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## RSS error

Posted by glente - 2007/09/12 07:30

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When clicking the RSS-icon, I get the following message:

Ugyldig XML-erkl ring.  
Linje: 2 Tegn: 3

Translated into English:  
Invalid XML-statement.  
Line: 2 Sign: 3

What can I do?

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by Laptop - 2007/10/06 16:41

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I have a similar problem: [http://www.husvagnsforum.com/index2.php?option=com\\_fireboard&func=fb\\_rss&no\\_html=1](http://www.husvagnsforum.com/index2.php?option=com_fireboard&func=fb_rss&no_html=1)

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by iosoft - 2007/10/06 17:01

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Already posted the solution B)  
[http://www.bestofjoomla.com/component/option,com\\_fireboard/Itemid,38/func,view/catid,73/id,20977/#21200](http://www.bestofjoomla.com/component/option,com_fireboard/Itemid,38/func,view/catid,73/id,20977/#21200)

Karma Welcome :blush:

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by Laptop - 2007/10/06 23:44

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That is a solution for another problem, does not work with this problem....

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by viet4777 - 2007/10/07 04:53

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Let's try Google search.  
This link is a google search: XML Parsing Error: xml declaration not at start of external entity

Let test your feed by this link:  
[http://feedvalidator.org/check.cgi?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.husvagnsforum.com%2Findex2.php%3Foption%3Dcom\\_fireboard%26func%3Dfb\\_rss%26no\\_html%3D1](http://feedvalidator.org/check.cgi?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.husvagnsforum.com%2Findex2.php%3Foption%3Dcom_fireboard%26func%3Dfb_rss%26no_html%3D1)

This shows you the problems.

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by korri78 - 2007/10/11 09:23

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Hi~  
I got the "XML Parsing Error" on my RSS Feed.

after goin' through trials and errors,  
I realized that the simplest way to solve the RSS problem is uninstall/reinstall FB.

don't worry~ you're not gonna loose any of your data unless you drop FB database in SQL  
but, you might have to upload the templates again~

hopefully you can solve the problem~!  
good luck~!!

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by Psilocybeing - 2007/11/22 11:01

I was having exactly the same problem, and so I did some digging. It turned out that were many stray line-breaks, throughout the Fireboard source files. I'm unsure as to how they got there, whether they were a result of uploading (although they were uploaded enclosed within a ZIP, so that shouldn't of had an effect), or existed there prior to upload, but they were to blame.

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/components/com_fireboard/templates/default/smile.class.php  
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Once they were stripped, everything should be working fine. Hope this helps.

One further change that I found was required to ensure compatibility with IE7, was the removal, or commenting of the DOCTYPE definition in /components/com\_fireboard/sources/fb\_rss.php . Simply comment it out, by encapsulating the tag within the HTML comment tags, . Your feed will now display in IE7 properly.

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by Thobbe - 2007/11/23 19:36

I have the same problem in my site. If I use vBulletin, RSS works, but in Fireboard i got the same problem.

Actually, I tried to use the RSS on BoJ to subscribe on this thread as well, but got the same error.

XML-tolkningsfel: xml-deklaration inte i början av extern entitet  
Adress: [http://www.bestofjoomla.com/index2.php?option=com\\_fireboard&func=fb\\_rss&no\\_html=1](http://www.bestofjoomla.com/index2.php?option=com_fireboard&func=fb_rss&no_html=1)  
Radnummer 2, Kolumn 1:

I am using Windows Vista, server 2003 or Win XP and Firefox 2, IE7, Opera, safari and Avant to test with. More or less the same results on all operativ and all of the browsers.

On my own site, the RSS for Joomla (Frontpage) works ok, the forum (Fireboard) does not.

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by rseoane - 2007/11/25 01:22

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by Psilocybeing - 2007/11/26 09:41

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Your best bet, if you've had experience writing / debugging PHP, is to follow the generation of the RSS itself, using echo's after lines likely to be outputting a linebreak (such as includes), and when your echo is output after the linebreak, you know you are a step closer to rooting out the problem. Once you have narrowed down the generation of the line break to a single file, finding the offending line should be pretty easy. Good luck!

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by GyroTarzan - 2008/01/26 22:15

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by Psilocybeing - 2008/01/28 12:28

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New lines that come after the ending PHP tags in the scripts. Download EditPlus, and open the files specified. You may see line numbers without anything but a blank line, outside of the ending PHP tag.

If you don't have any luck, I usually have spare time in the evening, after 4:30PM GMT, and would be happy to take a look for you. Just drop me a PM if you would like to work something out :)

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by dthdevelopment - 2008/01/31 11:28

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I've searched and searched these forums and find no WORKING solution for the RSS failure in 1.0.4. The couple things I've found have done nothing. I'm desperate for a solution here. Any help is much appreciated.

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by rseoane - 2008/01/31 19:23

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Well.

I found a solution to my trouble.

I use spanish.php location file. At the end of this file I deleted a blank space after ">" and now ... works!

I have also deleted a DTD declaration at the beginnig of de fbrss to work with IE7.0

I remember that I had to change other line of code because my joomla installation isn't in webroot directory.

At spanish forum I discuss about this problem.

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by dthdevelopment - 2008/01/31 21:23

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Well, I did the same with the english file and with EVERY php file in the /template/default folder as most of them had the extra space at the end. Still not working for me. I also removed the line from the fb\_rss file as noted in other forum posts. Still holding out for a real fix. Thanks.

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by padzhp - 2008/02/04 01:58

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I think aside from getting rid of the blank lines you should make sure that the RSS output is valid by validating it at <http://feedvalidator.org/>

Things that I discovered:

1.) The RFC 2822 date format has been changed to RFC 822 which made this line invalid:

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$date = date("r");
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should be changed to:

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$date = date("D, d M Y H:i:s T");
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2.) The image title should be the same with your channel title.

3.) To prevent problems with the content, please enable sef..

Hope this helps.

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by jesgyl - 2008/02/13 12:55

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Hi,

The RSS feed on my site doesn't work neither in Firefox, IE 7, or rssreader. I have tried the suggested code modifications in this post, with no succes.

But it would be nice if the feed could work 'out-of-the-box' with no need for individual code changes :)

I'm using latest release Joomla (1.5.1) and latest release FB (1.0.4) and additional Danish language file.

One specific question: Has different access levels been accounted for in the feed (if it worked:S)? I have two forums - one with only admin access and one with access for all registered, and none with public access. So a public feed should then show nothing, but a feed in rssreader (with correct usern/passw) should of course show a feed matching your access level.

/Jesper

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## Re:RSS error

Posted by tyhuls - 2008/07/05 20:27

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Hello All,

My original problem was like many others here. I had a blank line / space for the 1st line of my RSS Output. The XML declaration statement needs to be on the 1st line for it to validate correctly. I couldn't get rid of that pesky line. I made sure I didn't have any blanks at the end of my php files. I have had that before. I hacked/cut/pasted for a number of

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hours. Finally I just started cutting.

This is what I did to get mine to work correctly.

In /components/com\_fireboard/sources/fb\_rss.php do a search for this line:  
echo "";

Delete it

To get the feed to play nice with IE7 find this line:

Delete it

You might want to validate your RSS Feed over at <http://feedvalidator.org> first.

Then complete one of the line deletions and re-validate to see your progress. Delete the next line and re-validate. That is what I did to go after the offenders. The RSS Feed seems to work great without the XML declaration line. I have used it in a number of different readers with No Issues yet.

Have a good one,  
tyhuls ;)

If this works for you, shout it back on this thread.

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