
New Site testing & to do list

Posted by Bert - 2004/07/21 11:53

For those of you who don't already know, the test site is at www.iwindsurf.co.uk/mambo/

I'm thinking that when it gets a bit nearer we should offer exclusive previews to help test it to our more frequent visitors.

Things still to do on the new site.

- Create a sailors log component
- sort graphics out
- Add a comments component and transfer data from existing site
- add 'submit' component for stories/articles
- Add modules for front page to give latest additions to components
- transfer gallery

any others ?

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Posted by Bert - 2004/07/26 22:34

Hi Guys,

Shawn I'm hoping you can now see this - let me know

I've got the sailors logs/equipmet transfer sorted more - may require some tidying up?

graphics will be last

added comments component - need to sort transfer of old data

noticed submit component is part of the package - doh!

haven't looked at modules for front page yet.

gallery should be no problem - but can't practice....

I've noticed a new problem that the existing forum posts use 'bbcode' extensively where new forum uses 'boardcode' so I'll need to do a find and replace on all 3700+ posts.....

need bed now, more tomorrow ?

Simon

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Posted by Shawn - 2004/07/27 12:55

Hey Bert (said in the usual fashion)

Yep - seen it. I can start posting 4casts on it now if it's ready? (hopefully a tad more accurate than this w/e forecasts turned out). I'm also thinking of incorporating a 'reliability factor' so's to let people know how much agreement there is between the various forecasts available - to cover for wild inaccuracies, like this w/e, and hopefully relieve me of too much blame, and avoid the hitman contracts.

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Posted by Bert - 2004/07/27 16:10

Hi all,

I reckon it's probably going to be another week or two at least before we're ready with the new site.

I'm stuck in sheffield this weekend I think (Saturday at least) so may get some progress then.

I'll check with the wife but maybe Sat 7th ?

After that if we want to do it on a Saturday night - best time in my view - it would be the weekend after Chris's wedding - 21st.

So Shawn don't worry about new site yet just let us know any comments,

I hope to get lots of modules up there tonight along with comments, will leave a post here with progress later.

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Posted by Ernie - 2004/07/27 17:14

Gents I reckon that we aim to do this around the second anniversary of the site which is late Aug.

Reckon we really need to look at new site and use it ourselves for a short period, so we don't put anyone off with something we haven't tested.

I think the new version will be fantastic and the new forums should be capable of taking images for your forecast, Shawn.

Some things I think we need to consider - apologies Si if you've got them covered,

Avatars for users - can we take them across from the existing site

- should we add a load of windsurfing avatars & ladies in bikinis as
per FON (Shawn - NO)

Can we on 'first' logon force people to update any additional user info we specify

Sailors log - can we force in actual log date rather than the date the script runs

Rationalise the News categories if required

My kit in the logs seems to be in twice (script ran twice?)

I'm off to the States next week on business, but will post any further comments before I go (lighting the blue touch paper and standing well back as it were)

Ian.

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Posted by neil - 2004/07/27 19:35

Had a quick look at the new site, first thing that hits me is the size. The current site uses the full width of the browser. The new site look to be a fixed width, can this be changed

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Posted by Bert - 2004/07/27 19:41

Yes it can be changed to a point - the software is template or theme based - change the theme and the whole site instantly changes its look.

I agree that I prefer full width template- unfortunately there isn't a nice looking one at the moment.

This is the best one and I'm not sure if users can set their own like the old site - I'll look into it.

There is no information in the site currently as I'm loading up the various components and modules - I need to save the database with the menus etc in place but without the content otherwise I lose the components each time I restore the database when practicing content transfer....

Each evening I'll leave the site full of content so's we can all test it during the day....

Bert

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Posted by Bert - 2004/07/28 23:02

Hi Guys,

Got really hacked off last night - couldn't get anything right !!

Only had a short time to play today but a bit of research payed off. The weblinks software I was going to use didn't allow sub categories or users to submit - I've found some that does both.

I had to rewrite my script but I think we're better off. It's very fresh so may be a little buggy but should be the right answer in the long run.

I'm working on the forum posts - they need stripping of all the bbcode that the old forum uses....

I'm getting some of the fron page modules up there now and sorting the layout a little.

my 'to do' list is on my pad at home and staying there as it's too long to type !

All info wil be updated for you to play with tomorrow

for those who can't find the admin side as the link is removed from the front page..

it's here

ta ta

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Posted by Bert - 2004/07/29 11:47

I've noticed in the logs that some don't have names next to them.

I think this is because I've left the 'fullname' blank in the user table if people haven't entered a fullname.

I think I'm going to add another sql query that puts the username into the fullname wherever it's currently blank.

The name picker on the PM page needs to be in alphabetical order and in several places (content displays, log displays) things need sorting in alphabetical or date order.

Dates are often in the wrong format as well.....

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Posted by jose - 2004/07/29 20:51

Hey!!, it looks really good. It is a lot easiar to navegate than the current one. I'm not too familiar with all the terminology and the technical stuff but, if you want us to check things once you have put them together I can do that.

I think it is a good idea to test it first. What about having a transitional period before changing; maybe a link in the current website once you are happy with the new one.

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Posted by jose - 2004/07/29 20:58

I'm going to sound like a girl but, the background looks a bit too white. Are you going to change the background colours?

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