Old Chats

The wiki has been operational for a week now. We have lots of members and lots of content. Let's keep it up! -
  Alyce Jan 14, 2006

Alyce, is there a way to find a list of all members?
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  JanetTerra Jan 14, 2006

Janet, you bet. Click the link on the left for "Manage Space."
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  Alyce Jan 14, 2006

Sorry for having made modifications to the main page. I had only more closely read the Home page advisory after the fact. I've not been able to find any guidelines referencing the posting of registry code. Is this allowed within member pages?
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  bshipps64 Feb 17, 2006

Hey, Cassio. It's great to see your contributions! I don't see that anybody has modified the main page since January. Registry code falls into that category of "possibly harmful." Our feelings are that people with enough knowledge and experience to use it responsibly can work out the functions themselves with a quick trip into the MS documentation. We fear that novices could do some real harm by playing with registry code without a true understanding. Thanks so much for adding to the site. I hope you keep adding content. Great stuff! -
  Alyce Feb 17, 2006

I wrote some code but I have written quite a lot of text explaining that code as well. Should I put it in the Shared Code section, or perhaps the Tips section? This is more like a tutorial of some sort... -

IvanDjordjevic

Why not create a member page for yourself and link to your tutorial from that? It sounds interesting. Thanks for adding to the site! -
  Alyce

You're welcome! It's about simple encryption of text. I will put it in my member page. Thanks! -

IvanDjordjevic

Alyce, thanks for the reply (and now, I believe I mistook the modification I made to the Shared Code page as one to a "Main" page).
That's unfortunate about the registry code. I'm familiar with the accepted stance on the Conforums site, and I do find myself on the side of allowing posting of registry-related code with ample forewarning. I suppose my feeling is that if you have an interest in computer programming such as to prompt you to

endeavor to learn, then you [probably] have the wherewithal to either heed the warning or deal with the consequences of those actions. Previous questions I've had concerning programming the registry were, indeed, answered of my own accord. Unfortunately, it took considerably longer to accomplish due to my having to first determine what it was I needed to learn prior to getting to the meat-and-potatoes of what was needed for the task. 97% of the time I spent coding that script was dedicated to conjuring up 1% of the code.

I know that this issue has been discussed to no end on Conforums, and I do not wish to take part in (nor incite) heated debate. But I would like to at least assert my opinion that it is a pity that many shall be denied a learning opportunity by the *possibility* that a handful are going to try to program without doing any thinking. After having solved the problem I previously had a question on, I wanted (and still want) to share that solution with others -- whether they've had the same problem or not -- in the hopes of saving someone else that 97%. Besides, I can think of a few nasty line combinations using native LB that's going to do *considerably* more damage than anything one can do with calls to the registry API. It's odd to think that a minor can gain access to pornography by clicking the "Yes, I am over 18!" link easier than I can gain access to fruitful programming discussion on more advanced and possibly dangerous topics. (Apples and oranges, I know... but stated for effect.)

I ask that a compromise on this subject be reached. I've considered starting a discussion site of my own in order to cover these types of topics, but that seems silly to have an entire site geared toward talking about things that are taboo at Conforums (but are still related to LB programming). I also wouldn't have the resources to maintain upkeep and make it a worthwhile endeavor. Wikispaces' Member Pages would be the perfect vehicle. Could we maybe allow the posting by requiring a warning to be posted with it? Is it possible to restrict access to a "Registry Section" to only those members who have clicked the "Yes, I am over 18!" link? ;)

I do apoligize for the length of the posting, and thank you for the welcome. (Please reconsider!)
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    bshipps64 Feb 17, 2006

Alyce, please take a look at the edit history for this chat page. I started writing my last post well before the final two by yourself and Ivan. I finished writing and saved it, and it seems that my edit deleted the changes you two had made since I first began to edit the page. Is there an ability to lock a particular page for editing?
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    bshipps64 Feb 17, 2006

I'm editing the page now to inclue the lost messages...
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    bshipps64 Feb 17, 2006

Cassio, it's difficult to argue with anything you've said. If you'd seen some of the messages we've had to remove from time to time, you might understand our stance a little better. We're not so concerned about what a person would do to his own machine, since he's the one doing it. We're thinking of programs that are shared with the public. All sorts of malware rely on changes to the registry. I'm inclined, in the spirit of a wiki, to say that you can create your own pages linked from your member page and share whatever you like, as long as the code itself is not harmful. (I have no doubt about your intentions.) Does that sound okay? -
    Alyce Feb 17, 2006

That's perfect! Thank you! In the way you've stated it, I can understand a little better as to the reasoning behind avoiding the subject altogether. I definitely have no ill intent and will use discretion as to the content of my page(s).

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bshipps64 Feb 17, 2006