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theapplelover / May 07, 2011 07:42PM

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Hi Phorum Developers,

I am pretty new to Phorum but I really like the nice open and modular approach! I am trying to write an addon that can store additional information in the database. Simple example store the users address. But I do want to store the data in real database fields so I can use SQL searches etc. I know there are a thousand ways of doing this but if someone has a hint of what would be a good way it would be great! I am not looking for a detailed description, just a general overview like where to put the database access code the best, how to merge it with the current available stuff etc and still keep the modularity of phorum. Or if you think a hack would be better? Thanks in advance!

Thomas Seifert / May 07, 2011 08:49PM

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Best would be to have a look at existing modules.

Use your own tables and don't change the core tables so its easier to use for later changes.

I think the event logging module is a nice example with separated database code and adding its own table.

Thomas Seifert

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Hi Thomas,

Thanks for your answer. Is there any specific module you can recommend? I e.g. looked at the Simple Text Replacement Mod which is only using the standard fields for storing data. And which would be the right module then to ini the connection to the database etc.?

Maurice Makaay / May 08, 2011 12:16AM

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Thomas: "I think the event logging module is a nice example with separated database code and adding its own table."

Maurice Makaay

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Cool, thanks I will check it out!
