Subject: How to proceed with the forum
Posted by Walter F.J. Müller on Mon, 13 Sep 2004 09:07:49 GMT
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On June 29th the question of whether and when to upgrade to a newer version of the forum software was already raised in a posting in this forum.

Now we about 9 weeks later, the FUD software folks have released by now the version 2.6.6, and we are still running a patched 2.6.2 release with some unresolved problems, the most anoying one being the Redundant subscription entries - multiple notifications issue.

So I wonder now what the plan to proceed with the FUD software is. I'd appreciate very much if a clear plan of action with some time estimates could be posted.

Subject: Re: How to proceed with the forum
Posted by Christopher Huhn on Mon, 13 Sep 2004 12:07:38 GMT
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Hello Walter,

as you know we have already been testing 2.6.5 RC2 internally for a while.

The current version 2.6.6 was just released two weeks ago - only one day after the long expected release of 2.6.5.

Due to this surprising release cycle and the fact that there's no full time forum administrator as well as there was - and is - a lot of work to be done in the linux farm I delayed any upgrade activities until a view bug reports concerning the new release come in.

Regards,
Christopher

Subject: Re: How to proceed with the forum
Posted by Walter F.J. Müller on Sun, 19 Sep 2004 19:14:44 GMT
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Christopher Huhn wrote on Mon, 13 September 2004 14:07as you know we have already been testing 2.6.5 RC2 internally for a while.

The current version 2.6.6 was just released two weeks ago - only one day after the long expected release of 2.6.5.
To get this converging, I'd like to see a clear procedure. Please, make a decision what version we want to evaluate, update the test forum accordingly (if you pick 2.6.5 RC2 that's the easy part), and make a clear statement what functionality you'd like to see tested (this based on your judgement where the weak spots might be). This way we'll have a stable basis and a check list to work on, and also a clear basis for a decision.

I'd appreciate that such a plan of action is posted here, so that we get this finally resolved before xmas

Subject: Re: How to proceed with the forum
Posted by Christopher Huhn on Mon, 20 Sep 2004 09:12:30 GMT
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Last monday the test installation was already upgraded to 2.6.6.

This should have been announced to the interested audience (that is you and Olaf Hartmann) in multiple ways (new topic notification + direct email to all test forum users). If you did not receive it, maybe there's something wrong with the mail system on the test host.

Anyhow there wasn't any feedback yet ...

My plan for future upgrades:

Encourage more users (all grop leaders and moderators?) to review the test installation.
Keep the test installation up to date with the latest stable release.
Update the production installation only if serious bugs are fixed or indispensable new features come up.

Alternative solution: keep the production installation up to date with the latest stable release and live with errors that eventually creep in (i. e. broken email notification).

Subject: Re: How to proceed with the forum -- URL of the test forum
Posted by Walter F.J. Müller on Mon, 20 Sep 2004 15:08:28 GMT
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Christopher Huhn wrote on Mon, 20 September 2004 11:12Last monday the test installation was already upgraded to 2.6.6.

Just to allow others to join the test forum (and thus to broaden the 'interested audience') here the URL of the test installation:

http://lxdv12.gsi.de/FUDforum2/index.php

{fixed typo, added highlighting}

Subject: Re: How to proceed with the forum -- Access problems with 2.6.6 test installation
Posted by Walter F.J. Müller on Mon, 20 Sep 2004 15:20:54 GMT
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The test installation under http://lxdv12.gsi.de/FUDforum2/index.php seems to have now rather strange access rules to the one and only forum called 'TestForum'.

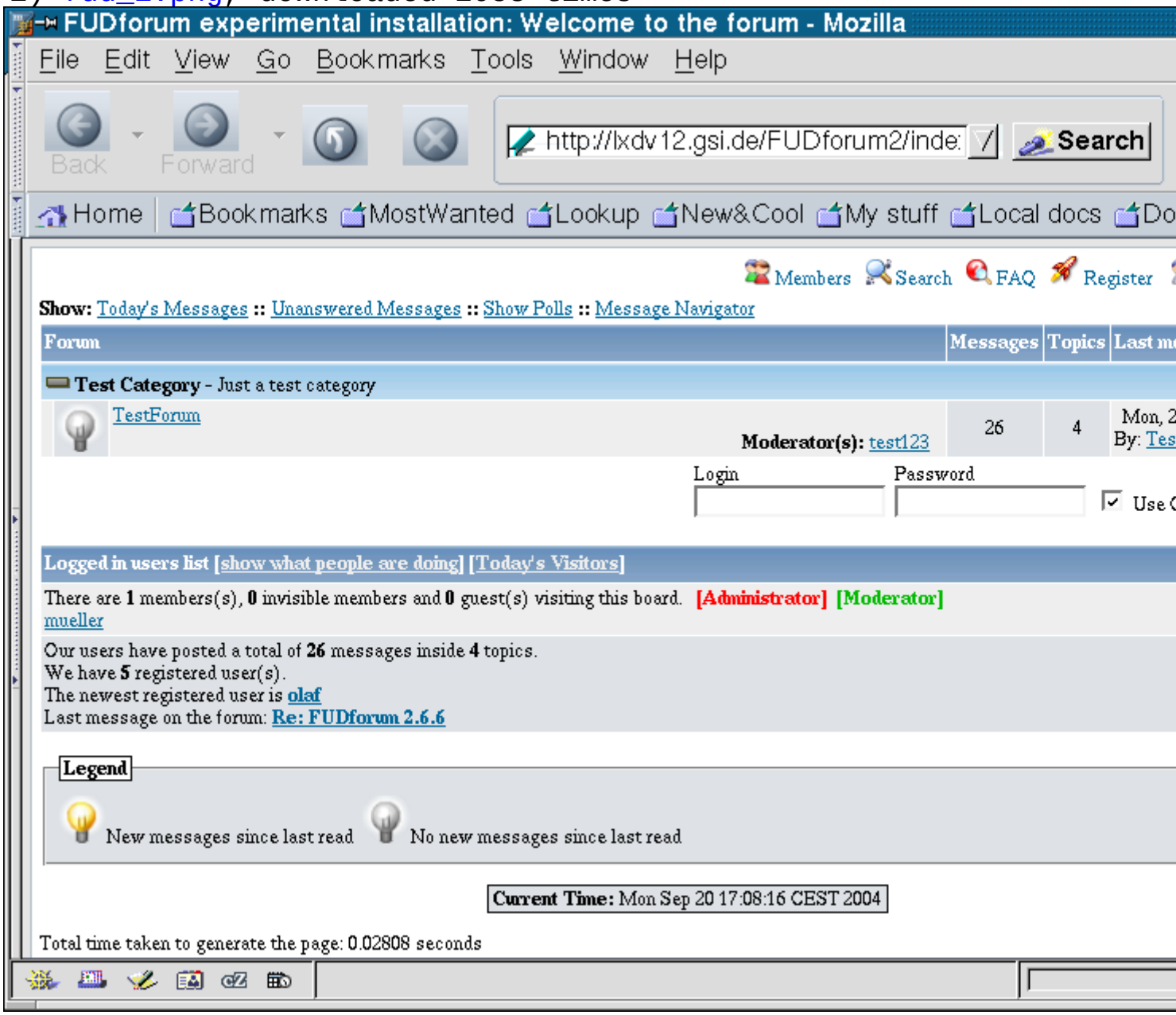
If not logged in, I see the 'TestForum' forum, and can read the topics and posts:

If I login as user 'mueller', the 'TestForum' forum is not longer visible, the test system is essentally useless when I'm logged on:

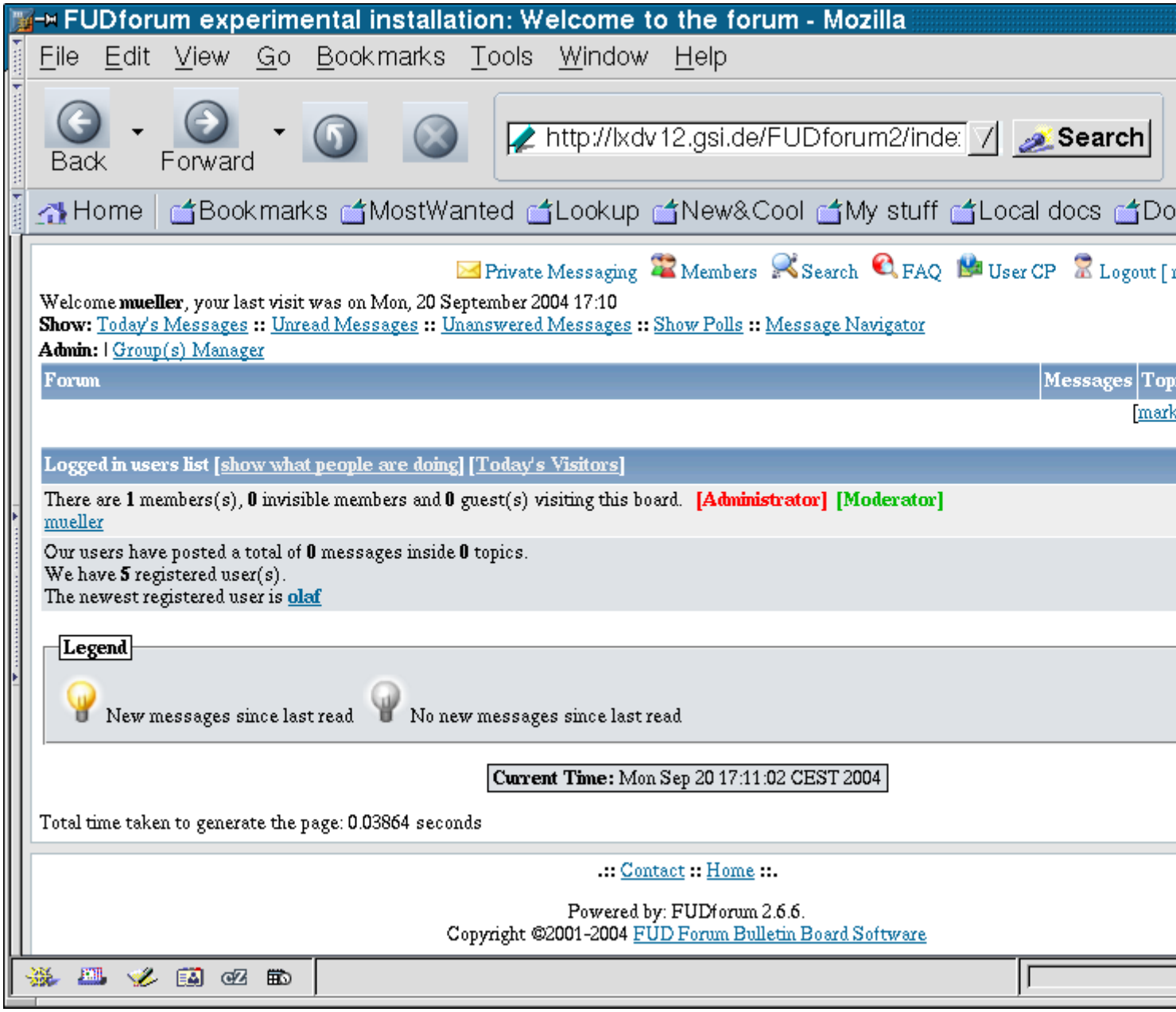
That got probably screwed up during the upgrade, because I had posted 5 messages before the recent upgrades were done.

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Subject: Re: How to proceed with the forum -- Regsitration problems with 2.6.6 test installation
Posted by Walter F.J. Müller on Mon, 20 Sep 2004 15:42:03 GMT
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When trying to register as a new user in the test 2.6.6. installation one gets in the 'Required information' section section an new field:

It is not entirely obvious what to enter. Probably this is a somewhat ill-conveived method to avoid automatized registrations. If this feature can be disabled, please do so.

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1) fud_1.png, downloaded 2050 times



Subject: Re: How to proceed with the forum -- Regsitration problems with 2.6.6 test installation
Posted by Walter F.J. Müller on Mon, 20 Sep 2004 15:50:58 GMT
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The main problem with the 'Please enter the code shown below' gadget is that the shown 'code' is only readable when it is displayed in a fixed pitch font. Obviously the 2.6.6 version does not ensure that it is rendered fixed pitch, at least with Mozilla as browser, see previous posting. So this hack is imho superfluous (so disable it) and also not even properly implemented (so one might want to issue a bug report at http://fudforum.org/forum/).

Subject: Re: How to proceed with the forum -- URL of the test forum
Posted by Christopher Huhn on Mon, 20 Sep 2004 15:51:46 GMT
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Note: This machine is a desktop PC of our group! There will never be any uptime obligation (not even to speek of a guarantee ...).

Subject: Re: How to proceed with the forum -- Regsitration problems with 2.6.6 test installation
Posted by Christopher Huhn on Mon, 20 Sep 2004 15:58:18 GMT
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It's deactivatable and I did so

Subject: Re: How to proceed with the forum -- Access problems with 2.6.6 test installation
Posted by Christopher Huhn on Mon, 20 Sep 2004 16:29:26 GMT
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I think that was a pollution from the past.
There was a problem with group management:

When a user is promoted to a group leader, his user rights for the affected forums are all set to Deny.

(While this still applies, there is obviously some kind of override in 2.6.6 so group leaders user rights are not regarded anymore)

Anyhow it looks like Olaf and you were group leaders some aeons ago but not any more.

Subject: Re: How to proceed with the forum
Posted by Christopher Huhn on Mon, 20 Sep 2004 16:31:51 GMT
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By the way: I'd prefer discussing further issues with the test forum in place.
