CUNY Academic Commons - Support #2175

Subscibe 2 vs. Jetpack subscription options

2012-10-09 08:23 AM - local admin

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Assignee:	Matt Gold		**% Done:**	0%
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Target version:	Not tracked			

Description

Hi,

I have a question about the subscribe 2 plug-in. Is there really no way that a user can control the frequency of the emails they receive (all posts, digest once daily, digest once weekly, etc.)? I understand that the admin controls the frequency of the emails in this plug-in. I do have Jet Pack set up and there is a subscription tool that the user can control, except there the user cannot select the blog post categories they want to receive... Is there any way to do both, to have the user control frequency and blog categories they want to receive?

Secondly, any ideas about how it might be possible to post to a commons blog via email? If that is possible, is it then possible to post to a specific category via email on a commons blog?

thanks,
Mark
(Social Media Fellow, Anthropology)

History

#1 - 2012-10-09 08:42 AM - Matt Gold

- Tracker changed from Feature to Support

- Category name set to WordPress (misc)

- Status changed from New to Assigned

- Assignee set to Boone Gorges

- Target version set to Not tracked

#2 - 2012-10-09 09:09 AM - Boone Gorges

- Assignee changed from Boone Gorges to Dominic Giglio

Dom, would you mind having a look at Subscribe2 and Jetpack to see if you see anything that Mark is missing? Could you also do a few minutes of research to see what options are available (either already installed on the Commons or not) for posting to a blog by email?

#3 - 2012-10-09 09:11 AM - Matt Gold

As I understand it from a conversation with Chris Caruso, this request is part of a larger possible plan to have some GC doctoral programs start using the Commons as a replacement for departmental listservs. It's an exciting idea that I've asked Chris to present on at our next team meeting.

#4 - 2012-10-09 09:13 AM - Boone Gorges

FWIW we already have BP Reply By Email, so listservs could be powered by group forums. I'm not eager to set up a separate but parallel system for blog posts. If blog support is required, we should talk to Ray about what it would entail to add support to his plugin.

#5 - 2012-10-09 03:04 PM - Raymond Hoh

About BP Reply By Email, someone requested supporting WP without BuddyPress.

I've outlined the steps needed here:
http://dev.commons.gc.cuny.edu/2012/07/27/introducing-buddypress-reply-by-email-beta/#comment-1388

Basically RBE doesn't do a lot of heavy lifting, it requires a 3rd-party plugin to do the email sending; there are a ton of WP email subscription plugins as outlined above.

What RBE does is listen to all outgoing emails and manipulates the Reply-To header and the body contents of the email if necessary.

The tricky situation I see is enabling RBE on sub-sites because RBE would need to post to individual blogs and that would entail the use of switch_to_blog(), which is optimized in WP 3.5, but not for versions below that.

For multisite, we would also need to add some admin options for regular blog admins so they could turn RBE on.

There's also adding in the capability to post to specific categories, etc, so there is a bit of work involved.

If we don't want RBE to support blogs, there is another plugin that allows posting blog posts by email:
https://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/postie/

#6 - 2012-10-09 03:46 PM - Matt Gold

I'm not eager to set up a separate but parallel system for blog posts.

Let's talk about this with Chris when we meet. I think there are real benefits to doing it through a blog -- if postings are tagged appropriately (events, cfps, jobs, etc.), one could wind up with a web-accessible archive of postings that begins to resemble something like this:
http://call-for-papers.sas.upenn.edu/

At any rate, let's hear Chris out at our meeting so we can hear his thoughts on this.

#7 - 2012-10-09 03:49 PM - Boone Gorges

If Postie can accomplish what Chris wants, let's go with it. It sounds like it's going to take a lot of work to do what he needs using RBE. It's worth the annoyance of having two separate systems if we can avoid many dozens of development hours.

Dom, in preparation for our next meeting, can you do a bit of investigation into Postie? Does it do what the OP requests, in terms of blog categories etc? Does it seems well-maintained and well-liked?

#8 - 2012-10-09 03:53 PM - Dominic Giglio

I will look into, however, as I discussed with Matt, I might not be at the dev meeting due to my friday calc class. That also might be our midterm, the professor has not finalized the date yet. If I can get outa class I'll be at the meeting.

#9 - 2012-10-09 03:59 PM - Boone Gorges

No problem, Dom. Just have a look sometime in the next week and leave a few comments on this ticket. No need to go into a huge amount of depth.

#10 - 2016-01-26 04:58 PM - Boone Gorges

- Assignee changed from Dominic Giglio to Matt Gold

Matt, I'm reassigning this ticket to you. Could you read over the discussion above and let me know whether this is something you think is worth pursuing? If so, it may be worth closing this ticket, which is framed as a support question, in favor of a proper enhancement ticket.