Using The Forums!

Posted by Billabong - 29 Oct 2012 02:23

I have noticed a few people say they can't upload photo's etc.

So perhaps some "how to" info here might be nice.

I have limited knowledge, but will share what I know.

The site uses "bbcode", so each side of your text there are words/letters in brackets to perform each operation.

www.bbcode.org/reference.php

Renamed the link, here.

You can use a word or words instead of the usual url link, so the sentence flows.

Where it says "text" your message goes.

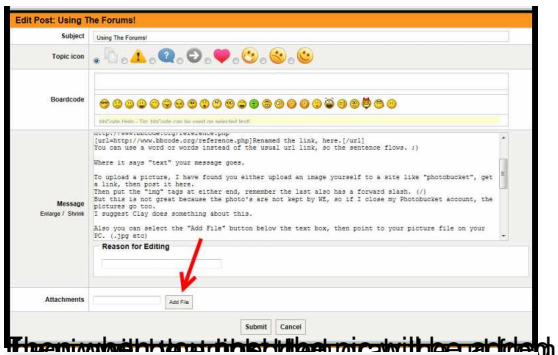
To upload a picture, I have found you either upload an image yourself to a site like "photobucket", get a link, then post it here.

Then put the "img" tags at either end, remember the last also has a forward slash. (/)

But this is not great because the photo's are not kept by WE, so if I close my Photobucket account, the pictures go too.

I suggest Clay does something about this.

Also you can select the "Add File" button below the text box, then point to your picture file on your PC. (.jpg etc)



Then with that link the pic will be added to the WE site and present an attachment link in your post. Then in your browser, post the link and add the [img] tags with the link.

Then untick the attachment box.

The "Add File" option should know that you are pointing to a pic and do the work for you. Also, I've noticed that Clay also protects the forum content by preventing editing of a post after a 24 hour

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Re: Using The Forums!

Posted by Billabong - 29 Oct 2012 08:00

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cbwx34 wrote:

Chris,

Have you tried IE10? I just tried on Windows 8, and it won't even let me add an attachment (or an emoticon for that matter).

Trying IE10 on Win8 via VMware.

edit - OK, it is the same as IE9 for me.

You get the "navigate to a file" option, but then nothing.

If you select a file and "submit" anyway, it adds as an attachment.

No, C;/blah,blah,blah/path or "insert" option appears.

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Re: Using The Forums!
Posted by cbwx34 - 29 Oct 2012 08:01

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wickededge wrote:

I've sent this thread over to our webmaster to see if anything can be done. I've got another question: why do user's karma points drop?

I'm curious... since this is being sent to the webmaster... is this the only option available for forum software? It seems, from the few forums I've been on, there are better options? But I don't know the "behind the scenes" process.

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Re: Using The Forums!
Posted by wickededge - 29 Oct 2012 08:12

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Good question. I don't know if there are other forum solutions for our platform. This is the one that the web company chose but maybe there are more options. I've asked him to read through this thread so maybe he can jump into the conversation.

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Re: Using The Forums!
Posted by Billabong - 29 Oct 2012 08:18

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wickededge wrote:

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The big ones use VBulletin, but big $$$$.

www.vbulletin.com/

Look down the bottom of Blade forums. (powered by)

www.bladeforums.com/forums/forum.php

I can't see why the current forum here isn't enough for the small amount of traffik you get now.

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Re: Using The Forums!
Posted by Billabong - 29 Oct 2012 08:21

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wickededge wrote:

why do user's karma points drop?

Because you also have a "-" (minus) button which takes away a vote.

Test it on mine.

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Re: Using The Forums!
Posted by cbwx34 - 29 Oct 2012 08:21

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Now I have to try Safari....

Edit: Seems to work like Chrome.

(Oh well, if you believe all the tech pundits.... Win 8 is going to kill Microsoft anyway).

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Re: Using The Forums!
Posted by wickededge - 29 Oct 2012 08:26

Billabong wrote:

wickededge wrote:

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Because you also have a "-" (minus) button which takes away a vote.

Test it on mine.

Yes, but why on earth are people taking votes away?

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Re: Using The Forums!
Posted by Billabong - 29 Oct 2012 08:32

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cbwx34 wrote:

(Oh well, if you believe all the tech pundits.... Win 8 is going to kill Microsoft anyway).

Funnily enough, it quite possibly could.

First time in my life that I am not running a new release OS on my primary PC.

Without a Surface tablet, it is not wanted here.

I have Beta/RC tested it for many months and have a Technet subscription. (free keys)

Perhaps when I get a Surface Pro?

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Re: Using The Forums!

Posted by PhilipPasteur - 29 Oct 2012 08:56

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cbwx34 wrote:

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I have not tried IE 10, but I have noticed in IE 9 that I have to run the forums here in compatibility mode for everything to work. Compatibility mode in IE 9 presents it as IE 7.

Does IE 10 have such a feature...compatibility mode ?

Phil

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Re: Using The Forums!

Posted by Billabong - 29 Oct 2012 09:12

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PhilipPasteur wrote:

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Phil

Sure does Phil, and that is a temporary solution.

Well done!

"Websites that were designed for earlier versions of Windows Internet Explorer might not display

correctly in Internet Explorer 9."

windows.microsoft.com/is-IS/windows7/How...-Internet-Explorer-9

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