

EE Help Chat – Today, March 4


Mar 4	8:20 PM
Ryan I.	has entered the room
	8:30 PM
Ryan I.	turned on guest access
	8:55 PM
Dylan G.	has entered the room
	9:00 PM
Jason H.	has entered the room
Jason H.	Hello Hello
Dylan G.	hey guys
Jason H.	hey Dylan
Ryan I.	hey hey
	how are you guys doing?
Jason H.	great!!! just kind of hanging out tonight...
Ryan I.	nice
Jason H.	yourself?
Ryan I.	doing good. just finished watching a basketball game
	9:05 PM
Dylan G.	our chat overlaps with Lost so I'll be in and out, sorry!
Ryan I.	:D
	i have it recording for later
Dylan G.	i'll try not to leak any spoilers
Jason H.	awesome, while we are waiting... Everyone glad to see the 2.0 Developer Preview opened up?
Ryan I.	haha
	yes, it
	it is nice to see that they're getting closer
	i'm sure they're excited too
Jason H.	heck yea, I was one of the impatient ones for a while but now I am ok with it.... just let it happen.
Leevi G.	has entered the room

Jason H.	I wonder if this is it for a while?
Leevi G.	Ryan Irelan: better
Ryan I.	hey leevi everyone else must be busy. pfft. ;)
Leevi G.	:D
Ryan I.	re: i'm interested in seeing what type of conversion there is for add-ons re: ee 2.0, that is
Leevi G.	Anyone successfully managed to integrate s3 with EE uploading? 9:10 PM
Leevi G.	EE 2.0 will mean a rewrite for 99% of addons
Tom J.	has entered the room
Leevi G.	it will take a while to get upto speed
Tom J.	Hi all
Ryan I.	and lots of stuff left to rot, i think
Leevi G.	yep
Ryan I.	hi tom
Jason H.	thats ok with me... sometimes things need to die off... ;)
Ryan I.	will you guys start developing on 2.0 immediately? i wonder if they'll leave the old branch available for download. i would think/hope so
Tom J.	most likely, especially if it will help save time I am also looking forward to being able to write addons with CI functionality, and existing libraries.
Leevi G.	Yeah I'll be porting a bunch of stuff as soon as I get the developer preview
Tom J.	how about you?
Ryan I.	first thing i will do is finish my social networking modules :) been dragging feet on those because of the 2.0 switch tom, i'm definitely looking forward to writing CI add-ons
Jason H.	9:15 PM I'm ok with whatever they do to 2.0... However, the only this I would like to see is "LogMeIn" plugin become unnecessary because anonymous


	entries will be accepted!
Ryan I.	after using CI so much in the last year, i dread hopping back in to the EE API
	Jason, do you need that functionality often?
Jason H.	yes, I hate using the contact form
Ryan I.	ha
	why?
Tom J.	lol... I have been going back and forth the last few weeks myself, and I sure can second that one.
	anyone have any cool projects cooking?
Jason H.	I want more fields than the default and I keep my contact/support requests in weblogs... I setup a "contact" management system for those requests... I feel it has a better workflow... default status is "new" and I can "comment" or note follow ups and etc
Ryan I.	i'm working on a cool CI app
	can't say what tho :)
	9:20 PM
Jason H.	plus if I need to change a field I only have to login and make the change to the custom field
Travis S.	has entered the room
Tom J.	lol thats cool... I just finished a pretty cool CI app..
Travis S.	hey everyone
Tom J.	Hey
Ryan I.	hey travis
	how's it going?
Jason H.	hello
Travis S.	gooooood
Jason H.	what's the best resource for developing modules and etc? i know ee.com has some docs but I like more indepth
Tom J.	Hey Leevi, how long have you been developing EE addons for?
	9:25 PM
Tom J.	expressionengine.com is where I find most everything I need. The forums are also a really great resource.
Jason H.	Thanks Tom!
Ben C.	has entered the room
Leevi G.	ABout 2 years

	maybe more
	not sure
	EE for about 3 or 4
Ryan I.	Jason, i don't think there's a great resource on how-to build add-ons
Leevi G.	best resource is to download some of the newer modules from github and go from there
Ryan I.	i'm betting after ee 2.0 is out, there will be at least one
Leevi G.	either mine or brandon kelly
Jason H.	thanks Leevi and Ryan... I will look into those... Feels almost pointless with the dev preview... I might dive into it a little bit before 2
Travis S.	i've got a help request
Ryan I.	if you're going to build anything right now, i'd start with extensions, jason
Tom J.	good deal LG
Dylan G.	Question: I want to start sharing my ee_addons on github but i'm not sure how to set things up locally with regards to addons that span multiple directories. do you guys have a github directory separate from your ee install and you manually copy files every day?
Ryan I.	i'm guessing the hook library won't change too much
Travis S.	anyone ever ran into issues with the built in query caching that's on by default?
Ryan I.	your code will, of course, but the fundamentals of the extension should be similar under 2.0
	9:30 PM
Ryan I.	Dylan, you can use aliases. Leevi, that's what you do, too, right?
Leevi G.	Yeah I use symlinks symlinks checkout LG Data Matrix on Github it has the bash script either keep them in root/addons or in a global file for all my dev sites so they have the latest
Jason H.	so is github the cool people SVN now? ;)
Leevi G.	ohhh yeah
Ryan I.	the ladies dig it ;)

Tom J.	lol
Jason H.	"thats what she said" (couldn't resist)
	btw, I am SOOO glad that the default theme for EE will be more appealing than the current one....
Nick D.	has entered the room
Ryan I.	Travis, i haven't had problems with the query caching. are you running into something?
	Hi Nick.
Nick D.	Howdy
	9:35 PM
Travis S.	Yes. We ran quite a few tests on a recent site with a lot of traffic and it seemed like the site began running extremely slow. Tried removing and testing extensions, etc and as soon as we turned that feature off everything ran and has been smooth.
	9:35 PM
Rob M.	has entered the room
Travis S.	the weird part is it's probably one of the most basic sites i've built EE-wise, but never had this problem before. the site would just stall until the caches were cleared.
Rob M.	hello
Jason H.	hey Rob
Ryan I.	Hi Rob
Rob M.	how's it going?
Ryan I.	Travis, that's strange.
	I haven't had any problems, but I'll have to do some tests with it disabled.
	going good!
Rob M.	so, this is my first time here. do you take turns with peoples questions or can i just ask away?
Jason H.	ask away
Ryan I.	go for it, rob
Zac G.	has entered the room
	9:40 PM
Rob M.	so, i just started using EE like 2 days ago and love it. my question is prob really basic, so don't laugh. I want the blog feature on my main page to be shortened with a "continue reading". I have the "continue reading" link working...takes me to the post, but can't figure out how to just have let's say the first sentence, or paragraph show up. Does that make sense?
Jason H.	summary tag...

	(if you didn't delete it already, I did the same before)
Zac G.	Or you could use something like this plugin http://expressionengine.com/forums/viewthr...
Rob M.	I tried that, but then the full post would only show the summary
Ryan J.	has entered the room
Jason H.	what does the URL structure look like?
Tom J.	I usually just use the word limit plug in http://expressionengine.com/downloads/deta...
	9:45 PM
Rob M.	well, i still have the default index.php/site i tried using the lg htaccess thing, but my server didn't like it gave me a 500 error
Jason H.	ok so what does the link to the entry look like?
Rob M.	View paste <pre>{exp:weblog:entries} <h3>{title}</h3> <h5>{date_heading} {entry_date format=' %l, %F %d, %Y '} {/date_heading} </h5> <div>{summary}{body}</div> <p>continue reading</p> <hr /> <p>&nbsp;</p> <p> {/exp:weblog:entries}</pre> 
Ryan J.	I'm late to the party, but I was wondering if anyone has any experience with developing an ExpressionEngine site that restricts entries to member groups?
Jason H.	Rob, are you running the default theme?
Rob M.	so i have the summary and body tags next to each other. if i take the body tag out, then my original post doesn't show the full text no, i'm using my own template
Zac G.	@Ryan J. - yeah, a some
Ryan I.	Ryan: I've done that. Are you running into an issue?
Ryan J.	I'm came across the Restrict Entries To Member Groups plugin by Purple Dogfish and I was able to reverse it to allow selected member groups (not limit them) http://www.purple-dogfish.co.uk/free-stuff...

Jason H.	ok, so your URL (when clicked) will change to index.php/site/title_permalink correct?
Tom J.	Rob M would the word limit plug in work for you? http://expressionengine.com/downloads/deta...
Rob M.	yes
Jason H.	Alao, REALLY good reading about using EE: http://newism.com.au/blog/post/77/building...
Rob M.	not really, i don't want it to cut off the text
Jason H.	Also*
	9:50 PM
Rob M.	more limit it to a paragraph or 2 sentences
Tom J.	got ya
Jason H.	Tom, can that plugin do that?
Ryan J.	Everything seems to be working using the *Restrict Entries To Member Groups* extension, but one specification the client has expressed is to be able to have sub-member groups -- which I know EE doesn't and cannot do.
Ian P.	has entered the room
Tom J.	I do not believe it will allow you to cut it off after 2 sentences, or a paragraph. However It should not be too hard to add such functionality
Ian P.	Hi everyone!
Tom J.	Hi Ian
Ian P.	I have a question, unless anyone else has one unanswered.
Jason H.	Rob an IF statement might be what your looking for
Ian P.	Whoa, Leevi is in here. (bows)
	(Ryan too! ;-)
Rob M.	with that plugin?
	or just using the summary and body tags?
Ryan I.	Hi Ian. What's your question?
	9:55 PM
Jason H.	just the summary and body
	9:55 PM
Rob M.	gotcha
Ian P.	I have a client site (http://www.bluedragonhawaii.com) that has an events calendar. I'd like to offer automated email updates for said calendar via RSS, but don't want them to get 30 separate updates when the event

	<p>coordinator adds items. Is there a clever way to get updates to only trigger a new RSS feed update once per day?</p>
	<p>I considered setting last updated dates by hardcoding 12:00 in the GMT edit date... but not sure it would work that way in feedburner.</p>
Ryan I.	<p>Ian, this is for email updates?</p>
Ian P.	<p>Yeah... using Feedburner's RSS to Email service.</p>
Jason H.	<p>View paste (13 more lines)</p> <hr/> <pre> xp:weblog:entries} <h3>{title}</h3> <h5>{date_heading} {entry_date format=' %l, %F %d, %Y <div> {if segment_2 <> ""} {summary} {body} {if:else} . </pre> 
Ryan I.	<p>i thought you could tell feedburner to only send those emails as a daily digest</p>
Jason H.	<p>Ryan, that is correct isn't it?</p>
Ian P.	<p>I'd feel like a total fool if that's the case, Ryan. Better go check! (thx)</p>
	<p>10:00 PM</p>
Ryan I.	<p>Ian, it looks like that's how Feedburner Email works by default</p>
Ian P.	<p>You mean one email per day? Awesome. Thank you. Gotta go tell the client to stop freaking out about the possibility of subscribers getting barraged with emails.</p>
Zac G.	<p>I know its time to close up shop, but I am hoping that someone in the crowd might be able to help me with a module template I am trying to finish up.... wasn't sure how to drop it during the chat... but if someone is willing to lend a hand afterwards or another time, I would greatly appreciate it.</p>
Ian P.	<p>Feel free to fire it my way... iso100@gmail.com</p>
	<p>One quick question: anyone using NSM Publish Plus yet?</p>
Zac G.	<p>Oooh, not yet, but am eyeing it for a newspaper project.</p>
Ryan I.	<p>I've used it. Killer add-on.</p>
Rob M.	<p>Jason, that didn't seem to do the trick</p>

Jason H.	I think my backwards thinking hosed it up
	Rob if you have Twitter hit me up there: http://twitter.com/invokedprojects
Ian P.	Awesome. We purchased it for work and just got the file today. Will install tomorrow. Crossing fingers for a lack of inter-extension wonkiness.
	10:05 PM
Leevi G.	I am :D
Ian P.	Anyone else hosting on EngineHosting here?
	haha Levi!
Rob M.	thanks man
Jason H.	no lookin at Liquid Web on Friday
Leevi G.	More of a php question
	but can you create a thumbnail of an image fro an upload
	while it's in the temp directory?
Travis S.	has left the room
Leevi G.	or do I have to move it first
Rob M.	anyone hear of any problems with 1&1 for their hosting regarding .htaccess?
Jason H.	yes.... move AWAY
	Rob Muir III:
Ian P.	Rob: I moved from 1&1 to EH, but didn't try running EE on them first.
Zac G.	Jason Hudnutt - I'm a pretty big fan of Liquid Web
Ian P.	No EngineHosting customers here?
Ryan J.	We host all of our sites at Media Temple using their (dv) servers
Jason H.	not enough for the price to be honest
	Zac you on the VPS?
Ryan I.	Leevi, i don't know the answer to that
Leevi G.	looks like I have to move it to the server first then create it
	:(
	I'm integrating s3 into MH File
Ryan I.	sweet
Zac G.	Yeah, 2 different VPS with them... not worth it for shared, but the VPS price is reasonable
Ryan I.	i've always found the amazon docs to be difficult to use.

	I use Slicehost for my hosting. Great DIY VPS hosting.
Jason H.	thanks Zac, moving all my sites this weekend
	10:10 PM
Zac G.	Ryan – do you have to install cpanel or an equivalent yourself on slicehost?
	Jason – cheers, good luck :)
Tom J.	Good experience with Slicehost Ryan?
Jason H.	Ryan– I think the slicehost is too much maintenance
Ryan I.	Zac: I just admin it manually from the command line.
Jason H.	Rob We need to reverse that if statement
Lime29	has entered the room
Ryan I.	Jason, once the server is set up, it really isn't that bad. My server has been running steadily for 2 years.
Jason H.	true, time is not on my side though....
Ryan I.	Tom, I'm a huge slicehost fan.
Jason H.	although I would like to try webmin on slicehost
Zac G.	Slice host scares me
	and intrigues me too!
Ryan I.	:)
	You get a vanilla linux installation
	no apache, no php, no mysql
Tom J.	hmm... I currently do the root access VPS from 1and1
Ian P.	They seem pretty expensive. Is there a compelling reason to go with Slicehost for EE hosting over EngineHosting?
Rob M.	reverse it?
Ryan I.	you have to install it all yourself. but that gives you control!
Tom J.	yeah def!
Ryan I.	Ian, I guess it depends on what you're looking for. I think Slicehost is a deal.
Tom J.	what distros do they offer?
	(it looks it to me too)
Jason H.	View paste (13 more lines)

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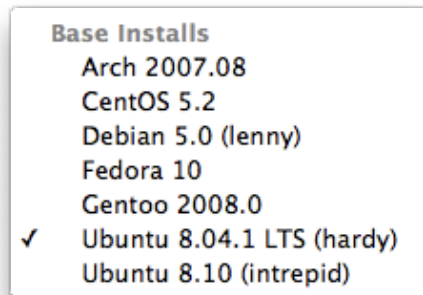
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    {if:else}  
        {summary}  
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Ian P. Ryan: Yeah, I guess it depends on the needs. I'm sure you tweak and modify things more than I do. ;-)

10:15 PM

Ryan I. Tom:



Rob M. cool, i'll try that

Nick D. has left the room

Ryan I. unless someone else has a question, i'm going to wrap it up

Ian P. Alright Ryan... no more pressing questions here. Thanks!

Jason H. good to go

Ryan I. Sure thing.

Tom J. What kind of bandwidth do you get?... I am pretty much sold

Rob M. jason...didn't work

Zac G. One final plea for a hand with this module template and I'm good to go as well

Jason H. dangit

Ryan I. Tom, depends on the plan. Their homepage has the list:
<http://slicehost.com>

Tom J. thanks.

Ryan I.	if you decide to sign up, you can use my code and throw me some referral love: https://manage.slicehost.com/customers/new...
	no obligation, tho :)
Tom J.	will do man
	probably will too
Ian P.	Zac... I'll help, just awaiting your reply to my email.
Ryan I.	ok, everyone
	thanks for coming out tonight!
Jason H.	later
Dylan G.	are chatroom archives posted online anywhere for reference?
Jason H.	has left the room
Ryan I.	see you all next week
Ian P.	Cya!
Ryan I.	dylan, i try to post them here: http://eeinsider.com/ee-help-chat
Tom J.	has left the room
Ryan I.	but i don't always get to it
Rob M.	thanks
Dylan G.	thanks
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