

XTDir for SobiPro



SobiPro and Akeeba Subscriptions Membership Management

Presentation based on Joomla 3, SobiPro 1.1 and XTDir 5.4

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In this presentation, we are going to show how you can:

- extend a SobiPro directory with XTDir,
- manage subscriptions with Akeeba Subscriptions,
- and promote entries with XTDir

XTDir for SobiPro - Akeeba Subscriptions



Prerequisites

- XTDir v5.4, or superior
- SobiPro v1.1, or superior
- Akeeba Subscriptions v4.1, or superior
- Joomla v2.5 / v3, or superior
- MySQL 5.5 (recommended), or superior
- PHP 5.3, or superior

XTDir for SobiPro - Installation



In this tutorial, we've assumed you have a working XTDir for SobiPro installation.

To review the installation steps, visit:

- [XTDir - How to extend your directory](#)
- [XTDir - Building an advertising catalog for Joomla!](#)

Akeeba Subscriptions - Creating Subscriptions to Sell



[Akeeba Subscriptions](#) is a subscriptions management component for Joomla! 2.x/3.x.

It's built using the Joomla! RAD Framework (FOF) and the best practices which ensure stability and security.

XTDir for SobiPro and Akeeba Subscriptions



How it works:

- XTDir Promotions for SobiPro are assigned according to Joomla User Groups.
 - E.g. “Premium Subscribers”
- Akeeba Subscriptions manages assigned User Groups according to the Level status.

In the following steps, we are showing how to:

- Create a Joomla User Group
- Create a Subscription, Payment Gateway, and customize a Joomla! Usergroup Integration
- Create a XTDir User Group Promotion
- Test a payment and verify an assigned membership

Step 1: Joomla! - Creating a User Group



1. Go to Website Backend > User Manager > User Groups > New.
2. Create a new user group "Premium Subscribers".

The screenshot displays the Joomla! User Manager interface. The top navigation bar includes 'System', 'Users', 'Menus', 'Content', and 'Components'. The main header reads 'User Manager: User Groups'. Below the header, there are buttons for '+ New', 'Edit', and 'Delete'. A search bar is present on the right. The left sidebar shows a menu with 'Users', 'User Groups', 'Viewing Access Levels', 'User Notes', and 'Note Categories'. The main content area shows a list of user groups with checkboxes and expand/collapse icons. The 'Premium Subscribers' group is highlighted. An 'Edit Group' modal window is open, showing the 'User Group Details' form. The 'Group Title *' field contains 'Premium Subscribers' and the 'Group Parent *' dropdown is set to '- Registered'. The modal also includes buttons for 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Save & New', and 'Save & Copy'.

Step 1: Joomla! - Creating a Viewing Access Level



1. Go to Website Backend > User Manager > Viewing Access > New.
2. Create a new Viewing Access Level "Premium Content".

User Manager: Viewing Access Levels

[+ New](#) [Edit](#) [Delete](#)

Users
User Groups
Viewing Access Levels
User Notes
Note Categories

Search

| Level Name |
|--------------------------|
| Customer Access Level (E |
| Guest |
| Premium Content |
| Public |
| Registered |
| Special |
| Super Users |

[Save](#) [Save & Close](#) [Save & New](#) [Save as Copy](#)

Level Title *

User Groups Having Viewing Access

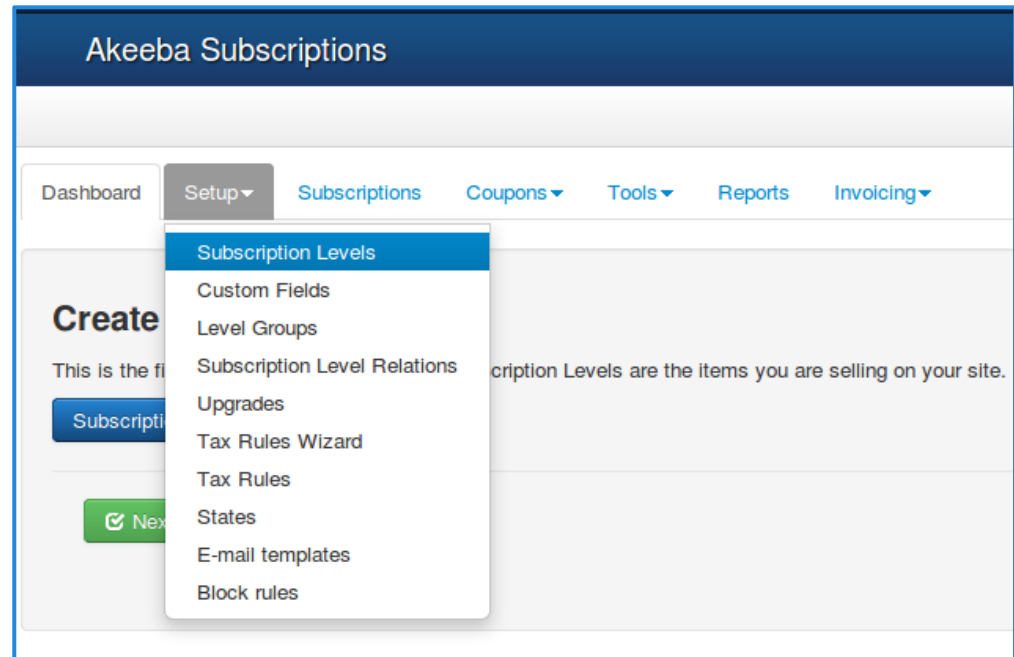
- Public
- Guest
- Manager
- Administrator
- Registered
- Author
- Editor
- Publisher
- Shop Suppliers (Example)
- Customer Group (Example)
- Premium Subscribers

Step 2: Akeeba Subscriptions - Creating subscriptions



First, create subscriptions to sell membership.

1. Go to the Setup tab of Akeeba Subscriptions.
2. Follow the steps given for creating subscriptions.



Step 2: Akeeba Subscriptions - Creating subscriptions



1. Create a menu to show subscriptions to customers

The screenshot shows the Joomla! Menu Manager interface. The main window is titled "Menu Manager: New Menu Item". The "Menu Title" is set to "Subscriptions". The "Menu Item Type" is set to "Akeeba Subscriptions". The "Target Window" is set to "Parent". The "Template Style" is set to "- Use Default". The "Akeeba Subscriptions" dropdown menu is open, showing the following options:

- [All Levels](#) Displays a list of all available subscription levels
- [All Levels \(Awesome layout\)](#) Displays a list of all available subscription levels in Awesome layout mode
- [All Levels \(Strappy layout\)](#) Displays a list of all available subscription levels in Strappy layout mode, a layout based on Bootstrap
- [All of my subscriptions](#) Shows all of the current user's subscriptions
- [Edit user information](#) Allows the user to edit his own information
- [Specific level](#) Subscribe to a specific level

Below the dropdown menu, there are sections for "Articles", "Configuration Manager", and "Contacts".

Step 3: Akeeba Subscriptions - Setting up a Payment Gateway



To process online payments automatically Payment gateway is required. Akeeba Subscriptions has integration with many popular payment gateways.

1. Go to Website Backend > Plugin Manager, search and enable required payment processor plugin.
2. Click on it to edit its configuration
3. Fill your account details of the payment processor.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! Plugin Manager interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Edit', 'Enable', 'Disable', and 'Check In'. Below these are filter options for status and access. A search bar contains the text 'akpayment'. The main table lists several plugins, all of type 'akpayment'. The 'Akeeba Subscriptions Payment - Paypal' plugin is the only one with a green checkmark in the status column, indicating it is enabled. All other plugins have a red 'X' in the status column, indicating they are disabled.

| Status | Plugin Name | Type |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Akeeba Subscriptions Payment - 2Checkout Standard Purchase Routine | akpayment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Akeeba Subscriptions Payment - Stripe | akpayment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Akeeba Subscriptions Payment - Skrill (Moneybookers) | akpayment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Akeeba Subscriptions Payment - PayPal Payments Pro (Express Checkout) | akpayment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Akeeba Subscriptions Payment - PayPal Payments Pro (Direct Payment) | akpayment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Akeeba Subscriptions Payment - Paypal | akpayment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Akeeba Subscriptions Payment - Paymill | akpayment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Akeeba Subscriptions Payment - Off-line | akpayment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Akeeba Subscriptions Payment - None | akpayment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Akeeba Subscriptions Payment - 2Checkout Standard Purchase Routine (with | akpayment |

Step 4: XTDDir - User Group Promotion



1. Go to Website Backend > XTDDir > Promotions
2. Create a new Promotion
3. Fill Promotion details, and select “User Group” type, and the specific group.

The screenshot shows the 'XTDdir for SobiPro: Promotions' interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'New', 'Edit', 'Publish', 'Unpublish', 'Delete', and 'Update Index'. Below this is a table with columns for 'Promotion', 'Section / Category', 'Promotion Level', 'Tier type', 'Ordering', and 'Published'. The table contains three entries:

| Promotion | Section / Category | Promotion Level | Tier type | Ordering | Published |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Premium Entries | Business Directory | Section | User Group | 33333 | Yes |
| Business Directory - Manual | Business Directory | Section | Manual | 88888 | Yes |

The screenshot shows the 'XTDdir for SobiPro: Promotion' configuration form. It includes buttons for 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Save & New', and 'Cancel'. The form is titled 'Promotion configuration for Promoted Entries' and contains the following fields:

- Promotion: Premium Entries
- Promotion Level: Section
- Section: Business Directory
- Tier Type: User Group
- Status: Published (selected), Unpublished
- ID: 2
- Ordering: 33333
- User Group Tier - Group Definition: Premium Subscribers

A yellow banner at the bottom right reads 'Tutorial: XTDdir Promoted Entries'.

XTDir for SobiPro - Akeeba Subscriptions: A Membership Case



1. **Fill a Subscription**
2. Receive a Transaction
3. Verify Subscription Status
4. Verify User Group Assignment
5. Check Promotion Assignment
6. Browse the new featured entry



Summary

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Regular price | € | 20.00 |
| Discount | € | 0.00 |
| Taxes | € | 0.00 |
| Total charge | € | 20.00 |

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Coupon code

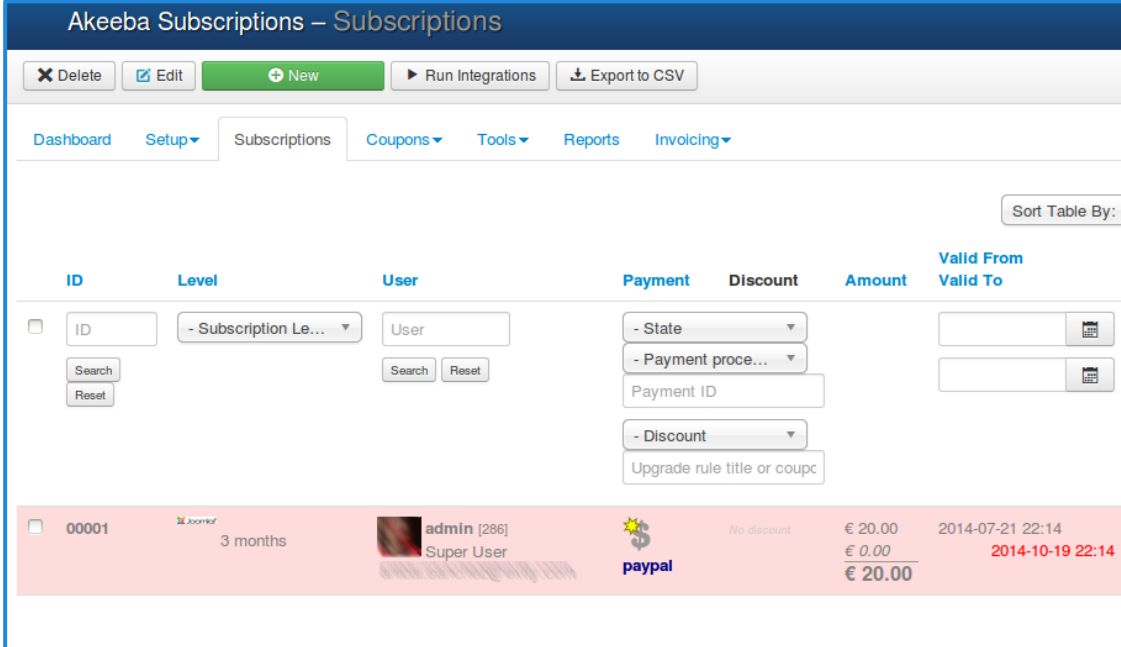
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The screenshot displays the 'Akeeba Subscriptions - Subscriptions' management interface. At the top, there are action buttons: Delete, Edit, New (highlighted in green), Run Integrations, and Export to CSV. Below these are navigation tabs: Dashboard, Setup, Subscriptions (active), Coupons, Tools, Reports, and Invoicing. A 'Sort Table By:' dropdown is located on the right. The main area contains a table with columns: ID, Level, User, Payment, Discount, Amount, and Valid From/Valid To. A search bar is positioned above the table. The table lists one subscription entry with ID 00001, level '3 months', user 'admin [286] Super User', payment method 'paypal', no discount, amount '€ 20.00', and valid dates from '2014-07-21 22:14' to '2014-10-19 22:14'.

| ID | Level | User | Payment | Discount | Amount | Valid From Valid To |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ID | - Subscription Le... | User | - State - Payment proce... | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 00001 | 3 months | admin [286] Super User | paypal | No discount | € 20.00 € 0.00 € 20.00 | 2014-07-21 22:14 2014-10-19 22:14 |

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| Subscription Information | | Payment Information | |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| Subscription Level | <input type="text" value="3 months"/> | Payment processor | <input type="text" value="paypal"/> |
| User | <input type="text" value="admin"/> <input type="button" value="Select"/> | Payment ID | <input type="text" value=""/> |
| Enabled | <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | State | <input type="text" value="Completed"/> |
| Valid From | <input type="text" value="2014-07-21"/> <input type="button" value="Calendar"/> | Net amount | <input type="text" value="€ 20"/> |
| Valid To | <input type="text" value="2014-10-19"/> <input type="button" value="Calendar"/> | Tax Rate | <input type="text" value="0"/> % |
| Notes | <input type="text" value=""/> | Tax amount | <input type="text" value="€ 0"/> |
| | | Gross amount | <input type="text" value="€ 20"/> |
| | | Created on | <input type="text" value="2014-07-21"/> <input type="button" value="Calendar"/> |

XTDir for SobiPro - Akeeba Subscriptions: A Membership Case



1. Fill an Invoice
2. Receive a Transaction
3. Verify Subscription Status
- 4. Verify User Group Assignment**
5. Check Promotion Assignment
6. Browse the new featured entry

User Manager: Users

Buttons: New, Edit, Activate, Block, Unblock, Delete, Batch

Search: Search, Search tools, Clear, Sort Table By:

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Name ^ | Username | Enabled | Activated | User Groups | Email | L |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Super User | admin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Super Users Premium Subscribers | | |

Blue arrow points to the 'Activated' checkbox for the 'Super User' entry.

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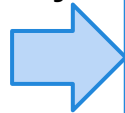
| Entry | Section / Category | State | Approval | Promoted | Ordering |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Lenna's Company | Computers and Internet, Hardwa... | ✓ | 👍 | ★ | 33333 |
| N-Communications | Communications, Computers and ... | ✓ | 👍 | ☆ | 33333 |
| Sun Bookstore | Movies & Music, Shopping, Book... | ✓ | 👍 | ☆ | 88888 |

NOTE: Promotions are assigned after the indexing process is executed.

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6. **Browse the new featured entry**



The screenshot displays the XTDir Business Directory interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Business Directory', 'Add Entry', and 'Search' options, along with a search input field labeled 'Enter keywords'. Below the navigation bar is a dropdown menu and a horizontal list of letters from A to Z, with 'S' highlighted. The main content area features two entries. The first entry, 'Lenna's Company', is highlighted with an orange background and includes a blue bird icon. The second entry, 'N-Communications', has a white background and includes a globe icon. Both entries contain placeholder text.

NOTE: Promoted Entries can be freely customized. Shown colors and layouts are for demo purposes only.

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