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Chapter 1 Introduction

What is the Sitelok Vanilla (jsConnect) plugin?

The Sitelok Vanilla plugin allows a single sign-on (SSO) between Sitelok and the Vanilla forum. In other words Sitelok will be the login system used by Vanilla so a user only needs to enter their Sitelok login details to have access to the Vanilla forum as well.

Chapter 2 Installation

Installing for the first time or upgrading

- 1) Extract the contents of the zip file to your PC.
- 2) Upload the plugin_vanillajs folder to your existing Sitelok slpw folder using FTP. There are no special permissions required on most servers.
- 3) Login to the Sitelok control panel.
- 4) Open the following URL in the browser

http://www.yoursite.com/slpw/plugin_vanillajs/install.php

which will start the installation process. If all is well you will be taken to the plugin preferences page where you will see the plugin listed.

If you have any problems with installation please let us know so that we can help you.

Setting up Vanilla to work with SSO

In earlier versions of Vanilla the jsConnect plugin was downloaded and installed separately. Nowadays it seem to be installed by default as part of the main Vanilla installation. If you don't see it installed then you may need to install manually.

Before Vanilla will allow Sitelok to login in users we need to enable Single Sign-On.

- 1) Ensure you are using the latest Vanilla version
- 2) Login to your Vanilla forum dashboard and enable the Vanilla JsConnect plugin in the Plugins section.
- 3) Click the **Add Connection** button.
- 4) You should now see the edit connection form. Click the **Generate Client ID and Secret** button at the bottom of the page to fill in those fields. Make a note of the **Client Id** and **Secret** values which we will need later. Enter the following in the fields.

Site Name

Give a name to your site such as Members Area.

Authentication URL

Enter the following URL remembering to adjust your domain name

https://www.yoursite.com/slpw/plugin_vanillajs/vanillaauth.php

Signin URL

Enter the following URL remembering to adjust your domain name.

https://www.yoursite.com/slpw/plugin_vanillajs/vanillasignin.php

You may see a warning about a missing redirect target which you can ignore as the plugin will redirect to the main forum page by default. In theory you can add

[?redirect_to={target}](#)

to the end of the Signin URL to redirect a user back to a specific forum page during login. However we have found a potential bug in Vanilla which can cause issues in some cases when {target} is used.

5) Register URL

If you have a registration page on your site you can enter the URL here. If not leave it blank.

6) Sign Out URL

Leave this field blank.

7) The check box **'Make this connection your default signin method'** determines if Vanilla shows the Sign In button. Check the box to remove the button. If unchecked then the button is displayed if the user is not already logged in to Sitelok. When they click the button the Sitelok login form will appear (using your login template if you set one).

8) Select **Version 3** as the Protocol

Edit Connection ✕

Client ID
The client ID uniquely identifies the site. You can generate a new ID with the button at the bottom of this page.

Secret
The secret secures the sign in process. Do **NOT** give the secret out to anyone.

Site Name
Enter a short name for the site. This is displayed on the signin buttons.

Authentication URL
The location of the authentication endpoint.

Sign In URL
The url that users use to sign in. Use (target) as placeholder to specify a redirect to where the user initiated the signin.

Registration URL
The url that users use to register for a new account.

Sign Out URL
The url that users use to sign out of your site.

This is trusted connection and can sync roles & permissions.

Make this connection your default signin method.

Advanced

Protocol
The protocol version must match your client library. You should always choose the most recent protocol if you can.

This connection is in test-mode.

Click **Save** to store the settings

9) In the main menu click Registration and select the **Connect** option. You can use the other options if you prefer too.

METHOD	DESCRIPTION
<input type="radio"/> Basic	New users fill out a simple form and are granted access immediately.
<input type="radio"/> Approval	New users are reviewed and approved by an administrator (that's you!).
<input type="radio"/> Invitation	Existing members send invitations to new members.
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Connect	New users are only registered through SSO plugins.

Setting up the plugin

Now that Vanilla and jsConnect have been setup we need to make some settings in the Sitelok plugin. You can access the Vanilla plugin configuration by selecting **Vanilla Forum** from the **Plugins** menu. This will display a page like this.

Vanilla forum plugin for jsConnect

Settings

Vanilla forum URL
this is the full URL to the Vanilla forum main page on your site

jsConnect Client Id
This client id is generated in the jsConnect plugin settings in Vanilla

jsConnect Secret
This secret value is generated in the jsConnect plugin settings in Vanilla

1) Set the **Vanilla Forum URL** to the URL where you installed Vanilla. For example

<https://www.yoursite.com/forums/>

- 2) Enter the jsConnect Client ID provided when you setup the jsConnect connection.
- 3) Enter the jsConnect Secret provided when you setup the jsConnect connection.
- 4) Click the **Save** button.

Disabling the Plugin

To disable the Vanilla plugin select **Plugin Preferences** in the **Plugin** menu option of Sitelok. Uncheck the enable box for the plugin and click the **Save** button. Remember to disable the jsConnect plugin in Vanilla as well.

You can enable it again in the same way.

Uninstalling the plugin

To permanently remove the plugin and its settings follow these steps.

- 1) Disable the plugin as above.
- 2) Click the delete icon next the plugin in the disabled plugins section.
- 3) Confirm the action in the alert box.

If the plugin is uninstalled successfully you will be returned to the plugin preferences page.

Chapter 3 Using the plugin

How does SSO work on your site

Once setup Vanilla will use Sitelok as its login and registration system. So you can add users to Sitelok as you do now (via registration forms, payment, Linklok etc) and these users will automatically have access to Vanilla.

If a user clicks Sign-In on a Vanilla page they will see the Sitelok login form (or your custom login template) if they are not already logged in. After login they will be returned to Vanilla.

If a user is signed into Sitelok and then visits a Vanilla page they should be detected and can sign in just by click a link (no form appears).

If a Sitelok users email address already exists in Vanilla they will be asked to enter their existing Vanilla password to confirm that the accounts should be connected.

Chapter 4 Support

Hopefully if you have followed this manual carefully everything will be working fine. However sometimes things don't go quite so smoothly so if you have any questions or problems then please check the FAQ on the support page or email us.

Support area: <http://www.vibralogix.com/support/>

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