

TOZIT SharePoint Discussion Forum

Feature- and product overview

Release 1.0



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Introduction

With the TOZIT SharePoint Discussion Forum solution v1.0, you get a complete set of functionality that enhances the discussion experience in SharePoint. With this solution, your users will experience a more modern approach to web discussions in SharePoint, with a “Web 2.0” feeling.

Compatibility

The TOZIT SharePoint Discussion Forum solution v1.0 is compatible with and has been tested on the following versions of SharePoint:

- Windows SharePoint Services 3.0 (WSS 3.0)
- Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 (MOSS 2007)

Running on any of the following server operating systems:

- Windows Server 2003 / 2008 / 2008R2

Licensing

At TOZIT, we focus on providing easy-to-use solutions and simple licensing models. As seen below, you automatically get a discount when you purchase more than one license for the TOZIT SharePoint Discussion Forum solution.

Per Web Front-End / SharePoint Server

The TOZIT SharePoint Discussion Forum solution is licensed on a per-server basis. That means you only pay one license per SharePoint server (Web Front-End server) in your farm. We don't charge any license fee for site collections or any other “soft boundary” in your environment – only one license required per front end server.

Volume Discount Table

If you have more than one SharePoint server in your farm and need to purchase more than one license, please refer to the below table for discount information.

Number of licenses	Percentage discount
1	0%
2-4	10%
5-9	20%
10+	30%

Extended Download Warranty for Free

By purchasing our products we also offer – free of charge – a one year download warranty so you can download the products again in the future. This also includes the ability to download the latest updates of your version of the product.

Product Highlights

Very easy installation

With the click of a finger, you run the Setup wizard that will take care of the entire installation for you.

Why choose our SharePoint Discussion Forum solution?

In this section you can read about the features and functionality our forum provides that doesn't exist in SharePoint out of the box, and see a comparison of the default discussion list in SharePoint and our SharePoint Discussion Forum solution.

Functionality we provide on top of SharePoint out of the box	SharePoint by default	TOZIT SharePoint Discussion Forum solution
Edit posts, reply to posts, delete posts, undo-delete of posts	✓	✓
RSS Subscriptions (Subscribe on entire discussion list without filter)	✓	✓
RSS Subscriptions (Subscribe on new threads)		✓
RSS Subscriptions (Subscribe on new posts/replies in a thread)		✓
Forum categories (Create different categories in the discussion forum)		✓
Enhanced Rich Text Editor for a better end-user experience		✓
Calculate top posters by post count		✓
Calculate top posters by answers		✓
Calculate top posters by points		✓
Calculate top posters by helpful posts		✓
Discussion summary statistics (Forum count, thread count, post count, last post info)		✓
Seamless web 2.0 posting experience with AJAX-like dialogs		✓
Breadcrumb navigation for easy navigation		✓
Display relative timestamps (e.g. "Posted 2 hours 30 minutes ago")		✓
Report abusive posts		✓
Manage abusive posts (Ability to delete post / unmark abusive flag)		✓
View Top Posters (You can filter the content by most answers, most points, most posts or most helpful posts)		✓
View most recent discussions		✓
Search Web part with a seamless search interface		✓

Based on standard SharePoint lists

The TOZIT SharePoint Discussion Forum solution is based on standard SharePoint lists in order to leverage the functionality and power from SharePoint.

Built-in views in the post-list

With the post list that contains the actual posts, administrators are provided with a set of views to quickly browse the discussions in order to perform tasks such as view all posts marked as abusive, view all posts marked as helpful or answer or view the most recent posts in the discussion forums.

Forum Categories

You have the ability to create different categories/forums for different types of discussions. This will help you organize and structure the discussions in a much better way than was possible before.



Forum	Topics	Posts	Last Post
Category : A sample			
Category : ASP.NET			
Category : SharePoint			
 SharePoint Administration All you can eat in terms of administration-talk!	0	0	No posts yet
 SharePoint Development and Programming All kinds of programming and development discussions should go in here	3	7	5 minutes ago
 SharePoint Planning and Architecture Discuss topics related to planning and architecture here	0	0	No posts yet
Category : Support and Feedback			
 Feedback Provide any feedback you can about this discussion forum here	0	0	No posts yet
 Sample forum test hello Support and Feedback	1	1	8/29/2009 4:26 PM
 Support Use this forum to get support	1	1	About a minute ago

Forum Statistics

45 posts in 25 topics in 13 forums
Last activity: About a minute ago in Please post support- and feedback issues here by Administrator

Cross-browser compatibility

The TOZIT SharePoint Discussion Forum solution has been built with cross-browser support, enabling the product to work with the following browsers:

- Internet Explorer (IE 7+)
- Firefox
- Google Chrome
- Safari
- Opera

Language localization

The TOZIT SharePoint Discussion Forum solution has built-in support for a set of language locales from the beginning, and can easily be extended with more languages. The built-in languages include:

- English
- German
- Swedish
- Danish
- Norwegian

Multiple Web Parts in one solution

When you purchase the TOZIT SharePoint Discussion Forum solution, you also get a set of extra Web Parts that will give you a richer user experience and a more “web 2.0” feeling. These Web Parts include:

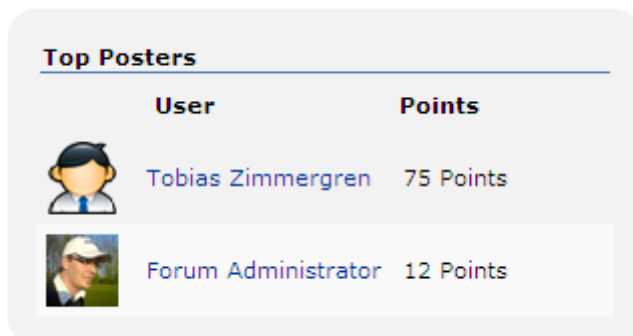
Top Viewer



The Top Viewer Web Part provides you with an overview over the statistics in the discussion forum in terms of highest ranked posters.

The Top Viewer Web Part can be tuned to display one of the following views:

- Top posters (By post count)
- Top posters (By points)
- Top posters (By most helpful posts)
- Top posters (By most answers)

This is what the Top Viewer Web Part looks like:



Top Posters	
User	Points
 Tobias Zimmergren	75 Points
 Forum Administrator	12 Points

Recent Viewer

The Recent Viewer Web Part displays the most recent discussions from the discussion forum, and looks like this:

Recent Discussions

RE: Regarding this forum, please read
A second ago Tobias Zimmergren

Regarding this forum, please read
21 seconds ago Forum Administrator

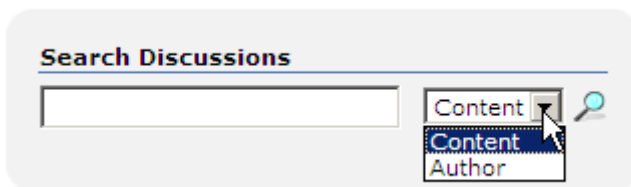
RE: Announcement: It should now all be up and running
8 minutes ago Tobias Zimmergren

RE: Announcement: It should now all be up and running
10 minutes ago Tobias Zimmergren

Announcement: It should now all be up and running
10 minutes ago Forum Administrator

Search

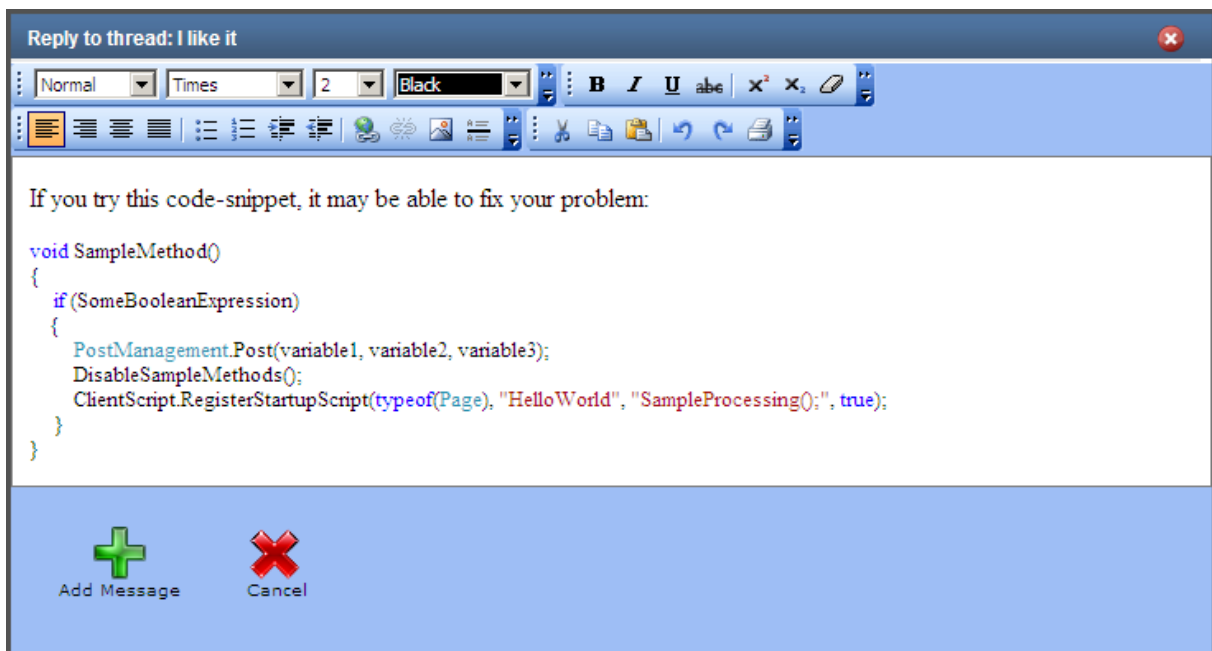
The Search Web Part provides functionality to search across the discussion forums, and looks like this:



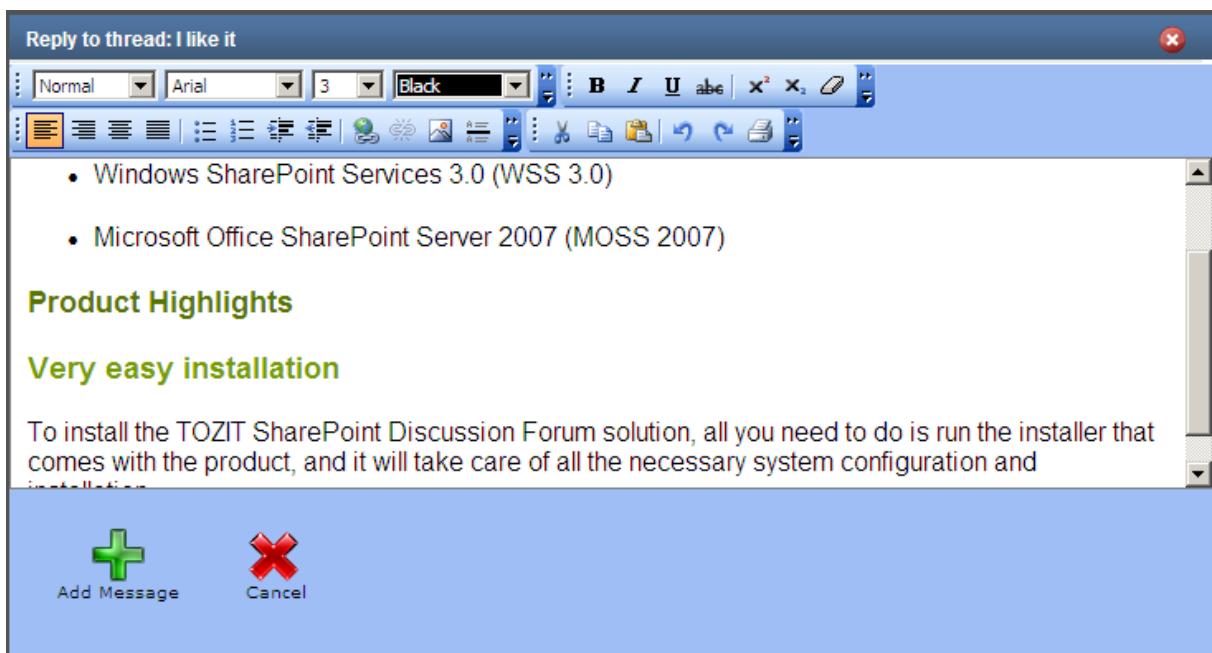
Enhanced Rich Text Editor

The TOZIT SharePoint Discussion Forum solution provides an enhanced rich text editor for posting, editing and replying to messages in the forum.

The editor is capable of keeping all formatting in the clipboard, for example if you cut some script or code from Visual Studio and paste it in the editor, it may look like this:



If you would copy something from a Word Document, it may look like this:



Theming

The TOZIT SharePoint Discussion Forum solution will adapt the theme (fonts, colors and images) based on the theme you have chosen for your SharePoint site.

Example 1: Using the built-in “Default” theme

Home > Feedback and Support > Announcement: It should now all be up a...



Post Reply

Forum Administrator **Announcement: It should now all be up and running** | (Edit Post) ★ ✓ ! ✕
2 minutes ago


Points: 12

Hello World. This is a sample post!

Tobias Zimmergren **RE: Announcement: It should now all be up and running** | (Edit Post) ★ ✓ ! ✕
2 minutes ago


Points: 75

Can you please mark this post as helpful?
★ Marked as Helpful by Forum Administrator

Tobias Zimmergren **RE: Announcement: It should now all be up and running** | (Edit Post) ★ ✓ ! ✕
15 seconds ago


Points: 75

Great! Now, this post would probably be an answer. Can you mark this as an answer?
✓ Marked as Answer by Forum Administrator

Forum Statistics Reply

17 posts in 6 topics in 5 forums
Last activity: 15 seconds ago in RE: Announcement: It should now all be up and run... by Tobias Zimmergren

Home > Feedback and Support > Announcement: It should now all be up a...

Example 2: Using the built-in “Petal” theme

Home > Feedback and Support > Announcement: It should now all be up a...



Post Reply

Forum Administrator **Announcement: It should now all be up and running** | (Edit Post) ★ ✓ ! ✕
5 minutes ago


Points: 12

Hello World. This is a sample post!

Tobias Zimmergren **RE: Announcement: It should now all be up and running** | (Edit Post) ★ ✓ ! ✕
4 minutes ago


Points: 75

Can you please mark this post as helpful?
★ Marked as Helpful by Forum Administrator

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2 minutes ago


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RSS Notifications

With RSS you can easily keep track of new threads and replies in the discussion forum and make sure you don't miss out on any important discussions.

Forum Level

You can subscribe to RSS feeds for the discussion forum at the “Forum” level. This means that you’ll be notified whenever someone posts a new thread in a Forum, but you will not receive any updated for each reply in the thread.

Thread/Topic Level

You can subscribe to RSS feeds for the discussion forum at the “Thread” level. This means that you’ll be notified whenever someone posts a new post/reply in a specific thread.