

Discourse

Discourse is a free and open-source Internet forum software. Features include support for threading, categorization and tagging of discussions, configurable access control, live updates, expanding link previews, infinite scrolling, and real-time notifications. It allows for a high level of customizability via its plugin architecture and its theming system.

The default homepage features a list of active topics, as well as navigation buttons that help users find discussions they're interested in.

Since its release, Discourse has been undergoing active development, with over 40,000 commits as of March 2022.

Note: at Cloud68.co we do NOT develop this software and all the names and trademarks of the software are owned by the entity behind the project.

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Software update frequency

For information about the way we handle software updates, please visit

<https://docs.cloud68.co/books/faqs-tech-support/page/scheduled-maintenance-software-updates>.

Discourse plugins

Unlike some platforms like Nextcloud, Discourse doesn't support installing plugins through the web interface. Plugin installation requires server-level configuration changes.

As part of our managed hosting service, we handle all server-level modifications for you at no additional cost. This includes installing, configuring, updating, and removing plugins.

To request a plugin installation, contact our [support](#) team and include:

- The name of the plugin
- A link to the plugin's repository or documentation (if available)
- Any specific configuration requirements

You have platform admin status on your Discourse instance, giving you full control over site settings, user management, themes, and content moderation. For tasks that require server access, like plugin installation, we handle those as part of your service at no additional charge. We consider the inability to install plugins through the web interface to be a limitation of the software itself, not a premium service.