



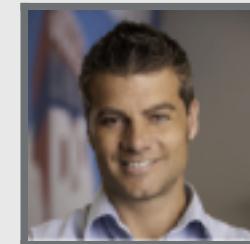
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DNN Community Newsletter January 2014



DNN Platform 7.2.1 Released

The latest iteration of the DNN Platform was [released on January 22, 2014](#). This was a quality-focused maintenance release and represents a substantial amount of value for customers and platform users with more than 250 items closed in just over 7 weeks. The main areas of focus included security, performance, and user experience. In particular, a comprehensive review of the access control system was performed to ensure that all of the use cases involving page, module, and folder permissions behaved consistently and in accordance with our policies. .



Message from the Founder

Since launching our new website in July 2013 we have received an overwhelming amount of feedback from the community related to the content, information architecture, navigation, logo, colors, branding, etc... As you can imagine with an ecosystem this large, the feedback was passionate and very diverse as each constituency has their own unique perspective and opinion on what is best for DNN. Consolidating all of this feedback was no small task and distilling it into some actionable

Giving Back

Continuing with the spirit of giving back to the Community, Engage Software [recently announced](#) that they decided to release all of their former commercial modules as open source projects that can be used for free by anyone in the DNN ecosystem. With more than 7000 man hours invested into the development of these modules, this represents a significant amount of value to our open source community.

tasks which would serve the needs of the broader community took some time.

One of the problems which was identified by many people was the fact that the areas of community engagement on the new site were less discoverable than they were on the old site. Although channels like the [Forums](#), [Exchange](#), [Voice](#), [Wiki](#), and [Blogs](#) were still present on the new site, they were not surfaced through the primary site navigation which made them difficult to find. And if you were interacting with the site through one channel, it was not easy to understand that there were other channels available which might provider more useful information. As a result, there was a decline in community engagement on the site which meant that a solution was required.

So I am happy to promote the fact that this past weekend, we rolled out an update for [dnsoftware.com](#) which totally overhauls the site navigation. By utilizing a mega-menu we are able to surface all of the community engagement channels in a way which makes them discoverable and accessible from every page in the entire site. We also enhanced the behavior of the breadcrumbs and sub-menus on each page to provide more clarity of the information architecture and simpler navigation of the site hierarchy.

We expect that these changes will result in a significant improvement in site engagement which will benefit all members of our ecosystem. Stay tuned for more improvements coming soon...

Shaun Walker

Community Leaderboard

*Reflects community participation in the past 30 days based on a variety of activities on [dnnsoftware.com](#)



[Sebastian
Leupold](#)



[Wes
Tatters](#)



[Matthias
Schlomann](#)



[Richard
Howells](#)



[Dodgefate](#)

[Chris Hammond](#), [William Severance](#), [Stefan Kamphuis](#), [Erika Heald](#), [Peter Donker](#), [Tony Henrich](#),
[Timo Breumelhof](#), [Ronnie Franklin](#), [Merv Harvey](#), [DNNMonster](#), [Paul Coffman](#), [Floyd Shadwick](#),
[Lucas Jans](#), [Sumitra Tripathy](#), [Roger Selwyn](#)

Top Questions from Community Exchange

[No Login Access?](#)

The Option login is no more visible on my Site when opening my Home Page! I have only

Top Ideas from Community Voice

[Batch Extension Installer](#)

I would like to have the ability to batch install a group of extensions saved in a folder.

access to the Register option.copy of the inspected code. What Can I do?

[@JYC](#)

[Problem With DNN Search](#)

We upgraded our site to a clean install of DNN 7.1.1, but the search module does not work. Is it disabled by default and if so, how do you activate it?

[@TechExec](#)

[Html/Text Module Behavior](#)

The edit box does not work the same as it did a few months ago.

[@TerryC406](#)

Top Discussions from Community Forum

[Upgrade 05.06.08 to 06.02.08](#)

I have two DNN Installations on my local 2008 R2 Server. Both were running 05.06.00. I upgraded both to 05.06.08 attempted the upgrade to 06.02.08. One server upgraded fine, the other one doesn't

[@texnet](#)

[Unable to Uninstall Default Skins](#)

I've ensured that all pages, including host pages uses use my custom skin. Yet in Host - Extensions - Skins, there is no way to

[@reggleston](#)

[Configurable FullName Token](#)

I love the idea of the FullName token but I feel that it isn't being used to its full potential. Currently the FullName token is set to display the users first and last name. But why can't we configure this ourselves?

[@dc_basstroosnijder](#)

[Sitemap Improvements](#)

I would like 2 Sitemap files created for the sitemap provider, one would be SiteMap.aspx with a treeview of links on the site included in the sitemap, and a second one SiteMap.xml page created for XML supported sitemap submission.

[@codyw](#)

Top Articles from Community Blog

[So you want to build a Social Community?](#)

A look at streamlining the process of building a social community and getting out of the way of and allowing for success.

[@jordan.coopersmith](#)

[Introducing the HammerFlex skin for DNN](#)

I decided recently it was time to upgrade the look of my various websites, and while I originally considered modifying my Multi-Function skin...

[@christoc](#)

remove/delete the skin.

[@fshadwick](#)

[Upgrade Error Messages](#)

Is there some way to get more information out of an upgrade failure?

[@gvborre](#)

[Software Development is a Craft](#)

As Senior Architect for DNN Corp I get to be involved in interviewing candidates for developer positions within the company. Thankfully, I don't have any direct management responsibilities - its not what I enjoy - but I am asked to interview candidates to determine both their technical competence as well as to help determine whether they will fit with the team chemistry.

[@cnurse](#)

Recent DNN Forge Releases



[DNN LocalizationEditor](#)

DNN Module to manage and delegate the translation process. Specify which modules can be translated and which locales. Editors can create/copy and edit the texts.

Coordinator: [@Peter Donker](#)



[DotNetNuke Translator](#)

This is a Windows Application that can be used locally to translate resources (resx files) for a DotNetNuke installation.

Coordinator: [@Peter Donker](#)

[2SexyContent for DotNetNuke](#)

2SexyContent is an Extension to create attractive, designed content. It lets web designer create designed templates for users to fill, creating amazing output.





Coordinator: [@2sicDev](#)

DNN Platform 7.2.1 was released on January 22, 2014. Please check the [Downloads](#) page regularly to ensure you are always using the latest version.

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