

# Membership

## Overview

Memberships in Extension are required to set user group level based on the monthly/Yearly pay plan the user selects. Using membership plans, you can decide how much to charge a user and how many listings a user can make for a particular membership plan.

Membership are well integrated with Joomla groups and have a dependency on each other. Ensure that you have created Joomla groups before creating membership plans. By doing this, you can select groups when creating membership.

## Create a new Membership Plan

Click Components > Extension > Membership Plans > New to create a new membership plan as shown in the following image:

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	NAME	PRICE MONTHLY	PRICE ANNUALLY	BEST VALUE	LANGUAGE
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<b>Free</b>	0	0	No	All
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<b>Basic</b>	10	100	Yes	All
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<b>Premium</b>	30	250	No	All

### Screen 1: Create new membership plan

First membership plan should be a Free (basic plan). When user logs into the Front Admin, he will be assigned to that plan. From that point, User can upgrade his membership to paid plans.

## Edit Membership Plan

If you want to edit existing entries, you can either click the entry from the Membership screen or select the check box next to the entry, and then click **Edit**.

The following image shows the Edit Plan screen.

## Screen 2: Edit Plan screen

The following table explains the different options seen.

<b>Name</b>	Provide a name for the membership plan.
<b>Number of Listings</b>	Provide the number of listings the users in the plan can create.
<b>Group ID</b>	Select the Joomla user group ID for the plan. It is recommended that you create your membership under the Registered group.
<b>Number of Images</b>	Provide the number of images the users in the plan can add.

<b>Price Monthly</b>	Provide the monthly charge for the plan.
<b>Price Annually</b>	Provide the annual charge for the plan.
<b>Best Value</b>	Best value badge, that shows in Front Admin (informative)
<b>No of Premium Listings</b>	Provide the number of premium listings the users in the plan can create.
<b>Attachments</b>	Enable to allow users to add attachments to listings.
<b>Video</b>	Enable to allow users to add Video link to the listings.
<b>Custom Fields</b>	Enable custom fields for particular plan. Custom field needs to be assign into <b>Paid Groups</b> to be shown here.
<b>ID</b>	This field is auto generated.

## Adding paid custom fields to the Membership plans

For adding a custom field to the membership plan, the field group needs to be set to Paid item. Click **Extension > Custom Fields**. Click the field you want to add to the membership plan as a paid item. Change the Field Group to **Paid item** for the Item view and Paid items for the Items view as shown in the following image:

Home Dashboard Content Menus Components Users System Help Joomla! Custom Fields 4.1.5 JomDirectory Demo Website

Save Save & Close Save & New Save as Copy Close

New Custom Field Publishing Options

Title \*  
Additional Email

Alias  
additional-email

Field Type \*  
Email

Field Group \*  
Paid Item

Paid Field  
No Yes

Field Required?  
No Yes

Category  
Select category

Field Database Type \*  
String

Custom Field Template  
Default

Order  
0

ID  
10

Field Can Be Searched?  
No Yes

#### Screen 4: Adding a paid custom field

This field needs to be enabled in the membership plan as shown in the following image.

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Toggle Editor

Number of Tags  
1000

Attachments  
No Yes

Video  
No Yes

Availability Calendar  
No Yes

Accept Credit Cards  
No Yes

Additional Email  
No Yes

Language  
All

ID  
3

## Screen 5: Enabling the paid custom field

This field can be seen in the front admin under the membership plan as follows:

The screenshot shows the Joomla! front admin interface for the 'businesspages' extension. The top navigation bar includes 'comdev', 'JomDirectory', 'JomEstate', 'JomHoliday', 'JomOffers', and 'JomEvents'. Below this is a blue banner with the text 'Get the most popular Directory Extension for Joomla!' and 'Get It Now!'. The main navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Directory', 'Products', 'Map Wide', 'Join', and 'DEMO ACCESS'. The central content area is titled 'Membership' and features the sub-header 'Check out our affordable plans!'. There are three membership plan cards: 'Free', 'Basic', and 'Premium'. The 'Basic' plan is highlighted with a red border and a 'Best Value' badge. A red box highlights the 'Additional Email' field in the 'Basic' and 'Premium' plans, showing it is checked (✓) in both, while it is unchecked (✗) in the 'Free' plan. The 'Free' plan has a 'Join' button. The 'Basic' plan has a 'Join' button and pricing: € 10.00 Monthly, € 100.00 Annually. The 'Premium' plan has a 'Join' button and pricing: € 30.00 Monthly, € 250.00 Annually.

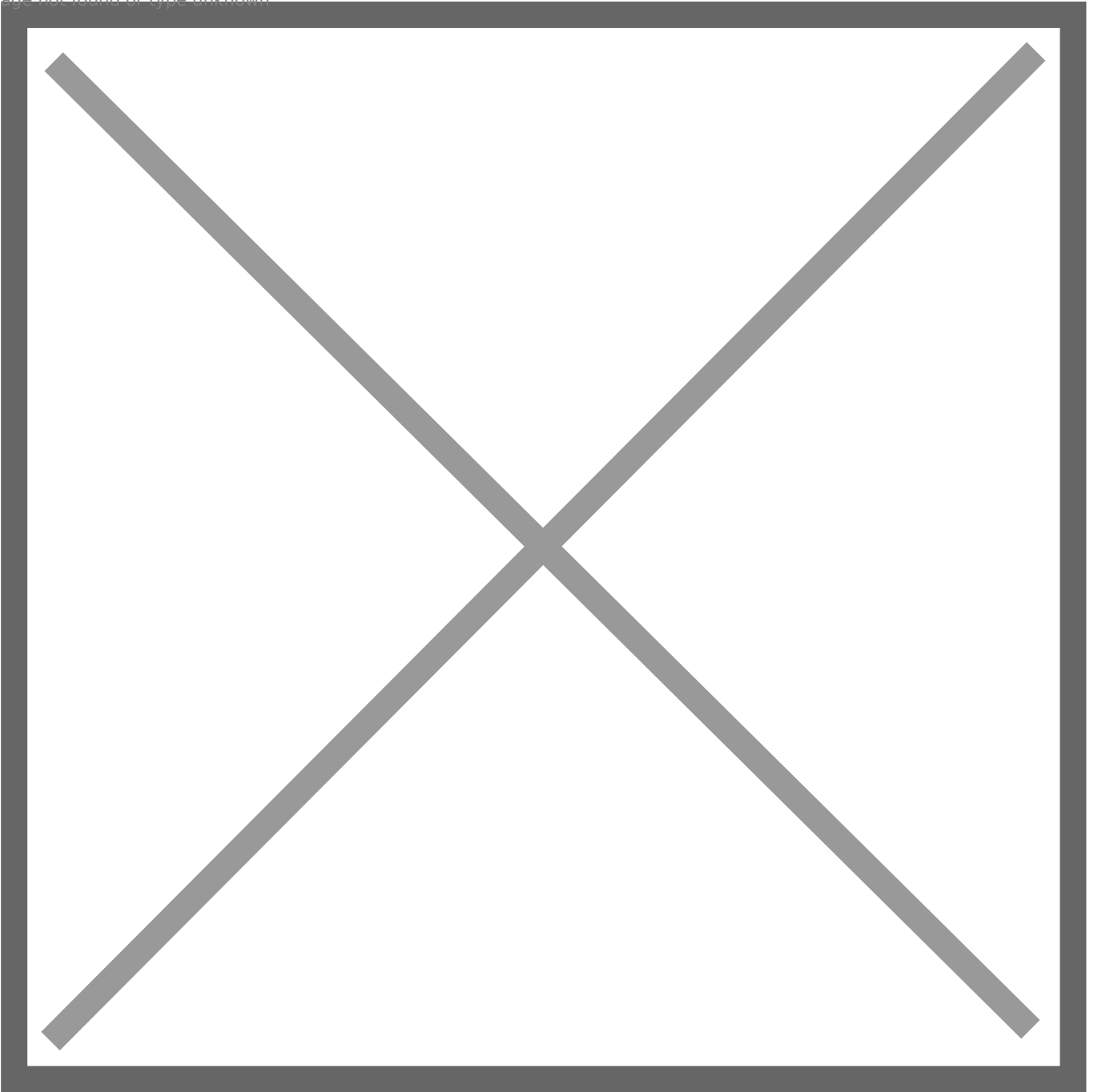
Free	Basic	Premium
Listings: 2	Listings: 10	Listings: 100
Images: 10	Images: 100	Images: 1000
Premium Listings: 0	Premium Listings: 2	Premium Listings: 100
Products: ✗	Products: ✓	Products: ✓
Attachments: ✗	Attachments: ✓	Attachments: ✓
Youtube Video: ✓	Youtube Video: ✓	Youtube Video: ✓
Phone: ✗	Phone: ✓	Phone: ✓
Webpage: ✗	Webpage: ✓	Webpage: ✓
Availability: ✗	Availability: ✓	Availability: ✓
Akcept Credit Cards: ✓	Akcept Credit Cards: ✓	Akcept Credit Cards: ✓
Additional Email: ✗	Additional Email: ✓	Additional Email: ✓
Free	€ 10.00 Monthly € 100.00 Annually	€ 30.00 Monthly € 250.00 Annually
Join	Join	Join

## Screen 6: Viewing the paid custom field

# Membership expiry email configurations

Before the membership expires, an email can be sent to a user that informs them about his membership nearing expiration. The setting can be seen in the following image:

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### Screen 3: Configure expiry email field

## Cron Setting for Membership expiry check

Under your hosting panel a link needs to be added that launches a script. This script checks all users' membership and sends an email if membership is about to expire:

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curl -sS 'http://yourdomain.com?option=com_jomdirectory&task=expiry.send'
```

or

```
wget -q -O /dev/null 'http://yourdomain.com?option=com_jomdirectory&task=expiry.send'
```

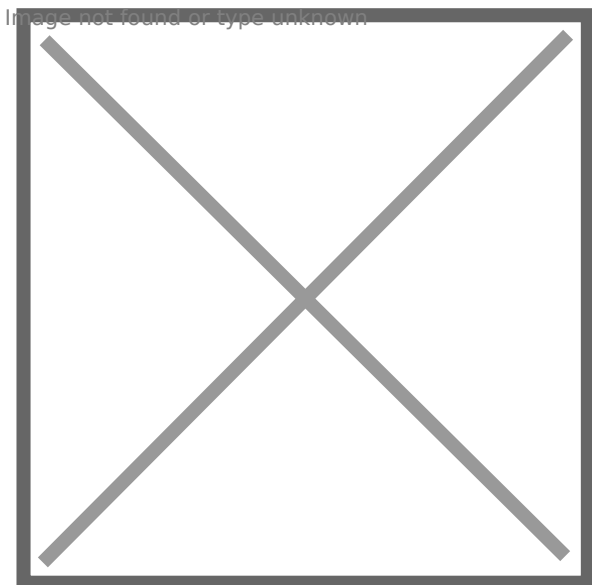
If you are unaware about where the cron setting needs to be configured in the hosting panel, contact your hosting support center.

Ensure that the script is launched every day at a particular time consistently.

## Set Single User expiry date and group

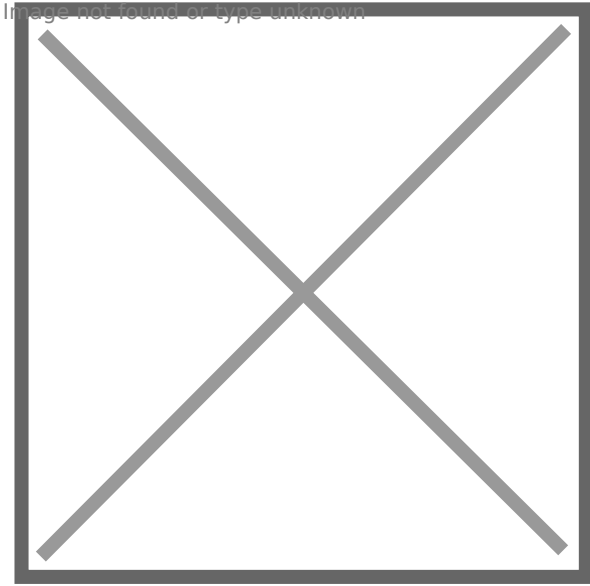
To set plan expiry and attach a group for each user, do the following:

1. Click **Users > User Manager**.
2. Click the user for whom you want to set the membership expiry.
3. Click the **Additional Options** tab.
4. Provide the expiration date in the **Plan expiry** field.



5. Click the **Assigned User Groups** tab.

6. Select the check box next to the group you want to attach the user to for a particular membership plan as shown in the following image.



7. Click **Save**.

For more information about membership expiration setting, see [Configuration](#) documentation.

## Creating a new Group for Membership Plans

In order to add users to groups for membership plans, you must create a super group named JomOffers. Then, under it you must create groups for each of your membership plan. These groups are used to provide Group ID when creating a membership plan. Users created using User Manager can be linked to each of these membership plan groups.

To create the JomOffers group and other groups, do the following:

1. Click **Users > Groups > Add New Group**.
2. Provide a name for the group. We need to create JomOffers group before creating other groups. So, provide the name as **JomOffers**

Save Save & Close Cancel

**User Group Details**

Group Title \* JomOffers

Group Parent - Registered

1. Repeat steps 1 and 2, but select the parent as JomOffers.

Joomla! Users: New Group

Save Save & Close Cancel

**User Group Details**

Group Title \* Basic

Group Parent -- JomOffers

2. Click **Save**.

Name **JomOffers** for the main group is mandatory, however groups for membership under that group can have any names e.g. Lite, Pro or Free, Basic etc...

## User Permissions based on groups

For the users to access Front Admin certain user permissions need to be granted. These settings need to be done in the JomOffers and Comdev Options.

To provide user permissions for JomOffers, do the following:

1. Click **Components > JomOffers**

2. Click **Options** from the right-hand side of the screen.
3. Click **Permissions**.
4. Provide the permissions as shown in the following image.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! Configuration interface for the JomOffers component. The left sidebar lists various system and component settings, with 'JomOffers' selected. The main content area is titled 'Permissions' and contains a table of permissions for different user groups.

Public	Action	Select New Setting	Calculated Setting
- Guest	Configure ACL & Options	Inherited	Allowed (Inherited)
- Manager			
: - Administrator	Access Administration Interface	Inherited	Allowed (Inherited)
: - Demo			
- Registered	Create	Inherited	Allowed (Inherited)
: - Author	Delete	Inherited	Allowed (Inherited)
: - Editor	Edit	Inherited	Allowed (Inherited)
: - Publisher	Edit State	Inherited	Allowed (Inherited)
- JomOffers	Edit Own	Inherited	Allowed (Inherited)
: - Basic			
: - Free			

5. Click **Save**.

User permissions also need to be set for Comdev extension as explained here.

1. Click **Components > Comdev**.
2. Click **Options** from the right-hand side of the screen.
3. Click **Comdev**.
4. Provide the permissions as shown in the following image.

Configuration 4.4.2 Take a Tour Post Installation Messages Comdev User

Save Save & Close Close

**System**

- Global Configuration

**Component**

- Articles
- Banners
- Cache
- Check-in
- Comdev**
- Contacts
- Guided Tours
- Installer
- JomOffers
- Joomla! Update
- Languages
- Mail Templates
- Media
- Menus
- Messaging
- Modules
- Multilingual Associations
- News Feeds
- Plugins
- Post-Installation Messages
- Privacy
- Redirects
- Scheduled Tasks
- Search
- Smart Search
- Tags

**Permissions**

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Expand for notes about setting the permissions.

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- Author	Edit	Inherited	Allowed (Inherited)
- Editor	Edit State	Inherited	Allowed (Inherited)
- Publisher	Edit Own	Inherited	Allowed (Inherited)
<b>- JomOffers</b>			
- Basic			
- Free			

5. Click **Save**.

Users, which belongs to Joomla group JomOffers, will now have access to Front Admin.

If Permissions for the Comdev component are not set, users would not be able to upload images. A 500 error would show that permissions are denied.

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