
1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB converter?

Posted by bunglehaze - 2007/09/06 22:06

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I appreciate the dev's efforts as much as most but how far away are we from a working and native SMF to FB converter? Also how about IPB to FB while your there :D

cheers

leigh :D

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by ComposerRyan - 2007/09/07 04:39

I was just going to ask this question when I saw your topic. I know that the development team is very busy, but I think it's time for a stable SMF->FB converter because SMF is the most used forum for Joomla at the moment. If you want to bring more members and possible donations to the FB project, it's time to offer a rock-solid converter that actually works. :)

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by bennieblanco - 2007/09/11 02:06

I would be the first one to donate, you guys have \$25.00 from me if you can take time to make a stable converter

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by j3cub - 2007/09/12 02:28

I'm ready do donate as well for a easy to use SMF to FB converter. I need everthing to come over in the conversion, Avatars and Attachments.

Come on guys, you can win over another SMF user to FB if you get this going!

I WILL DONATE!

Wil
Dallas Tx

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by ComposerRyan - 2007/09/14 04:11

These people are willing to DONATE and not one response from the developers??? :(

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by guytoon - 2007/09/14 20:49

I'm also looking forward having a stable SMF 1.1 FB converter.
Thanks for everything .

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by Oby - 2007/09/20 15:24

We should start a money-roll, to show the developers that we are serious.

2nd poster is willing to donate 25\$, and I myself am willing to donate 50\$. This is a start, but if we get more people chipping in, we might even actually see such a converter.

So open your wallets guys! This is how free software is done ;)

EDIT: First post should keep a total, so that the devs can see how much we are willing to give - currently its at 75\$.

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by j3cub - 2007/09/20 18:06

OK, I'm on board for the "Bank Roll" for \$30 USD. But they will not see a dime of it until I have seen, used and completed a complete conversion including all boards, posts, avatars and attachments.

I mean come on, "Best of Joomla" has to realize that there are SO MANY of us affected by the no longer existing JOOMLA - SMF bridge, so I'm ready to jump!

\$25

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Plus Mine

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Total now \$105 USD

Will

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by xfactor - 2007/09/21 21:32

I don't know if there is any interest from the developers or if they even read this but I'll add \$150 for a fully working SMF to FB converter if it can be delivered within the next few days. Next few days because I'm working on this myself and if I come up with a solution I won't need it any longer.

This would solve two problems for me. Converting SMF as well as converting phpbbs since I used the phpbbs to SMF converter that was developed by SMF and it worked flawlessly. Excellent code there that handled a very large db without a hitch and at this point I'd be happy to use it again as a hoop to jump through to get my phpbbs into FB.

Yes I did try the SMF to FB suggested here and did not work for me.

j3cub wrote:

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by ComposerRyan - 2007/09/22 03:29

Yes I did try the SMF to FB suggested here and did not work for me. It never worked for me either and I have become very, very frustrated because I would either run into MySQL errors or timeout issues since the converter doesn't know how to properly refresh the page to keep it from timing out.

So, now the FB team has over \$250 of donations towards this project...AND STILL NO RESPONSE.

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB converter?

Posted by Caitlain - 2007/09/25 20:41

I'd add another \$50 - \$100 to the pot, depending on how quickly the converter was made. I am getting ready to migrate things over to 1.5 and would love to have everything ready to go with an updated Joomla install, FB and be able to convert my existing SMF board into the new installation.

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by gemlog - 2007/09/29 10:33

Maybe just wait for a bit then. That's only a couple of hours of programmer time in the world of payment for code. They are volunteers for the *most* part.

edit: meh, sorry. bad first post. just reacting to the shouted "and still no response" I guess. My bad.

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by AllanB - 2007/09/29 17:40

So here's the utterly amusing aspect of all of this ...

- users complain about no developer responses re: timelines, etc ...
- moderators/developers respond that users should help with testing, make donations, simply be quiet about it because it's all volunteer, stop whining, etc etc ...
- users (who are now probably in a critical situation with the Joomla-SMF situation) are now stepping up to make what I would consider a LARGE donation (especially given that a basis for the work has already been completed!) ... and
- developers don't respond.

My question is this - at this point, what more do the developers want? You have \$\$, testers, feedback ...

Again ... over-promise and under-deliver is not the way to go.

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by grumblemarc - 2007/09/29 19:19

Are those PROMISED donations or ACTUAL money that HAS BEEN donated? I'm just curious. I just want to clarify exactly WHO is over-promising and under-delivering.

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by AllanB - 2007/09/29 19:24

Grumble ...

I am sure that having read the requests and pleading for a converter, you know to whom I am referring ...

Based on the state of affairs with bridged forums and the like, I have no doubt that the \$\$ would be donated. Having said that, a complete and utter disregard of this by the developers is adding salt to an already-open wound, don't you think?

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by bennieblanco - 2007/09/29 19:30

beside asking here I also opened new thread a while ago asking where to donate. No one gave any instructions and the link from the component itself leads to here. I am sure dev are busy and this task will be done. However I am not thinking about reconfiguring my current setup because the free converter did it for me already

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by grumblemarc - 2007/09/29 23:36

I understand your frustration. As I get older my patience is getting thinner and thinner. But I have come to realize that sometimes the squeaky wheel does not get the grease. I don't know why this particular group of developers don't update their users on their progress but that's just how it is. But from my experience the BOJ team is pretty middle of the road in that respect. For instance the folks over at Jbulletin released their forum component (also based on JoomlaBoard) and have NEVER responded to my questions regarding installation errors. And I'm the only one that has ever posted one the forum!. Hell they won't even use their latest version for their OWN forum!

That being said, communication by the devs is what it is. Sometimes one wonders why they even have a news page when they never post any but you have to admit FB is the best thing going right now.

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by ComposerRyan - 2007/10/01 04:46

The response time from the FB team is sooooooo bad that I am beginning to completely give up on FireBoard completely...

In fact, I will not recommend this forum to anyone if there is absolutely no response or at least some type of communication with the development team.

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by muslimways - 2007/10/01 10:26

I would pay for a official converter... hmmm... probably \$50.

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by j3cub - 2007/10/01 17:31

Really is it so hard for someone, just one person from the development team be a spokesperson and inform us.

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by AllanB - 2007/10/02 01:31

j3cub -

I agree wholeheartedly. Now that there is money involved, I find it even more difficult to believe that there has been no response from the devs. Grumblemarc, you mentioned that "communication is what it is" ... unfortunately, that doesn't make it acceptable. I have done my share of volunteer work and I know for certain that I would not be able to get away with this type of "communication". I don't think anybody would.

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by grumblemarc - 2007/10/02 03:37

The sky is blue. Rain is wet. It is what it is. I don't subscribe to the sparse communication we get from the devs BUT it is better than none at all. All you do by complaining about the lack of communication is drive the devs further from you. The FB team isn't very big and I can only assume they have separate and busy lives OUTSIDE the realm of Fireboard. So cut them some slack. I know their working on OTHER projects inline with this one. I would rather them do that AND GET IT RIGHT than waste time talking about it. They might just decide that all the grief they get isn't worth it and abandon the project. I don't see that happening but you never know.

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by AllanB - 2007/10/02 03:45

"Cut them some slack" ... exactly how much more do we "cut"? How many more \$\$ do we throw at them so that their time is compensated for a product for which there is obviously a demand?

I guess that as a person that runs a private business, I don't understand the logic that has been displayed.

Initially, I would have agreed with you. Yes, we all do have lives and yes, we all have demands on our time. Welcome to life on planet earth. But I don't think it's unreasonable to ask for some simple answers to some simple questions and hope for a little transparency in the process.

I would like to see the fruits of their labors as we all would. And yes, I do understand that the development process takes time for a successful product to be realized. But when the moderators and developers tell you not to complain, to step up and test/donate etc ... and then WE do so ... and nothing comes of it ... \$\$ are involved and there is a blatant disregard ... I start to wonder.

And ... if they would be prepared to abandon the project that readily, what does it say about the project and/or the process of succeeding in the first place?

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by freakshowtm - 2007/10/02 09:52

i also need a good SMF-FB converter but i can wait for it to be released...laugh:

it may seem that the developers are nowhere to be found but they may have something good for us when they return..

a little more patience...:P

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by Oby - 2007/10/02 15:15

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by muslimways - 2007/10/02 18:00

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exactly

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by _simon_ - 2007/10/03 00:21

I'd really like to move to fireboard but I can't manage to convert it. It's 2 years old so starting from scratch is not an option. I guess I'll hang on in there and hope a converter becomes available sometime soon.

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by grumblemarc - 2007/10/03 00:59

muslimways wrote:

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exactly

I didn't say that.

Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by oschikhof - 2007/10/03 12:47

I also look out for a "real" converter.

My SMF is getting really f*cked up and can't wait to start with fireboard and finally build everything without bridges, hacks and other workarounds..

I have been watching this site from the beginning, hope that what has been promised from the start (SMF import will come soon) will come soon.

Keep up the good work!

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by muslimways - 2007/10/03 20:04

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exactly

I didn't say that.

HA... opps sorry mate.

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Re:1.03 stable.. how about a native SMF-FB convert

Posted by Oby - 2007/10/16 20:08

Still no word?

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