

Simplify forums is a basic forums package for umbraco 7.1/2 it is designed to be the basic starting block for building your own forums for your site.

The package comes with basic forum set up, and uses bootstrap to make it look less ugly. integrating the forms into your site is super easy.

1. change the parent template for SimplyForumListing and SimplyForumPost
  - a. if you are using the client dependency framework then all the extra scripts and styles should just work.
2. Allow a SimplyForum to be created under another doctype.
  - a. the forum is always the root, if you want categories in your forum, you just create child forums.

## Forum Configuration

Give it a name and summary, this appears on all forum and post pages, make it active, if you want people to post at this level select "Post at this level".

## Security

**people will have to be logged in to post**, so you need some membership authentication - that's not in simplify forums [Although we are building Simply Auth as another package]

If you want everyone to see a forum just publish, if you want to restrict who can see it use Public Permissions which is part of Umbraco. (right click on the forum node).

If you want only certain people to be able to publish set Groups that can post - it's a comma seperated list of membership groups. the create post button and reply box will only appear for users in these groups.

## Post Management

### Stickyposts

posts will be ordered by the latest update date of any post in a thread, unless you give them a stickyness score. the higher the score the higher the stickyness.

## Deleting posts

You can manage posts like any other umbraco content, all posts / forums have "Hide from Navigation" in generic properties - on posts this will mark them as deleted.

if a user deletes their own post Deleted by User will also be checked, this changes the message other people see on the forums, "to post deleted by user".

if you just mark a post as hidden - it appears as 'this post has been removed'