below are the *old* integration instructions specific for vBulletin. They are provided "as is" for now, but we will be going through the instructions and updating as needed.

### BASIC SETUP

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- Within the VBulletin options within the admin select User Registration Options.

- Select No for allowing new registration.

- Within Languages & Phrases, search for

registration has been disabled by the administrator

- Change this to reflect a more appropriate message regarding the location of the

registration within the Geo installation.

- This is all that is required to force registrations to take place within the Geo installation.

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ADVANCED SETUP

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- There is no way to consistently keep modifications that will work within the Vbulletin code. If you wish to only use the Geodesic Solutions installations to login, update user info, register and logout users. If you wish to do this you will have to make a few text(phrase) and template changes to point login, logout and register links back to the Geodesic Solutions installation.

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Search for "log out" within "Search in Phrases" of the "Languages & Phrases" section of the vbulletin admin. Change the link in the following:

- logout\_missing\_userid
- noppermission\_loggedin

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For logout\_missing\_userid the text will be something similar to:

An error occurred while attempting to log you out. <a href="login.php?\$session[sessionurl]do=logout&u=\$bbuserinfo[userid]">Click here to log out.</a>

A sample change would be:

For Auctions and root file of auctions.php:

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An error occurred while attempting to log you out. <a href="http://www.yoursite.com/auctions.php?a=1017"> Click here to logout.</a>
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For Classifieds and root file of classifieds.php:

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An error occurred while attempting to log you out. <a href="http://www.yoursite.com/classifieds.php?a=17"> Click here to logout.</a>
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NOTE: If the root file is index.php or something else that you have set change the links above accordingly.

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For noppermission\_loggedin the text will be something similar to:

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<p><strong>$bbuserinfo[username]</strong>, you do not have permission to access this page. This could be due to one of several reasons:</p>
<ol> <li>Your user account may not have sufficient privileges to access this page. Are you trying to edit someone else's post, access administrative features or some other privileged system?</li> <li>If you are trying to post, the administrator may have disabled your account, or it may be awaiting activation.</li> </ol> <div align="$stylevar[right]"> <a href="login.php?$session[sessionurl]do=logout&amp;u=$bbuserinfo[userid]">Log Out</a>
<a href="$vboptions[forumhome].php?$session[sessionurl]">Home</a>
</div>
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<p><strong>$bbuserinfo[username]</strong>, you do not have permission to access this page. This could be due to one of several reasons:</p>
<ol> <li>Your user account may not have sufficient privileges to access this page. Are you trying to edit someone else's post, access administrative features or some other privileged system?</li> <li>If you are trying to post, the administrator may have disabled your account, or it may be awaiting activation.</li> </ol> <div align="$stylevar[right]"> <a href="http://www.yoursite.com/auctions.php?a=1017">Log Out</a>
<a href="$vboptions[forumhome].php?$session[sessionurl]">Home</a>
</div>
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For Classifieds and root file of classifieds.php:

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<p><strong>$bbuserinfo[username]</strong>, you do not have
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permission to access this page. This could be due to one of several reasons:</p>

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<ol> <li>Your user account may not have sufficient privileges to access this page. Are you trying to edit someone else's post, access administrative features or some other privileged system?</li> <li>If you are trying to post, the administrator may have disabled your account, or it may be awaiting activation.</li> </ol> <div align="$stylevar[right]"> <a href="http://www.yoursite.com/classifieds.php?a=17">Log Out</a> <a href="$vboptions[forumhome].php?$session[sessionurl]">Home</a> </div>
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Search in Templates for:log\_out

There will be three parts to Customize: FORUMHOME, navbar, and username\_loggedin

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- For FORUMHOME click [Customize]

- Within the text area look for the following code:

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<!-- member logout -->
<td align="$stylevar[right]"><a href="login.php?$session[sessionurl]do=logout&u=$bbuserinfo[userid]" onclick="return log_out()">
<phrase l="$bbuserinfo[username]">$vbphrase[log_out_x]</phrase></a></td>
<!-- end member logout -->
```

- Change it accordingly (Below is only a sample for auctions so apply necessary root file names per your product):

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<!-- member logout -->
<td align="$stylevar[right]"><a href="http://www.yoursite.com/auctions.php?a=1017">
<phrase l="$bbuserinfo[username]">$vbphrase[log_out_x]</phrase></a></td>
<!-- end member logout -->
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- For navbar click [Customize]

- Within the text area look for the following code:  
 <!--<span style="float:\$stylevar[right]">[<a href="login.php?\$session[sessionurl]do=logout&u=\$bbuserinfo[userid]" onclick="return log\_out()">\$vbphrase[log\_out]</a>]</span>-->

- Change it accordingly (Below is only a sample for auctions so apply necessary root file names per your product):  
 <!--<span style="float:\$stylevar[right]">[<a href="http://www.yoursite.com/auctions.php?a=1017">\$vbphrase[log\_out]</a>]</span>-->

- Within the same text area look for the following code:  
 <if condition="\$bbuserinfo['userid']">  
 <td class="vbmenu\_control"><a href="login.php?\$session[sessionurl]do=logout&u=\$bbuserinfo[userid]" onclick="return log\_out()">\$vbphrase[log\_out]</a></td>  
 </if>

- Change it accordingly (Below is only a sample for auctions so apply necessary root file names per your product):  
 <if condition="\$bbuserinfo['userid']">  
 <td class="vbmenu\_control"><a href="http://www.yoursite.com/auctions.php?a=1017">\$vbphrase[log\_out]</a></td>  
 </if>

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- For username\_loggedin click [Customize]

- Within the text area look for the following code:  
 <span class="smallfont"><a href="login.php?\$session[sessionurl]do=logout&u=\$bbuserinfo[userid]">\$vbphrase[log\_out]</a></span>

- Change it accordingly (Below is only a sample for auctions so apply necessary root file names per your product):  
 <span class="smallfont"><a href="http://www.yoursite.com/auctions.php?a=1017">\$vbphrase[log\_out]</a></span>

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**\*\*\*Apply the same exact steps as above for log in and register.\*\*\***

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- The advanced scenario would be to only use one Geodesic Solutions software installation as the lead or dominant installation. You would use the login, register, user info update and logout from this one installation. Removing links to these facilities within the other installations or redirecting them to the lead or dominant installation would insure the most reliable relationship between all installations connected by the bridge. However, most seem to want registration to be centralized and logging in and out to be independent. This is also, a much simpler set up.
- There is currently no way to modify Vbulletin profile information settings through the bridge or current Geodesic Solutions installations.
- No password history support.
- No ban email support through Vbulletin. At Registration and user info update Emails are checked against the Geodesic Solutions installation for duplication. Depends on the version of Geodesic Solutions Software you have will that versions email banning facility be used.
- Only the Geodesic Solutions installation email verification system can be used.
- Only the Geodesic Solutions installation lost password facility can be used.
- The username for a user cannot be changed within Geodesic Solutions installations and recommend that you not allow this in any other installations. The admin can do this within the Geodesic Solutions installation admin panel and will have to be done for each individual installation connected by the bridge.

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Such as when a new user registers, an existing user edits the user information, or a user changes the password.

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