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Chapter 1. Introduction

About this manual

This manual describes the basic setup and configuration features of Snitz Forums 2000

This is a first version. It only has the placeholders for chapters and sections.

Who should read this manual

If you are about to install a Snitz Forums 2000 forum, you should read this manual.

If you are an administrator of a Snitz Forums 2000 forum, you should also read this manual.

If you are a regular member/user, this manual is probably not for you.

Chapter 2. Setup

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Installing the Database

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Does your server support it?

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How do I decide what e-mail system to use?

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Changing the Administrative Password

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Chapter 3. Customization

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Main Forum Configuration

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Forum's Title

Forum Title is the title that shows up in the upper right hand corner of the forum. It is also used in e-mails to show where the e-mail came from when posting replies are sent and when new users register.

Forum's Copyright

This copyright statements location is basicaly saying that any topics or replies that are posted are copyrighted material of your organization. This copyright location also helps to copyright the images of your logo and any other material that may be posted on forum pages; however, it is understood by copyright statements in code and informational pages, that the forum code itself is still copyright (c) 2000-2002 Snitz Communications.

Note

The © will be included automatically (you don't need to enter it. If you do, it will show up twice.).

Title Image Location

Use a relative path to point to the image you want to show up in the upper left-hand corner of your forum window. For example: **bboard_snitz.gif** This points to the bboard_snitz.gif graphic in the same directory, whereas the following would point to the root of the web server and up into the base /images/ directory: **../images/bboard_snitz.gif**

Home URL

The Home URL is the base address for your website. An example would be: **forum.snitz.com**

Note

Include the full path of the URL whether that begin with http:// in front or a relative URL such as ../.

Forum URL

The Forum URL is the base address for your forum. An example would be: **forum.snitz.com/forum**

Images Location

Only available in version 3.4 and newer.

Enter the location where your images are located. If you have not moved the images from their default location, then just leave this field blank. But, if you have created an images directory in your forum directory then enter: **images/** in the field.

Version info

tbd....

Authorization Type

You can either select DataBase or NT Domain authorization.

[this one needs more info !]

Set Cookie To

You can tell your forum to set it's cookie to either the forum, or the base website. You would set it to the forum if you were hosting multiple forums on the same server or the same domain, and they each had different user communities, otherwise you want this feature set to Website and NOT Forum.

Use Graphics as Buttons

By enabling this feature, the forums will use pictures/graphics instead of the default buttons for "Submit" and "Reset" etc...

Use Graphic for "Powered By" link

Toggles between using a Graphic Powered By Link, or a Text Powered By Link. Either way, you must have one or the other...

Chapter 4. Feature Configuration

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What are Archive Funtions?

This toggles whether the icons/links show up for the Archive Functions of this Forum.

Bad Word Filter

Screen out words you and your guests would find offensive. Bad Words can by configured via the Bad Word Configuration option in the Admin Options.

Restrict Moderators to moving their own topics

This feature either allows or dis-allows a Moderator of one forum to move topics within their forum to someone else's forum where they do not have moderator rights.

AutoEmail author when moving topics

If enabled, this feature automatically sends an e-mail to the topic author if it is moved.

IP Logging

IP Logging will record in the database the IP address of the person who posted a new Topic or Reply. A moderator or administrator then could view the IP by clicking on an icon above the post in the topic.

Flood Control

Only available in version 3.4 and newer.

With Flood Control enabled, normal users will have to wait the specified amount of time between posts before they can post again. Admins and Moderators are not affected by this limitation. You can choose 30 seconds, 60 seconds, 90 seconds or 120 seconds.

Private Forums

Private Forums enable you to only allow certain members to see that the forum exists. If it's only password protected, everyone can see that it exists, however, they are prompted for a password to get in.

Show Moderators

Basically, if this function is on, it shows the name of the moderator beside the forum that they moderate on the main default page. If it is off, however, visitors won't see who is moderating the forum they are posting in.

Allow Forum Code

By turning off Forum Code, you can allow users to mark up their posts with safe codes.

Images in Posts

Allows users to place images into their Posts. However, you should be aware that this feature would allow anyone to post ANY image in your forums. This may lead to broken links and potentially objectionable material being displayed.

Signatures

Allows users to set a "Signature" into their Posts. The same concerns mentioned for Images in Posts applies here as well

Allow HTML

By allowing HTML you are opening up a whole big can of worms. You may wish to allow HTML in a controlled INTRANET environment,though. It is not recommended to be used on the INTERNET as anyone can post anything without your being able to screen it. IE Pornographic pictures, JavaScript that messes up your pages, etc...

Secure Admin Mode

WARNING: Only turn Secure Admin off if you absolutely need to. If this option is turned off, anyone can change your forum's configuration!

Non-Cookie Mode

If your user base does not use cookies, then you would want to turn this function "ON". *WARNING:* All your admin functions will be visible to all users if this function is "ON".

Edited By on Date

When a post is edited, there is an appending to the end of the post that says when and by whom the post was edited. Turning this function off would make it so that the footer would not be placed on the end of the post.

Hot Topics

Hot Topics change the topic folder icon in the Forum view from a normal folder to a flaming folder to let people know that your minimum number of posts has been met to categorize this topic as one that is seeing a lot of action.

Icons

Allow users to post smiley faces and other icons allowed by the Forums within the body of their posts!

Detailed Statistics

Turns On/Off the display of detailed statistics (last visited date and time, last post, active topics, newest member) at the bottom of the forum. When turned off, some statistics are displayed at the top of the page.

Show Quick Paging

Quick Paging is when you have a topic that is more than 1 page, a small graphic and the #'s will be show next to the topic title so you can go straight to page 2 or 3, etc...

Show Prev / Next Topic

Turns On/Off the display of previous topic and next topic icons on the topics page.

Allow Topic Moderation

This feature allows the Administrator or the Moderator to "Approve", "Hold" or "Delete" a users post before it is shown to the public.

Approve: Only the administrators or the moderators will be able to approve a post made to a moderated forum. When the post is approved, it will be made viewable to the public.

Hold: When a user posts a message to a moderated forum, the message is automatically put on hold until a moderator or an administrator approves of the post. No one will be able to view the post while it is put on hold. Note: Authors of the post will be able to edit thier post during this mode.

Delete: If the administrator or moderator chooses this option, the post will be deleted and an email will be sent to the poster of the message, informing them that thier post was not approved. The administrator/moderator will be able to give thier reason for not approving the post in the email.

Hightest Level Of Subscription

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Items per page

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Pagenumbers per row

tbd....

Chapter 5. Member Details Configuration

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About Members Details Configuration

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The Members Details you can select

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- Fullname
- Picture
- Recent Topics
- Sex (male/female)
- Age
- City
- State
- Country
- ICQ
- YAHOO
- AIM
- Occupation
- Homepages
- Favorite Links
- Marital Status
- Bio
- Hobbies
- Last News
- Quote

Chapter 6. Ranking Configuration

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About Ranking Configuration

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Description (It's basically self-explainitory)

Chapter 7. Server Date/Time Configuration

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Time Display

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Time Adjustment

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Date Display

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Chapter 8. Email Server Configuration

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About Email Server Configuration

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Email Mode

There is no need for a separate section for each, just the list will do and explanation on how to select
If info about how to download/install/enable eacht component is added, use sect2 for each one of them

- ASPMail
- ASPEMail
- ASPQMail
- CDONTS
- Chili!Mail
- GeoCel
- IISMail
- JMail
- SMTP

Email Server Address

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Administrator Email Address

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Require Unique Email

tbd....

Require Logon for sending Mail

Chapter 8. Email Server Configuration

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Chapter 9. Font/Table Color Code Configuration

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About Font/Table Color Code Configuration

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Font/Table Color Code Configuration Options

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Font Face Type

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Default Font Size

tbd....

Header Font Size

tbd....

Footer Font Size

tbd....

Base Background Color

tbd....

Default Font Color

tbd....

Link Color

tbd....

Link Decoration

tbd....

Visited Link Color

tbd....

Visited Link Decoration

tbd....

Active Link Color

tbd....

Hover Link Color

tbd....

Hover Link Decoration

tbd....

Header Background Color

tbd....

Header Font Color

tbd....

Category Background Color

tbd....

Category Font Color

tbd....

First Cell Color

tbd....

First Alternating Cell Color

tbd....

Second Alternating Cell Color

tbd....

In Forum Font Color

tbd....

Table Border Color

tbd....

Pop-Up Table Color

tbd....

Pop-Up Table Border Color

tbd....

New Font Color

tbd....

Table Size Configuration

tbd....

Topic Left Column Width

tbd....

Topic NOWRAP Left

tbd....

Topic Right Column Width

tbd....

Topic NOWRAP Right

tbd....

Chapter 10. Bad Word Feature Configuration

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About Bad Word Feature Configuration

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Chapter 11. Day-to-Day management

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Logging in as the Admin

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Managing Catagories

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Adding a New Catagory

tbd....

Editing a Catagory

tbd....

Locking a Catagory

tbd....

Deleting a Catagory

tbd....

Managing Forums

tbd....

Adding a New Forum

tbd....

Editing a Forum

tbd....

Locking a Forum

tbd....

Setting Moderators

tbd....

Deleting a Forum

tbd....

Managing URL

tbd....

Adding a New URL

tbd....

Editing an URL

tbd....

Deleting an URL

tbd....

Managing Users

tbd....

Adding a New User

tbd....

Editing a User

tbd....

Changing a User Level

tbd....

Locking a User

tbd....

Deleting a User

tbd....

Chapter 12. Credits and Copyright

Credits

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