

EE Help Chat — Wednesday, May 6

May 6	8:40 PM
Ryan I.	has entered the room
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Ryan I.	turned on guest access
litzinger	has entered the room
renaud	has entered the room
litzinger	Is Morphine a competitor to Fieldframe?
Sandwich	has entered the room
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Sean S.	has entered the room
Sean S.	Hi all
renaud	sup
Sean S.	Ryan, glad to hear you upped the chat limit to 25 should be good for all
Ryan I.	Thanks, Sean. I think so, too.
renaud	i wish sandwich would enter my room
Sandwich	?
	o.o
renaud	i'm hungry
Marie J.	has entered the room
Sandwich	lol
renaud	:)
Sandwich	...never heard that one before
anton	has entered the room
Sandwich	:p
Kenny	has entered the room
Kenny	Hurrah!
anton	hi to everyone

Marie J.	hello :)
Sandwich	howdEE!
Wes B.	has entered the room
Sean S.	sandwich – *groan*
Wes B.	Hello All.
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Kevin T.	has entered the room
Kevin T.	howdy all
Sandwich	So... do people actually ask anything in these chats, or does everyone just sit around, thinking of all the different ways to say "hi" to everyone else?
	;)
Wes B.	Hi
Kenny	Sandwich: Hey there!
	I always spell sandwich wrong. :(
Sandwich	(ask a stupid question...)
Sean S.	sandwich there are always questions
Sandwich	I had to learn how – it's my net-wide nic
Kevin T.	I'm just here to make Kenny's life hell
renaud	{exp:hello!:show}
Wes B.	Seems like a noble pursuit.
Kenny	renaud: brilliant.
Sean S.	hey guys just to let you knwo since there seems to be a bunch of new people today – http://eeforums4you.com is all about skinning forums to make your life easier
Sandwich	I dunno... can EE handle exclamation maarks in tag names?
Sean S.	And since I'm paying for advertising on Ryans site I don't feel so guilty about my shameless plug in the chatroom
	Big shoutout to Devot:ee – that site is the cats meow
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Ryan I.	You all ready to get started?
	(Sorry for the delay, had a DVR emergency)

	Who has a question?
anton	i guess everyone us just too polite how about how does one use use the no follow plug in
litzinger	I have one
renaud	I have a question. Say you have a template folder called something like "site" and your url for an article is http://www.url.com/site/article_name ... Is there a way to remove the folder name from the url?
PXLated	has entered the room
Marie J.	I have several, lol
PXLated	Good evening everyone
Ira42	has entered the room
philbowdle	has entered the room
Sean S.	renaud do you mean template group:
Paul	has entered the room
Sean S.	?
Wes B.	Renaud: If that group contains the site index, then site doesn't have to be there.
philbowdle	Good evening everyone
Wes B.	So if you have site/index site/view and site/calendar you can just say url.com/view or url.com/calendar
	Hello Phil.
	Marie, what questions do you have?
Sean S.	wes sounds like ykou might want to use the pages module
Ira42	Hi all!
philbowdle	I have a question related to Expression Engine Search
Wes B.	Sean: Huh?
Sandwich	Q: Does anyone know of a comprehensive list of all the places a server's URL is "hard"-coded – in other words, all the places that need to be changed when moving from dev.example.com to http://www.example.com ?
Sean S.	The Pages module allows you set the url the way you want. so you could have domain.com/boo or domain.com/hoo or domain.com/boo/hoo if you wanted
Kenny	Sandwich: there's a module for that

Marie J.	Q: I inherited a project where all of the field labels on the member registration form were in the lang.member.php file -- so for example the text street address was {mbr_street_address}. Is that 'normal'? lol
Wes B.	Sean: Oh, I was explaining the template group question to Renaud Sandwich: http://www.hopstudios.com/software/deeploy_helper/
Sandwich	Kenny, Wes: much grass. :)
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Sean S.	sandwich you should get the deploy helper module it puts all settings on the same page
	sw has entered the room
renaud	thanks sean/wes
philbowdle	I'm looking to have the capability to have someone enter in a keyword in the search bar, and have it automatically send them to a certain page. Ex: typing in the keyword "Students" would take them to the Students page I set. Anyone have any solutions?
Ryan I.	Sandwich: Or you could use this: http://eeinsider.com/articles/creating-a-r...
Wes B.	Marie: I've never seen that. Generally I'd opt for the standard way of putting them in, but if it works...
Bridget S.	has entered the room
Sandwich	philbowdle: Something like that could be done with custom PHP processing the form input, but I don't know about doing it using nothing but EE...
Wes B.	Phil: You could probably check and see what {exp:search:keywords} is and then redirect.
Marie J.	It works ... but when I upgraded EE to 1.6.7 everything broke. I just wasn't sure if I was missing some spiffy way of doing something -- and I want to recommend recoding it, so future upgrades are easier to do.
Wes B.	Marie: It seems like a lot of work, but take note of them, delete them and use the Custom Weblog Groups admin area for your labels.
Bridget S.	Is there ever a concern with scaling and EE - or can EE handle being in charge of a relatively large site?
pablo b.	has entered the room
Sean S.	bridget you should check out some of the showcase sites - some of them are really gigantic sites.
Ryan I.	philbowdle: You could use some PHP in the search results template to check the query term against an array of special terms. There isn't a

	hook for search, so it would have to be glued on.
Kenny	Phil: You'd definitely need to to intercept the \$_POST global for search. Or you can just do it using jQuery.
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pablo b.	evening everyone :)
Wes B.	Bridget: With the right amount of caching, I'd expect you'd be alright.
Ryan I.	Hi Pablo
Bridget S.	Sean S. That is the answer I wanted to hear. :D
PXLated	Bridget – EE scales well but you need to optimize tags, use caching when you can and then it depends more on your server setup
Wes B.	Hello Pablo.
Ryan I.	What PXLated said.
pablo b.	Hello Wes.
Ryan I.	http://eeinsider.com/videos/show/optimizin...
Bridget S.	I have the screencast re: caching pages, too
litzinger	Has anyone had trouble selling EE to clients, or bosses, who are more familiar with other CMSs such as WP, Drupal, MODx etc?
philbowdle	Any tutorials or resources for doing this through PHP?
Chris	has entered the room
Ryan I.	Bridget: this is also very, very handy: http://expressionengine.com/docs/general/h...
Bridget S.	thanks for the answers, folks!
PXLated	litzinger – I haven't but look here – http://thinkclay.com/technology/cms-rivalr...
	Ooops, forgot the z – sorry
litzinger	No worries
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Leevi G.	has entered the room
Ryan I.	litzinger: I haven't had trouble, but you can emphasize that EE is supported by a full-time dedicated team of developers and they keep it current with security patches and updates.
Leevi G.	Hey all
PXLated	Hey Leevi

Ryan I.	Hey Leevi.
pablo b.	hello ryan, sorry was getting a glass of water, hi LEEvi
Kenny	Yo Leevi
Marie J.	hello :)
Wes B.	Litzinger: I had the same issue. I've been trying to get people to use EE for about 8 months or so. It finally caught on after I managed to sneak the suggestion in earlier. Then I did a demo for my boss and my co-workers. That did it.
Sean S.	Hi Leevi – think you tweeted about an announcement you were going to make here....
Ryan I.	Anton: A while back you asked about the No Follow plugin. Are you having a problem with it?
Leevi G.	No announcement
	just letting everyone know that my EE Addon Framework is somcing along nicely
Sean S.	leevi – guess I didn't have enough coffee and reading comprehension was zero
Sandwich	Leevi: Is that anything like "No comment"?
Leevi G.	Sandwich: Nope, plenty of comment
litzinger	Leevi, is the addon framework similar to Fieldframe?
Leevi G.	Basically it's a bunch of classes that make creating addons easier
anton	yes, i'm more a greenhorn on this chat. In which template is it best to use that particular plug in
Leevi G.	adds a bunch of helper functions
	and eases installation
	put your extension, modules and plugins in one place
	and the framework creates a bunch of symlinks
	allows you to use gitmodules
Ira42	Phil: I'd done something similar in the past, using jQuery and a plugin called AutoSuggest (http://tinymce.com/2sqzvt). Might take a look at that.
Ryan I.	anton: the example given uses it to wrap about the comment body. that's definitely a good use.
	http://expressionengine.com/downloads/deta...

Doug	has entered the room
litzinger	Leevi, is it built for 1.6.7, or the coming 2.0 release?
	Or both
pablo b.	so I saw some talk on twitter today regarding Events, does anyone know what this was about. is there an event plug in in the works?
Ryan I.	Hi Doug. Welcome to the chat.
Leevi G.	Ryan Ireland: Do you know what extension Jamobor-ee used to use to create "issues" (a group of entries)
philbowdle	Irar42: That may definitely do the trick. Thank you so much.
litzinger	Pablo, which tweet did you see?
Leevi G.	litzinger: 1.6.7+
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Marie J.	Q for Leevi: I tried installing LG TinyMCE on my client's server (which I think is run using a hamster fuelled by a three-day old carrot) and I got a 501 error when changing the configuration setting. "Header values specify a configuration that is not implemented. ModSecurity, web application firewall, possible secure attack prevention." Do you think that's due to their server configuration or could it be something I did in the install ... it was working fine on my localhost.
Ira42	Anyone running MSM, with the second site on a subdomain?
renaud	anyone suggest a good store service to use with EE like Magento, etc...
pablo b.	litzinger from a tweet by rockthenroll
Sandwich	Ira42: I am, but it's still under development
Leevi G.	Marie Jumpertz: sounds like a server issue. I'm not sure what would cause the error tho.
Ryan I.	Leevi: I don't think they used one. I believe Jamie used related entries functionality built into EE.
litzinger	Ah, the guy behind Structure
Marie J.	thanks leevi :)
Erik R.	has entered the room
Ryan I.	There used to be a nice tut about it, but I think the content isn't available (which is very, very unfortunate).
Leevi G.	Ryan Ireland: Hmmm I thought there was some kind of extension out there for that :(
pablo b.	litzifer, yeah, really curious about it.

Ryan I.	Leevi: Ah, it was reversed relationships. I had this saved in Yojimbo: http://web.archive.org/web/20070114015155/...
Ira42	On my main site, users access the control panel at http://www.sitename.com/system , but for the MSM site, subdomain.sitename.com/system doesn't work.... Should it? Or do I always need to use the 'www'?
philbowdle	Any tools/workflow advice for debugging Internet Explorer?
Sean S.	phil IE Tester is golden
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Sean S.	http://www.my-debugbar.com/wiki/IETester/HomePage
Ryan I.	philbowdle: Hire someone to do it. ;) (sorry)
philbowdle	Sean: Will it allow me to tweak the code in the browser (similar to Firefox/Firebug)?
Ryan I.	Nice link, Sean.
Leevi G.	Ryan Irelan: Nice... thanks
Sean S.	phil no, but you can see how your site looks in all versions of IE from 5.5 – 8 Use ie dev tool in IE 7 or 8 for that
Ryan I.	Sean, that's cool. I'm going to install that under Parallels.
Leevi G.	Ryan Irelan: I think you could do some really cool stuff with Playa 2 and issues these days. Have the sites publisher pick the best contributed entries and put them in the latest issue ;)
Sean S.	unfortunately IE tester doesn't integrate with IE dev tool so you'll have to do that in a regular version of IE
Sandwich	Ira42: You might be able to use CP masking to achieve the effect you're looking for: http://expressionengine.com/docs/installat...
Wes B.	Sean: IETester works with DebugBar. Its not perfect, but it'll get you pretty far.
Sean S.	wes, hadn't used debugbar, will check it out
Sandwich	You guys have no idea how craptastic IE is until you try to implement a right-to-left site that works in IE7...
Ryan I.	Sean: I think dev'ing EE on windows and some suggested tools would be a great EE Insider article. (hint, hint)
Sean S.	How many windows users here? I know Mac is pretty strong in the web developer community, but am curious how many people use windows *raises hand*
Sandwich	*windows 7 hand*

Erik R.	windows at work and mac at home for me
Sean S.	Ryan, can I cross post on my own blog?
Ryan I.	Sean: email me and we can discuss. :)
Sean S.	ryan will do
renaud	I use Windows... on VMWare
philbowdle	I'm on VMWare as well
anton	both
Sean S.	gotta go pick up a coffee before I head to class to teach. TTYL
Sean S.	has left the room
Ryan I.	Take care, Sean.
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Sandwich	Regarding dev'ing EE on windows, it would be great to have a collection of tips and resources... EE tag code styles for the various text editors, FF extensions, etc....
Ryan I.	Anyone have a question? Lots of new people in the room. You all have questions?
Ira42	Sandwich: Thought about that, but they have been using the main site for a couple of years, and wanted to keep the same system name... Hmm. Could probably mask with admin.php and use htaccess rewrite. Tx!
renaud	okay the wife wants to watch Lost. Have a great week!
Stefan B.	has entered the room
Ryan I.	Take it easy, renaud.
	Hi Stefan. Welcome to the chat.
Sandwich	Ira42: Just make a subdomain.example.com/system/ subdir, and put the masked CP files in there. ;)
philbowdle	I'm curious to know if anyone has left Coda/Textmate for Espresso. Anyone?
Erik R.	I played with Espresso since it came with MacHeist
	didn't care for it
Ryan I.	I own Espresso and tried using it for coding, but it just didn't work for me. I went back to TextMate.
Nick D.	has entered the room
Marie J.	I'm trying it out (Macheist here too) but keep going back to TextMate

Erik R.	but that's natural for anyone who's used another solution for a couple of years
Bridget S.	i'm still hooked on coda
Erik R.	I've been with TextMate for 3 or 4 years it seems
pablo b.	same here, i still have to give text mate a shot, been working with coda since i got a mac
Ryan I.	Hi Nick. Welcome.
Nick D.	evening
Erik R.	I don't see myself leaving TM anytime soon
	I was a little late this morning – did we already talk morphine, Leevi?
Nick D.	Quick question for anyone that can help
philbowdle	I tried Espresso as well (through MacHeist), but it couldn't sway me away from Coda
Wes B.	Espresso is nice and all, but TextMate is quicker for me. Coda is great for quick edits though.
Nick D.	looking for advice/help on best practices on deployment of EE site
Sandwich	...Notepad++!!! *runs*
Nick D.	more specifically looking for a module that will put a EE site in "development" mode
Raine	has entered the room
Sandwich	Nick: What does "development mode" mean to you?
litzinger	Nick, that feels a little vague. What do you consider development mode?
Sandwich	nobody but admins can see it?
Stefan B.	you mean like a "coming soon" page?
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Nick D.	yeah essentially
Sandwich	debugging info displayed?
	ah
Nick D.	not needed
litzinger	I think that's already built in
Sandwich	index.html is your friend. :p

Nick D.	ok there is probably a way to go about this but I'm new w/ EE so not familiar
Sandwich	usually the .html takes precedence over .php, so if both exist, the .html will be served first
Ryan I.	Why not just take the site offline? Only admins can see it then.
litzinger	System > Admin > Member Groups > Edit Group > Site Access
Nick D.	ahh ok
	since I'm developing local I would like a smooth process in deploying the site and not have it live while I copy/sync files over
litzinger	and System > Admin > System Preferences > General Configuration
	First option takes the site offline
Bridget S.	has left the room
Erik R.	so Nick are you referring to transferring the site from a development server to a different production server?
vinay	has entered the room
Nick D.	yeah essentially... local environment to production server
Sandwich	in that case, rename the main index.php to something like ee.php when you upload things, and adjust the setting in the CP accordingly... that'll let you test things enough to see that they work, without taking over the original index.whatever
Erik R.	yes then you'll want to export / import your database
Sandwich	then when you're satisfied that all the transferral bugs have been ironed out, you can rename things back to index.php
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Erik R.	run a query that replaces your path information
Nick D.	ok that seems simple enough
Erik R.	then double check your folder permissions
Ray B.	has entered the room
Erik R.	for upload purposes
Nick D.	right
Sandwich	http://www.hopstudios.com/software/deepdeploy_helper/
	might help too
Erik R.	Sandwich, how do you like using that? I've heard about it but never used it

Nick D.	yeah read up on that... seemed a little scary to me but a possibility
Sandwich	lol – I actually got referred to it at the beginning of this chat – I've never used it either. ;)
Erik R.	oh haha
	nice
litzinger	I cooked this up a few weeks ago. Basically a more robust config file, and some cheap DB editing
	http://expressionengine.com/forums/viewthr...
Ira42	I've also used Mark Huot's EE_Migrate in the past, but I guess this hasn't been updated in a while... Was really nice though.
renaud	has left the room
Sandwich	I've got a question: has there been any progress in an importer from MediaWiki to the EE Wiki module?
	I read it was in the works a few years back, but then sorta dies
	*died
litzinger	Ira42, do you have a link to the EE_Migrate
Sandwich	http://expressionengine.com/forums/viewthr...
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Kenny	has left the room
Sandwich	^^ EE_Migrate
Christy C.	has entered the room
Ryan I.	Hi Christy.
Erik R.	Ryan, have you developed any extensions or plugins before?
Christy C.	Hi Ryan
Ryan I.	Erik: Yes, I have and do.
	Most of them are not publicly released, however. They're created for client work.
Paul	has left the room
Ryan I.	We have about 10 minutes left. Who else has a question?
Erik R.	any tips on how to get started with that? I started reading through the development docs today but I'm just getting my feet wet
Sandwich	*points up 10 posts or so*
Ryan I.	Sandwich: I don't know about the status of that. Is there a forum

	thread for it?
Sandwich	lemme see if I can dig it up
Ryan I.	Erik, I would go through the docs and then code dive into an existing add-on.
Nick D.	Thanks for the help guys have a good night
Nick D.	has left the room
litzinger	Erik R, just dive in. I used a couple of popular add-ons for reference, to see how things were done.
sw	has left the room
Ray B.	Hi all. I've got a question. What do you think is the best way to approach a site with a calendar section? I've thought of creating events and whatnot, but am not sure of EE's ability to make recurring events. I do not, however, want to just link to Google Calendar. Any tips?
Sandwich	Ryan I: http://expressionengine.com/forums/viewthr...
Erik R.	Ryan, that's what I was thinking about doing - diving into one of Leevi's, Brandon's, or Mark H's
Sandwich	(Sandwich = Prolmage, btw ;))
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litzinger	Ray B, there is an on called Reeppeat or something, handles recurring events I think.
	* add-on
Erik R.	from what I understand Reeppeat has problems with DST or something
Ray B.	Ahh...I see. Yeah, Mike Boyink mentioned that DST and EE don't get along.
Leevi G.	has left the room
Ryan I.	Sandwich: Derek's conversion script doesn't work? (Sorry, I don't have any experience with moving from MediaWiki to EE wiki)
Sandwich	I haven't had the chance to try it yet, TBH. I was just wanting to see if anyone had heard of something more... matured. ;)
pablo b.	Ryan do you have any other screencast in the works
Ryan I.	Pablo: I have some ideas, but I've been focusing on finishing my book. Are you looking to see something in particular covered?
pablo b.	actually working with leevi's multilanguage plug in would be awesoem and tackling event calendars
Sandwich	Well, it's nearing 5am, and I gots to go. Later, all!

	and thanks!
pablo b.	cant wait for the book, are you atil waiting for V2 to able available
Ryan I.	take it easy, Sandwich!
pablo b.	'night sandwich
Ryan I.	BTW I have EE Code T-shirts available. Great way to impress your friends. :) http://eeinsider.com/shop
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Sandwich	has left the room
	10:00 PM
Kevin T.	has left the room
Ryan I.	Any final questions before we close up shop for this week?
Marie J.	we need sweatshirts too! it's coming up on winter here in australia ;)
PXLated	Night all – Gotta run – It's 9 already – wow
Ryan I.	Don't forget there's a 24/7 unmoderated chatroom available to everyone. http://eescreencasts.com/ee-chat
Ira42	Cheers, and thanks for the chat.
Ray B.	I have no more questions, but I'd like to say thanks for running this every week...what a brilliant concept.
Marie J.	yes, a big thanks to Ryan :)
Ryan I.	Glad to do it, Ray. Thanks for coming!
pablo b.	Night everyone, see you next week. gonna go check out the unmoderated chat
Ira42	has left the room
Ryan I.	Night all.
Erik R.	night
Marie J.	night
Marie J.	has left the room
Erik R.	has left the room
Ray B.	has left the room
Christy C.	has left the room
Stefan B.	has left the room
PXLated	has left the room

pablo b. has left the room

Wes B. has left the room

litzinger has left the room

anton has left the room

philbowdle has left the room

Chris has left the room

Doug has left the room

Raine has left the room

vinay has left the room

Ryan I. turned off guest access

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Ryan I. has left the room