Subject: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by Crimson on Fri, 04 Sep 2009 21:41:29 GMT
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http://www.n00bstories.com

We are VERY VERY excited to announce the official launch of a brand new website! We have rebuilt everything from the ground up to effectively use modern technologies like CSS, AJAX, MVC, and JQuery! (It's ok if you don't know what those stand for!)

So, take a look around, and report any bugs you find in our forums.

I want to extend my huge everlasting thanks to andr3w282, our Director of Information Technology, for doing 99.9% of the work in getting this new site up and running! This is a project that has been about a year in the making and thousands of lines of code!

The new site is also fully integrated into the FUDForum software to eliminate problems we had in the past with the users from the main site and the forums going out-of-sync. Now they share the same data for a more seamless user experience.

Our main goal was to recreate all the features from n00bstories 1.0, which we have accomplished. There are several new features you will discover, and more improvements to be made in the future, now that we have a better base.

Welcome to a new era for n00bstories.com!!

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Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by GEORGE ZIMMER on Fri, 04 Sep 2009 21:44:26 GMT
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SHAMELESS SELF ADVERTISING! You should ban yourself!

Serious: Looks pretty cool. A bit too uh... gray, though. But otherwise, good job.

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by luv2pb on Fri, 04 Sep 2009 23:55:21 GMT
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I've been looking forward to this for a long time.

It is another huge step forward for n00bstories!

Props to dr3w for a shit ton of hard work in making this happen.

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by IronWarrior on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 00:28:43 GMT
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Cool, don't like the colour of the template. o.O

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by Altzan on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 00:33:39 GMT
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Looks good

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by slosha on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 00:39:22 GMT
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FUD Forums ftw! Looks good.

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by dr3w2 on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 01:18:22 GMT
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I recommend heavily browsing the site to really witness and use all of the features and effects

Some new features and tools coming in the short future!

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by Nightma12 on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 01:40:57 GMT
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this should be in the clan/community forum

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by Doitle on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 02:29:32 GMT
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Got a bug report... at least in Chrome when you go to the image gallery, every time you hover over one of your images it pops up like a preview thing... that is stretched to hell and back... and again... Probably not intended to work like that methinks.

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by dr3w2 on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 03:34:00 GMT
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I guess chrome doesn't like that javascript.. there isn't too much I can do about it as it's been a bitch as it is to make this site work with firefox/ie7/ie8/opera

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Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by Chuck Norris on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 04:47:05 GMT
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Now, for the bad. There's two things that strike me as obvious.

Despite the more modern approach with the style, I still do not like the new look, namely the color scheme (Grey, Grey, and more Grey, and there's even Grey text on a Grey backdrop). It's very monotonous, boring, and unoriginal (I'm referring to the look, not the site itself, of course). Overall, it's alot less recognizable and original, even if it doesn't look so old fashioned and has alot of new features.

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Posted by [NE]Fobby[GEN] on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 05:11:53 GMT
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Great new site. I was used to the old one as it was like that for a few years now, but this looks great. Keep it up!

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by DarkKnight on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 05:41:18 GMT
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congrats on the new site

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Posted by Crimson on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 06:54:17 GMT
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Thanks to my Google Analytics I know that our visitors are less than 15% using a resolution lower than 1280 pixels wide.

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by Omar007 on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 10:15:15 GMT
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I like it

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by Goztow on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 11:28:48 GMT
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Moved to the community forum.

Launching a new website is never easy. The template could indeed use with a little bit more colour. And FUDforum . My thoughts about it as a forum software package are well known .

Overall a job well done, though! I know first hand how hard it is to create and launch a new design. I'm sure it'll even improve in the coming weeks .

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by archerman on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 13:15:50 GMT
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with many mistakes:

http://validator.w3.org/check?uri=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.n00bstories.com%2F&charse
t=%28detect+automatically%29&doctype=Inline&group=0

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by renalpha on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 14:05:18 GMT
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to be really honest, the site doesnt look to good.
This website makes me think im back in 2001 using photoshop 4 or something. Today websites
are more aerodynamic.
for example the game-maps website.

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Posted by Chuck Norris on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 14:54:15 GMT
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It's good you were one step ahead, but 15% is still quite a good percentage (and again, that
doesn't take into account those with a larger resolution who use a smaller browser window, nor
those who don't have javascript enabled). Gaming communities often have larger
monitors/resolutions, so you may get away with that here. I wouldn't be surprised if ~1/5 of your
users are having to deal with the horizontal scroll bar though.

I noticed my last post seemed to be doing nothing but bashing the site, but that wasn't my intent.
Among all of the "looks good" posts, I figured I'd offer some critique.

Good luck with your site. I know firsthand that running one is way more than alot of people
imagine.

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by rcmorr09 on Sun, 06 Sep 2009 00:58:07 GMT
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Looks pretty bad imo crimson. You should stick to cooking instead of website design.

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by Catalyst on Sun, 06 Sep 2009 15:51:08 GMT
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Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by EaZiE on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 06:19:58 GMT

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Catalyst wrote on Sun, 06 September 2009 10:51BEAUTIFUL SITE
leiZ. Site layout/features are great. Colour scheme is awful.

Subject: Re: n00bstories.com 2.0 goes live!
Posted by Iran on Mon, 05 Oct 2009 22:29:45 GMT

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Horrible colour contrast.