

Inofficial User Guide

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This is a “quick” how-to guide for using [Discourse 27](#) forum/community software. It contains a majority of the common features available to users/content editors, but may not have complete coverage of the featureset. If anyone sees anything to add or correct, feel free to comment. If you’d like to learn more about the Discourse Editor’s syntax take a look at the [commonmark 30](#) (a flavor of markdown) docs for more info.

Operations

forum.netzwissen.de läuft mit separaten Containern für Datenbank und Web. Siehe <https://meta.discourse.org/t/how-to-move-from-standalone-container-to-separate-web-and-data-containers/29413> Entsprechend gibt es separate *.yml Konfigurationen für den Daten-Container und den Web-Container.

```
root@devel:~/var/discourse/containers# ls -la
total 28
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Aug 20 10:11 .
drwxr-xr-x 12 root root 4096 Apr 30 05:37 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 4637 Nov 11  2020 app.yml.inactive
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 1124 Nov 11  2020 data.yml
-rw-r--r--  1 root root    0 Nov 11  2020 .gitkeep
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 5059 Aug 20 10:11 web_only.yml
```

Launcher

```
root@devel:~/var/discourse# ./launcher
Usage: launcher COMMAND CONFIG [--skip-prereqs] [--docker-args STRING]
Commands:
  start:          Start/initialize a container
  stop:           Stop a running container
  restart:        Restart a container
  destroy:        Stop and remove a container
  enter:          Open a shell to run commands inside the container
  logs:           View the Docker logs for a container
  bootstrap:      Bootstrap a container for the config based on a template
  run:            Run the given command with the config in the context of the
last bootstrapped image
  rebuild:        Rebuild a container (destroy old, bootstrap, start new)
  cleanup:        Remove all containers that have stopped for > 24 hours
  start-cmd:      Generate docker command used to start container
```

Options:

```
--skip-prereqs      Don't check launcher prerequisites
--docker-args       Extra arguments to pass when running docker
--skip-mac-address  Don't assign a mac address
--run-image         Override the image used for running the
container
```

Logs

/var/discourse/shared/standalone/log/

Allgemeine Debug info

/var/discourse/discourse-doctor

Found containers/app.yml

===== YAML SETTINGS =====

```
DISCOURSE_HOSTNAME=forum.netzwissen.de
SMTP_ADDRESS=mail.netzwissen.de
DEVELOPER_EMAILS=REDACTED
SMTP_PASSWORD=REDACTED
SMTP_PORT=587
SMTP_USER_NAME=noreply-discourse@netzwissen.de
LETSENCRYPT_ACCOUNT_EMAIL=REDACTED
```

===== DOCKER INFO =====

DOCKER VERSION: Docker version 19.03.8, build afacb8b7f0

DOCKER PROCESSES (docker ps -a)

| CONTAINER ID | IMAGE | COMMAND | CREATED |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 7333f3210491 | local_discourse/app | "/sbin/boot" | 16 hours ago |
| 539c78cffb6a | 0dbf6b4c454b | "docker-entrypoint.s..." | 5 weeks ago |
| compose_zammad-memcached_1 | | | Exited (0) 17 hours ago |

Discourse container app is running

Upgrade

```
./launcher stop web_only && ./launcher rebuild data && ./launcher rebuild web_only
```

Plugins

1. git clone https://github.com/discourse/docker_manager.git

See <https://github.com/discourse/discourse/blob/master/lib/plugin/metadata.rb> for the official list.

Discourse version at forum.netzwissen.de: Discourse 2.5.0.beta4 Discourse version at localhost: NOT FOUND

DNS PROBLEM

This server reports NOT FOUND, but forum.netzwissen.de reports Discourse 2.5.0.beta4 . This suggests that you have a DNS problem or that an intermediate proxy is to blame. If you are using Cloudflare, or a CDN, it may be improperly configured.

MEMORY INFORMATION

OS: Linux RAM (MB): 4038

| | total | used | free | shared | buff/cache |
|-----------|-------|------|------|--------|------------|
| available | | | | | |

Mem: 3944 2781 152 106 1010 786 Swap: 2047 533 1514

DISK SPACE CHECK

----- OS Disk Space ----- Filesystem Size Used Avail Use% Mounted on /dev/sda2 32G 23G 7,3G 76% /

DISK INFORMATION

Disk /dev/loop0: 93,9 MiB, 98484224 bytes, 192352 sectors Units: sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes

Disk /dev/loop1: 93,8 MiB, 98336768 bytes, 192064 sectors Units: sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes

Disk /dev/sda: 32 GiB, 34359738368 bytes, 67108864 sectors Units: sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes

Disklabel type: gpt Disk identifier: 9D35B183-C931-43A4-88DD-659ED1FAA7EE

Device Start End Sectors Size Type /dev/sda1 2048 4095 2048 1M BIOS boot /dev/sda2 4096 67106815 67102720 32G Linux filesystem

Disk /dev/sdb: 64 GiB, 68719476736 bytes, 134217728 sectors Units: sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes
Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
Disklabel type: gpt Disk identifier: A21695AA-E44F-4FA6-9DA0-FAAD967CC8F7

Device Start End Sectors Size Type /dev/sdb1 2048 134215679 134213632 64G Linux filesystem

END DISK INFORMATION

MAIL TEST

For a robust test, get an address from <http://www.mail-tester.com/> Sending mail to REDACTED . .
Testing sending to admin@netzwissen.de using mail.netzwissen.de:587. SMTP server connection
successful. Sending to admin@netzwissen.de. . . Mail accepted by SMTP server.

If you do not receive the message, check your SPAM folder or test again using a service like
<http://www.mail-tester.com/>.

If the message is not delivered it is not a problem with Discourse.

Check the SMTP server logs to see why it failed to deliver the message.

DONE!

The output of this program may be available at
<http://forum.netzwissen.de/ZDAyMGU5MzhkZjcxYjM5.txt> You should inspect that file carefully before
sharing the URL.

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Plugin Installation

<https://meta.discourse.org/t/install-plugins-in-discourse/19157>

Maintenance

- One CPU and 1GB of memory, with swap, is the minimum for a basic Discourse community. As your community grows you may need more memory or CPU resources.
- [Our Docker container install](<https://github.com/discourse/discourse/blob/master/docs/INSTALL.md>) is the only one we officially support. It guarantees easy updates, and all recommended optimizations from the Discourse team.
- You should get an email notification when new versions of Discourse are released. To update your instance via our easy one click upgrade process, visit /admin/upgrade.
- Some other things you might eventually want to set up:
 1. [Automatic daily backups](<https://meta.discourse.org/t/configure-automatic-backups-for-discourse/14855>)
 2. [HTTPS support](<https://meta.discourse.org/t/allowing-ssl-for-your-discourse-docker-setup/13847>)
 3. [Content Delivery Network support](<https://meta.discourse.org/t/enable-a-cdn-for-your-discourse/14857>)
 4. [Reply via Email](<https://meta.discourse.org/t/set-up-reply-via-email-support/14003>)
 5. [Import and Export your data](<https://meta.discourse.org/t/move-your-discourse-instance-to-a-different-server/15721>)
 6. [Change the domain name](<https://meta.discourse.org/t/how-do-i-change-the-domain-name/16098>)
 7. [Multiple Discourse instances on the same server](<https://meta.discourse.org/t/multisite-configuration-with-docker/14084>)
 8. [Import old content from vBulletin, PHPbb, Vanilla, Drupal, BBPress, etc](https://github.com/discourse/discourse/tree/master/script/import_scripts)
 9. A firewall on your server? [Configure firewall](<https://meta.discourse.org/t/configure-a-firewall-for-discourse/20584>).
 10. A user friendly [offline page when rebuilding or upgrading?](<https://meta.discourse.org/t/adding-an-offline-page-when-rebuilding/45238>)
 11. Embed Discourse [in your WordPress install](<https://github.com/discourse/wp-discourse>), or [on your static HTML site](<https://meta.discourse.org/t/embedding-discourse-comments-via-javascript/31963>)

```
cd /var/discourse git pull ./launcher rebuild app
```

User Operations

Mass invite

1. One user per line.
2. Email is required in the first column, and the email must be valid.
3. Any permissions groups you want this user to be a member of should be in second column. For multiple groups, separate group names with a semicolon group_1;group_2;group_3

4. Normally invited users arrive at the homepage. If you would rather invited users end up on a specific topic, enter that Topic ID in the third column.

`name@example.com,group_1;group_2,topic_id`

Statistics

Plugin: Data Explorer

<https://github.com/SidVal/discourse-data-explorer/blob/queries/queries.md>

Zutritt zum Container

```
docker exec -it e6fe156e2091 /bin/bash
```

Special settings

Send a personal message or email to all users on a Discourse site

<https://meta.discourse.org/t/send-a-personal-message-or-email-to-all-users-on-a-discourse-site/22934>
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