

Perfect Castings IT Division – How To Series – Accessing Bulletin Boards & Forums - PHPBB

This How To will step you through accessing a secured bulletin board/forum on PHPBB.

Step 1: Follow the links on the site that has the PHPBB until you come to a page that looks like this one below:

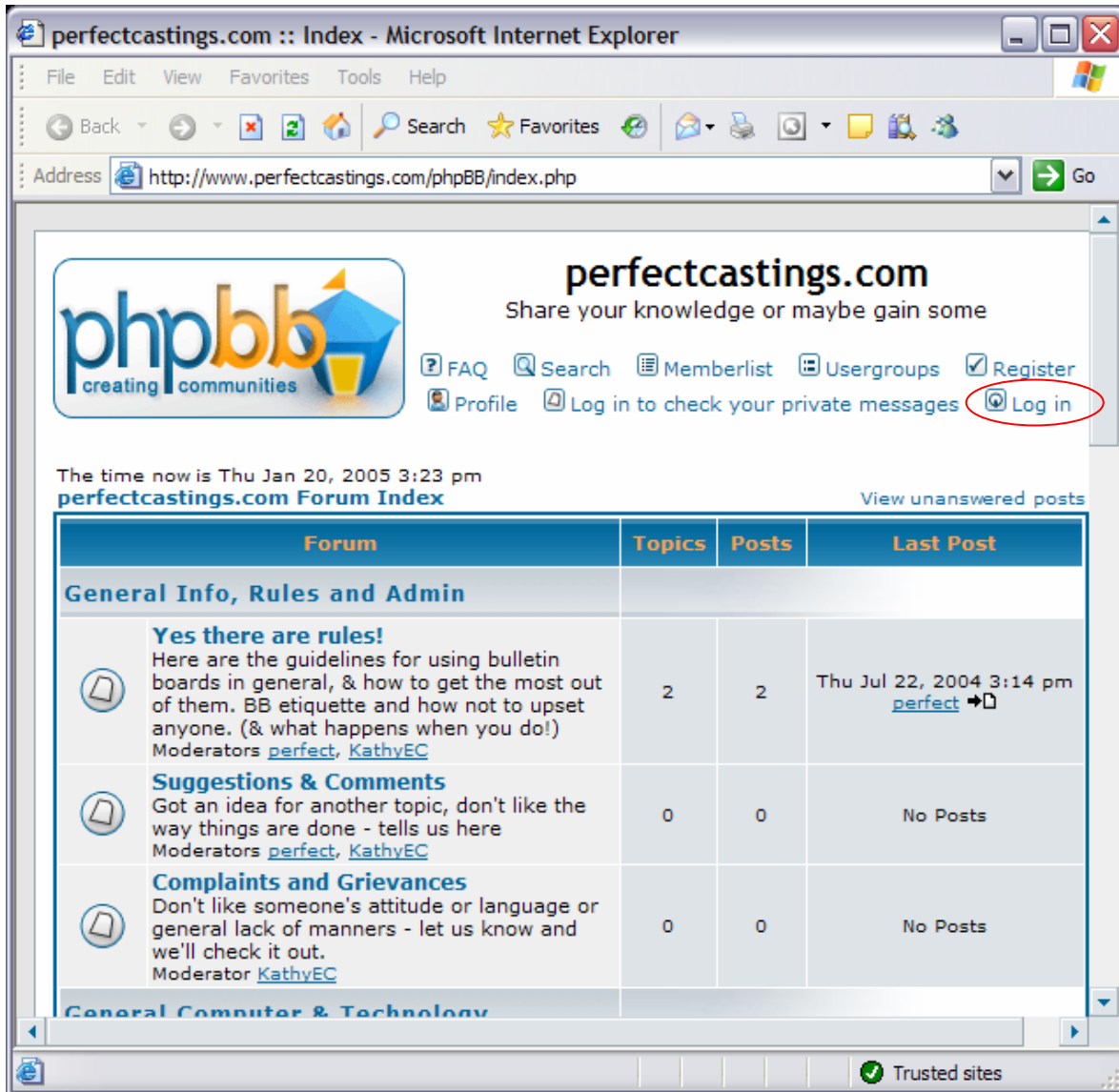


Figure 1

Step 2: Notice at the top of the page on the right hand side there is a **Log in** link. Click on this and a dialog box will open prompting you for your username name & your password.

As long as you have received a username and password you can proceed. **Specific Note for perfectcastings.com users:** If you don't have these you will either need to register or, as is the case on the perfectcastings.com board and

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some others, send your email address and name to support@perfectcastings.com so that we can assign your username and password. You will receive an email telling you what these are to the email address you supply. If you lose or forget these details you can contact admin@perfectcastings.com and have them sent to you.

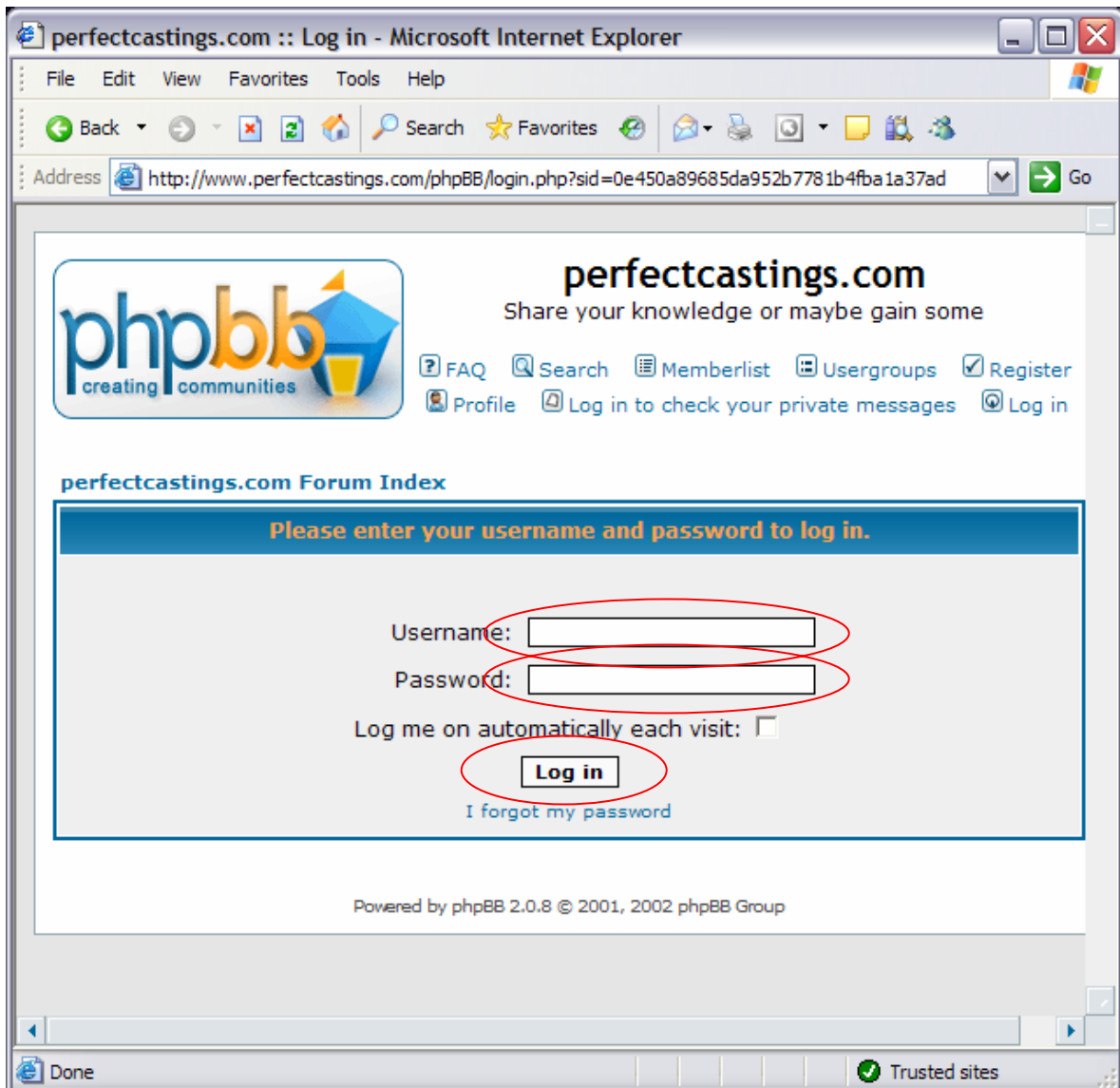


Figure 2

Step 3: Type in your username & password (these are, in most cases, what is termed 'case sensitive' which means that if your username or password contains capitals you have to type in the capitals and where it contains lower case letters, type them in lowercase). Then click the **Log In** button. You will then be taken to a screen like the one below in Figure 3.

You can, if you wish, click in the box labeled **Log me on automatically each visit**. This will have the effect of filling in your details each time you go to log in.

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Selecting this option will require that you have your browser and any security software set to accept 'cookies' from this site.

Notice how the **Log In** at the top right has changed to **Log Out** and your username now appears next to it. This shows that you have successfully logged in.

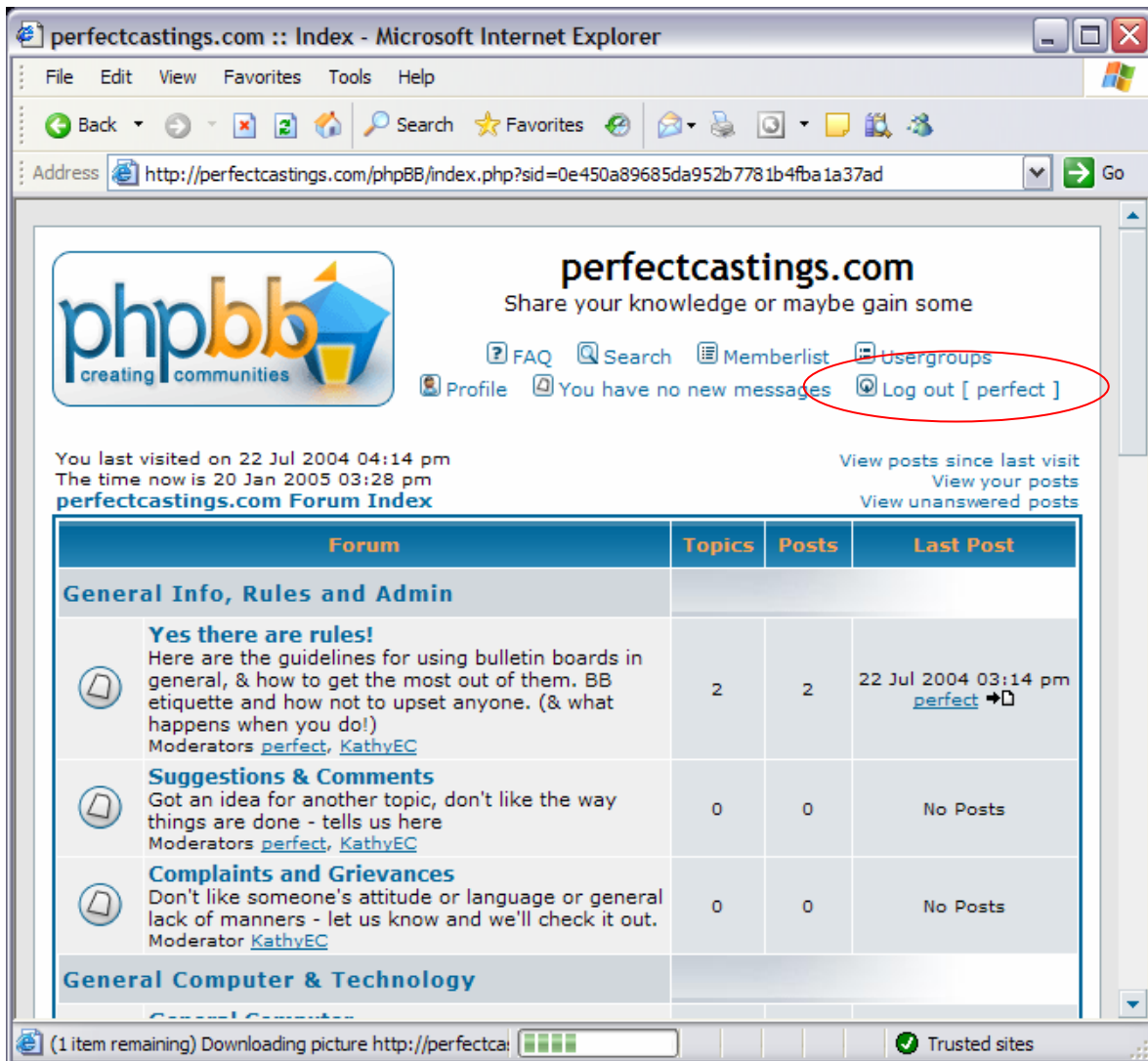


Figure 3

Step 4: You can now proceed to click on any of the forum topic headings to read the forum posts.

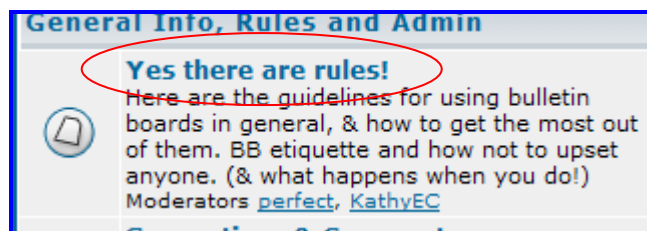


Figure 4

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Click on [Yes there are rules!](#) for example and the forum's posts will be displayed.

To return to the Forum index from anywhere in the forum just click on the Forum Index link above the forum listing.

See where the following screen shot shows [perfectcastings.com Forum Index?](#) Just click on that and you will be returned to the index page of the forum.



Figure 5

Step 5: When you've finished browsing the forum just click [Log Out \[username\]](#) as shown in Figure 3 and you will be logged out.

Note: You can also access the log in dialog box by scrolling to the bottom of the index page and typing your username and password in the appropriate place and click the [Log In](#) button.

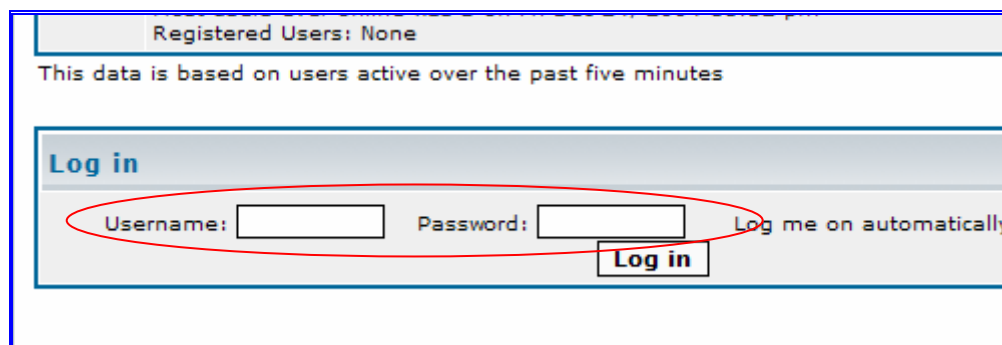


Figure 6

Further How To's in this series will include:

- Posting a message on a forum.
- Using Profile to manage your user settings.
- Using private messages & sending emails to all users in your group.
- General notes on how to get the most out of a Forum.

Suggestions on further topics that may be helpful for you can be sent to: support@perfectcastings.com or Webmaster@perfectcastings.com.