
auto exporting data into forums

Posted by wingnut110 - 2008/05/08 15:35

Hey guys,

I am kind of lost with how to go about this, any help would be greatly appreciated. I run a world of warcraft guild site.(joomla) I made a simple html form (guild recruitment application) with coffeecup and posted the data into chronoforms. Set it to email the info to two emails. It works great! What I want is for (on submit) it posts the information into a new thread in our forum. (we use Fireboard) I know this would have to be a fairly custom script. I have found an article on this at <http://www.confuzzled.nl/?p=1018> (scrool dwon to the part about applications) it even has the code that he used. I am not quite sure how to set it up and if I would need to alter the code for my page.

Thank you again for any help:)

Luke

Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by wingnut110 - 2008/05/09 15:14

Anyone out there willing to take a look at this and give me any advice? Thank you in advance:)

Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by GreyHead - 2008/05/09 15:26

Hi Luke,

I took a quick look - that code or something similar should work OK in the 'OnSubmit after' box in ChronoForms.

Bob

Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by wingnut110 - 2008/05/09 17:30

Hey Bob,

Thank you for checking this out for me. I inserted that code into the "OnSubmit after" box, although it still doesn't work:(not sure if it is getting lost in fireboard or what. Is there something that i would need to insert into the form code to make these work together? I will keep throwing ideas at it until it works:) Thanks again:)

Luke

Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by GreyHead - 2008/05/09 17:42

Hi Luke,

I'm afraid that you get into debug mode. Check and see if anything is getting into the database; output the sql and see if that will work with PHPMyAdmin; . . . basically you work through the code one line at a time making sure that each line is doing what it's supposed to do.

Tedious but it works.

Bob

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by wingnut110 - 2008/05/09 18:16

Hey Bob,

The form data is getting writ to the database. jos_chronoforms_4 not sure how to get it to send it to the fireboard table.

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by GreyHead - 2008/05/10 03:04

Hi wingnut110,

That's what the confuzzled.nl code is for . . .

Bob

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by wingnut110 - 2008/05/10 03:26

Hiya Bob,

Ya, I understand that. What i meant, and should have said rather is that i cannot get it to actually write to the fireboard tables. It's just not getting there. I can execute the sql queries from the code on my database and it writes the info to the fb tables. I'm thinking it may be not connecting to the database?

Here is the code that I have now..I did a little investigation and changed the catid, userid and such... like I said, works as individual sql queries, just not all together.. not sure if it's not connecting to the database, if chronoforms just dont like doing it this way, or maybe it's just put together incorrectly.

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by GreyHead - 2008/05/10 05:45

Hi wingnut110,

Ok, we'll clean this up a bit and turn it into Joomla-style code on the way. Which version of Joomla are you using? (1.0.x and 1.5 have different code syntaxes.)

Bob

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by wingnut110 - 2008/05/10 12:54

Hi Bob,

I am using joomla 1.0.12 Thank you for your patience and help:) I know just enough about this stuff to be dangerous..lol but I guess this is how one learns:)

Luke

Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by GreyHead - 2008/05/11 04:40

Hi Luke,

Here's a re-written version for Joomla 1.0.x. I've added a few comments prefixed '::.'. I've pulled some variables into a config block at the beginning and have changed all the database code to use Joomla syntax.

I have one query with the line `$msg = str_replace("\n", "\n\n", $msg);` which is doing some newline cleanup. It was broken in confuzzled's example because it included a newline character of some kind. This may need tweaking to give a tidy result.

Not tested so may need some debugging.

Bob

Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by wingnut110 - 2008/05/11 14:34

Hiya Bob,

Thank you for your rework:)

It is now creating a thread in the correct place, and the topic is correct, although the message body is not getting there. The forum post shows this error in the message body:

Warning: Invalid argument supplied for foreach() in
/home/.randie/jasmindria/knightsoftheroseguild.com/components/com_fireboard/template/default/view.php on line 1871

the code is writing to the `jos_fb_messages`, it is updating the `jos_fb_categories`, but its not writing to the `jos_fb_messages_text`.

I am assuming the problem lies in

```
// Stick the $msg variable into the body of the topic
$sql = "
    INSERT INTO #__fb_messages_text
        SET mesid=$mesid, message='$msg';
$db->setQuery($sql);
if ( !$db->query() ) {
    echo " alert('".$db->getErrorMsg()."');
    window.history.go(-1); ";
}
```

also, not exactly sure why you changed

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$_POST = ".]LINK";
```

to

```
$_POST = ".]LINK";
```

armory is the field name.. just curious:)

thank you for your help:) it's getting there!

Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by wingnut110 - 2008/05/11 14:48

Hey Bob,

Also here are lines 1871-1873 from
`/home/.randie/jasmindria/knightsoftheroseguild.com/components/com_fireboard/template/default/view.php`

```
//restore the \n (were replaced with _CTRL_) occurrences  
// inside code tags, but only after we have stripslashes;  
// otherwise they will be stripped again
```

```
$msg_text =str_replace("_CRLF_", "\\n", stripslashes($fb_message_txt));
```

thought it might be helpful:)

Luke

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by ThijsD - 2008/05/12 02:03

Hi Karma,

Not an answer to your problem, but I see that you managed to get Coffeecup Form Builder forms into ChronoForms. I have problems to do so. Can you explain what to do. I have put the php code into the HTML-field and the javascript into the correspondig field, but all I get is some text instead of a form when I click on the link. Help appreciated! :(

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by GreyHead - 2008/05/12 03:25

Hi wingnut110,

The 'armory' to \$fieldname change was just to help other people who may want to use this later.

What I forgot to do was to put 'armory' back in the line \$fieldname = 'armory'; near the beginning.

To test the message bit please comment out the line: \$msg = str_replace("\n", "\n\n", \$msg); as // \$msg = str_replace("\n", "\n\n", \$msg); and see if that makes a difference - the code you quoted also deals with that . . . but there's no 'foreach' there ?-)

Which version of FireBoard are you running? I'll install a copy so that i can run a test here.

Bob

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by GreyHead - 2008/05/12 03:30

Hi ThijsD,

What text do you get?

We need some clues to help work out what is happening?

Bob

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by wingnut110 - 2008/05/12 03:36

Hey Bob,

I am using Fireboard 1.0.0

The bit about the "armory" makes sense now:)

Also.. I already tried deleting that line - didn't seem to make a difference, at least to me.

as for the coffecup forms, I just installed coffecup and made a form, posted the html into the html section of chronoforms.. Only thing out of the ordianry is that chronoforms creates their own *form* tags.. so I had to delete them from my coffeecup code.. other than that, I dunno:(

Luke

Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by ThijsD - 2008/05/12 08:04

Hi Bob,

I hope I am not interfering with the original topic of this thread.

Coffeecup We Form Builder generates 5 files (PHP, Shockwave Flash Object, XML, JScript Script File and a HTML-previewdocument.

I pasted the XML in the Chronoform Form HTML-field and the JScript Script File (named swfobject) in the Form JavaScript-field.

When I save and click on the link I get an error message

Parse error: parse error, unexpected T_STRING in
/home/virtual/site207/fst/var/www/html/components/com_chronocontact/chronocontact.html.php(83) : eval()'d code on
line 1

I am reletively new to Joomla and very new to ChronoForms, so I will undoubtly make a stupid error somewhere, but where? :)

Thijs

Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by GreyHead - 2008/05/12 08:20

Hi ThisjD,

We are a bit at cross purposes here but I don't think these forums allow thread splitting.

The error message is because there's something unexpected in the first line of whatever you pated into the Form HTML box - what is there?

Bob

Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by ThijsD - 2008/05/12 08:50

Hi Bob,

The first few lines read<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

```
<form url="inschrijfformulierbso.php"
window="_self"
method="POST"
fontname="MS Sans Serif"
width="350"
height="1611"
bkcolor="0xFFFFFFFF"
transparent="f"
fontcolor="0x000000"
outlinecolor="0xFFFFFFFF"
themecolor="0xFFFF99"
fontcolor2="#000000"
bkcolor2="#FFFFFF"
includeresults="false"
emailuser="true"
verifymessage="Het Emailadres is niet juist!"
reqmessage="Een of meer verplichte velden niet ingevuld!"
transition="0"
autoresponseincluderesults="t"
autoresponseaddtotop="f"
usephp="true"
disableclicktoactiveprompt="true"
extensions="*.txt;*.gif;*.jpg;*.jpeg;*.zip;*.doc;*.png;*.pdf;*.rtf"
>
```

Thijs

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by GreyHead - 2008/05/12 09:04

Hi Thijs,

OK - that's an XML file that describes a form. ChronoForms is expecting html in there, with maybe some PHP tags in it.

Copy the HTML from the preview document and that will probably work.

Bob

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by ThijsD - 2008/05/12 09:13

Thanks a lot Bob, that did the trick! :)

Thijs

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by thexrated - 2008/05/15 16:24

Hi everyone,

Firstly, I have to say that Chronoforms has been a great addition to my little gaming guild website. Also using it to create an application form.

However, I am also looking for a way to make it so that the form would automatically be send to our forum. We have fireboard also. It is probably the same that was asked the OP in this thread?

Any chance to share that data with me? I am really not that experienced with Joomla or HTML, so would greatly appreciate it.

There seems to be Appbot which sends the message. How is this handled exactly? And how do you define the format in which the sent data appears in the forum?

Thanks for your help.

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by wingnut110 - 2008/05/20 08:04

Hi Thexrated,

I never got it fully working:(I got the form to make a new post in the forum with the correct topic, but couldn't get it to write the data to the correct table to make the message. I did create an account on the website as "appbot".

Hope to get it figured out soon, if so ,I will gladly post the code here for ya:)

Luke

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Re:auto exporting data into forums

Posted by GreyHead - 2008/05/20 09:13

Hi Luke,

Still on my 'to-do' list - it's been a busy week or two I'm afraid.

Bob

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