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## Feature: customized surveys

Posted by troelsfrostholm - 2008/07/31 14:24

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Hello

I am looking at the possibility of using Limesurvey 2 for a project within an organization dealing with socially exposed groups in Denmark, probably modifying it for our purpose, and hopefully, if circumstances and you developers permit, I would enjoy to contribute to the Limesurvey 2 project either in doing this, or in other ways.

The features we require, which I have the impression are not a part of the current plans for LS2 are:

\* Making it possible for a third party to activate a new run of an existing survey, without any means of editing that survey.

Simply sign up, activate, and have access to results

\* Making it possible for same third party to customize the survey by activating/deactivating parts of it (not by editing it).

I guess my questions are:

\* Are these features already contained in the current plans for LS2? Are they realistic feature requests? Or are they completely outside the scope of LS2?

\* In either case: Can I make them?

Please tell me if I need to be more specific in my explanation of said features. Thanks in advance for your response, and for a survey project that seems to become very good.

Regards

Troels

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## Re:Feature: customized surveys

Posted by jsonin - 2008/08/02 05:36

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Duplicating a survey, with you in control of the assignments and data access - yes, that's part of the plans. Note: depending on the assignments + permissions, you may not have the perms to use the assignments/panel.

Activating/deactivating vs editing. You're basically editing but I get your drift. It's a new instance of the survey...

We're ALWAYS looking for developers to contribute.

If you have any questions, we can chat via phone or IM or email. What's your poison?

-Juhan

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## Re:Feature: customized surveys

Posted by troelsfrostholm - 2008/08/08 15:38

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If you send me a mail on tfm att sus dot dk we can continue conversation there.

- Troels

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## Re:Feature: customized surveys

Posted by Mazi - 2008/09/08 14:58

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Troels,

are you interested in joining the LS2 development team? Just send me or Carsten Schmitz a PM.

Juhan left the team, that's the reason why you probably didn't get any answer :(

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## Re:Feature: customized surveys

Posted by jsonin - 2008/09/08 15:04

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I just had no idea what "tfm att sus dot dk" meant. The spelling error of "att" threw me.

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## Re:Feature: customized surveys

Posted by Mazi - 2008/09/08 16:22

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## Re:Feature: customized surveys

Posted by troelsfrostholm - 2008/09/09 13:05

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Haha.. Sorry about that. I did get a reply, when I had posted another message.

I was a bit thrown, though, because that message soon after disappeared from the forum.

I wrote it because at the time I was a bit concerned if Lime 2 is going to be far enough for me to use, by the time I will need it. At the time, it had been roughly a month since the last svn commit to Lime 2, I read on the mailing list that the Mitre group was leaving the project, and the decision focus on Lime 2 and only do bug-fixing on Lime 1.x seemed to have been revoked without a public announcement, since tickets for a new version arose, and mostly all tickets for Lime 2 disappeared. Please correct me if I am wrong, but right now my impression is that a certain amount of effort goes into porting Lime 2 features into Lime 1.71 / 1.8, and development of new features for Lime 2 is still a bit stale?

I would still like to contribute, but I need some clear feedback on the state of the project; what functionality is planned for the first beta release, if it has enough man-power assigned to it, or if it seems realistic to gather enough, preferably some kind of timeline if it is possible to make estimates at this point.

I very much like the things I have seen in Lime 2 so far. But my situation is that I should preferably have a working system implemented by November, or at least in the spring. I need to have some confidence that this is possible, to not have to choose another solution.

I don't mean any disrespect with these questions, or to insinuate that Lime 2 is in any trouble it can't handle. It is as far as I know, the only serious OSS Survey software in php, except for Lime 1, which, though it contains pretty much all the functionality one could ask for, really needs a rewrite for the backend code and the user interface. Also, I realize that any new-born OSS project is not completely predictable, and time-estimates can be tricky and depend on things out of your control.

I simply need some answers to my pressing concerns, and I imagine they might be relevant to others as well.

Best regards

Troels

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## Re:Feature: customized surveys

Posted by c\_schmitz - 2008/09/09 13:52

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Hi!

I can assure you 100% that there will be a working version by the end of the year at latest - still we can use any additional help you can offer.

Please get in touch with me at [carsten.schmitz@limesurvey.org](mailto:carsten.schmitz@limesurvey.org).

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## Re:Feature: customized surveys

Posted by troelsfrostholm - 2008/09/09 14:20

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That sounds very good :)

I was wondering if you would please answer the remaining questions I posed:

1. what are the planned functionality for the first beta? (or, where to find them? - the bug tracker still has only one ticket on L3 developement)
2. Is it a priority to expand L1 with new features?
3. How is the putting together of a new team comming along? Do you have the people you need, or in what areas do you lack support?

Thanks in advance

Troels

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