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[1] 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. <

Convert Logout Links

Within the vBulletin text, you will need to change all the log-out links to "point" to your geo installation's logout page, the URL would end in[2]

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index.php?a=17
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You would search for "logout", "log out", and "log_out" in all languages & phrases, and convert any link to point to the Geo logout page, then do the same within the templates in vBulletin, altering the

logout links to point to the Geo installation as mentioned above. To help get you started, below are specific instructions for each link found as of the last time this document was last updated.

Logout link in language/phrase text:

1. In admin panel at **Languages & Phrases > Search in Phrases**, for the text **log out**, then click *find*. <
2. Click **edit** next to the entry that is found for **logout_error**. <
3. Find the part of the text that is linking to the log out, it will be something like:

```
<a href="login.php?{1}do=logout&amp;logouthash={2}">Click here to log out.</a>
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Change the URL logout link to point to the logout page in the Geo software, so it looks something like this[3]:

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<a href="http://example.com/listings/index.php?a=17">Click here to logout.</a>
```

1. Save the changes.

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1. In admin panel at **Languages & Phrases > Search in Phrases**, for the text **log out**, then click *find*. <
2. Click **edit** next to the entry that is found for **nopermission_loggedin**. <
3. Find the part of the text that is linking to the log out, it will be something like:

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<a href="login.php?{3}do=logout&amp;logouthash={4}">Log Out</a>
```

Change the URL logout link to point to the logout page in the Geo software, so it looks something like this[4]:

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<a href="http://example.com/listings/index.php?a=17">Log Out</a>
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1. Save the changes. <
2. Repeat for any other phrases that are found, that contain links to log out. This does not include any entries that just contain the "log out" text but no <a ...> tag that links to log out. <

Logout link in templates:

1. In admin panel at **Styles & Templates > Search in Templates**, for the text **log_out**.
2. Double-click on the first found template **FORUMHOME**. <
3. In that template, find the logout link, it will be something like this:

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<a href="login.php?$session[sessionurl]do=logout&amp;logouthash=$bbuserinfo[logouthash]"  onclick="return log_out('$vbphrase[sure_you_want_to_log_out]')"><phrase
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l="$bbuserinfo[username]">$vbphrase[log_out_x]</phrase></a>
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Change the URL logout link, so it looks something like this[5]:

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<a href="http://example.com/listings/index.php?a=17"  onclick="return
log_out('$vbphrase[sure_you_want_to_log_out]')"><phrase
l="$bbuserinfo[username]">$vbphrase[log_out_x]</phrase></a>
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Then save the changes. <

1. In admin panel at **Styles & Templates > Search in Templates**, for the text **log_out**.
2. Double-click on the found template **navbar**. <
3. In that template, find the logout link, it will be something like this:

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<a
href="login.php?$session[sessionurl]do=logout&amp;logouthash=$bbuserinf
o[logouthash]" onclick="return
log_out('$vbphrase[sure_you_want_to_log_out]')">$vbphrase[log_out]</a>
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Change the URL logout link, so it looks something like this[6]:

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<a href="http://example.com/listings/index.php?a=17" onclick="return
log_out('$vbphrase[sure_you_want_to_log_out]')">$vbphrase[log_out]</a>
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Then save the changes. <

1. Repeat for any other places that found a link to log out, to replace the **href value** with a link to the logout page within the Geo software. <

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

Convert Registration Links

You can leave all the registration links as-is in vBulletin, and the changes made described in the Disable Registrations section will point them to the Geo installation.

If you would prefer a 1-click solution where all registration links point to Geo installation however, you can change all the registration links to "point" to your geo installation's registration page at **register.php**, assuming that file has not been re-named.

You would search for "register" in all languages & phrases, and convert any link to point to the Geo register page, then do the same within the templates in vBulletin, altering the register links to point to the Geo installation as mentioned above. You would use the same methods as we described in Convert Logout Links to find the registration links (you would just be searching for register instead of log out).

Convert Log-in Links

Within the vBulletin text, you will need to change all the log-in links to "point" to your geo installation's login page, the URL would end in[7)]

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index.php?a=10
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You would search for "login", "log in", and "log_in" in all languages & phrases, and convert any link to point to the Geo login page, then do the same within the templates in vBulletin, altering the login links to point to the Geo installation as mentioned above. You would use the same methods as we described in Convert Logout Links to find the registration links (you would just be searching for log in instead of log out).

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.

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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
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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_error (or logout_missing_userid on older versions)
- nopermission_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 sample change would be:

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

        For Classifieds and root file of classifieds.php:
        An error occurred while attempting to log you out. <a
href="http://www.yoursite.com/classifieds.php?a=17">
        Click here to logout.

        NOTE: If the root file is index.php or something else that you have
set change the links above accordingly.
        ##

        ##
        For nopermission_loggedin the text will be something similar to:

        <p>$bbuserinfo[username], you do not have
permission to access this page. This could be due to one of several
reasons:</p>
         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? If you are trying
to post, the administrator may have disabled your account, or it may be

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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>


        For Auctions and root file of auctions.php:
        <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>


        For Classifieds and root file of classifieds.php:
        <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/classifieds.php?a=17">Log Out</a>
        <a href="$vboptions[forumhome].php?$session[sessionurl]">Home</a>
</div>


        NOTE: If the root file is index.php or something else that you have
set change the links above accordingly.
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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:
                        <!-- member logout -->
                        <td align="$stylevar[right]"><a
href="login.php?$session[sessionurl]do=logout&amp;u=$bbuserinfo[userid]"
onclick="return log_out()">
                        <phrase
1="$bbuserinfo[username]">$vbphrase[log_out_x]</phrase></a></td>
                        <!-- end member logout -->
        - Change it accordingly (Below is only a sample for auctions so
apply necessary root file names per your product):
                        <!-- member logout -->
                        <td align="$stylevar[right]"><a
href="http://www.yoursite.com/auctions.php?a=1017">
                        <phrase
1="$bbuserinfo[username]">$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&amp;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&amp;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></t
d>
                        </if>
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        - For username_loggedin click [Customize]

        - Within the text area look for the following code:
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                              <span class="smallfont"><a
href="login.php?$session[sessionurl]do=logout&amp;u=$bbuserinfo[userid]">$vb
phrase[log_out]</a></span>
          - Change it accordingly (Below is only a sample for auctions so
apply necessary root file names per your product):
                              <span class="smallfont"><a
href="http://www.yoursite.com/auctions.php?a=1017">$vbphrase[log_out]</a></s
pan>
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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.

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- 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.

[2)](#) [7)](#)

Note that **index.php** might be different if you use a different setting for your main file name for the site. This is not typical however, most sites do use index.php.

[3)](#) [4)](#) [5)](#) [6)](#)

change **example.php/listings/** to match your Geo installation location

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