
SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by ianrispin - 2007/08/05 21:58

Please do not just block this post! :unsure:

It is a serious request for something Fireboard really must address if it wants to be implemented on anything other than Hobby sites.

"As someone running a semi-serious site where the forum is a key component it is incredibly important that I optimise Fireboard for SEO.

I use sh404sef for SEF URL's.

Fireboard populates the title tag, although I would like some control over that. (currently its hardcoded as "sitename-thread title - board title".

But the big missing thing is that Fireboard does not populate the meta description tag.

My users generate dozens of postings every day and I want each thread registered in Google.

At the moment google hides many of them assuming they are duplicate pages because the tag is empty (or i can fill it with standard text).

I really really could do with Fireboard populating the meta description with the first couple of hundred characters from the post.

I found the part of the fireboard code that populates the title tag and tried to add the code for meta description with no luck.

Surely anyone who has a serious forum and wants to succeed in SE rankings needs this also.

Any chance of getting this feature added??"

In response to replies on previous post.....

1) Yes sh404SEF does support metatags but only on standard content items.

It would require someone to write a sh404sef plug-in for fireboard for this to work. That would be one solution.

2) To moderator who locked topic and said search for SEF posts.

This is not really a SEF URL issue. It is a meta tag issue.

Fireboard already auto-populates the title tag. Which is great.

But thats half the job.

It means right now that for EVERY single fireboard user, when ANY of their fireboard pages are index and displayed in Google the 2 line description is garbage. :S

So there are no doubt 100s of thousands of fireboard entries now indexed in Google with garbage in the description.

Please please consider this as it will hugely benefit the web success of every fireboard user and therefore will help fireboard themselves.;

Many thanks, Ian Rispin, founder - www.wikivorce.com

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by palebluedot - 2007/08/05 22:09

I suggest adding a tracker requesting better Meta Tag support for SEO.

<http://joomlancode.org/gf/project/fireboard/tracker/>

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DCB - 2007/08/23 16:44

I just submitted a tracker for this. But I agree that this is a must have function. A quick question though, in which file does FB specify the title tag?

It was mentioned that (currently its hardcoded as "sitename-thread title - board title".) I'd like to change that order.

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by LocaliceR - 2007/08/23 16:59

The first step towards search engine optimization should be eliminating the double page loads, because it causes lower pageranks as the site speed is a very important SEO factor.

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DCB - 2007/08/23 17:06

LocaliceR wrote:

The first step towards search engine optimization should be eliminating the double page loads, because it causes lower pageranks as the site speed is a very important SEO factor.

While I agree somewhat, right now all the content is viewed pretty much as duplicate content since the description is the same for every item. For me that's a larger problem.

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by LocaliceR - 2007/08/23 17:24

That sounds gloomy :ohmy: Perhaps it would be better to install FB on a subdomain.

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by AlexandreFrance - 2007/09/27 00:28

I am very newbie with php programming but here is an easy and partial solution for meta description I made if this can help someone else with Google SEO while waiting next version of Fireboard:

(please note this is for fireboard beta, but you may adapt it for latest version)

Open /components/com_fireboard/template/default/view.php

Find on line 471:

Code: :

```
//set page title if on Mambo 4.5.2+
if ($leaf->parent == 0) {
    $mainframe->setPageTitle($fmessage->subject . ' - ' . $fbConfig);
}
```

After, ad:
Code: :

```
//set meta description hack by AlexandreFrance  
$mosConfig_MetaDesc = ('Read our forum for the topic ' . $fmessage->subject );
```

I guess it may be not a clean php code as I am not a programmer, but this code work for my website and give me nice meta description on my fireboard!

Have fun

Alexandre

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by AlexandreFrance - 2007/09/27 00:56

You may also try this code to get a better result:

```
$mosConfig_MetaDesc = ($objCatParentInfo->name.' '.$objCatInfo->name.' - Read the message ' . $fmessage->subject  
);
```

If your are good with php, please try to find another hack to get first 15 or 20 words of the topic in meta description + another hack to show meta description on category views.

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by AlexandreFrance - 2007/09/27 02:00

Another hack I just found to complete meta description hack:

Open listcat.php

Find:

```
// set page title  
$mainframe->setPageTitle($fbConfig);
```

Below, ad:

```
//set meta description hack by AlexandreFrance  
$mosConfig_MetaDesc = ('Read our ' . $fbConfig);
```

Open showcat.php

Find:

```
// set page title  
//$mainframe->setPageTitle( $objCatParentInfo->name.' - '.$objCatInfo->name.' - '.$fbConfig );
```

Below, ad:

```
//set meta description hack by AlexandreFrance  
$mosConfig_MetaDesc = ($objCatParentInfo->name . ' - ' . $objCatInfo->name);
```

Please feel free to give another tip if you can do better,

Best regards,

Alexandre

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by AlexandreFrance - 2007/09/27 12:19

Here are the results as asked on another post:

(Edit: I could NOT Copy/Past of page source because of fireboard... but replaced "" by ")")

```
(!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-
transitional.dtd")
(html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml")
(head)
```

```
(title) - Re: Comment proceder? - Forum tarot voyance ésotérisme(/title)
```

```
(meta name="description" content="Forums Tarot divinatoire Tarot de Marseille: Interprétation - Voir le message Re:
Comment proceder?" /)
```

```
(meta name="keywords" content="tarot" /)
```

```
(meta name="robots" content="index, follow" /)
```

SEO for fireboard answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/11/28 08:14

Here's a step-by-step solution for dynamic meta tags inside each thread:

1. open /template/default/view.php
2. anywhere after ' if (\$badwords == "true") {}' paste:

```
if (!$fmessage->parent) {
$metapost = preg_replace("//", "",
strip_tags(substr($fmessage->message,0,400)));
$metasubj = preg_replace("//", "", $fmessage->subject);
$metadesc = $metasubj . ' - ' . $metapost;

$mainframe->addMetaTag( 'description' , $metadesc );

$keyarray = explode ( ' ' , $metasubj . ' - ' . $metapost);
$search_ignore = array();
@include "$mosConfig_absolute_path/language/$mosConfig_lang.ignore.php";

foreach ($keyarray as $keytest) {
$keytest = str_replace('.', "", strtolower(trim($keytest)));

if ($keytest && !in_array( $keytest, $search_ignore ))
$metakey .= $keytest . ' , ' ;
}
if ($metakey)
$mainframe->addMetaTag( 'keywords' , substr ($metakey, 0, -2));
}
```

3. To remove the generic Joomla meta-tags from appearing after the dynamic tags, enter /includes/joomla.php, find and

comment out the existing function appendMetaTag() and paste the code inside the Meta Tags Mod zipped attachment. (Bb-code chews it up if I paste it here.)

4. To improve keyword filtering, replace the existing /languages/english.ignore.php with the version I posted further down in this thread. Note that this would also enable your default Joomla/Mambo search component to ignore a list of common English words.

Here's an example of a thread on my site that uses this mod.

Comments and suggestions welcome!

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Gossper - The Last Social Forum http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/files/Meta_Tags_Mod-f105129ed3a70433e5cc182132fec7bc.zip

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DCB - 2007/11/28 15:37

Can you post some example of what this does for the metatags on your forum?

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/11/28 17:30

To remove the generic Joomla meta-tags from any page that you've custom-tagged, you need to enter /includes/joomla.php, find and comment out the wonky existing function appendMetaTag() and paste:

```
function appendMetaTag( $name, $content ) {
    $name = trim( htmlspecialchars( $name ) );
    $n = count( $this->_head );
    for ( $i = 0; $i < $n; $i++ ) {
        if ( $this->_head[ $i ] == $name ) {
            $exist = 1;
            break;
        }
    }
    if ( !$exist ) {
        $this->addMetaTag( $name , $content );
    }
}
```

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DCB - 2007/11/28 17:33

look forward to updates. Thanks for your time in helping with this. It really is a huge flaw in the forum component. Your work is truly appreciated.

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/11/28 18:30

message removed

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DCB - 2007/11/28 18:53

Am I adding this correctly?

```
foreach ($flat_messages as $fmessage)

    {
if (!$fmessage->parent) {
$metapost = preg_replace("//", "", strip_tags(substr($fmessage->message,0,400)));
$metasubj = preg_replace("//", "", $fmessage->subject);
$metadesc = $metasubj . ' - ' . $metapost;

$mainframe->addMetaTag( 'description' , $metadesc );

$keyarray = explode ( ' ' , $metadesc);
$search_ignore = array();
@include "$mosConfig_absolute_path/language/$mosConfig_lang.ignore.php";

foreach ($keyarray as $keytest)
{
$keytest = str_replace('.', "", trim($keytest));
if ($keytest && strlen( $keytest ) > 3 && !in_array( $keytest, $search_ignore ))
$metakey .= $keytest . ' ';
}
if ($metakey) $mainframe->addMetaTag( 'keywords' , substr ($metakey, 0, -2));
}

    $k = 1 - $k;

    $mmm++;

    if ($fmessage->parent == 0) {

        $fb_thread = $fmessage->id;

    }

    else {

        $fb_thread = $fmessage->thread;

    }

}
```

That's the section you mentioned to add the code to, is that correct? It's giving me errors. What version of Fireboard are you using? Also I'm running SEFAdvance, wonder if that is causing any problems? Just trying to narrow it down.

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/11/28 19:08

Try to paste it after if (\$badwords == "true") {}. That's where mine is. Maybe some other value needs to be populated first. Also, use this version (better):

```
if (!$fmessage->parent) {
$metapost = preg_replace("//", "", strip_tags(substr($fmessage->message,0,400)));
$metasubj = preg_replace("//", "", $fmessage->subject);
$metadesc = $metasubj . ' - ' . $metapost;

$mainframe->addMetaTag( 'description' , $metadesc );

$keyarray = explode ( ' ' , $metasubj . ' ' . $metapost);
```

```
$search_ignore = array();
@include "$mosConfig_absolute_path/language/$mosConfig_lang.ignore.php";

foreach ($keyarray as $keytest)
{
$keytest = str_replace('.', '', strtolower(trim($keytest)));

if ($keytest && !in_array( $keytest, $search_ignore )) $metakey .= $keytest . ' ';
}
if ($metakey) $mainframe->addMetaTag( 'keywords' , substr ($metakey, 0, -2));
}
```

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/11/28 19:15

Use this version of /language/english.ignore.php to filter out common English words from the meta keywords tag. Note that this is the file used by the Joomla search component, which I've co-opted for our devious purposes.

Gom <http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/files/english-cee39f641c9f3ce21a252aaa89f6324f.zip>

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DCB - 2007/11/28 19:21

gomjabbar wrote:

Try to paste it after `if ($badwords == "true") {}`. That's where mine is. Maybe some other value needs to be populated first. Also, use this version (better):

```
if (!$fmessage->parent) {
$metapost = preg_replace("//", "", strip_tags(substr($fmessage->message,0,400)));
$metasubj = preg_replace("//", "", $fmessage->subject);
$metadesc = $metasubj . ' - ' . $metapost;
```

```
$mainframe->addMetaTag( 'description' , $metadesc );
```

```
$keyarray = explode (' ' , $metasubj . ' ' . $metapost);
```

```
$search_ignore = array();
```

```
@include "$mosConfig_absolute_path/language/$mosConfig_lang.ignore.php";
```

```
foreach ($keyarray as $keytest)
```

```
{
$keytest = str_replace('.', '', strtolower(trim($keytest)));
```

```
if ($keytest && !in_array( $keytest, $search_ignore )) $metakey .= $keytest . ' ';
```

```
}
if ($metakey) $mainframe->addMetaTag( 'keywords' , substr ($metakey, 0, -2));
}
```

Nice, yes that seems to work swimmingly.

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DCB - 2007/11/28 19:30

Hey,

Sorry one more question. I attempted to add in the code you mentioned here:

1. open /includes/joomla.php
2. find and comment out the entire function appendMetaTag(\$name, \$content)
3. paste in this version:

```
function appendMetaTag( $name, $content ) {  
$name = trim( htmlspecialchars( $name ) );  
$n = count( $this->_head );  
for ( $i = 0; $i _head == $name) $exist = 1;  
}  
if (!$exist)  
$this->addMetaTag( $name , $content );  
}
```

When I do that it renders a blank page though. Can you post the full code for that section? Perhaps I'm commenting out too much?

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/11/28 19:32

Glad to hear it worked for you. I updated all my code postings in this thread with the latest version of code and how-to so people won't be confused. Overwrite your english.ignore.php with the version I created for much better keyword generation.

If there's interest out there, I can post a version of this code for the main category page?

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/11/28 19:35

Just a case of bad copy/paste on my part, sorry. Here's the modified function (also corrected above):

```
function appendMetaTag( $name, $content ) {  
$name = trim( htmlspecialchars( $name ) );  
$n = count( $this->_head );  
for ( $i = 0; $i _head == $name) $exist = 1;  
}  
if (!$exist)  
$this->addMetaTag( $name , $content );  
}
```

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DCB - 2007/11/28 19:50

Hmmmm I'm still having some issue.

Can you show which part of the existing code posted bellow i'm supposed to remove and replace with yours?

```
function appendMetaTag( $name, $content ) {  
$name = trim( htmlspecialchars( $name ) );  
$n = count( $this->_head );  
for ( $i = 0; $i _head == $name) {  
$content = trim( htmlspecialchars( $content ) );  
if ( $content ) {
```

```
if ( !$this->_head ) {
    $this->_head = $content ;
} else {
    $this->_head = $content .', '. $this->_head;
}
}
return;
}
}
$this->addMetaTag( $name , $content );
}
```

Thank you again

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/11/28 19:59

All of this code is the function that needs to be commented out and replaced.

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DCB - 2007/11/28 20:07

Hmmmmm...that's what I tried and it gives me a blank page.

This is what my code looks like for that section but gives me a blank page:

```
/**
 * @param string The value of the name attribute
 * @param string The value of the content attribute to append to the existing
 */
function appendMetaTag( $name, $content ) {
    $name = trim( htmlspecialchars( $name ) );
    $n = count( $this->_head );
    for ($i = 0; $i < $n; $i++) {
        if ($this->_head[$i] == $name) $exist = 1;
    }
    if (!$exist)
        $this->addMetaTag( $name , $content );
}
/**
 * Adds a custom html string to the head block
 * @param string The html to add to the head
 */
```

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/11/28 20:10

OK, I figured it out: bbcode is chewing out a bit of the code and it's infuriating. All code attached in a zip file.
http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/files/Meta_Tags_Mod.zip

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DCB - 2007/11/28 20:18

gomjabbar wrote:

Ok, I figured it out: bbcode is chewing out bits of my code. Let's try this again:

```
function appendMetaTag( $name, $content ) {
    $name = trim( htmlspecialchars( $name ) );
    $n = count( $this->_head );
    for ( $i = 0; $i <= $n; $i++ ) {
        if ( !$this->_head[ $i ] ) {
            $this->addMetaTag( $name , $content );
        }
    }
}
```

hmmm that looks like the same code. can you e-mail it to me perhaps since something seems to be lost when posting?

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DCB - 2007/11/28 20:39

gomjabbar wrote:

OK, I figured it out: bbcode is chewing out a bit of the code and it's infuriating. All code attached in a zip file.
http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/files/Meta_Tags_Mod.zip

Nice,

Any ideas on how to modify titles?

For example my descriptions now look nice an example here:

http://drinkcraftbeer.com/forum/beer/beer_faq.html

This looks great (obv still need to filter out common words but that's not a big deal)

meta name="description" content="Beer FAQ - Wondering if you guys could help a beer n00b out and also create a pretty cool FAQ.When shopping for a beer I have no idea what I am looking for maybe we could define typically what type of taste what to look for strength good examples of this kind of beer and what not. I think it would be a good thing to have some portions could include I am sure you can expandWhat is a Lager"

meta name="keywords" content="beer, faq, wondering, if, you, guys, could, help, a, beer, n00b, out, also, create, a, pretty, cool, faqwhen, shopping, for, a, beer, i, have, no, idea, what, i, am, looking, for, maybe, we, could, define, typically, what, type, of, taste, what, to, look, for, strength, good, examples, of, this, kind, of, beer, what, not, i, think, it, would, be, a, good, thing, to, have, some, portions, could, include, i, am, sure, you, can, expandwhat, is, a, lager"

This title though:

Drink Craft Beer - Craft Beer Events, Interviews, News, Ratings and Forum - Re:Beer FAQ - Drink Craft Beer

Certainly not a flaw in your code, but it would be great to be able to override that and put in the thread title before the site name or something like that.

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/11/28 21:25

I'm trying to figure out a way to override the page titling but it's tricky. For now, you can use this 'global' clean-up method:

1. Trim your site title in configuration.php. The shorter, the better.
2. in /com_fireboard/default/view.php replace:

```
if ( $leaf->parent == 0 ) {
    $mainframe->setPageTitle($fmessage->subject . ' - ' . $fbConfig);
}
```

with:

```
if ($leaf->parent == 0) {  
$mainframe->setPageTitle($fmessage->subject);  
}
```

This will reduce clutter. You don't need the board title inside a thread page. Search engines are going to try to match the page content with your title and if your board title says Drunk Craft Beer but the thread is about pale ale, they'll mark you down some. Hope this helps.

Gom

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DCB - 2007/11/28 21:33

Cool,

We've been trying or best to improve SEO so every tips helps.

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/11/28 21:43

A fix for glued words like 'expandWhat':

In the view.php code, replace "//", "" with "//", " " (put a space between the ""), occurs twice.

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Page titles from first posts; and robots.txt lines

Posted by DocMartin - 2007/12/22 19:46

Hope this proves the right thread for this.
(reading it, kind of ironic that so many posts have same titles!)

I'm not so concerned re meta descriptions - based on some experience, inc w Joomlboard; tho of course nifty if can have them vary, and useful to encourage people to click on search results.
(Any results from people who've made changes to meta descriptions w Fireboard?)

Far more interested in page titles - inc for rankings in searches, also as main things to entice people to click on links. Right now, I'm finding my page titles come from last posts on pages. This is unlike behaviour w Joomlboard. I'd prefer they came from first posts - especially first posts in threads, as thread titles: I focus on these, trying to make them enticing to potential visitors, as well as w some keywords that may be useful for search engines. How, then, to fix so page titles come from first posts on pages? May well be very simple change needed.

Also, thro googling, I've found alledia has suggestions for lines to add to robots.txt, to deny some Fireboard pages that may otherwise be indexed by search engines. Looks like this could be useful; I've tried (as yet, no change in visitor nos apparent).
<http://www.alledia.com/blog/joomla-tips-&-tricks/how-to-solve-common-seo-problems-with-jreviews,-fireboard-and-mostree/>

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Re:Page titles from first posts; and robots.txt li

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/12/22 20:14

My code addition from some months ago generates dynamic meta keywords as well as meta descriptions.

I was then going to implement page titling from first post subject but it looks like it's already been done. I'm running the free ArtioSEF component with a free Fireboard plugin. It looks like this forum is also running those two because the title of this thread page looks exactly like mine. Here's a link: <http://www.dvbaratta.com/joomla/sef-url-fireboard-2.html>

I have some issues with ArtioSEF but for a free component, it's really good and feature-rich. Get it from extensions.joomla.org

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Page title from first subject rather than last

Posted by DocMartin - 2007/12/23 02:38

Hi Gomjabbar:

Here on best of joomla, I'm seeing titles from last posts on pages 0 so not thread titles when click on links to threads. (OK if click on link to last post on a page, but what I'd like search engines to index is threads and their titles)

Tried the link, but for some reason to search page.

I'm using SH404SEF; after opensef moribund, nearly to joomsef (ater reading of ads on artiosef), but found re sh404sef, inc its ability w fireboard URLs. LOathe to change this, as can lead to changes w URLs etc.

I still think the change should bes simple.
After all, Joomlaboard fine w page titles from thread titles.

Re:Page title from first subject rather than last

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/12/23 20:25

Page title from first post instead of last:

1. Open `/components/com_fireboard/template/default/view.php`
2. Find the lines (could be similar, not identical):

```
//set page title if on Mambo 4.5.2+  
if ($leaf->parent == 0)...
```

Replace the if clause with:

```
//set page title if on Mambo 4.5.2+  
if ($leaf->parent == 0) {  
    $mainframe->setPageTitle($objCatInfo->name . ' - ' . $jr_topic_title);  
}
```

or, if you don't want the forum name displayed, with:

```
//set page title if on Mambo 4.5.2+  
if ($leaf->parent == 0) {  
    $mainframe->setPageTitle($jr_topic_title);  
}
```

3. Enjoy.

Thread page title from first post

Posted by DocMartin - 2007/12/25 17:20

Thanks!

Just made the change, to couple of forums. (Albeit a bit of faffing about thanks to permissions w joomla components; joomlaexplorer did the trick, when didn't "crash" [as happened once]).
Nice to see the titles as I'd wanted. Checking a little, I see that titles when click to view individual posts are from those posts.

To me, then, looks real important for SEO w Fireboard.

I'll really enjoy as/when start seeing results via search results - both in rankings, and having titles (in search results) that may be more enticing to potential visitors, better explaining what threads are about.
May be hard to notice; but maybe I'll report back if figure I can see changes.

Merry Xmas! B)
Martin

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Re:Thread page title from first post

Posted by gomjabbar - 2007/12/25 21:08

You're welcome, Martin. But you know I only do it for the karma!

Merry Xmas to you, too.

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gmfpanda - 2008/02/14 19:38

Thanks for this hack but it isn't quite there.

For the actual forum level, there is no meta description or keyword.

What is the variable for that so I can add that? Anyone know?

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2008/02/14 21:19

gmfpanda:

Search engine bots look to match the content of your meta description and keywords with the content of the page itself. It would be best to take your forum description as both because that's the only static info that the forum level page contains. In any case, the coding of that is not worthwhile. If your threads are meta-tagged properly, the forum level page is a grain in a sea of more exact hits. There is no crucial or unique information on it. My two cents.

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gmfpanda - 2008/02/14 21:31

But it doesn't target broad search terms. So lets say your main forum sub-section is on Widgets. So the forum is "Widgets Forum - Mybigforum". The metadescription is still your global joomla setting.

To me, it seems important on the broad terms. So I just need to find the variable used for the forum level name, seems like an easy mod and why wouldn't one do it?

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Useful to end threaded views?

Posted by DocMartin - 2008/03/08 20:30

I mentioned above I'd post re what happened after adding hack to generate unique meta descriptions (and keywords) - well, look good and surely useful, but haven't noticed boost in visitor numbers. Still, can keep hoping!

I dislike threaded views.

But also, think having link to threaded view may be a way of creating duplicate content, with unnecessary spidering and indexing.

Is there an easy way to turn off the threaded view option (no matter if later choose a different template)?

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Re:Useful to end threaded views?

Posted by brandonroy - 2008/03/11 15:56

Thanks alot. I have a question though..How do you change the forums homepage to say something different in the page title other than using your main sites homepage title??

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Re:Useful to end threaded views?

Posted by DocMartin - 2008/03/11 17:28

Maybe this is thro changing board title in Fireboard config.

- tho not sure if also important I'm using sef patch from joomlatwork (tho currently, for 1.0.14/1.0.15, also getting sitename at start of titles: maybe as joomla normally creates)

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Re:Useful to end threaded views?

Posted by brandonroy - 2008/03/11 22:44

Nah that aint it.

No matter what you do, I always have my main joomla sites page title all over fireboard. for instance - if there's a thread on my forum titled "funny videos" then I want the page title to say "funny videos" and nothing else. There's nowhere in the view.php file to make this happen?

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by erickaweb - 2008/04/01 04:21

Is it possible to keep the thread title the same throughout the thread? I want to allow people to post replies but not change the subject/title...

For example, if the original post is "Obama vs. Clinton" and the last post in the thread changes the subject/title to "Democrats Suck" can we keep the original post title "Obama vs. Clinton" as the thread title?

Thanks!

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DocMartin - 2008/04/01 06:05

for thread titles, see a gomjabbar post on previous page of this thread.
Checking for this, I see on page 3 there's fix re having thread/post titles from post titles only.

Still interested in how to remove links to threaded views (surely much duplicate content otherwise).

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by erickaweb - 2008/04/03 09:27

```
//set page title if on Mambo 4.5.2+
if ($leaf->parent == 0) {
$mainframe->setPageTitle($objCatInfo->name . ' - ' . $jr_topic_title);
}
```

This code did not work for me. If you'd like you can test on this site: www.thomhartmann.com (go to Message Boards). I posted a reply to a topic and it changed the page name to the reply's title.

Any suggestions, help, is welcome!

Thank you!

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by DocMartin - 2008/04/03 09:50

don't think this is for thread titles from first posts

for that, as I recall, there's small hack to templates

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2008/04/03 18:31

erickaweb:

The problem is fireboard changes the variable `$jr_topic_title`, for no apparent reason. Here's how to make sure the page title always comes from the title of the first post:

In `view.php`, change the code after the Mambo comment line to:

```
//set page title if on Mambo 4.5.2+
if ($fmessage->parent == 0) {
$mainframe->setPageTitle($objCatInfo->name . ' - ' . $fmessage->subject);
}
```

brandonroy:

To set just the post title as page title, use code:

```
//set page title if on Mambo 4.5.2+
if ($fmessage->parent == 0) {
$mainframe->setPageTitle($fmessage->subject);
}
```

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gmfpanda - 2008/04/03 18:36

Also if anyone has issues with artio sef and the fb plug in, you can modify post.php to fix the email notify.

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by erickaweb - 2008/04/03 20:32

gomjabbar, thank you for the help! i'd give you karma but I don't see anywhere to do that.

unfortunately, i'm still at a loss. this didn't work either:

```
//set page title if on Mambo 4.5.2+
if ($fmessage->parent == 0) {
$mainframe->setPageTitle($objCatInfo->name . ' - ' . $fmessage->subject);
}
```

I checked and rechecked to make sure I'd uploaded the file, cleared my cache, etc...

The last post is still the page title.

Any help is welcome.

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2008/04/03 20:55

erickaweb:

What version of FB are you using? Are you using threaded view? Make sure the code appears inside the statement beginning with:

```
if (count($flat_messages) > 0)
{
    foreach ($flat_messages as $fmessage)
    {
```

...

If that doesn't do it then maybe you have a more recent version of FB which attempts to set the page title elsewhere in the code and uses the wrong subject line for that. Can you run a global search for "setPageTitle" and report where it's being called?

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by erickaweb - 2008/04/03 21:10

I'm using: "Installed version: FireBoard 1.0.4 Stable 23 December 2007 01:00 UTC"

Yes, I am using a threaded view and the code does appear inside the statement. After doing a global search, the following page is also setting the page title:

com_fireboard/template/default/fb_layout.php

but it looks like it's just calling the "board_title" in three different places.

Thanks!

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2008/04/03 22:04

erickaweb:

Try this:

1. Open thread.php.
2. Near the top, after the lines:

```
foreach ($tree as $leaf)
{
    $leaf->name = htmlspecialchars($leaf->name);
    $leaf->subject = htmlspecialchars($leaf->subject);
    $leaf->email = htmlspecialchars($leaf->email);
    ...
}
```

Paste:

```
//set page title to first post subject
if ($leaf->parent == 0) {
    $mainframe->setPageTitle($objCatInfo->name . ' - ' . $leaf->subject);
}
```

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by erickaweb - 2008/04/04 01:10

that worked! thank you, gomjabbar - much appreciated.

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2008/04/04 02:41

Glad to be of service. And now I can answer your previous question: to give karma in this forum, you have to hover on a person's avatar for the info popup. Right now, it seems they've reverted temporarily to an older code and template so the karma buttons appear where you'd expect them to be. Not that it will help towards my house payments but maybe in next life?

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by brandonroy - 2008/04/10 10:51

gomjabbar wrote:

brandonroy:

To set just the post title as page title, use code:

```
//set page title if on Mambo 4.5.2+
if ($fmessage->parent == 0) {
    $mainframe->setPageTitle($fmessage->subject);
}
```

}

That gave this error message when viewing a thread

Parse error: syntax error, unexpected '&' in
/home/content/b/r/a/brandonroy/html/components/com_fireboard/template/default/view.php on line 516

Not sure why :/

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by gomjabbar - 2008/04/10 17:33

brandonroy:

Replace > with the "greater than" arrow and < with the "less than" arrow. The forum developers were tinkering with the code when I posted this message, which is why it got a little corrupted.

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by rickert - 2008/07/07 02:21

Gomjabbar,

I appreciate the code for generating meta keywords and description. It would be really nice if you could improve the code just a bit so that it filters out the bbcode tags like , , , etc.

Maybe use 'smile::purify' instead of 'strip_tags'? This does not filter out the image and url path however.

Rickert

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by daniel - 2008/07/07 13:03

@gomjabbar
ps. fixed your code

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Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by rickert - 2008/07/08 14:09

I came up with:

(it also skips keywords shorter than 3 characters by the way)

```
if (!$fmessage->parent) {
    $mosConfig_MetaKeys = "";
    $pattern = array('/^(.*?)Vis','^(.*?)Vis','^(.*?)Vis','/Vis','^(.*?)Vis','^(.*?)Vis');
    $replace = array('$1','$1','$1',' ','$1','$2');
    $metapost = preg_replace($pattern, $replace, substr($fmessage->message,0,400));
    $metapost = preg_replace('//',' ', $metapost);
    $metasubj = preg_replace("//", " ", $fmessage->subject);
```

```
$metadesc = $metasubj . ' - ' . $metapost;
$mainframe->addMetaTag( 'description' , $metadesc );
$keyarray = explode ( ' ' , $metasubj . ' ' . $metapost);
$search_ignore = array();
@include "$mosConfig_absolute_path/language/$mosConfig_lang.ignore.php";
foreach ($keyarray as $keytest)
{
    $keytest = str_replace(' ' , '' , strtolower(trim($keytest)));
    if ($keytest && !in_array( $keytest, $search_ignore ) && strlen($keytest)>3)$metakey .= $keytest . ' , ';
}
if ($metakey) $mainframe->addMetaTag( 'keywords' , substr ($metakey, 0, -2));
}
```

(why can't fireboard keep it's hands of text labeled as code?):angry:

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by fxstein - 2008/07/08 21:24

Who has the latest version of this? I would like to add this into the 1.0.5 release if possible.

Thx!

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by rickert - 2008/07/08 23:20

Hi fxstein, so we meet on another SEO thread.

Well as long as nobody thinks of something better I vote for the code in my last post.

Actually there two pieces of code. One for generating the title of the post and one for generating the meta keywords and description.

The piece for the title:

```
if ($fmessage->parent == 0) {
    $mainframe->setPageTitleAlias($fmessage->subject. ' - ' . $GLOBALS);
}
```

Rickert

By the way: while replying, the code I posted before looks a lot better.

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by fxstein - 2008/07/09 01:54

@rickert

What file do you suggest to mod with this?

Thx a lot for your help!

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by rickert - 2008/07/09 02:50

you should mod view.php

the code for generating meta keywords and description should be inserted after

```
if ($badwords == "true") {..}
```

the code for changing the title should be inserted after

```
//set page title if on Mambo 4.5.2+
```

in stead of

```
if ($leaf->parent == 0) {..}
```

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by jakus1 - 2008/07/18 03:17

I think i have a work around for this, if anyone is still interested. It only creates a custom description metatag for individual threads. It doesn't help category or topic pages. edit the view.php script in the template that you are using.

on or about line 522 you will see the following code

```
$mainframe->setPageTitle($fmessage->subject . ' - ' . $fbConfig);
```

right after that insert the following code:

```
$ContentDescription = $fmessage->subject." - " . substr(strip_tags($fmessage->message),0,100);  
$ContentKeywords = $fmessage->subject;
```

then on or about line 1308 of the same file you will see:

```
$msg_personal,  
$myGraph);  
$useGraph = 0;  
} // end for
```

after that add:

```
$mainframe->appendMetaTag( 'description',$fbConfig." - ".$ContentDescription);  
$mainframe->appendMetaTag( 'keywords',$ContentKeywords );
```

Let me know if this works.

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by fxstein - 2008/07/18 03:47

Thx for sharing. I wonder if we should combine these two solutions. I like the keyword parsing and limiting it to a minimum of 3 characters.

Comments?

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by rickert - 2008/07/18 12:57

how about this:

```
//set page title if on Mambo 4.5.2+
```

```
// if view = flat and first message on page OR if view = threaded
if (($view == "flat" && floor($mmm-1/$limit) == ($mmm-1)/$limit) || $view == "threaded")
{
    // BUILD PAGETITLE
    // Filter Re: from the subject of the first message on the page
    $metasubj = str_replace("Re:", "", $fmessage->subject);

    //Set pagetitle with subject followed by sitename
    $mainframe->setPageTitleAlias($metasubj . ' - ' . $GLOBALS);

    // BUILD DESCRIPTION METATAG
    //Strip bbcode, newlines and returns from messagetext
    $pattern = array('/^(.*?)Vis', '/^(.*?)Vis', '/^(.*?)Vis', '/is', '/^(.*?)Vis', '/^(.*?)Vis', '/');
    $replace = array('$1', '$1', '$1', ' ', '$1', '$2', ' ');
    $metapost = preg_replace($pattern, $replace, substr($fmessage->message, 0, 400));

    // Set description to stripped subject and messagetext
    $mainframe->addMetaTag( 'description' , $metasubj . ' - ' . $metapost);

    //BUILD KEYWORDS METATAG
    //initialize metakeys
    $mosConfig_MetaKeys = "";

    // Strip any character from subject and messagetext except a-z, A-Z and 0-9
    $metapost = preg_replace('/', ' ', $metapost);
    $metasubj = preg_replace('/', ' ', $metasubj);

    //Build array with suggested keywords and build array with keywords to be ignored
    $keyarray = explode ( ' ' , $metasubj . ' ' . $metapost);
    $search_ignore = array();
    @include "$mosConfig_absolute_path/language/$mosConfig_lang.ignore.php";
    foreach ($keyarray as $keytest)
    {
        $keytest = str_replace('.', " ", strtolower(trim($keytest)));
        // Add to keywords metatag if length > 3 AND not to be ignored
        if ($keytest && strlen($keytest)>3 && !in_array( $keytest, $search_ignore ))
            $metakey .= $keytest . ' , ';
    }
    if ($metakey)
        $mainframe->addMetaTag( 'keywords' , substr( $metakey, 0, -2));
}
}
```

By the way:

The setPageTitleAlias function is a function I created earlier on for my Joomla content. It simply sets the pagetitle to the string that is passed (in stead of adding the sitename in front like setpagetitle does). I copied and modified setpagetitle (from joomla.php). Maybe you should solve this in another way.

```
// setPagetitleAlias - function sets the title of the
// page to tile_alias
function setPagetitleAlias( $title_alias=null ) {
    if (@$GLOBALS) {
        $title_alias = trim( htmlspecialchars( $title_alias ) );
    }
}
```

```
$title_alias = stripslashes($title_alias);
$this->_head = $title_alias;
}
}
```

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by jakus1 - 2008/07/19 03:23

Both of the other solutions are infinitely more elegant than the one I posted and i use the on posted two posts above mine with the following exception. I don't set the description until the code exits the loop. That way i control the length and i make it from the text of the "latest" post.

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by kingBT - 2008/07/29 17:24

I'll like to see these seo hacks in FB 1.0.5 final.
BUT this code must be modified to avoid double meta description :), and other doube meta

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by fxstein - 2008/07/29 19:12

kingBT wrote:
I'll like to see these seo hacks in FB 1.0.5 final.
BUT this code must be modified to avoid double meta description :), and other doube meta

Like with adding a thread id?

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by kingBT - 2008/07/29 19:32

SEO improvemenrs in FB 1.0.5:
-component:title(present), description, keywords
-topic: title(present), description, keywords
-categories: title (can be taken from DB), description (can be taken from DB), keywords
-category listings: title, description, keywords
About the hack from rickert from post #54077 I must say that I tested it in FB1.0.5NB5 and worked 90%. 90% because there was a duplicate description problem...

...and

```
//Set pagetitle with subject followed by sitename
    $mainframe->setPageTitleAlias($metasubj. ' - ' . $GLOBALS);
// setPagetitleAlias - function sets the title of the
// page to tile_alias
function setPagetitleAlias( $title_alias=null ) {
    if (@$GLOBALS) {
        $title_alias = trim( htmlspecialchars( $title_alias ) );
        $title_alias = stripslashes($title_alias);
        $this->_head = $title_alias;
    }
}
```

Didn't work it said Jsite : setPagetitleAlias not defined.

I want to add that the speed problem of FB is not so big / important like the SEO one. Because if google doesn't see U, U

don't exist. :(

@fxstein

About the duplicate meta description?

If that... I'm talking about the double metadescription from page source, for example:

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by amorosso - 2008/07/31 06:34

Hi, can anyone tell me how to remove the Re: on all replys. It seems that this is killing me with google. It comes up with tons of duplacted stuff.

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by fxstein - 2008/07/31 10:42

amorosso wrote:

Hi, can anyone tell me how to remove the Re: on all replys. It seems that this is killing me with google. It comes up with tons of duplacted stuff.

The Re: are not the problem, the duplicate URLs are. This has been fixed to a great part in the upcoming 1.0.5 release.

For J1.5

Posted by kingBT - 2008/07/31 18:41

This is for J1.5 for no duplicate meta description.

```
// if view = flat and first message on page OR if view = threaded
if (($view == "flat" && floor($mmm-1/$limit) == ($mmm-1)/$limit) || $view == "threaded")
{
    // BUILD DESCRIPTION METATAG
    //Strip bbcode, newlines and returns from messagetext
    $pattern = array('\(.*?)Vis','\(.*)Vis','\(.*)Vis','\Vis','\(.*)Vis','\(.*)Vis','/');
    $replace = array('$1','$1','$1',' ','$1','$2',' ');
    $metapost = preg_replace($pattern, $replace, substr($fmessage->message,0,400));

    //BUILD KEYWORDS METATAG
    //initialize metakeys
    $mosConfig_MetaKeys = "";

    // Strip any character from subject and messagetext except a-z, A-Z and 0-9
    $metapost = preg_replace('//',' ', $metapost);
    //$metasubj = preg_replace('//',' ', $metasubj);

    // Set description to stripped subject and messagetext
    //$mainframe->addMetaTag( 'description' , $metasubj . ' - ' . $metapost);
    $document =& JFactory::getDocument();
    $scur = $document->get( 'description' );
    $document->setDescription($scur . ' - ' . $fmessage->subject . ' - ' . $metapost );

    //set page title
    if ($leaf->parent == 0) {
```

```

$mainframe->setPageTitle($fmessage->subject . ' - ' . $fbConfig->board_title);
}

//Build array with suggested keywords and build array with keywords to be ignored
$keyarray = explode ( ' ' , $metasubj . ' ' . $metapost);
$search_ignore = array();
@include "$mosConfig_absolute_path/language/$mosConfig_lang.ignore.php";
foreach ($keyarray as $keytest)
{
    $keytest = str_replace(' ' , " " , strtolower(trim($keytest)));
    // Add to keywords metatag if length > 3 AND not to be ignored
    if ($keytest && strlen($keytest)>3 && !in_array( $keytest, $search_ignore ))
        $metakey .= $keytest . ' , ' ;
}
if ($metakey)
    $mainframe->addMetaTag( 'keywords' , substr ( $metakey, 0, -2));
}

```

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by amorosso - 2008/08/01 06:43

now where would I put this code in.

Re:For J1.5

Posted by fxstein - 2008/08/11 12:46

kingBT wrote:

This is for J1.5 for no duplicate meta description.

// if view = flat and first message on page OR if view = threaded

if ((\$view == "flat" && floor(\$mmm-1/\$limit) == (\$mmm-1)/\$limit) || \$view == "threaded")

```

{
    // BUILD DESCRIPTION METATAG
    //Strip bbcode, newlines and returns from messagetext
    $pattern = array('\(.*?)Vis','\(.*)Vis','\(.*)Vis','\(.*)Vis','\(.*)Vis','\(.*)Vis','/');
    $replace = array('$1','$1','$1',' ','$1','$2',' ');
    $metapost = preg_replace($pattern, $replace, substr($fmessage->message,0,400));

```

```

//BUILD KEYWORDS METATAG

```

```

//initialize metakeys

```

```

$mosConfig_MetaKeys = "";

```

```

// Strip any character from subject and messagetext except a-z, A-Z and 0-9

```

```

$metapost = preg_replace('//',' ', $metapost);

```

```

//$metasubj = preg_replace('//',' ', $metasubj);

```

```

// Set description to stripped subject and messagetext

```

```

//$mainframe->addMetaTag( 'description' , $metasubj . ' - ' . $metapost);

```

```

$document =& JFactory::getDocument();

```

```

$cur = $document->get( 'description' );

```

```

$document->setDescription($cur . ' - ' . $fmessage->subject . ' - ' . $metapost );

```

```

//set page title

```

```

if ($leaf->parent == 0) {

```

```

    $mainframe->setPageTitle($fmessage->subject . ' - ' . $fbConfig->board_title);

```

```

}

```

```

//Build array with suggested keywords and build array with keywords to be ignored

```

```

$keyarray = explode ( ' ' , $metasubj . ' ' . $metapost);

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$search_ignore = array();
@include "$mosConfig_absolute_path/language/$mosConfig_lang.ignore.php";
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    $mainframe->addMetaTag( 'keywords' , substr ( $metakey, 0, -2));
}
```

Need your help here if you want this in 1.0.5. This is the last thing I will add before we close the release. I am very short on time so I hope you can answer a few questions:

- 1.) I have not had the time to read the entire thread. Is this piece of code the final or a portion of the solution?
- 2.) Where does it go the way you have written it? file name and line numbers
- 3.) What makes it J1.5 specific?

Thx!

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Re:For J1.5

Posted by kingBT - 2008/08/11 16:19

OK I'll post everything... needed for meta... and the files needed to be modified

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Re:For J1.5

Posted by kingBT - 2008/08/11 16:36

Hi

- #1) This code is NOT a solution because illegal characters (like quotes for example), urls, tags are not filtered AND because of this the meta description could be negative affected (destroyed).
- #2) I've made some minor additions for listcat, showcat, latestx, view files so that description and keywords are added.
- #3) The description and generator tags must be J1.5 native for J1.5, else there will be duplicate description and generator tags (about generator tag not the case in FB only in sobi etc).

I'll test this additions with FB NB10 and then post here (files, lines, codes)

BUT there must be added a joomla version detection so that the native J1.5 code won't affect J1.0.X.

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Re:For J1.5

Posted by kingBT - 2008/08/11 18:24

Here is the patch for meta description & keywords:

-native J1.5 & J1.0.X;

-meta description & keywords for latestx (default_ex), listcat (default_ex), showcat (default_ex) & view.

This is a very anemic patch but does the work. <http://www.bestofjoomla.com/images/fbfiles/files/components-4fa581234014ff21288f4fc14ec6aedd.zip>

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Re:For J1.5

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Thx a lot!

Can this be taken AS-IS or does it require further work?

Re:For J1.5

Posted by kingBT - 2008/08/11 21:27

AS-IS... BUT I'll make improvements if I learn more...

Re:For J1.5

Posted by fxstein - 2008/08/11 21:31

kingBT wrote:

AS-IS... BUT I'll make improvements if I learn more...

Perfect! Thx a lot. This is the last 'new feature' I will commit.

Any bugs you find and are able to fix during the RC1 period can easily be made.

Thx!

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by amorosso - 2008/08/11 22:02

ok dumb question, but is this for joomla 1.0x or just j1.5

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by fxstein - 2008/08/11 22:14

amorosso wrote:

ok dumb question, but is this for joomla 1.0x or just j1.5

Both and will be in the 1.0.5RC1 build

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by fxstein - 2008/08/13 11:57

rickert wrote:

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    $mosConfig_MetaKeys = "";

    // Strip any character from subject and messagetext except a-z, A-Z and 0-9
    $metapost = preg_replace('/[^a-zA-Z0-9]/', '', $metapost);
    $metasubj = preg_replace('/[^a-zA-Z0-9]/', '', $metasubj);

    //Build array with suggested keywords and build array with keywords to be ignored
    $keyarray = explode(' ', $metasubj . ' ' . $metapost);
    $search_ignore = array();
    @include "$mosConfig_absolute_path/language/$mosConfig_lang.ignore.php";
    foreach ($keyarray as $keytest)
    {
        $keytest = str_replace('.', '', strtolower(trim($keytest)));
        // Add to keywords metatag if length > 3 AND not to be ignored
        if ($keytest && strlen($keytest)>3 && !in_array( $keytest, $search_ignore ))
            $metakey .= $keytest . ' ';
    }
    if ($metakey)
        $mainframe->addMetaTag( 'keywords' , substr ($metakey, 0, -2));
}

```

By the way:

The setPageTitleAlias function is a function I created earlier on for my Joomla content. It simply sets the pagetitle to the string that is passed (in stead of adding the sitename in front like setpagetitle does). I copied and modified setpagetitle (from joomla.php). Maybe you should solve this in another way.

```

// setPagetitleAlias - function sets the title of the
// page to tile_alias
function setPagetitleAlias( $title_alias=null ) {
    if (@$GLOBALS) {
        $title_alias = trim( htmlspecialchars( $title_alias ) );
        $title_alias = stripslashes($title_alias);
        $this->_head = $title_alias;
    }
}

```

@rickert:

I like your solution overall. Clean design and good filtering. However it does not work with J1.5 and I simply don't have the time to rework this at this time for RC1.

@kingBT:

Took your solution for now but did some cleanup around J1.5 detection. While it works, it creates some not so nice Descriptions and duplication. It keeps the Meta unique at the cost of duplicate content inside the description and keyword section, as it uses the subject over and over in view.php

I have to do some more testing, but will most likely have to make more changes to this. Nothing ever comes easy - does it? B)

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by kingBT - 2008/08/15 22:51

@fxstein

rickert's solution is the best for posts in view.php but needs to be rewritten to filter tags, illegal characters and I think it would take too much time. This solution would be one for FB 2.

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by colinjlyon - 2008/10/14 05:25

Did this fix get put into RC-1? as my site just got indexed and all my meta descriptions are the meta description of my main site still.

I am using SH404SEF RC-1 and J1.5.6

Support_Forum

Hydroxy Technologies Corporation announces production to begin in china. " Hydroxy Technologies Corporation has acquired an interest in a manufacturing ...

www.viecofuel.com/Support_Forum/?catid=5&func=credits - 16k - Cached - Similar pages - Note this

1_Welcome_New_Members_-_Who_I_Am | New_Members

- Oct 12

Vancouver Island ECO Fuel, Your Canadian Source for HHO Hydrogen On Demand Systems. Proud Dealer of Hydroxy Technologies Corporation and their Alexis Cell.

www.viecofuel.com/New_Members/1_Welcome_New_Members_-_Who_I_Am.html - 26k - Cached - Similar pages - Note this

5_Remack_Boosters_loves_the_VMU | General_Discussion

Vancouver Island ECO Fuel, Your Canadian Source for HHO Hydrogen On Demand Systems. Proud Dealer of Hydroxy Technologies Corporation and their Alexis Cell.

www.viecofuel.com/General_Discussion/5_Remack_Boosters_loves_the_VMU.html - 30k - Cached - Similar pages - Note this

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by kingBT - 2008/10/17 15:31

The meta description for posts is built like this:

site name description - post title - post reply title etc.

I realised that the best solution is to have only the first 100-200 characters from post in the post meta description.

rickert solution is great but must be written for FB 1.0.5+

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by colinjlyon - 2008/10/17 21:22

well if you go to this post at joomseo, they have done it but have not answered how to do it. i cant seem to figure it out in their configuration but i do have joomseo running and it no workey like their site.

i realize the meta information for the title is drawn from the post, but i want the meta "description" and "keywords" to be comprised from the message text in the first post of the topic that the user starts.

here is my post from joomseo, but still check it out.

did you ever figure this one out? im having troubles with trying to get the `_meta_de_script_ion` to `_link_` to the message text in the post. it seems to be working on this site, if you view the html on this page in the head you will notice

Code: :

```
meta content="I have just upgraded to fire board 1. 0.
3. Everything seems okay. However, the headings in each forum
have changed. Whereas they used to show the..."
name="description"
```

that's the string of text in the first post....

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by colinjlyon - 2008/10/18 04:49

bump, i would like to add to this that the meta information for fireboard is from what i can see only related to the title and not the meta keywords, or meta description. now this might have something to do with the fact that i am using SH404sef and JoomSEO, but i have had some issues with adding additional modules (a shoutbox to be specific) when fireboard is selected as a menu item. i will be posting a new thread on this and what i have done ot make it work. the site is [Http://www.hydroxycanada.com](http://www.hydroxycanada.com) if anyone would like to take a look.

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by kingBT - 2008/10/18 13:57

I don`t use sh404sef or jomseo because each time the url is changed the cache must be cleaned etc.

If you have FB 1.0.4 than with rickert`s solution you will get what the JoomSEO site has (because I htink that the joomSEO site has FB 1.0.4).

In FB 1.0.5 RC2 the variables changed and don`t know how rickert`s code should be modified (I`ve lost some days to figure it out but nothing).

Re:SEO for fireboard still not answered

Posted by colinjlyon - 2008/10/18 20:51

the only meta information i could find in the view.php had to do with the title, and i like the way it works as is.

```
        //meta description and keywords
    $metaKeys=($fmessage->subject . ' ' . $objCatParentInfo->name . ' ' . $fbConfig->board_title . ' ' . $GLOBALS);
    $metaDesc=($fmessage->subject . ' - ' . $objCatParentInfo->name . ' - ' . $objCatInfo->name . ' - ' . $fbConfig-
>board_title);
    $metaDesc=($fmessage->subject . ' - ' . $objCatParentInfo->name . ' - ' . $objCatInfo->name . ' - ' . $fbConfig-
>headerdesc);
```

```
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```