

# **forgotUsername Module for DotNetNuke**

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## **User Guide and Quick Start**



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**Welcome to the forgotUsername module. We are sure we've made things so simple that there is not much to explain but .. Anyway, hope this is useful in getting you started with the forgotUsername module for DotNetNuke.**

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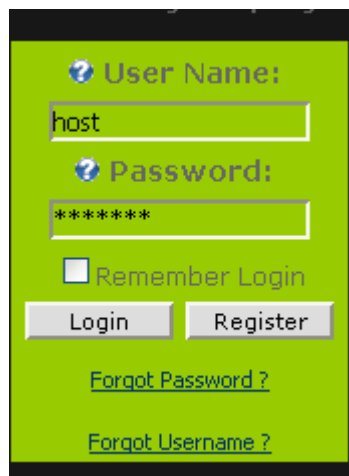
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# 1. Introduction

This user guide was written as a complete reference for the forgotUsername DotNetNuke module. It includes an overview of the interface, instructions on how to install the module and a thorough explanation of the modules' functionality along with an exploration of the customizable options.

The idea behind this module is to give your users an easy mechanism to retrieve their username for the portal. This functionality is a huge boon in helping to provide an accessible website.

The module simply presents the end user of the site with one button, which can be configured by the site owner. The optimum placement for this button is directly below the standard “**Login**” control.



**Figure 1** The forgotUsername button on DotNetDudes site

Try this control out now on <http://www.dotnetdudes.com>, register on the site and have your username emailed to you.

The module can be installed, placed on a page and used right away with no configuration. However, there are always choices.

Let's get started!

## 2. **Installation**

The forgotUsername module for DotNetNuke is distributed as a Private Assembly and installed using the DotNetNuke interface for adding new modules.

Refer to the DotNetNuke documentation for the latest on installing modules.

## 3. Quick Start

This section is intended as a kick start to get you up and running quickly. It is still recommended that you read the rest of the manual to get the most from this module.

### 3.1 Placing the module on a page in DotNetNuke

Select the forgotUsername module from the module dropdown list in your admin toolbar and add it to a pane in your site.

That's it! The module can be used right away.

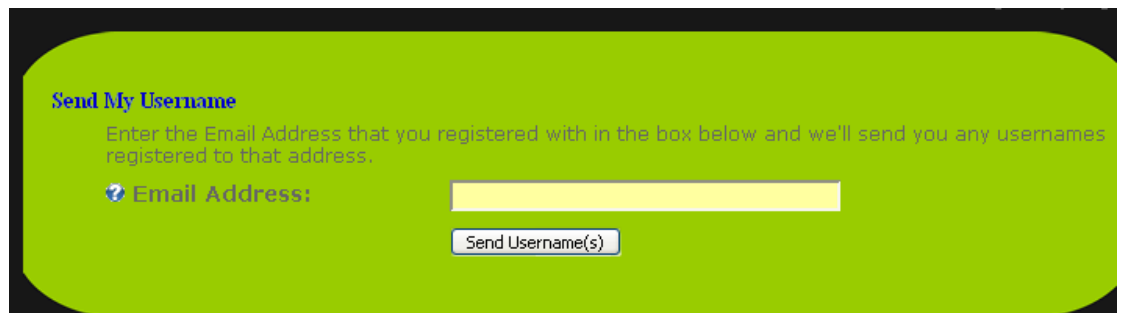


Figure 2 Send Username Dialog

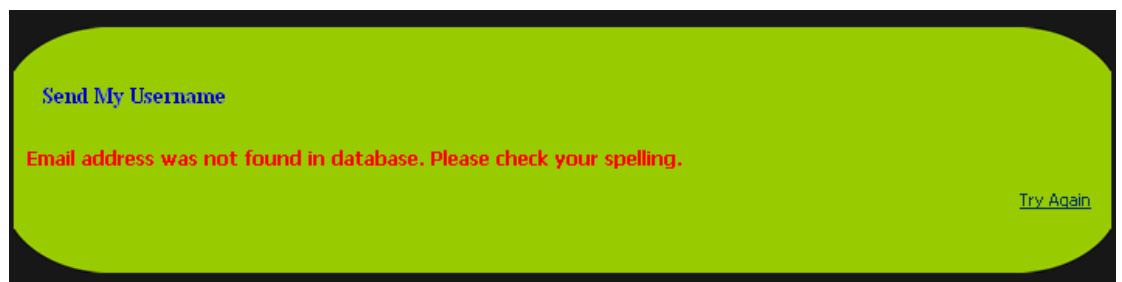


Figure 3 Email Address Not Found message

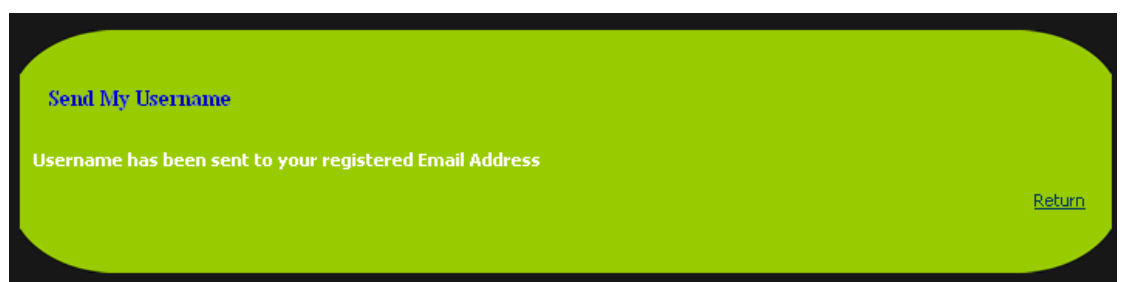
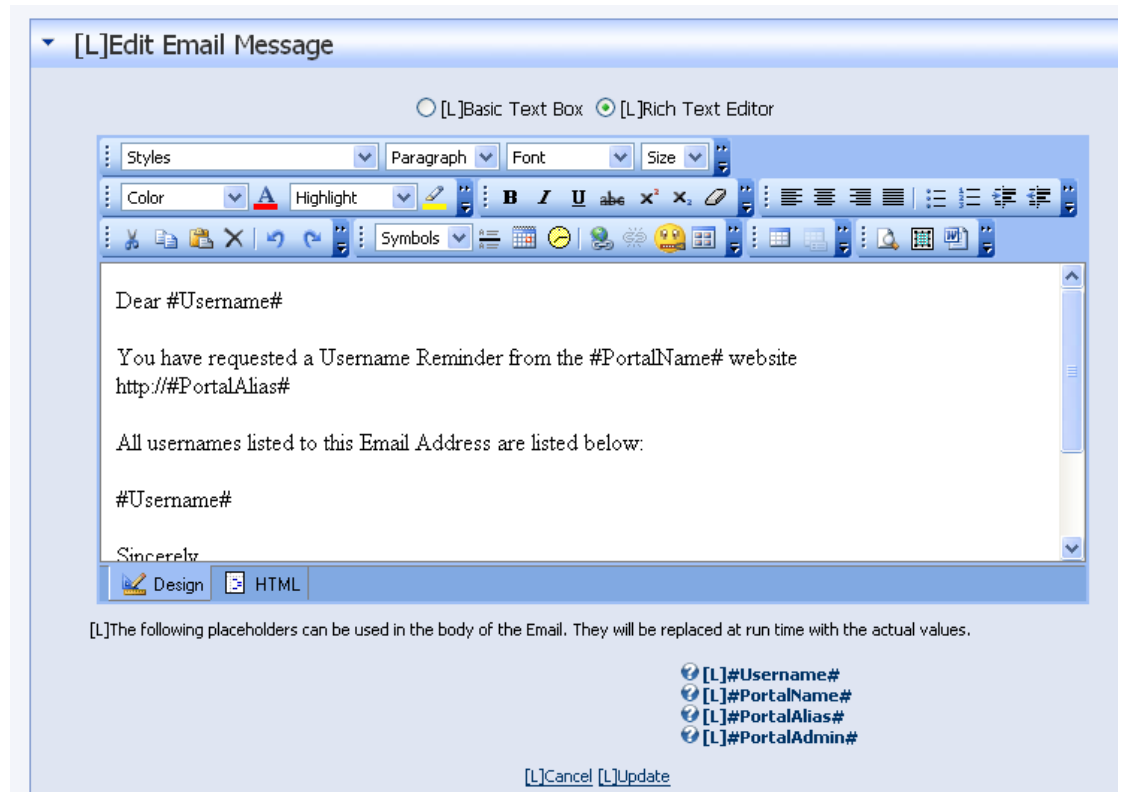


Figure 4 Username Sent Dialog

### 3.1.1 Configuring forgotUsername

Select “Edit Email Message” from the DotNetNuke Actions Menu.



**Figure 5 Edit Email Message**

This allows editing of the email message that will be sent to users who have requested their username.

There are a couple of variables which can be used in the Email which will be replaced, at the time the email is sent, with actual values. These are;

#Username#	This value will be replaced with the Username(s) retrieved matching the Email address entered.
#PortalName#	This will be replaced with the name of the Portal as indicated in the Site Settings.
#PortalAlias#	This will be replaced with the web site address for the portal. Eg. <a href="http://www.yoursite.com">www.yoursite.com</a> .
#PortalAdmin#	This will be replaced with the name for the portal administrator role. Eg. <b>Administrators</b> .

**Note:** For composing emails targeting plain text it is better to use the “**Basic Text Box**” editor within DotNetNuke.

## 3.2 Logging

The module will, if required, log all events to the DotNetNuke Event Log. Logging can be enabled in the module settings

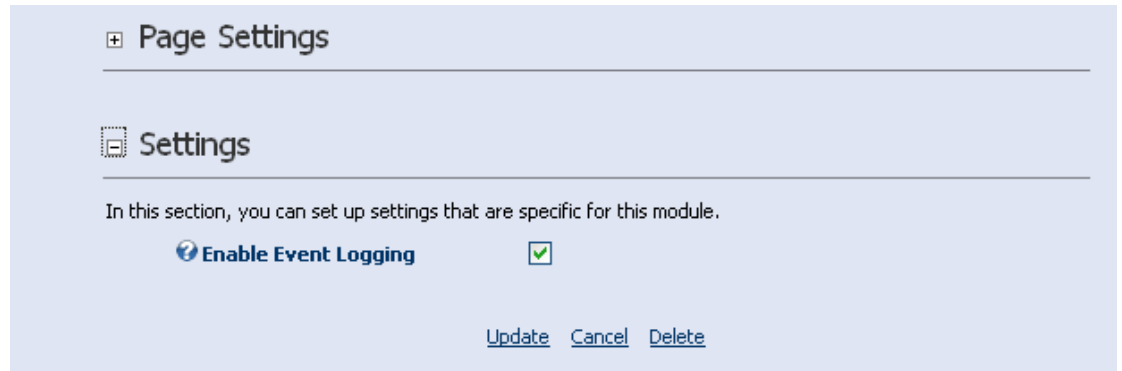


Figure 6 forgotUsername Module Settings

Once logging is enabled, each request for a forgotten username will be logged to the DNN Log Viewer.



Figure 7 DotNetNuke Log Viewer with forgotUsername Entries

## 3.3 Localization

The module is fully integrated with DotNetNuke localization. You can change the values in the supplied “.resx” files to alter any text displayed on the UI. Refer to the DotNetNuke Localization documentation for a more in depth discussion of this excellent functionality.

## 3.4 Import/ Export

Supports DotNetNuke module portability interface. Allows for module content, (Email message), to be exported and imported between modules.

### 3.4.1 **Configuring the module to sit under the core login control**

This section explains how to ensure that the module is positioned under the standard login control when users attempt to log into your portal.

#### 3.4.1.1 **Create a login page.**

Within DotNetNuke Administration, add a new page called “Login Page” or “Sign In” page. It doesn’t really matter what it is called.

The page should be visible to all users and can be “hidden”.

#### 3.4.1.2 **Add Modules to Login Page**

Add an “Account Login” module to the page just created. Add a “forgotUsername” module below this item.

I find an easy way to get a “transparent” integration is to;

- turn off “Display Container” in the “Account Login” module settings.
- turn off “Display Container” in the “forgotUsername” module settings.
- Set “Alignment” to “Center” in the “forgotUsername” module settings.

#### 3.4.1.3 **Configure a “Login Page” in Site Settings**

Within DotNetNuke Administration, in the Site Settings, select the page created above to be the “**Login Page**” in the “**Page Management**” subsection of the “**Advanced**” section of the **Site Settings**.