

Avatars

At long last I have worked out how to get avatars to show up on the Forums. It has vexed me since well before we went live.

As with most things like this, it is simple once you know what to do. The avatar path is uploaded from the Drupal database by phpbb.module in the form:

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files/pictures/picture-nnn.jpg
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This, of course, is the path from the Drupal Directory (cms), not the path from the phpBB directory which is, in fact, a sub-directory of cms.

However, the path to the avatars can be set up on the Forums Configuration Page. We had it set as .. (i.e. go to the parent directory) which should have worked, but it didn't!

Looking at it again today I remembered that uploaded pictures are put into files/pictures but the Drupal link to them is

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./system/files/pictures.
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There is no such directory as /system, but this nomenclature is somehow needed to work with Drupal's security system. I wondered if the same would work with the avatars. I tried to change the path on the Forum Configuration page to ../system but it would not accept it - no doubt because it does not exist. Bother! However, I then changed the path by editing the database and - hey presto - it worked! We now have avatars showing up in the Forum!

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