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## Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by grumblemarc - 2008/01/25 21:45

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The link to the Comparison Chart is here.

If I can figure it out I might get this into the WIKI.

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by Hazzaa - 2008/01/25 22:48

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That is one heck of a chart GM, good job

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by grumblemarc - 2008/01/25 23:04

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Thank much. Now to get to some FB documentation since our doc team seems to be AWOL/MIA.

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by techlab - 2008/02/06 15:53

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Fireboard has no Smilies/Emoticons??

You made a typo there?

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by grumblemarc - 2008/02/06 16:50

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Like I said "It is probably not a perfectly ACCURATE listing either". I'll change this when I get the chance.

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by psi0 - 2008/02/06 19:08

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Thanks for chart.

good work

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by Hazzaa - 2008/02/06 19:17

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If I look hard enough, I'm sure I'll find a spelling mistake.  
And we paid you for this?

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by grumblemarc - 2008/02/06 19:19

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:laugh:  
I put this together in the span of half an hour. It's probably missing a LOT of information in the FB column.

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by snilloconator - 2008/02/19 17:31

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So this is just a jab at Fireboard? Just wondering because it that's a true list of yes/no! I really screwed up by going with fireboard....

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by mtstrooster - 2008/03/13 21:43

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@grumble: Shouldn't the FB column be the one you know the most about, and therefore the most accurate?? \*gasp\*

@snill: The reason he made is, as he clearly stated in the first post:

Because it can't be said better: I put together a table as a comparison of FireBoard to OTHER bulletin board solutions out there. This is mainly a 2-fold response 1. for those that do not do research PRIOR to installing or converting other solutions over to FireBoard and come away disappointed because they assumed/were expecting the same features as those found in more robust forum solutions and 2. to negate those COMPLAINTS that stem from those assumptions.

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I myself fell into that exact category and was one (of many) who got on Grumble's nerves asking about the ACL (forum permissions). When I got into Joomla (this past December) I quickly found FB. Was still new to the whole scene (still am I suppose) and made some assumptions about both FB as well as Joomla (no acl there either!) I will say, unless I missed it, Grumble there is one line you need to add to your chart that I highly recommend. "Integrated solution for Joomla".. FB is the only one there that you can answer yes to. Not the 'the other guys' can't be made to work with Joomla, but FB is seamless and easy to get running. That's why I chose it, even now, after trying some of the others and their required bridging software, despite my serious need for an ACL (for members).. Someday maybe FB will get there - Till then there's GroupJive, which isn't a perfect solution, but it works (uses FB for those who don't know to allow you to create an ACL). But yea, the chart is an excellent idea and hopefully it'll get alot of hits.. Should add the chart to our sig blocks :)

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by Andy - 2008/03/13 22:00

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by grumblemarc - 2008/03/13 22:05

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Gasp away. When you catch your breath...

LIKE I SAID. I put this together in about a half an hour or less. It should be used as a guide ONLY!!! This comparison should NOT be used as the definitive guide when trying to decide on various software solutions. It is not exhaustive in it's listing of features therefore it should not be used as the comparison bible as some are implicating it should be.

Regardless, I no longer maintain it nor to I plan on updating it. If you want a COMPLETE listing of the various forums features available it is up to YOU to do your OWN research.

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by grumblemarc - 2008/03/13 22:08

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And if you have not caught your breath yet...

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"Yes Fully integrated with Joomla!"

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by mtstrooster - 2008/03/13 22:45

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grumblemarc wrote:

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Ahh, indeed :) Sorry to hear you aren't going to support it anymore? You did a really good job on it, kinda surprised by that. FYI, my gasp comment was made at you saying that Joomla was the area most likely to be wrong. I find you the ultimate (and only? moderator/supporter here), and really have a hard time believing that you would know about the features of all the others BETTER than 'your' own :)

What wiki were you planning on trying to put this on? Maybe I could help with that.. That way, as a wiki, when features change, to FB or otherwise, 'anyone' could update it.. That would keep it out of your hair, AND make your good chart perpetually useful.

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by grumblemarc - 2008/03/13 22:51

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I would LOVE to be able to claim FB as my OWN but I cannot. I am just a mod and not privy to a lot or the behind the scenes communication and planning. More importantly I am just a user. Not a developer. Just a beta tester like yourselves. As such I only know what I pick up through the forums.

As for being the ultimate, there are a few that would disagree.:S

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by grumblemarc - 2008/03/13 22:56

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by nighthawknz - 2008/08/11 12:29

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That being the case its a bit of an unfair comparison as the others are stand alone software where FB is not and relies majorly on Joomla ...

If FB had a standalone product as well then I would agree

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by MindTooth - 2008/08/11 19:00

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Birger :)

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by mtstrooster - 2008/08/11 20:33

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grumblemarc wrote:

Regardless, I no longer maintain it nor to I plan on updating it. If you want a COMPLETE listing of the various forums features available it is up to YOU to do your OWN research.

If you want a wiki on this information (be sure to update it as necessary), I suggest you be pro-active and start it yourself. This topic (which is 5-6 months old fyi) never developed into anything that I'm aware of. GM, the man who truly knows the most about fb (imo, a legend) already stated he's not updating it anymore, and I don't know enough about the other forums out there to do anything more than copy what he's already done and paste it into a wiki. If one of you fellerz who resurrected this topic have a little more insight on some of the 'competition' as they say, I'm sure there'd be a community's worth of people who'd appreciate you copy/pasting it into a wiki and updating it accordingly.

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by grumblemarc - 2008/08/11 22:59

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by mtvrooster - 2008/08/12 10:45

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Wowzer's, he's still got it..

Alrighty.. First off, When you said:

Regardless, I no longer maintain it nor to I plan on updating it. If you want a COMPLETE listing of the various forums features available it is up to YOU to do your OWN research. I'm pretty sure any and everyone got the assumption that you are inferring by up to YOU to do your OWN research that if someone wanted to take and further the list, so be it. But YOU were not going to be active in it anymore.

Second, no where did you state this, and you'll note I DID give you the credit for creating it (GM is you bud, GrumbleMarc....., NOT GAMEMASTER, or General Motors..). And that was just in my mentioning that you made it, not that I was making a list. So, no need for capitalized OWNER and ME, I already clearly stated it was you, and from what you wrote before, you wanted nothing else to do with it and anyone else was more than welcome to do their own research and make (it) an updated list.

Third, and more ironic.. and I quote:

Do not copy this in part or in whole with my permission.. Okay. Thanks. I will NOT copy this in whole or in part WITH your permission.... Egg on face? Yes. Exaggerated post by you once again (you know I love ya GM, despite our apparent personalities)? Yes. Persona non grata? I've told you several times GM over many a forum thread as well as PM's. You are the most valuable resource FB has. I still cannot believe you are not directly involved in the programming/development/distribution of this. You are certainly the #1 man for support with it, and countless times I thank you.

I meant no ill will in my comment about him or someone running with what you had and updating it. From the bottom of my heart, whether you care or not, I truly THOUGHT that's what you meant up there by 'the if you want a complete...' comment! And I ALMOST did that, but in the starting up my site, new to Joomla, new to FB (which of course is what brought me here), I just plain didn't have the free time to install a local copy of Joomla to ,ess around with all the optional forum packages out there and analyze them. Plus, like you said, the dev's didn't seem to care about it, as the topic lie there dead on the table.

Can't we all just get along...?

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** Previously I mentioned cutting/pasting GM's findings into a wiki where it could be updated and kept current. This was based on a misunderstanding of what he had said. Under no circumstance should you do that. Ask him. As a result of this thread's recent posts however, know that you just might get a 'no' from him, so why not set out on your own, do a fresh, new start with all the latest versions yourself. Post the wiki link in this thread and those of us that have ANYthing to contribute (maybe him, maybe me, if the phpbb3 category is not filled in completely) will be able to do just so. I'm sure between the masses out there running FB, we could pull together each with at least ONE other forum package they've looked at, and create something pretty compelling.

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by grinchy - 2008/08/12 17:00

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I don't think he was directing that at YOU but more as a response to MindTooth there that just came along out of nowhere and stated "If you have the time. I would really love for you to accompany to transfer this into the BOJ wiki. A really nice feature to add to the wiki."

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by danialt - 2008/08/12 18:08

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Hey guys, please keep out of trouble, would you?

@mtxrooster:

I think he made a typo, meaning "without" permission, which based on the fact that he has done it, he has the right to ask so.

@MindTooth

I understand what you mean. I think it would be a nice addon too. But we don't have the resources to do it ourselves. If someone comes along, he is welcome. I don't see it as an urgent task, as we already have a huge user base, which we should support first. so a current feature's documentation is more needed than comparison to other forums.

cheers and stay in peace ;)

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by MindTooth - 2008/08/14 18:38

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I concur. A proper documentation would be more needed then a comparison. My bad :P

Birger :)

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by gn0stik - 2008/09/02 23:05

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link is dead, I know it's a bit inaccurate, but I'd still like to check it out. :)

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by mtxrooster - 2008/09/03 10:30

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gn0stik wrote:

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Can u blame him, I'm surprised it wasn't down the day he posted.. Clearly he wants others to do their own research and not borrow his. Kinda a no-brainer..

Regarding the efforts being put on documentation instead of a chart.. I had a huge post typed up that I lost, so this is gonna be real short, and sweet. The thing is, I disagree. Most of your userbase is already running FB. There is documentation/instructions. The fact that it works so seamless with Joomla, the key feature you toot, in fact, means if you can install Joomla, you can install FB.

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Instead, I'd rather see those man-hours put into an update. Many a month have passed and we're still on 1.0.4. Several "hacks" have been shared here, in many cases to bring much-sought-after features that you chose not to incorporate INTO it for you. Stand proud, make your product look better and more appealing to your userbase and potential users. Add that code, modify/tweak it if you can even make it better, and release something, 1.0.5 even.. Like I said in my lost post, I understand native function with Joomla was job #1, the most important thing, and that in order to meet that goal, some other features needed to be put on hold. We all get that. But I'll tell ya, many of these omitted features are things we, your userbase take for granted because 'the other guys' forum packages have been offering them for well over 7 years. For me, I chose FB because of it's integratedness (if that's a word..). But I'll also admit, when I DID look at it (and another which shall go nameless), I didn't notice the things like it can't resize pics, no video support, no "fancy" editor (WYSIWYG or otherwise), heck - For 7 years of CMS packages every forum package I've used has had those things built-in. Had a comparison chart existed where I could see, oooh, okay, it's not going to be implemented, or it's not in yet, but they want to add it, or whatever.. That would make a huge impact. Don't get me wrong, I truly, from the bottom of my heart appreciate what you and your team have done. Really. But really, do you realize you are the first mod/staff to post to any of the q's I've had, in addition, to any of the questions I've searched for. I had a big thing typed up about GrumbleMarc - Him and I might have typing personality clashes or something, but I truly hold him in the highest regard and he's one of the best people, in ANY community I'm in (and they are several) that I've ever seen. For the first several months of my getting FB, and asking questions / seeking help, I swear to you - I thought he was the lead programmer, the helpdesk/support / and the admin of the site all in one package. I literally fell outta my chair (no joke, sadly) when he told me no, he was just like me or any other user here, JUST A USER OF FB. You REALLY owe a debt a gratitude to him for all his hard work here.

So what about it? Is there any hope of you scooping up all the wonderful "hacks" posted here on your forums, and actually officially adding them to your code and releasing something a little more fresh than 1.0.4? Or is the fact that you haven't taken any of this code, given to you and used it a sign that you truly do NOT have any intention of offering these kinds of features with FB? I ask, because countless (more frequently than admins post here asking fellow users) I get asked, "why isn't my pic being resized", "why doesn't the video embedding work 'just' right, how can I get a better editor in here so my posts stick out, or look better than ascii-BBS style texts..". Again, not disrespecting, just wondering.. Some of these things have been handled by others and posted here, absolutely no reason not to update your application :)

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by danialt - 2008/09/03 14:03

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@mtxrooster

Thank you for taking time and posting here.

I have to say that I can not agree with your sayings, and I have a feeling that you are not following the FireBoard developement. We have developed 1.0.5 already and to ensure the good quality has passed it through extensive testing process, with around 11 releases and final RC1 yesterday. It has been tested/built over 698 times, with over 300 bug fixes. The progress meanwhile has been reported constantly to the forums. Just search RC1.

I really don't want to continue the heroic stories. We appreciate our users and their contributions, as we did for him too. He is/will be always welcome to be around here and we are completely fine with him working on another forum.

To test your options you can simply install those and try it locally, and if you are willing, publish the same chart. At then end, you will select what you are more comfortable based on your experience, support, coding style, UI, ... and not a chart anyway.

Good luck.

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## Re:Fireboard Feature Comparison with other Forums.

Posted by mtxrooster - 2008/09/03 14:15

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Sweet, did just that and found the post :) That's awesome! I had tried the CVS before on my site, but of course it kept overwriting the custom additional stuff, and I have been checking the main download area lookin for newer versions, but never thought of looking on the forums :)

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Check the brand new documentation too:

<http://www.bestofjoomla.com/files/fireboard/doc/UserGuide.pdf>

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