Coming Changes to the Website

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Upgrades and Improvements to SCC web site

Make the site more open
- Encourage collaboration with others
- Host collecting activity

Upgrade server and components
- Add features for better communication
- Change some policies

Changes coming soon
New and improved features

- Discussion forums
- Blogs
- Wiki
- New user category
User categories

Public: no login
- View published documents
Poster: login with valid email address
- Post to bulletin board, comment on blog
Member: known to us
- Create/publish content subject to access control
Admin
- Create new users, set access control
“Poster”

Anyone can request a user id
  • Server sends link to address to verify
  • User sets password
  • Allows posting to forums, blog comments
  • Avoids spambots
  • Can contact us to request member status
Discussion forums

Ploneboard

- Typical threaded-message bulletin board
  - Admins create forums
  - Others can create topics ("start conversation")
  - ... or post messages ("post comment")
  - All messages visible to public

- Restricted forums are possible if needed, using normal access control
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Discussion Forums

General forums

- **Historical Software**
  Discuss historical software here.
  - conversations: 1
  - most recent comment: by Michael L Powell, Wednesday 12:22

- **SCC Meeting Issues**
  Discuss issues relating to SCC meetings here.
  - conversations: 2
  - most recent comment: by Paul McJones, July 12, 2006

- **SCC Website Issues**
  Discuss issues relating to the website here.
  - conversations: 2
  - most recent comment: by Michael L Powell, July 12, 2006

- **Software Collections**
  Discuss software collections here.
  - conversations: 0
  - most recent comment: No conversations started

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Upcoming events

- SCC Meeting
  NOTE CHANGED TIME
  6:30-8:00 PM
  Hopper, CHM, 2006-08-16

- SCC Meeting
  5:30-7:30 PM
  Hopper, CHM, 2006-09-20

- SCC Meeting
  5:30-7:30 PM
  Hopper, CHM, 2006-10-18

- SCC Meeting
  5:30-7:30 PM
  Hopper, CHM, 2006-11-14

- SCC Meeting
  5:30-7:30 PM
  Hopper, CHM, 2006-12-14
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you are here: home → discussion forums → discussion forums → scc meeting issues

SCC Meeting Issues

Discuss issues relating to SCC meetings here.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>conversation</th>
<th>comments</th>
<th>most recent comment</th>
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<tr>
<td>There is a meeting Wednesday, July 19</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>by Paul McJones, July 12, 2006</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Here’s something you may not know</td>
<td>No comments yet</td>
<td>by mlplevel1, July 12, 2006</td>
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Quick reply

Body text

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Attachments

Select a file to upload as an attachment to this comment.

Browse...

post comment
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Blog

COREBlog2

- Supports common blogging features
  - Chronological entries, categories
  - Kupu browser-based editor
  - Images, files
  - Comments, track-back, notification
- Members or groups can create blogs
- Public can read, Poster can comment
2006/08/16

SCC Meeting August 16, 2006

by Michael L Powell — posted at 2006-08-16 12:45 last modified 2006-08-16 12:45

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2006. Note that it will be later than usual 6:30-8:00PM instead of 5:30-7:30PM.

Agenda for SCC meeting 2006-08-16

Size 17.9 kB - File type application/pdf
by Michael L Powell — last modified 2006-08-16 16:14

Category(s) Nothing special

2006/07/12

Public visibility

by Michael L Powell — posted at 2006-07-12 11:17 last modified 2006-07-12 11:17

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Category(s) Nothing special

Original logo

by Michael L Powell — posted at 2006-07-12 11:05 last modified 2006-08-14 15:21

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The URL to Trackback this entry is: http://mlpowell.dyndns.org/scc/blog-test/mlp-blog/public-visibility/tbping

Re: Public visibility

Posted by mlpposter at 2006-08-14 17:09

I changed to use the original Plone workflow, and that temporarily solved the problem. Coreblog needs a better workflow so it can allow anonymous viewing, but disallow anonymous commenting.

You can add a comment by filling out the form below. Plain text formatting.

Author
mlpowell

EMail

URL

Title
Re: Public visibility

Comment
Wiki

ZWiki

- Easily edited and linked set of pages
- Simple text-based markup language
- Consistent formatting
- Only members can create or edit
  - Avoid need for moderating posters
  - Could revisit if becomes an issue
- Public can see
FrontPage ...

Software Collections Wiki

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subtopics:

Editing Conventions
Zope

subject:
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Optional change note: 

Upload a file or image: 

For editing help, see HelpPage.
Editing Conventions ...

Wiki Editing Conventions

Zwiki uses a format called reStructured Text. It is simpler than HTML, and assumes most of the text is simply to be formatted into paragraphs. Simple, but not completely general, conventions are used for fonts, wiki links, and external links (URLs?). Simple formatting is used for paragraphs, titles, and sections. The goal is to make it easy to do most common things.

Fonts and links

Text uses the standard font. Enclosing a word or phrase between asterisks *like this* makes it italics like this. Enclosing a word or phrase between double asterisks 'like this' makes it bold like this. Italics can span lines, but the first asterisk must be followed by a non-space, and the last must be preceded by a non-space.

The following:

```
*asterisks for italics*,
**double asterisks for bold**.
```

produces asterisks for italics, double asterisks for bold.

Enclosing a word or phrase in square brackets specifies a wiki link to another wiki page. When the page is being viewed (rather than edited), clicking on the link will take you to that page. You can create a wiki link to a page before the target page exists. If the page containing the link is viewed before the target page is created, a question mark '?' is displayed after the link. Clicking on the question mark will create the page and allow you to edit it.
characters above and below.

====
Page title or subtitle
====

becomes

**Page title or subtitle**

The page title is used once at the top of the page. The same formatting later in the page is a subtitle. The title is formatted as `<h1>`, the subtitles as `<h2>`.

Section headings are indicated by lines of text followed by lines containing format characters. Four or more of the characters are needed. The headings form a hierarchy using the HTML tags `<h3>` to `<h5>`, with the style sheets defined by Plone and Zwiki.

The reStructured text processor checks that you are consistent in the levels, and doesn't allow you to skip levels. The following are the recommended levels.

Sections headings are created by a line of text followed by a line of four formatting characters. There are three levels of section headings, using equals `===`, minus `----`, and tilde `~~~~~`.

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This is HTML `<h3>` format.

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becomes
Normal Plone Content Creation

- Raw text
- Kupu browser-based WYSIWYG editor
- HTML
- Can use external HTML editor
- Can upload pages created elsewhere
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by Michael L Powell — last modified 2006-07-12 00:43 — History

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Performance Note:
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Body Text

The work of the SCC includes:

- Preserving and collecting software
- Identifying and working with other people preserving and collecting software
- Sponsoring and assisting software preservation and collection activity

This web site is used to:

- Communicate and coordinate the activities of the SCC
- Display the works-in-progress
- Solicit assistance from potential volunteers and collaborators

Use the tabs above to find information about the SCC, our current projects, SCC meetings, and how you can help.
Content creators

Pick your format

- Simple pages
- Complicated pages
- Wiki
- Blog
- Files

Contact me if you want help or more options
Plan

- Prototype on MLP PC
- Incorporate feedback
- Upgrade CHM site
- Open to new users

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