
Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2007/07/14 20:12

Firstly thanks for letting me in here to post.

There are loads of requests for the subscribe to forum (category) instead of (actually as well as) subscribe to individual threads.

I had a look at the code and the DB structure and I think I could code this. I'm no code monkey but I can probably make something that works.

However it'll need to hold data in the DB and that means makign sure whatever I do will be compatible with whatever the dev's might want for the longer term...

Here's my original post on the main board which got lost in the ether of far too many people being a little excited about how good FB is!

OK so I thought I might have a bash at writing the Forum subscribe function (rather than topic subscribe) myself and posting the results here for future use in the code.

Here's where I got to so far:

template/showcat.php (Line 203) - Needs the button to subscribe / unsubscribe - broadly based on he code at template/view.php (Line 298)

template/post.php (Line 219) - Needs to send email to people subscribed to category as well as topic (Note to self - ensure don't email same person twice, ?unique email)

template/post.php (Line 918) - Needs to be adapated to 'do subscribe -> category'

template/userprofile.php (Line 554) - Needs to be adapted to 'do unsubscribe -> category'

That all seems logical... (yeh right!)

So I need to store the subscriptions in a table. currently subscriptions are in the table:

jos_fb_subscriptions with three fields:

thread
userid
future1

?what is future1 for??

Would the fb devs like a different table (jos_fb_forum_sub) with a structure: forum, userid

OR are they planning to use future1 for it?

I'm not bothered about the devs using my hacking - no doubt they'll do it better when they get a chance, but it'd be nice if my existing users who'll've subscribed don't end up having to re-subscribe when FB natively holds forum subscriptions?

Thoughts would be EXTREMELY useful

Thanks

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Re:Subscribe to forum not thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2007/07/15 00:10

To skip straight to the working code (Beta Version: please report any bugs!) for FB 1.0.3 follow this link http://www.bestofjoomla.com/component/option,com_fireboard/func,view/Itemid,38/catid,68/id,21521

Well if i'd known it was gonna be this easy, i'd have done it months ago!

I am attaching here instructions to hack several files, make database changes etc which will hopefully allow you to have users subscribe to entire forum categories instead of just threads. Before applying these hacks you MUST read the text immediately following...

OK First things first this is an ALPHA RELEASE - if you don't know what that means you shouldn't attempt this! It has been tested on only ONE SETUP with a dev server forum. I haven't yet put a live FB forum out to test this on... I suggest you don't either until you've tested it to death.

There are certain bits this doesn't deal with - users have a list of subscriptions in their profile - this is NOT intended to work with that list.

It may even break some of these other functions!

did I say BACKUP - no - WELL BACKUP!

I am not particularly equipped to help debug this... so be prepared to get your coding fingers dirty!

I've used the same language file as the thread subscriptions - so there are technically a few flaws in terminology... but I wanted quick and easy

OK so now we can get down to hacking some code in... (all code below is GPL.. that means you can use it how you like, it also means it comes with no warranty that it a. works b. won't destroy your system)

Stage 1: you need to modify the database structure slightly. I decided to add a field to the table jos_fb_subscriptions rather than play with anything the devs might use later.

OK - you need to change the properties for the field jos_fb_subscriptions.thread to allow it to have Null Values Then add a new field to the same table called categories, it needs to be an integer, default value 0, indexed, null allowed

Stage 2: open the file: ../components/com_fireboard/templates/default/showcat.php Here you should go to line 203* and add

I've had to delete this bit of code cause the forum doesn't like HTML in the code boxes!

I'm attaching it as text file ;&A«&A»-)

Save the file (and re-upload it if you edited it on a local PC)

Stage 3 - Open the file: ../components/com_fireboard/templates/default/post.php Find line 232 and change it from:

```
$database->setQuery("SELECT * FROM #__fb_subscriptions AS a" . "\n LEFT JOIN #__users as u" . "\n ON a.userid=u.id " . "\n WHERE a.thread= '$querythread');  
to:
```

```
$database->setQuery("SELECT * FROM #__fb_subscriptions AS a" . "\n LEFT JOIN #__users as u" . "\n ON a.userid=u.id " . "\n WHERE a.thread= '$querythread' OR a.category='$catid'"&A«&A»); //Hacked by SBS
```

Now go to line 922 and replace:

```
$database->setQuery("INSERT INTO #__fb_subscriptions (thread,userid) VALUES ('$fb_thread','$my->id')"&A«&A»);  
with:  
//Start Hack By ShinyBlackShoe to allow category subscribe  
if ($fb_thread == "0"&A«&A»){ //sub cat instead of thread  
    $database->setQuery("INSERT INTO #__fb_subscriptions (category,userid) VALUES ('$catid','$my->id')"&A«&A»);  
}  
else {  
    $database->setQuery("INSERT INTO #__fb_subscriptions (thread,userid) VALUES ('$fb_thread','$my->id')"&A«&A»);  
}  
//End Hack by SBS  
Save the file, reupload if editing locally.
```

Stage 4 - Open the file: ../components/com_fireboard/templates/default/userprofile.php Locate line 556 and replace:

```
$database->setQuery("DELETE from #__fb_subscriptions where userid=$my->id and thread=$thread"&A«&A»);  
with:
```

```
//Start Hack by ShinyBlackShoe to give forum subscribe
if ($thread == "0"Â«Â»){ //unsub from cat not thread
    $database->setQuery("DELETE from #__fb_subscriptions where userid=$my->id and category=$catid"Â«Â»);
}
else {
    $database->setQuery("DELETE from #__fb_subscriptions where userid=$my->id and thread=$thread"Â«Â»);
}
//End hack by SBS
Save and re-uplaod if saved locally.
```

That should be it! Fingers crossed and get testing...

*I have referenced line numbers - its possible bug fixes etc will throw those no's out so here's the code you are actually looking for:

showcat.php - line 203 is immediately after this:

```
//this user is allowed to post a new topic:
if ($fblcons) {
    echo " ";
}
else {
    echo " . _GEN_POST_NEW_TOPIC . ";
}
} http://www.bestofjoomla.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/files/hack_for_showcat.txt
```

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by biosphere - 2007/08/06 18:50

I love you, chap! Was nice to see some code after so many months of simple end-user CMS development
Your hack is simply a great and easy way to have something like an Egroup module for Joomla! A thousand thanks!

BUT: There is one tiny, but crucial typo in what you have written: The field in the database has to have the name "category", not "categories". Just in case some non-experienced Joomla friend tries to hack this and doesn't know why it doesn't work ...

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2007/08/06 19:18

Glad it worked. You are the first external user to have confirmed success, so thats great.

Thanks for spotting the typo...

Can you confirm which release you've used it on - I need to get this tested on 1.0.2RC2 soon so that it can run from the live date for 1.0.2

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by biosphere - 2007/08/07 14:42

Hey Shoe,

okay, my enthusiasm was too fast (I was only testing the subscription on my local PC, not the sending out of notifications), but now it works. However, I had to change one line (and I can't exactly explain why):

Woooho... :woohoo:

I just put FB 1.0.2RC2 on a dev machine and tested this out and it works.

Here's the ammended line numbers:

showcat.php - line 203 is now line 306

post.php - line 232 now 268

- line 922 now 971

userprofile.php - line 556 now 581

Note the comments from biosphere:

Extra field name should be category not categories

either remove the `_CRLF_` or repalce with `\n` on post.php line 232->268

also change that line to `SELECT DISTINCT *` to avoid duplicate emails if double subscribed.

Tested (2 messages - so not exactly exhaustive) and it still works....

As soon as stable is out I'll check those line numbers and see if we can find a better way to list these instructions...

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by Roaster - 2007/08/24 12:28

Looking at all those fixes and code changes that have to be done, I guess it would be a better solution to have this completely in the FB core, right? If so there should be both possibilities: Either subscribe to a thread ot to the category itself.

So, please, dev team (where are you right now - in holiday all together :P ?) post your statements here.

Thanks!

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2007/08/24 20:11

there are only 4 code changes and 1 database change. All code changes can be cut'n'pasted

However, it is planned as a core feature - this is offered here as a temp fix to make it available.

I can tell you the core dev team are working on fixing issues with 1.0.2RC2 to get 1.0.2RC3 out...

However, I suspect the devs will want to tweak it better than I have - the language files might want to be seperate, plus there should be tweaks in the profile because subscribed categories don't show.

It is possible to subscribe to threads and categories using the stuff above....

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by cosworth - 2007/09/04 09:48

Work pretty well. Thx

Would be nice to update the first post with all the corrections.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2007/09/06 00:23

Well I was about to say I'd do that as soon as the stable release is out and I've checked line numbers. Stable is out - so I best check line numbers...!

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by paulgibbs - 2007/09/07 05:16

Hi polc1410,

I haven't tried this out yet because I was waiting for a stable release--congratulations on figuring this out!

I need to make all my users subscribe to certain threads---since you've been poking around under the hood on this, do you know how I would go about doing that? It would be cool to have something where you pick a board from a list and then choose all the users to subscribe to the board using a multi-select list box.

I have absolutely no idea about how to do that, but it certainly would be a convenient option! :)

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2007/09/09 22:37

I don't do pretty solutions so you'll have to figure out drop downs your self.

I use a component called AEC (Account Expiry Component) it could use an SQL integration to add a subscription to a category etc on subscription AND remove them if you want users to expire...

However you could also add an IF manually into the code at the send email bit if cat=XX where thats the number you need...

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Subscribe to forum OR thread (Fixed for 1.0.3)

Posted by polc1410 - 2007/09/10 01:59

OK here are the revised hacks for the stable release.

This will allow users to subscribe to a forum category instead of (or as well as) individual posts. The original text file for one of the hacks has gone and I did my upgrade to 1.0.3 assuming it would still be on here, so I've re-written the hack... differences are likely to be coding variance rather than much intentional!

Before you proceed - BACKUP

You need to make 4 code changes, and 1 database structure change this is not for the very light hearted! Did I mention backup! Did I mention GPL and the fact that the GPL licence means there is no warranty...

Right on with the changes:

1. The database

You need to add a field to the table jos_fb_subscriptions the field is called category, has default Null, and is indexed, and obviously allowed to be null. Also make the thread field be allowed to be Null.

2. Edit the files

2.1 Edit: ../components/com_fireboard/templates/default/showcat.php

You need to find line 310 and insert the following code (its here as an image because FB doesn't like html in code boxes.

The text file attached contains the code to copy.

<http://www.wittongilbert.free-online.co.uk/code.gif>

2.2a Edit: ../components/com_fireboard/templates/default/post.php

Lines 270 onwards to read:

```
$database->setQuery("SELECT DISTINCT * FROM #__fb_subscriptions AS a"
. " LEFT JOIN #__users as u ON a.userid=u.id "
. " WHERE a.thread= '$querythread' OR a.category='$catid'"&#xA&#xA);
```

2.2b Edit: ../components/com_fireboard/templates/default/post.php

Replace Line 1004 with://Start Hack By ShinyBlackShoe to allow category subscribe

```
if ($fb_thread == "0"&#xA&#xA){ //sub cat instead of thread
    $database->setQuery("INSERT INTO #__fb_subscriptions (category,userid) VALUES ('$catid','$my->id')"&#xA&#xA);
}
else {
    $database->setQuery("INSERT INTO #__fb_subscriptions (thread,userid) VALUES ('$fb_thread','$my-
->id')"&#xA&#xA);
}
//End Hack by SBS
```

2.3 Edit: ../components/com_fireboard/templates/default/userprofile.php

Replace line 579 with

//Start Hack by ShinyBlackShoe to give forum subscribe

```
if ($thread == "0"&#xA&#xA){ //unsub from cat not thread
    $database->setQuery("DELETE from #__fb_subscriptions where userid=$my->id and category=$catid"&#xA&#xA);
}
else {
    $database->setQuery("DELETE from #__fb_subscriptions where userid=$my->id and thread=$thread"&#xA&#xA);
}
//End hack by SBS
```

Make sure none of your pasting carries text that reads `_CRLF_` they are rogue line returns - if it does they should be sub'd with backslash n's or just deleted outright.

Test...! http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/files/showcat_hack.txt

Re:Subscribe to forum OR thread (Fixed for 1.0.3)

Posted by Mich - 2007/09/11 16:21

Great work! This should be included a.s.a.p. including some additional options, like:

- subscribing to a whole forum instead of just categories;
- letting the admin decide subscriptions per user (which can be modified by the users themselves);
- etc...

Does anyone have a live demo of this category subscribe function so I can see how it works? Does the subscribe button appear for users when they open a category next to "new thread"?

Re:Subscribe to forum OR thread (Fixed for 1.0.3)

Posted by polc1410 - 2007/09/11 21:35

Mich wrote:

Great work! This should be included a.s.a.p. including some additional options, like:

- subscribing to a whole forum instead of just categories;

Well I like the idea - but where do you put the button? I guess making the sub to forum add something like 'ALL' to the category field (would need to change the field structure to text) and changing line 270 in post to something like:

```
$database->setQuery("SELECT DISTINCT * FROM #__fb_subscriptions AS a"
. " JOIN #__users as u ON a.userid=u.id "
. " WHERE a.thread= '$querythread' OR a.category='$catid' OR a.category='ALL'"&#xA&#xA);
would do the job... (this deals with the posting - not the subscribing / unsubscribing to all..
```

- letting the admin decide subscriptions per user (which can be modified by the users themselves);

- etc...

Oh yeh... and some graphical tools on there too... at the moment 'My Subscriptions' simply doesn't show category subscriptions.

Does anyone have a live demo of this category subscribe function so I can see how it works? Does the subscribe button appear for users when they open a category next to "new thread"?

I have a live - live site but its restricted access so you wont see it working.

But yes it appears next to the 'New Thread' but currently only at the bottom of the page - here's a screen shot:

http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/images/Screenshot_17.png

The rest works exactly like the subscribe to thread - uses same language file and processing cause I'm lazy.

Re:Subscribe to forum OR thread (Fixed for 1.0.3)

Posted by grapefix - 2007/09/11 22:28

I just happened to be looking for this today, so I tried it out.

All seems well, but for some reason no subscriptions (thread or category) are being e-mailed, plus in my profile it doesn't show a category being subscribed to.

I wonder if my database wasn't done correctly? Here's an image of it, if it helps:

<http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/images/databaseview.png>

Funny thing - I didn't try any subscriptions BEFORE installing this - so it could be the forum itself. So if the database looks o.k., maybe I should start over with the forum install.

See at http://www.plattsmouthsquare.com/component/option,com_fireboard/Itemid,151/

(other problems on my board are captcha not working and discussbot issues)

Thanks.

Re:Subscribe to forum OR thread (Fixed for 1.0.3)

Posted by polc1410 - 2007/09/12 19:59

DB changes look right.

The change that saves the subscribe is in the bit marked 2.2b above - would be worth double checking the code is right... That's the bit that saves the data in the table.

The categories won't list in your profile (sorry it was done as a fix, rather than a swanky solution...) So to see what's in existence - browse the table - if there are rows with numbers in the category field other than 1 you are on a winner...

The other possibility is there is a bug that's not sending the post. Tis a shame you didn't get a chance to test the default code. I assume site email works?

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Re:Subscribe to forum OR thread (Fixed for 1.0.3)

Posted by grapefix - 2007/09/12 20:57

Site e-mail - good. Category row in DB occurs. It must be a bug on my end. Like I said there's a couple other surprises I've ran across.

Thanks for the reply. I hope this hack is included in the next release. It's great for a category created for groups that want

to hash out ideas on a project w/o checking in every day.

Now if I can just get mine working. :)

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Re:Subscribe to forum OR thread (Fixed for 1.0.3)

Posted by Mich - 2007/09/17 15:56

My table now looks like this:

<http://img259.imageshack.us/img259/5658/fieldshh5.jpg>

Subscriptions have been made, as you can see here:

<http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/images/subscriptions.jpg>

But no e-mails containing subscription notifications seem to be arriving...
Another thing is that clicking the "return to the post" link after subscribing takes you to an invalid URL. Waiting takes you to your own profile...

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Re:Subscribe to forum OR thread (Fixed for 1.0.3)

Posted by cosworth - 2007/09/17 16:30

Your category values are all NULL or blank, so no subscriptions have been made. Your category column should have type int(11) like the others. Also you need to allow your thread value to be null as well.

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Re:Subscribe to forum OR thread (Fixed for 1.0.3)

Posted by Mich - 2007/09/19 12:08

Thank you for your help, cosworth. It now looks as follows:

<http://img257.imageshack.us/img257/2390/fields2a2.jpg>

<http://img358.imageshack.us/img358/4292/subscriptions2wx3.jpg>

However, no notification mail seems to arrive when renewing subscriptions and creating new posts in the categories or topics which have a value in the 2nd screenshot. Any ideas on what I am doing wrong?

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Re:Subscribe to forum OR thread (Fixed for 1.0.3)

Posted by polc1410 - 2007/09/19 12:58

You are the second person to report this problem. I wonder if there is a cut an paste problem (last time when i cut from my editor it took returns and pasted them as -CRLF- so perhaps there is a rogue character.

I will get onto the case today and reply later.

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Re:Subscribe to forum OR thread (Fixed for 1.0.3)

Posted by polc1410 - 2007/09/19 22:32

I've been through the code with a fine tooth comb and I don't see any problem!

The only difference is line 270 of post.php - which would be the most likely target... FB 'code' elements don't like you including "slash n" so I deleted them from the start of the lines but as far as I know they are cosmetic.

you could try adding forward slash n at the start of line 271 and 272 inside the double quote for good measure.

Can you also try this SQL SELECT QUERY and tell me if you get a result with a valid email address...

```
SELECT DISTINCT * FROM jos_fb_subscriptions AS a LEFT JOIN jos_users as u ON a.userid=u.id
WHERE a.thread= '39' OR a.category='20'
```

This mimicks a new post to thread 39 and cat 20 (doesn't matter if thread 39 isn't in cat 20!) - from your table you should get the email address from user 115 and 75 (subscribed to the thread and the category).

Are you testing it right?

If user 115 subscribes to category 20 and then posts in category 20 - they don't get an email... they know they posted. However if user 75 posts in category 20 then user 115 gets an email.

Do users who are subscribed to a thread (not a category) get email?

Finally I notice you have some (?old) data in the table where userid is subscribed to thread 0 and cat 0 - don't think FB has thread 0 or cat 0 (I may be wrong) don't think that is the coz of your troubles but if you can check if there is a thread 0 or a cat 0 and if not I'd delete them.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by Mich - 2007/09/24 12:04

polc1410, thank you for all the efforts. I started out by looking for any `_CRLF_` and actually found two in post.php (line 270 +). After deleting those, the notification was working! Terrific.

About the category instead of just the forum subscription: maybe the button can be placed next to the category title in the category overview? i.e.: next to "Test forum" in the following screenshot:

<http://img225.imageshack.us/img225/8796/categorysubscriptionyw4.jpg>

The same sort of subscription should be possible for the forum as a whole, i.e. next to the "Mark all forums as read" button at the end of the forum.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by psychicblast - 2007/09/24 15:31

Boo-Ya! I was having the same problem, found it based on your comments, and now mine works wonderful too. Thanks guys!

-Danny

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by grapefix - 2007/09/24 16:20

Sweet nector of the gods! Thanks. I didn't think I had any CRLF and didn't check the post.php well enough. Thanks for bringing this to light guys. I have a meeting in 8 hours to explain how great this is to a group - this fix is just in time.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2007/09/24 20:33

Mich wrote:

polc1410, thank you for all the efforts. I started out by looking for any `_CRLF_` and actually found two in `post.php` (line 270 +). After deleting those, the notification was working! Terrific.

About the category instead of just the forum subscription: maybe the button can be placed next to the category title in the category overview? i.e.: next to "Test forum" in the following screenshot:

That's straightforward to do if you can find the bit that created the HTML then you'd need to paste the bit in the file that gets attached because it contains html into there...

The same sort of subscription should be possible for the forum as a whole, i.e. next to the "Mark all forums as read" button at the end of the forum.

You are certainly not the first to make such a request. Logistically its more complex! For the sake of future proofing the porting of data to any future addition of this by the dev's I'm gonna suggest we dont do that for now - sorry - but there are so many ways to achieve it and it could make converting existing subs over in the future very risky...

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by zindy - 2007/10/25 22:11

Just got it working on (released) fireboard 1.0.3!

After a bit of head scratching, I found the lines that need changing.

There is no "templates", the directory is called "template"

In `showcat.php`, block of text goes BEFORE the curly bracket in line 309
`post.php` is OK, but do the change on line 1004 first, then do the change on line 270. Otherwise you might make old line 1004 shift.
`userprofile.php` is OK too, change line 579

That's it. Thanks again for this hack!

Re:Subscribe to forum OR thread (Fixed for 1.0.3)

Posted by masterchief - 2007/11/13 04:19

Just want to confirm that the table SQL should look something like this:

```
ALTER TABLE `jos_fb_subscriptions`  
  MODIFY COLUMN `thread` INTEGER DEFAULT 0,  
  ADD COLUMN `category` INTEGER AFTER `future1`,  
  ADD INDEX `idx_category`(`category`);
```

Also made the following notes as I was going through because I was hacking an older version, so the line numbers where a tad out:

2.1 Insert this before:

```
echo ";
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2.2a Probably after the line:

```
//clean up the message  
$mailmessage = smile::purify($message);
```

NOTE: When you insert code the line numbers for subsequent snippets will be out of whack

2.2b After the following block:

```
else if ($do == "subscribe")
{
    $catid = (int)$catid;
    $id = (int)$id;
```

2.3 After the following block:

```
else if ($do == "unsubscribe")
{ //ergo, ergo delete
```

Thanks for the hack. Saved me a lot of hunting.

Re:Subscribe to forum OR thread (Fixed for 1.0.3)

Posted by Thobbe - 2007/11/29 13:45

Sorry if I am a little bit slow, just get up from sleep. *lol*

Is it the \n in the select-query You are taking about?

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by zindy - 2008/01/01 16:06

Hello,

Has this been made part of 1.0.4?

I'm sorry, I searched the list of new features and couldn't see it anywhere...

In any case, I'll monitor this thread ;-)

Great work all!

Regards,
Egor

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by jfaneuf - 2008/01/07 21:04

I had upgraded to 1.0.4 in hopes that this would be have been included but it looks as though it wasn't. I tried this patch to the new version and it would not work because the contents of the files are all different now. I don't know enough about it to accomplish it myself so if anyone knows how I would really appreciate a new fix.

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by steakman - 2008/01/07 21:30

I was disappointed not to see this in 1.0.4, and wondered if there are any plans to incorporate this feature in forthcoming releases?

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by steakman - 2008/01/11 20:40

Does anyone know if it is possible for me to setup email notifications, including text of post, for both Categories and Threads in 1.0.4 - And in addition a way to set these notifications as "on" by default for all new Users?

The Forum I am setting up is a private forum and will not have many members, so there are no worries about the volume of emails being sent.

I would be happy to pay for this modification if it does not exist.

Any help or guidance would be greatly appreciated.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by grapefix - 2008/01/11 21:26

You may want to look into a WebAmoeba Ticket System for this. I think you can choose several recipients, the tickets send out an e-mail, and there is an online posting of the conversation.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/01/11 22:09

I'm not yet onto 1.0.4 = project for next week?

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by grumblemarc - 2008/01/11 22:15

steakman wrote:

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.4 was mainly a bugfix release and not a feature release. Possibly you would prefer many features and many more bugs?

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by psychicblast - 2008/01/11 22:39

grumblemarc wrote:

.4 was mainly a bugfix release and not a feature release. Possibly you would prefer many features and many more bugs?

Nope, that's okay. This "Subscribe to Forum instead of Thread" feature was the one reason I installed FireBoard, and for some reason I was lead to believe that was a "standard feature". Once I realized it was not, I spent some serious time adding that feature from the instructions on this board, and by blindly upgrading to .4 I pooched the one feature I had any interest in. This forum is the only one that really does a good job of bridging Joomla user accounts, but for a forum it is clunky to use, it mangles your text when you use common "reserved" words, formatting is horribly crappy, and skinning requires changes to CODE and not just a skin file (which, by the way, was also pooched with the upgrade), I STILL cannot assign levels to forums without making them hidden to everyone but administrators, there is no CAPTCHA system to ward off SPAM bots, should I go on? You can definitely tell that FireBoard is in its infancy, and has a very small developer base. The response above is also extremely unprofessional, you will not make friends nor woo possible

users with that attitude, even if that's what you're thinking.

-Psy

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by grumblemarc - 2008/01/11 23:41

psychicblast wrote:

grumblemarc wrote:

.4 was mainly a bugfix release and not a feature release. Possibly you would prefer many features and many more bugs? This "Subscribe to Forum instead of Thread" feature was the one reason I installed FireBoard, and for some reason I was lead to believe that was a "standard feature".

-Psy

Who led you to that conclusion? Anyone at BOJ? Some forum member? I just re-read this entire thread and NOT ONCE did it say it would be included in the .4 release. The release notes ALSO made no mention of it. In fact I'm hard pressed to see WHERE you go the idea from.

Instead of pointing out all the flaws I like to ask where were you when the call went out for bug-testing and bug-reporting? I think if you stepped up to help the community out in that endeavor instead of FireBoard/BOJ bashing you would have known what was going on with the .4 upgrade and not made any assumptions. Anyone bother attempting to contact the provider of the original hack to see of it could be modified to work with .4?

And the last time I checked "moderator" was not a profession that I was aware of and I'm still entitled to voice my opinions. After all this is a public forum. I'm not a customer service rep and I don't read from a script.

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by freakshowtm - 2008/01/14 15:07

i'm trying to hack fb to auto-subscribe new users to all categories in fb..

i managed to make it work in may localhost that uses mysql 5.0.17 but the live site uses 4.0.27-standard..

can anyone help me convert this code to work with mysql 4.0.27-standard?..

```
SELECT user_id FROM #__comprofiler WHERE user_id NOT IN (SELECT userid FROM #__fb_autosubscribe)
```

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/01/14 16:01

OK this is untested but based on this

```
select po.id
from po left join pn
on po.id=pn.id
where pn.id is null
```

from this site (<http://ocaoimh.ie/2004/09/16/mysql-finding-the-records-in-one-table-that-are-not-in-another-table/>)

I'd try:

```
SELECT user_id
FROM #__comprofiler
```

LEFT JOIN #__fb_autosubscribe.userid = #__comprofiler.user_id
WHERE #__fb_autosubscribe.userid IS NULL

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by freakshowtm - 2008/01/14 16:27

@polc1410
thanks for the quick reply..

i'll try to experiment with the code that you gave me..

if all goes well, i'll share the hack that i made to the community..:)

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by freakshowtm - 2008/01/14 16:52

it's working now...woohoo:

this is the code i used..

```
SELECT user_id  
FROM jos_comprofiler  
LEFT JOIN jos_fb_autosubscribe ON jos_fb_autosubscribe.userid = jos_comprofiler.user_id  
WHERE jos_fb_autosubscribe.userid IS NULL
```

thanks for the tip polc1410..

i'll share the hack soon..

the code needs some clean up..

also if anyone is interested in fb_auto-subscribe to category, i need someone to help me with the codes..:)

i'm not that great with php codes and xml..

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by DoughBoy - 2008/01/14 17:00

Hi freakshowtm

Sounds like just what I'm needing :)

Can you please explain to a "newbie", how I go about trying this mod.

Thanks

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/01/14 17:03

What's the issue with the category codes?

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by freakshowtm - 2008/01/15 11:50

i've made a module that is to be published in a secluded page of a site..

like the welcome page where a new user is redirected to when he first logs in..

i'm still cleaning up the codes..

i'll release it by the end of the week..

i also hacked the fireboard plugin for cb to incorporate the category subscriptions..

i have a problem when installing the module..

it doesn't create the table #__fb_autosubscribe..:(

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by freakshowtm - 2008/01/15 12:56

here's the fb_autosubscribe module..

i need someone to test this and also look at the codes to make it work better..

especially in the xml file..

the query there that creates the #__fb_autosubscribe table doesn't work..

http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/files/mod_fb_autosubscribe.zip

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by cyke - 2008/01/15 13:29

top work, but:

the CREATE query works if it looks like that:

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `#__fb_autosubscribe` (  
  `id` int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,  
  `userid` int(11) NOT NULL,  
  `subscribe` int(11) NOT NULL,  
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)  
);
```

you forgot the ALTER TABLE statement for the jos_fb_subscriptions table. the 'categories' column

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by freakshowtm - 2008/01/15 14:05

i did not include the ALTER TABLE statement for the category in jos_fb_subscriptions because this module is just an extension of the subscribe to category hack..

this module needs the hack to be fully working..

i want the users to follow the instructions of the subscribe to category first because there are files in fb that needs to be edited..

anyway, is this code correct?..

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `#__fb_autosubscribe` (  
  `id` int(11) DEFAULT '0' NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT ,  
  `userid` int(11) DEFAULT '0' NOT NULL ,  
  `subscribe` int(11) DEFAULT '0' NOT NULL ,  
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)  
);
```

can anyone test this?..

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/01/15 14:32

How good are you at producing components?

Never done it - just hacked...

AEC is a component with an automated hacking tool - you go to its hacks page and click "APPLY HACK" and it does the replace. Do you think between us we could come up with a little component to hack FB?

:woohoo:

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by freakshowtm - 2008/01/15 15:00

i can't make a component from scratch...:(

i just hack them...:P

i just get the ideas from other components, modules and bots..

i made a few hacks for a few components but did not release it..

most of them are integrations to several components..

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by cyke - 2008/01/15 16:40

I also have an solution for everyone who needs to subscribe each topic to everyone (except blocked users). It's a hack in the file /components/com_fireboard/template/default/post.php. Remember, this adds subscription for everyone to everything! The user can't change it!

In Fireboard 1.0.4 edit the file an add this in line 291:

```
// Start Hack by cyke  
$database->setQuery("TRUNCATE TABLE `#__fb_subscriptions`");  
$database->query();  
$database->setQuery("INSERT INTO #__fb_subscriptions(thread, userid, future1)"  
  . "\n SELECT #__fb_messages.thread, #__users.id, 0 AS future1"  
  . "\n FROM #__fb_messages, #__users")
```

```
. "\n WHERE #__users.block = 0"
. "\n GROUP BY #__fb_messages.thread, #__users.id;");
$database->query();
// End Hack by cyke
```

If you like to, you can comment the lines that try to add new subscriptions (you already have all subscriptions). Search for this comment:

```
//now try adding any new subscriptions if asked for by the poster
```

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by freakshowtm - 2008/01/16 06:25

will that code add a subscription for all users every time it executes?..

or will it add the user only once?..

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by cyke - 2008/01/16 13:23

every time

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by freakshowtm - 2008/01/16 15:40

ok.. i think this is kind of annoying for the users because if they try to unsubscribe they will be subscribed again when the code executes..

i'd like it to only subscribe the user to all categories once..

this would allow the user to unsubscribe if they don't like to be subscribed..

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by cyke - 2008/01/16 16:25

yes but it's a different approach. in my case, i have a forum with a low frequency of posting and visiting. and when everyone has subscribed everything it's easier to keep the people informed about new entries.

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by freakshowtm - 2008/01/16 16:31

yes.. that's a great way to keep your members posted..:)

and it's also a quick mod to do too..:)

thanks for sharing..

i'll try to play with your codes..

maybe it will give me new ideas and approach on this subscription thing..:)

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by chris2005 - 2008/01/16 19:37

Is the 'subscribe to forum hack' also available for fireboard 1.0.4?

Regards,
Chris

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by jfaneuf - 2008/01/16 22:41

In order for this to work for me I had to replace the `_CRLF_` with `/n` and also you should note that allow subscriptions needs to be enabled in the control panel.

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Implemented hack on fb 1.0.4

Posted by chris2005 - 2008/01/17 00:11

I've implemented this hack to fb 1.0.4 but I'm getting this error after clicking the subscribe button:

Parse error: syntax error, unexpected T_OBJECT_OPERATOR in
`/usr/home/deb1234/domains/test1234.nl/public_html/components/com_fireboard/template/default/post.php` on line 270

What could the problem be?

---> Attached is my post.php

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Implemented hack on fb 1.0.4

Posted by chris2005 - 2008/01/17 00:32

Here's the attachement. Rename to `.php` <http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/files/post.pdf>

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Subscribe to Forum - FB 1.04 How To

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/01/17 04:15

OK, things get too messy trying to post lines of html on Joomla Board so I've written a HowTo and put it here:

<http://www.wittongilbert.free-online.co.uk/FBHack/HowTo.html>

I've also posted amended versions of the files for FB1.0.4 so you don't even need to open a text editor!

This is untested at the moment

Comments / changes / bugs / problems / praise back on this thread please. If I update it, I'll post here too...

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by chris2005 - 2008/01/17 13:43

Thank you very much, but the html file is empty.

B)

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by chris2005 - 2008/01/17 13:48

The html file is empty when using IE. Firefox works fine. :huh:

Thanx mate. This is great!

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by chris2005 - 2008/01/17 14:10

Unfortunately the sql code gives an error:

SQL-query:

```
ALTER TABLE jos_fb_subscriptions CHANGE `thread` `thread` INT( 11 ) NULL DEFAULT '0' ALTER TABLE
```

MySQL retourneerde: Documentatie

#1064 - You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MySQL server version for the right syntax to use near 'ALTER TABLE' at line 2

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by chris2005 - 2008/01/17 14:35

I've changed the second line:

```
ALTER TABLE #__fb_subscriptions ADD `category` INT( 11 ) NULL DEFAULT '0'
```

into:

```
ALTER TABLE jos_fb_subscriptions ADD `category` INT( 11 ) NULL DEFAULT '0'
```

and the query works that way. But is this correct?

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by chris2005 - 2008/01/17 15:25

Everything seems to work after testing, but I still wonder whether the sql queries I finally ran are ok. Could you confirm/unconfirm?

Furthermore I was wondering if it is possible to change the behaviour of the hack right after clicking the subscribe button. At the moment it goes to the fireboard profile page after some seconds. I'm using CB profiles so this is not correct behaviour for this matter. I would like to have the destination page to be the actual forum instead.

Thank you in advance.

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/01/17 22:34

The html file is empty when using IE. Firefox works fine.

Clearly anyone using IE should be shot

No seriously - I'll need to check that out when I am at a windows box... there will be some missing full stop that windows is too stupid to deal with ;-)

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/01/17 22:36

chris2005 wrote:

I've changed the second line:

```
ALTER TABLE #__fb_subscriptions ADD `category` INT( 11 ) NULL DEFAULT '0'
```

into:

```
ALTER TABLE jos_fb_subscriptions ADD `category` INT( 11 ) NULL DEFAULT '0'
```

and the query works that way. But is this correct?

Sorry thats a typo - I was going to get Joomla to execute these but gave up as my server is down right now and so there became real priorities...

Joomla substitutes jos_ in instead of #__ assuming that's your table prefix.

Will fix this on the html page

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/01/17 22:38

```
ALTER TABLE jos_fb_subscriptions CHANGE `thread` `thread` INT( 11 ) NULL DEFAULT '0' ALTER TABLE
```

Run the two lines seperately..? But yes with the second line fixed as you propose...

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/01/17 22:40

Furthermore I was wondering if it is possible to change the behaviour of the hack right after clicking the subscribe button. At the moment it goes to the fireboard profile page after some seconds. I'm using CB profiles so this is not correct behaviour for this matter. I would like to have the destination page to be the actual forum instead.

Erm... what happens when you subscribe to a post instead of a category? Cause it should do the same?

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by chris2005 - 2008/01/17 23:14

Yes it actually does the same thing which I don't like. I remember it didn't do that before with previous versions of fb 1.0.4.

Anyway thanx for your help. I'll make a seperate topic for my last issue.

Regards,
Chris

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by themandril - 2008/01/25 12:10

Sorry - I've read through this thread and I'm not sure what to do. We just did a massive conversion of an SMF forum that had 10 years worth of posts in it to Fireboard 1.0.4 - then realized we didn't have the ability to let people subscribe to a forum (category) rather than a thread - which is very popular with our users.

Am I to understand there is a hack or something you guys have developed that will allow us to offer that?

Thanks for bearing with a noob.

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/01/26 03:25

See this link:

<http://www.wittongilbert.free-online.co.uk/FBHack/HowTo.html>

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by UniqueOperator - 2008/02/11 05:00

I did the hack for fb1.0.3 and it worked fair.

When I upgraded today to fb 1.0.4 ... in a rush and not thinking ... I lost all of my mods, config settings, etc.

I used your web instructions (sense the files are all different now) and all worked well. Initial testing appears like it works. I placed into production and all is peaceful with the site and users.

It would be nice if it were a "sticky" someplace since many would like to have this feature as a standard package. Until then, it's a hack unsupported except here.

Thanks for doing this and documenting so clearly.

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by mtif - 2008/02/14 19:48

I have hacked my Fireboard so much I am a little scared of doing more, particularly as I have no PHP skill and it will send out emails to hundreds of user :blink:

BUT... I was wondering if someone had tried another approach.

There is already a feature to send emails to Moderators. In my case I wonder if someone has worked out a way to hack that part of the code to also send an email to all registered users (excluding moderators) BUT only when a new thread is started.

If I can get this to work then each new thread becomes an 'All Points Broadcast' on my forum (which is what I want). If someone replies then they are automatically interested and given the option to subscribe. B)

PS:

In my case users would reply by email. And this is the point of the mod. suggested above for me, because my community communicate by email and don't tend to log in. If I can get all posts emailed, I already have a way to get their reply emails posted, I will have closed the loop.

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by UniqueOperator - 2008/02/14 21:13

that is an interesting comment on your user community wanting to do everything by email. I call that a "reflector" feature where the forum becomes a repository of all the responses by email.

That is similar to the Yahoo group mail but Yahoo collects it all in one thread for web historical display..... blaa blaa

My user community has migrated from Yahoo except for this "reflector" feature. What you describe should be included as a basic feature. Although not all hosting services support the increased email volumes ... and have tiered costs for distinct email volumes. Not everyone is going to want this type of feature turned on. My community would!

Glad to hear someone else has this need too!

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/02/16 15:04

There are discussions of someone using the moderator process to do something via a mailman list.

However here's a suggestion (completely untested and off the cuff...)

Post.php has this edit on line 294:

```
$database->setQuery("SELECT DISTINCT * FROM #__fb_subscriptions AS a"
. " \n LEFT JOIN #__users as u ON a.userid=u.id"
. " \n WHERE a.thread= '$querythread' OR a.category='$catid'"«»);
```

If you were to insert this code BEFORE that edit you'd be checking if the post was a new topic or a reply to an existing topic.

```
$database->setQuery("SELECT * FROM #__fb_messages"
. " \n WHERE thread= '$querythread';"
$database->query();
$num_posts = $database->getAffectedRows();
//if $num_posts is > 1 then this is not a new post so we should only send email to people who subscribed to the thread.
So make catid something it can't be like " "
if ($num_posts > 1) {
$catid = " "; //not that is a space not a NULL field. NULL will return lots!
}
```

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by phleum - 2008/02/18 09:18

Hi,

I must be missing something simple, but I can't find the files (post.php, etc) in my installation to edit. The way i understand it, it should be in root -> components -> com_fireboard. There doesn't seem to be anything in there except fireboard.php that even hints at making fireboard function.

Where do I look? Sorry if I'm being daft...

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by phleum - 2008/02/18 09:22

Nevermind, I found them in the template folder (default). Sorry...

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by phleum - 2008/03/11 10:28

I took a stab at modifying the newest Community Builder plugin that works (available from this thread: http://www.joomlapolis.com/component/option,com_joomlaboard/Itemid,38/func,view/id,48565/catid,13/limit,6/limitstart,0/) so that it would work with the subscribe to category hack in this thread.

Now this plugin will show subscribed posts and subscribed categories, and will give users a way to unsubscribe to both.

Begin by loading the package above from Joomlapolis. Follow the instructions to make sure the updated simpleboard plugin works out of the box. Then write this version of cb.simpleboardtab.php over Nant's.

Notes:
You'll have to define an additional language string: `_UE_USER_CAT_SUBSCRIPTIONS` (I defined it as "Your Category Subscriptions" to match).

I broke the "unsubscribe all" form, if it worked properly in the first place. (I assume it did, because the favorites one still works). I didn't find it necessary so I commented it out instead of fussing with it.

If a user has either a post or category subscription, the query for each will always have something in it, so you lose the "no subscriptions" text. You can tweak the SQL to make that work better, I'm sure.

My template didn't like the way this plugin used the css class "sectiontableheader", so I changed it from divs back to a table header. Even though it's a table, it seemed cleaner (and worked better for me)

IE says it the page loads with errors, but it still seems to work fine

If anyone can improve on this, I wouldn't mind :)

Let us know how it works for you.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by phleum - 2008/03/11 10:30

File didn't attach, sorry... <http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/files/cb.txt>

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Re:Subscribe to Forum - FB 1.04 How To

Posted by masterchief - 2008/04/05 15:43

polc1410 wrote:

OK, things get too messy trying to post lines of html on Joomla Board so I've written a HowTo and put it here:

<http://www.wittongilbert.free-online.co.uk/FBHack/HowTo.html>

Comments / changes / bugs / problems / praise back on this thread please. If I update it, I'll post here too...
My only suggestion is to change your new field name to category_id.

You might like to add the following hacks as well to get the User Profile working properly:

In template/default/plugin/myprofile/myprofile.php, about line 386

```
//get all subscriptions for this user
//
//$database->setQuery("select thread from #__fb_subscriptions where userid=$my->id ORDER BY thread DESC LIMIT
$limitstart, $limit");
// Replace with more efficient query so the subs template doesn't have to do as much work
$query = 'SELECT s.*, m.time, m.hits, m.name,' .
' CASE WHEN (s.thread = 0) THEN c.name ELSE m.subject END AS subject,' .
' CASE WHEN (s.thread = 0) THEN c.id ELSE m.catid END AS catid' .
' FROM #__fb_subscriptions AS s' .
' LEFT JOIN #__fb_messages AS m ON m.id = s.thread' .
' LEFT JOIN #__fb_categories AS c ON c.id = s.category' .
' WHERE s.userid=!(int) $my->id .
' ORDER BY s.thread, s.category DESC';
$database->setQuery( $query, $limitstart, $limit );
//
$subslst = $database->loadObjectList();
```

This also makes the rendering in the subs template far more efficient. Note above I'm using the correct way to set the limit start and limit in setQuery, and also I am casting any input variables in the query just to be on the safe side (with respect to possible injection attacks).

Then, in template/default/plugin/myprofile/myprofile_subs.php, about line 65

```
//
foreach ($subslst as $sub)
{ //get all message details for each subscription
// We got all this information in the main query
//$database->setQuery("select * from #__fb_messages where id=$sub->thread ");
//$subdet = $database->loadObjectList();

//foreach ($subdet as $sub)
{
$k = 1 - $k;

echo "
if ($sub->thread == 0) {
$link = JB_LIVEURLREL . '&func=showcat&catid=' . $sub->catid;
}
else {
$link = JB_LIVEURLREL . '&func=view&catid=' . $sub->catid . '&id=' . $sub->id;
}
echo " . $enum . ': ' . $sub->subject;
//
```

Removing that query in the loop should give that page a significant performance boost.

Anyone know if the authors are putting at least the original hack into the distro?

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Re:Subscribe to Forum - FB 1.04 How To

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/04/05 17:39

I've not had any communication for a while.

I suspect 1.1 will have the feature but maybe a different methodology.

Assuming tis possible I'd then write a short conversion script to move existing subs over...

Thanks for the contribution BTW, will look at it properly l8r and see if I can tweak the how to page.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ewel - 2008/09/15 20:02

Although I am not affraid of changing a bit of code here and there I am not a coder and as such I am a bit overwhelmed by the information in this thread and related links.

Basically I am looking for a way to have all the (about 50) registered users of my forum being informed of posts in any part of the forum. I think this means that I want all users to be automatically subscribed to the whole of the forum but with the option to unsubscribe (which si a legal requirement afterall). Also I would like to reflect this in the Community Builder tab for Fireboard.

Having gone through this thread and <http://www.wittongilbert.free-online.co.uk/FBHack/HowTo.html> I am not completely certain what code I need, and I do not know for sure that this hack will do what I need. I saw that someone posted an autosubscribe module and others posted what seem to be improvements of the code but frankly all that did for me was confuse me!

Meanwhile I just noticed that there is a new version of Fireboard, 1.0.5. I am not sure if the hack of this thread will work with that new version. Has anyone tried? Or, by any chance, has the new Fireboard version integrated the functionality of this hack?

Is there someone who could give me a little guidance as to what I need to do?

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by mtif - 2008/09/15 20:05

From memory you need to look in the template folder (usually default) all of the functions and files are there

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/09/16 01:31

Evening,

This hack is mine so hopefully I can be of some help.

Firstly I've not tested this on 1.0.5 (its still a beta as far as I know) so the instructions are only tested on 1.0.4. If nothing changed in 1.0.5 they'll work but usually at least other code round the hack changes.

The easiest way if you are using an otherwise default install of joomla is to got to my site ([wittongilbert](http://www.wittongilbert)) and look for the 3 green boxes - they have the three hacked files. Download them, rename them from .txt to .php and replace the ones in the Fireboard Install. (Keep a backup of the originals just in case!)

You'll then need to follow the very first step and execute the two lines of SQL in something like phpmyadmin to tweak the database tables.

HOWEVER, this will NOT automatically subscribe users - they must subscribe themselves to each board category. You'll need more hacks to get auto-subscription!

The instructions on <http://www.wittongilbert.free-online.co.uk/FBHack/HowTo.html> are all you need to offer it manually.

Its less complex than it looks.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ewel - 2008/09/16 01:50

Ok, thanks, that is clear!

I think once I am making offline backup copies of the files to be changed I could download the new Fireboard package and compae the files in there with the backed up files. If they are similar enough I could venture into upgrading first - and in that case I'll report back on whether it worked.

The three files that need to be changed according to your page with instructions are showcat.php, post.php and userprofile.php. I can see all those in the default template folder. However, I am using the default_ex template where there is only showcat.php. Should I modify that file or only the default template files, or perhaps all of them?

On page 5 of this thread, second post from the bottom, someone posted a module fb_autosubscribe, noting that there is something that doesn't work. I don't mind having to puzzle on something when I know it's in the right direction, but do you happen to know if that is the sort of thing I would need to go for automatic subscriptions? Alternatively perhaps I should check if for example Ajacoom could list the latest Fireboard posts.

Thanks again!

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by bruce.taylor - 2008/10/01 17:29

How did you get on with this on 1.0.5 ?

I have a problem after applying this hack, for some reason I get the error -

Could not instantiate mail function.

Any idea's?

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ewel - 2008/10/10 02:35

I just tried to make this hack work with v.1.0.5RC2, but I got the following error in a page which is partly shown and without any layout:
Fatal error: Cannot use object of type fb_Config as array in
/home/myaccount/public_html/mydomain.eu/components/com_fireboard/template/default_ex/showcat.php on line 304

This refers to the following bit of code:
//Start Hack by SBS

```
if ($fbConfig == 1 && (" " != $my_id || 0 != $my_id))
```

Frankly I have no idea what this means or what to do about it :(

BTW I am using default_ex. So I changed showcat in the default_ex folder but the other two files in the default template folder.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/10/10 04:32

Looks like they've changed how they store that variable.

I think I read someplace they are moving towards holding configuration in the db rather than a text file. (Makes upgrades safer).

I'll need to find out how they call the variable now. 'fraid that'll take me a little time as busy with other stuff right now...

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ewel - 2008/10/10 11:18

You are right, and I had downloaded and run that conversion utility they have to put settings in the databaae in order to go from v104 to v105. I'm not in a hurry but I would like to have this!

Actually what I would really want is that all CB users are automatically subscribed to all of the forums. With a small number of members visiting infrequently to read few posts this is a must to make the forum work as a community tool.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by polc1410 - 2008/10/10 22:16

Kind of thinking aloud here, but since you are putting the hack in - you must want subscription so the if statement is not really needed (the if statement is simply checking if subscribe is enabled) Maybe try:

```
//Start Hack by SBS
```

```
if (" " != $my_id || 0 != $my_id) {
```

```
instead.
```

As for CB... you'd need to write some code for that.

I work with a component called AEC which could do it by running a micro-integration to add them to the table on signup. I think someone was talking of a CB plugin to do similar etc but never seen one.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ewel - 2008/10/11 02:29

I just searched the FB files for the configuration, and found out that (if I understand it correctly) there is a file fb_config.class.php with a class fb_Config which holds a variable \$allowsubscriptions.

So I went back to the hacked showcat.php and changed fbconfig into fb_config and now the error is gone!

However, I now have a new error in making a new post:

Parse error: syntax error, unexpected T_CONSTANT_ENCAPSED_STRING in /home/aapje06/public_html/nbnm.eu/components/com_fireboard/template/default/post.php on line 1261

The code on that line is this:

```
1259 $resubject = preg_replace("/\//", "", $resubject);
1260
1261 $resubject = preg_replace("/\//", "", $resubject);
1262
1263 //$table = array_flip(get_html_translation_table(HTML_ENTITIES));
```

I can see in the code highlighting that something is wrong, and if I remove the ' in line 1259 the code highlighting is back to normal, the error is gone and the page loads normally.

However I think the price to pay is that the ' sign now is not filtered out from post subjects which I assume might lead to errors.

Having come this far I have to say I am not seeing any sign of an option to subscribe to the forum instead of the thread. What am I supposed to find if the hack works?

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ewel - 2008/10/11 12:35

I got it to work with FB 1.0.5 RC2 ! To get it to work I had to make some changes to the hack as it was by looking at how the FB code has changed, but in the end it worked out. I'll post the snippets of code in a next post in this thread to keep this post clean.

Now I am interested to see if and how I can get the FB CB plugin to work like the one posted by phleum on page 9 above so that users can see and change their category subscriptions in a tab in their profile.

I also saw and downloaded fb_autosubscribe module of freakshowtm posted on page 9 above. I don't think I will use it because it will autosubscribe everyone every time they visit a page where the module is placed. However it inspired me to think that the solution would be to place something in the Community Builder registration process that will autosubscribe new users. So I am going to investigate how that could be done.

Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ewel - 2008/10/11 13:31

For FB 1.0.5 RC2:

In showcat.php after the following:

```
//this user is allowed to post a new topic:
echo fb_link::GetPostNewTopicLink($catid, $fbicons ? " : _GEN_POST_NEW_TOPIC);
}
```

as well as after the following (so that the button appears above as well as below):

```
//this user is allowed to post a new topic:
echo fb_link::GetPostNewTopicLink($catid, $fbicons ? " : _GEN_POST_NEW_TOPIC);
}
```

insert this:

```
//Start Hack by SBS
```

```
if ($fbConfig->allowsubscriptions == 1 && (" " != $my_id || 0 != $my_id))
{
    //$fb_thread==0 ? $check_thread=$catid : $check_thread=$fb_thread;
    $database->setQuery("SELECT category from #__fb_subscriptions where userid='$my_id' and
category='$catid'");
    $fb_subscribed = $database->loadResult();

    if ($fb_subscribed == "") {
        $fb_cansubscribe = 1;
    }
    else {
        $fb_cansubscribe = 0;
    }
}

if ($my_id != 0 && $fbConfig->allowsubscriptions == 1 && $fb_cansubscribe == 1)
{
```

```
echo ";\n";
echo $fbicons ? " : _VIEW_SUBSCRIBE;\n";
echo "";\n";
}
```

```
if ($my_id != 0 && $fbConfig->allowsubscriptions == 1 && $fb_cansubscribe == 0)
{
echo ";\n";
echo $fbicons ? " : _VIEW_UNSUBSCRIBE;\n";
echo "";\n";
}
```

//End Hack by SBS

In post.php, after the following:

```
//Now manage the subscriptions (only if subscriptions are allowed)
if ($fbConfig->allowsubscriptions == 1)
{ //they're allowed
//get the proper user credentials for each subscription to this topic
//clean up the message
$mailmessage = smile::purify($message);
change into this:
//Query Hacked By ShinyBlackShoe to allow category subscribe
$db->setQuery("SELECT DISTINCT * FROM #__fb_subscriptions AS a"
. "\n LEFT JOIN #__users as u ON a.userid=u.id "
. "\n WHERE a.thread= {$querythread} OR a.category='{$catid}");
}
```

and after the following:

```
$resubject = base64_decode(strtr($resubject, "()", "+/"));
$resubject = str_replace("%20", " ", $resubject);
$resubject = preg_replace('/%32/', '&', $resubject);
$resubject = preg_replace('/%33/', ';', $resubject);
change into this:
//REMOVED BECAUSE OF ERROR AFTER HACK
//$resubject = preg_replace("/^/", "", $resubject);
```

and after the following:

```
//check for permission
if (!$is_Moderator) {
if ($fbSession->allowed != "na")
$allow_forum = explode(',', $fbSession->allowed);
else
$allow_forum = array ();
$obj_fb_cat = new JbCategory($db, $row->catid);
if (!$fb_has_read_permission($obj_fb_cat, $allow_forum, $aro_group->group_id, $acl)) {
echo "Hacking Attempt!";
return;
}
}
$thread = $row->thread;
change into this:
//Start Hack By ShinyBlackShoe to allow category subscribe
if ($fb_thread == "0"){ //sub cat instead of thread
$db->setQuery("INSERT INTO #__fb_subscriptions (category,userid) VALUES ('$catid','$my->id')");
}
else {
//End Hack by SBS
$db->setQuery("INSERT INTO #__fb_subscriptions (thread,userid) VALUES ('$thread','$my->id')");
//Start Hack By ShinyBlackShoe to allow category subscribe
}
//End Hack by SBS
```

I do not use FB profiles so I don't know if the following works, but according to the original hack, in userprofile.php after the following:

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ejw - 2008/10/17 15:14

Hi,

Thanks for this. The autosubscribe as such seems to work well in my environment (J1.5.7, FB 1.0.5 RC2) as the jos_fb_subscriptions table gets populated fine and the categories show up in the CB user profile as well. However, there was a difference in the latest post.php file and I obtain an error upon submitting a post (and nobody gets notified).

in post.php, lines 631ff reads:

```
$resubject = base64_decode(strtr($resubject, "()", "+/"));
$resubject = str_replace("%20", " ", $resubject);
$resubject = preg_replace('/%32/', '&', $resubject);
$resubject = preg_replace('/%33/', ';', $resubject);
$resubject = preg_replace("/\'", "", $resubject);
$resubject = preg_replace("/\\"", "", $resubject);
```

so there was no `$resubject = preg_replace("/\'", "", $resubject);` to comment out, as suggested in the post above.

The error I get is (and it throws the template):

Fatal error: Unable to load subscriptions.\nDB function failed with error number 1064

You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MySQL server version for the right syntax to use near 'n WHERE a.thread= 443 OR a.category='2' at line 1 SQL=SELECT DISTINCT * FROM jos_fb_subscriptions AS an LEFT JOIN jos_users as u ON a.userid=u.id n WHERE a.thread= 443 OR a.category='2' SQL =

```
SELECT DISTINCT * FROM jos_fb_subscriptions AS an LEFT JOIN jos_users as u ON a.userid=u.id n WHERE a.thread= 443 OR a.category='2'
```

in ../components/com_fireboard/sources/fb_debug.php on line 37

The server is on MySQL 5.0.67-community; I restored from a JoomlaPack 1.2.2.b2 backup, my localhost is on 5.0.51b-community-nt (Wampserver). The whole thing worked fine with FB 1.0.4.

Can someone help please?

BW, Erik (ejw)

EDIT:

I have of course commented out `$resubject = preg_replace("/\'", "", $resubject);` but the error remains

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ewel - 2008/10/17 15:44

Erik, could it be that you have forgotten to change the database? For how to do that see the many posts about that in the earlier pages in this thread as well as <http://www.wittongilbert.free-online.co.uk/FBHack/HowTo.html>.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ejw - 2008/10/17 15:49

Hi ewel,

The database was changed according to the guide you linked. The table jos_fb_subscription has not changed because of the update FB 1.0.4 to 1.0.5.

Erik

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ewel - 2008/10/17 16:02

Then I have no idea why you get errors. Perhaps the originator and earlier contributors of this hack know why.

Btw I used com_fireboard_v1.0.5RC2_b804_2008-10-10.zip but I am not sure if that would make any difference.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ejw - 2008/10/17 16:02

ok, found the error:

in the following part of the hack

```
//Query Hacked By ShinyBlackShoe to allow category subscribe
$database->setQuery("SELECT DISTINCT * FROM #__fb_subscriptions AS a"
. "\n LEFT JOIN #__users as u ON a.userid=u.id "
. "\n WHERE a.thread= {$querythread} OR a.category='{$catid}");
//
```

the \n ahead of n was missing in my post.php - no idea why, because I copy-pasted from your forum entry above....

Adding them solved the error. Sorry for the hassle.

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ewel - 2008/10/17 16:13

Good, well done!

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by diesl - 2008/10/20 19:36

ejw wrote:

in the following part of the hack

```
//Query Hacked By ShinyBlackShoe to allow category subscribe
$database->setQuery("SELECT DISTINCT * FROM #__fb_subscriptions AS a"
. "\n LEFT JOIN #__users as u ON a.userid=u.id "
. "\n WHERE a.thread= {$querythread} OR a.category='{$catid}");
//
```

the \n ahead of n was missing in my post.php - no idea why, because I copy-pasted from your forum entry above....

I know why, it's missing where you c&p it from ;)

Maybe the forum choked on the slashes ...

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ejw - 2008/10/20 19:52

:)

You are right, they are missing there too! And right with the second sentence as well. I had to edit the post and use the escape "\\\" to have it appear.

Erik

(edit: see, again!)

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ewel - 2008/10/21 02:04

lol

End good, all good!

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by phleum - 2008/10/21 04:52

So, would anyone summarize the changes that need to be made for an upgrade to 1.0.5? I'm not sure I'm following...

Thanks!

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ewel - 2008/10/21 13:23

The hack is described here: <http://www.wittongilbert.free-online.co.uk/FBHack/HowTo.html>. To do this hack in 1.0.5 just follow the instructions in my post #60135 on the previous page of this thread but keep in mind I did not mention the database change that you can find in the hack description - and look at what ejw (Erik) found in post #60407 above on this page.

I don't think that I followed Master Chief's suggested improvements so at your option have a look at what he wrote in post #48428 on page 9 of this thread. Don't be fooled by his current Junior Boarder status, he is a Joomla Lead Developer and it's only out of lazyness that I did not follow his suggestions (yet).

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Re:Subscribe to forum instead of thread

Posted by ejw - 2008/10/21 15:34

Here is another issue I would like to solve:

I have FB (1.0.5 RC2) and Community Builder (1.2 RC2) integrated (J1.5.7), including the two stage registration process (confirm email and manual approval). Because of the autosubscribe function, users who have registered and confirmed their email do receive email notifications from the forum (that is completely private, only for registered users).

In the Joomla User Manager, the account is still blocked and in FB, the user does not appear in the user list yet - that is

how it is supposed to be. But all subscriptions are in place and the notifications are sent - something that I would not like to happen as the approval process can take some time (and some users might want to inactivate their account for some time) and only the deletion of the account would solve the problem.

Would the changes suggested by masterchief in post 48428 on page 9 of this thread help with that ("You might like to add the following hacks as well to get the User Profile working properly:")? I have not tried this but most likely will.

Many thanks to all of you who put this effort in this!
Erik

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