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Subject: Setting up a phpBB forum

Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 21:29:16 GMT

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Hey,

I'm interested in setting up a phpBB forum as an extension to a particular website. However I can't use the simple feature most hosts have set up where all that's required to establish a forum is to select the "php forum" radio button. So is anyone here willing to walk a novice through the steps it takes to go from scratch to a working php forum?

Thanks very much

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Subject: Re: Setting up a phpBB forum

Posted by [a000clown](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 01:04:30 GMT

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Not sure quite what you mean by "can't use" but I'm assuming you want the real deal with full access to all your files (FTP) and database (MySQL among others).

First off, like any other website you will need a web host. If you're not very familiar with unix style command line or on a low budget you will want "shared" hosting.

From their official documentation:

Quote:

A webserver or web hosting account running on any major Operating System with support for PHP

A SQL database system, one of:

FireBird 2.0 or above

MySQL 3.23 or above

MS SQL Server 2000 or above (directly or via ODBC)

Oracle

PostgreSQL 7.x or above

SQLite

PHP 4.3.3 or above with support for the database you intend to use. The optional presence of the following modules within PHP will provide access to additional features, but they are not required.

zlib Compression support

Remote FTP support

XML support

Imagemagick support

I would suggest a combination of Apache, PHP5, MySQL and the last 4 things mentioned in the quote; reasons being they are stable, well known and widely used.

Once you have found a host you're comfortable with you should setup your SQL database of choice. I can't tell you how because there are many different type of control panels, but there's usually a button/tab/link specifically for your database type.

Next you can download the zip archive with all the phpBB files in it from:  
<http://downloads.sourceforge.net/phpbb/phpBB-3.0.1.zip?download>

Unzip the archive and you should find a folder full of documentation showing you how to do the rest. It should be pretty much the same as their online version, just a different template:  
<http://www.phpbb.com/support/documentation/3.0/>

Good luck

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