Slow site speed
Posted by Hawks_Feather - 03 May 2012 13:43

I don't know much about website construction, set up, etc. but for me, the Wickededge site loads pages very slowly. I could understand it if I were on dial up or had a slow connection speed, but I am on Time Warner with a download speed showing at 23.0 Mbps. This is the only site that is this slow. I really do enjoy reading the posts, but the wait time is sometimes 20 seconds to go from page 1 to page 2. Is it something on my end or your hosting site?

Not trying to be negative, but it sure would be great if it were faster.

Thanks,

Jerry

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Re: Slow site speed
Posted by wickededge - 03 May 2012 21:45

Hi Jerry,

Thanks for the feedback. I'll pass it along to the webmaster and see what can be done.

--Clay

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Re: Slow site speed
Posted by peppersass - 03 May 2012 22:54

Very slow here, too.

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Re: Slow site speed
Posted by DennisHibar - 04 May 2012 07:58

It's been like this since I registered and became a WE user. However, I don't believe that the "site" itself is the problem. More likely ... it's the server on which the site is hosted (looks like a crystaltech.com server and even more likely, a shared server at crystaltech). While the site is designed and maintained with Joomla (and I am definitely not a fan of Joomla ... many coding errors, needless use of extensions and proprietary code), the coding, as a whole, does not appear to be causing the slowness. The lag occurs when sending a command to fetch the site from the server .... a long delay is experienced waiting for the server to respond. Once it does and starts transferring data ... load time is comparable with most sites. Anyway, that's my take on it .... for what it's worth!

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Re: Slow site speed
Posted by mark76 - 04 May 2012 09:00

DennisHibar wrote:

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Good analysis!

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Re: Slow site speed
Posted by Allgonquin - 04 May 2012 20:03

I have always thought the site was very slow as well. I just assumed it was the host - but I'm not a computer person. The slowness gets a bit annoying if I have not been on in several days and I want to view a bunch of threads which have been updated. If I just pop by once a day and it's only a few updates, then it's not so bothersome. But yeah, it's slow.

And as long as I'm ranting a bit, the site will NOT remember me, either. I'm running a Mac with Safari 5 1 5. But don't take this the wrong way, I love my WEPS!

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Re: Slow site speed
Posted by DennisHibar - 05 May 2012 04:13

Allgonquin wrote:

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Well .... that simply should not be. As long as you are not blocking cookies or clearing data upon quit ... your log-in info should be retained and you should be remembered on your next visit. The site deposits 4 cookies (you will only see one registered using Safari). The one which remembers you is valid for 1 year, unless, of course, you clear the cookie from your system. Personally, I use Firefox .... but just tested Safari to see if a problem existed. Nope, remembered me upon my next visit as it should.

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Re: Slow site speed
Posted by zig - 05 May 2012 17:05

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Don't know what your running but it is slow .. slow like the single slowest forum I've ever been on.

Not complaining, just letting you know Clay.

I would guess there are problems with the code.

Its so slow I tend to stay off topics and my system is blazing.

Just a heads up.

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Re: Slow site speed
Posted by zig - 05 May 2012 17:06

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submitting the above topic took 15 seconds.

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Re: Slow site speed
Posted by DennisHibar - 05 May 2012 17:56

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Zig ...

As I pointed out a few msgs earlier ... while the site coding is not perfect (done using the open source Joomla content management software), the page code, itself, is not resulting in the site being slow to load. The lag time is being caused by the server on which it is hosted. To test this .... I replicated the WE home page (not the forum home page) on my local host's server (which is really not a very fast server at all). (Note: Clay: Hope you are not upset about this.) The only thing I did to the code was to delete the code for its tracking/statistics scripts. Also, because of some of the renaming of the scripts in the code, there are a few abnormalities in rotating images. Aside from that, everything is pretty much as it is on Clay's server. HOWEVER, the page loads in 5-6 seconds (on my DSL connection) vs 11 - 15 seconds for the original page on WE site.

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