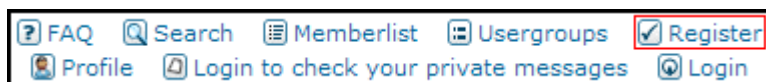


Quick guide to register and login in and a long bit about profiles

phpBB 2.0 is based on a user system. When a user is logged in, his/her username will be shown with each post he/she makes. Each user may also have some custom settings which allow them to control the look and feel of the board as they use it.

Registration

In order to log into the board as a user, you must register a username. To do this, click the small Register link at the top of any page.



You will be taken to the **Registration Agreement Terms**, which you must agree to in order to register.

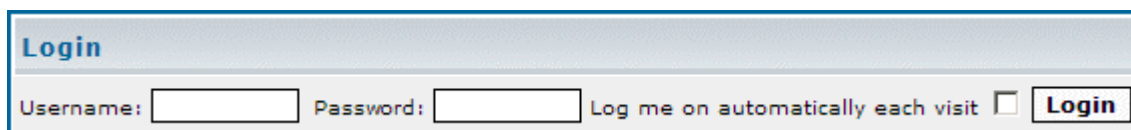
You will then be taken to the registration information form. Fill out each of the required fields, and any of the optional fields you like. The settings on the registration form are identical to those in the **Profile Settings** form, for more details see [Profile Settings](#).

The required fields are username, email address, password, confirm password and confirmation code. All other fields can be left on their default settings for now. These can be changed later in the profile section. The confirmation code is prevent spam bots (programs that post ads etc) from being able to create usernames.

When you register, you must specify an email address. All email from the board to you will be sent to that address. If the board is set to **User Activation**, you must check your email and click the activation link there before you may log in.

Logging In

In order to post using your username and use your custom settings on the board, you must log in. To log in, you must use the small login form at the bottom of the **Forum Index** page.

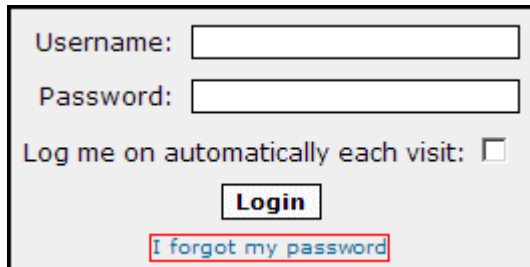
A screenshot of a login form. It has a title 'Login' in blue. Below the title, there are two input fields: 'Username:' and 'Password:'. To the right of the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Log me on automatically each visit' and a 'Login' button.

Alternatively you may click the small Login link at the top of any page to be taken to the **Login Page**.

Enter your user name and password, and click Login. You will be taken to the page you were previously using, but will now be able to post with your username, change your profile, check private messages, etc. To log out of the board, click the small Logout [<your username>] link at the top of any page.

If you are not logged in and attempt to do anything that requires a login, you will be taken to the login screen. After you log in, you will be taken to the page you were attempting to go to before logging in. Things that require login include changing your profile, checking your private messages, posting to forums (if they require it), etc.

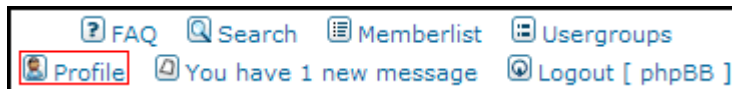
If you forget your password, go to the **Login Page**. Click I forgot my password.



A screenshot of a login form. It contains two input fields: 'Username:' and 'Password:'. Below these is a checkbox labeled 'Log me on automatically each visit:'. A 'Login' button is centered below the checkbox. At the bottom, there is a link that says 'I forgot my password'.

You will be taken to a form to enter your username and email address. A new password will be created, and sent in an email to you. When you receive the email, you need to click the new password activation link. The new password activation link exists so that if someone else enters your information into the **Forgotten Password** form, your current password will remain intact. After you have activated your new password, you may log in with it. You may change your password to what you like in your profile.

To edit your profile, click the small Profile link at the top of any page.



You must be logged in to edit your profile. To make changes to your profile, change the values on the form and click Submit at the bottom of the page.

Username - Your username on the board, the name you use to log in. You may change this name if the board administrators allow it.

Email - The email address your account is registered to. All emails from the board to you will go to this email address. You may change the email address if you like. If you change your email address and the board is using **User** activation, then you will need to activate your changed email address. You will be sent an email (to the new address) with an activation link if this is the case.

Password - The password you use to log in. If you change your email address or password, you must enter your current password. If you are changing your password you will need to enter the new password twice to verify it.

Profile Information.

Always show my Email Address - If **Yes** a link to email you will appear in your profile. If set to **No**, the link will not appear.

Hide your online status - If **Yes** you will not be visible to normal users in the **Who is Online?** list at the bottom of the **Forum Index**.

Always notify me of replies - If **Yes** then the **Notify me when a reply is posted** checkbox on the posting form will be checked by default. You may still uncheck it each time you post.

Notify on new Private Messages - If **Yes** an email will be sent to your registered email address each time you receive a private message.

Pop up window on new Private Messages - If **Yes** you will see a pop up window notifying you of new Private Messages you receive while browsing the forums.

Always attach my signature - If **Yes** then the **Attach signature** checkbox on the posting form will be checked by default. You may still uncheck it each time you post.

Always allow BBCode - If **Yes** then the **Disable BBCode in this post** checkbox on the posting form will be unchecked by default. You may still check it each time you post.

Always allow HTML - If **Yes** then the **Disable HTML in this post** checkbox on the posting form will be unchecked by default. You may still check it each time you post.

Always enable Smilies - If **Yes** then the **Disable Smilies in this post** checkbox on the posting form will be unchecked by default. You may still check it each time you post.

Board Language - Selects the language of board messages/text. Any text from other users or administrators is unaffected.

Avatars

Avatars are small pictures that display each post. Each user may choose his/her own avatar. However, permission to allow users to have avatars is controlled by the board administrator. Each of the following settings may be enabled/disabled in the Administration Panel (for more information, see [3.2.2.5 Avatar Settings](#)).

Gallery Avatars - You may choose your avatar from a gallery of avatars. The gallery is a collection of avatars stored on the server that the board is running on. To select an avatar from the gallery, click Show Gallery. You may use the dropdown list at the top of the gallery to navigate between categories of avatars. To choose an avatar, check the radio button underneath it and click Select Avatar.

Remotely Linked Avatars - You may use an image that is hosted on another site as your avatar. To do this, just enter the URI into the text field. It is recommended that the images are small and do not deform tables or distract people.

Uploaded Avatars - If you have an image that you would like to use, you may upload the image to the server that the board is on. You may upload an image on your computer by clicking the Browse button. You may also upload an image by entering the URI that the image is located at. Uploaded images have an admin-controlled limit on file size and image size.