

Conjecture - replacement for comments - Modules

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How to extend with more modules:

- 1) Add a file in modules/conjecture/class/ called [moduledirname].php
- 2) include_once(XOOPS_ROOT_PATH."/modules/conjecture/class/comments.php");

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- 3) Make a new class called Conjecture[Moduledirname]Handler that extends ConjectureCommentsHandler
- 4) Make a constructor that calls the parent's constructor
- 5) Add \$this->pages['filename'] = array('param' => 'param_name', 'handler' => 'handler_name'); replacing filename with the name of the accessed script in the module. param_name is e.g. id, itemid or storyid. handler_name is the name of the handler, handling the objects
- 6) If no param is set, you MUST override the getId() class function to set \$this->item_id
- 7) If no handler is set, you MUST override the getTitle() class function to set the title of the forum topic properly

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