JUserPrune system plug-in - for Joomla! 3.x
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A user ACL management system plug-in for Joomla! 3.x
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WHAT THIS PLUG-IN DOES
This plug-in automatically manages front-end user accounts that have not been activated or used during a configurable period, or have been idle for too long (also configurable). The pruning includes customised user groups.
Back-end accounts are not managed by this plug-in; to do this, you will need the **Premium** or **Business Edition**.
Specified user accounts can be excluded from being pruned.
When the plug-in is fired, is configurable, for example only when a registered user logs in. In this way the server load can be reduced.
Also available as a **Premium** and **Business Edition**, for managing both backend and frontend user accounts, user account management at regular time intervals and more.

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Basic install and setup instructions for JUserPrune plug-in for Joomla! 3.x

This information is to be considered a basic guideline and is provided as is, without warranty.
Your Joomla! installation and setup may be different from the basis for these instructions.

HOW TO CHECK FOR UPDATES
- Open the JUserPrune plug-in manager screen via 'Extensions' / 'Plugin Manager'.
- In "Plugin Description" you will find the current version and a link to check for updates.

INSTALLATION AND UPDATING
Install or update via Joomla! back-end. Your settings will not be lost.

REQUIREMENTS
- Joomla! 3.x
- PHP 5.3 or later, PHP 7

SETUP AND OPTIONS

WARNING
You are strongly advised to make a database backup before enabling the plug-in for the first time,
because the process of removing user accounts is irreversible.
Make backups until you have tested the plug-in to your satisfaction and until you have found the right
settings for your website.
Please note that the user account pruning is only invoked by visits to the front-end of the website. In
other words, the plug-in will not be fired when you are working at the back-end only.

BASIC OPTIONS

TEST MODE
Always start with using the plug-in in the test mode. This is the default install.
In the test mode, user accounts will NOT be removed. Instead you will see a list of the user accounts
that qualify for being removed. It will also show whether accounts are excluded from removal.
Use the test mode to establish the plug-in options that are best suitable for your website.

You must log into the front-end of your website as an administrator or higher to see the list.
The list is presented as a Joomla! system message. If you do not see it, check your template to see if
it includes Joomla! system messages.

NON-ACTIVATED, NEVER-LOGGED AND IDLE ACCOUNTS
Expiration settings. Shorter and longer expiration periods are available in the **Premium** and **Business
Edition** of this plug-in.

EXCLUDED USER IDs
Enter user IDs of front-end accounts that are excluded from removal. Comma-separated list.
The standard freeware edition does also not remove Manager and Administrator accounts. If you need
to have these managed as well, you should get the **Premium** or **Business Edition** of this plug-in.
Super User accounts will never be removed.

Why would you want to exclude IDs?
You may have created test accounts that you seldomly use but don't want to be removed.

PROCESS IDs UNDER 500?
Joomla! only creates user accounts with IDs 500 (admin) or higher.
Some third party extensions, for example Community Builder Enhanced (CBE), create a user account
with user ID 1 and username 'Message Bot' or alike. Such user account may be necessary for the
extension to function correctly. Therefore you can have this type of user accounts excluded from
removal by the plug-in (this is the default setting).

ADVANCED OPTIONS

PLUG-IN TRIGGER
This parameter configures when the plug-in is fired and acting. Default is upon manager log-in to the frontend, but if your manager(s) do not frequently log into the frontend, you may want to change this setting to 'any user log-in frontend'.
Setting this parameter to 'each website call' is not recommended, as this will increase the load on your web server and may impact the performance of your website.

NOTE: JUserPrune **Premium** and **Business Edition** include the option for user account management at regular time intervals, for example once per week.

ABOUT COOKIES
The JUserPrune freeware edition does not use cookies.

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On the following pages, you will find information about the Premium and Business Editions of this plug-in. These editions provide additional options and controls and are better suitable for professional websites.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS PREMIUM EDITION

BASIC OPTIONS

FRONT-END AND BACK-END ACCOUNTS
Configuration for managing both the front-end and back-end accounts.

INCLUDED CUSTOMISED GROUPS
Managing customised user groups that have been added to the standard Joomla! access control list. By default, these additional user groups are NOT managed by the plug-in.

ADVANCED OPTIONS

INCLUDED USER IDs
User IDs of individual accounts that are included in the expiration process. Super User accounts cannot be included.
Use this option - for example - if you have excluded the back-end Manager group as a whole from expiring, but don't want all managers to be excluded.

The Business Edition is the most complete version of this plug-in. It is very well suited for professional websites and has the following additional options.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS BUSINESS EDITION

ACCOUNT ACTION
Configures whether expiring accounts will be <u>disabled or removed</u>. Separate settings for never-logged and idle accounts.

EXCLUDED USER GROUPS
Selects user groups that will never expire.

ADMIN EMAIL NOTIFICATION
Email notification to all users that have been configured to receive system emails. The email includes a summary of all accounts that have been disabled and removed since the plug-in was last fired.

USER EMAIL WARNING TYPE
User email notification about a pending account disable or removal.

USER EMAIL WARNING TERM
How far in advance an email notification about a pending account disable or removal is sent to the user.