

THE PUBB

v1.40

Administrator Manual

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I. Introduction to The Pubb

Welcome to The Pubb: Message Board software for Webcatalog. The Pubb is a fully-featured message board solution for any website, whether large or small. It's quality and feature set are comparative and competitive to other similar products available for use.

The Pubb was written from the ground up with users of Webcatalog in mind. It is designed to take full advantage of the benefits of Webcatalog enabled sites.

One of The Pubb's key features is the ability to carry a user's shopping cart value ("?cart=[cart]") throughout their entire visiting experience with The Pubb, with the simple ease of clicking a button in the administrator preferences.

One of the best benefits of The Pubb over many other solutions out there, is that it makes no assumption on the user's computer system. Javascript is not used at all within the code, and cookie's are only required for advanced user preferences (time zone preference, etc..). The Pubb will work on any browser that supports tables. It's *that* simple.

II. Explanation of Different Licenses

In order to best serve all of our user's needs, The Pubb is available with a few different licenses. Each license has a different price. The current pricing structure for The Pubb can be accessed at <http://thepubb.com/pricing.html>.

Encrypted Site License

All key files of The Pubb are provided to the purchaser in encrypted form. The only modification available to the purchaser is that through the administrator interface, the header and footer files, and the `faq.inc`. This license allows you to use The Pubb on a single website. Full legal implications of this license are available for your viewing please in the included EULA at the end of this manual.

Encrypted Server License

All key files of The Pubb are provided to the purchaser in encrypted form. The only modification available to the purchaser is that through the administrator interface, the header and footer files, and the `faq.inc`. So, in essence, this sounds like the Encrypted Site License. The only difference is that you are able to use your license of The Pubb on as many websites as you can host on a single web server. If you host ten sites on one server, all ten sites are able to use The Pubb. If you host ten sites on ten different servers, only one site is allowed to use the license. Full legal implications of this license are available for your viewing please in the included EULA at the end of this manual.

Source Server License

Here you get all rights of an Encrypted Server License, with the benefit of all the source code. The only code you don't get is the license authentication code, as that is a pirate protection mechanism as opposed to The Pubb source. Full legal implications of this license are available for your viewing please in the included EULA at the end of this manual.

III. List of Features

The Pubb is a constantly evolving product. As new updates are released, you will see this feature list grow, both in quality and quantity of features. Beginning with v1.40, all features will be denoted with the version in which they were introduced. To get the entire version history of The Pubb, visit <http://thepubb.com/versionhistory.tpl>.

Global Features

- Full-HTML based administration
- Clean URL's. The URL's for The Pubb carry the minimal amount of information possible. This makes The Pubb much harder to hack, and makes the site look cleaner and less confusing.
- Ability to ban a user by his username and e-mail
- Dates and Times are stored in GMT format. Users can set their time zone and have all dates and times reflect their time zone. **(v1.40)**
- With the flick of a switch, a user's [cart] value is carried throughout the site
- Set the format for dates and times to be presented. Display "Today" and "Yesterday" instead of dates, if you so desire **(v1.40)**
- Option to require e-mail validation of all registering users **(v1.40)**
- Set a list of usernames that you want to disallow users from registering
- Set a list of reserved words and the method that posts will be searched for those words.
- Skins allow the administrator to easily customize the way The Pubb looks and feels
- All e-mails are modifiable.
- Log the IP's of all posts if you wish (only administrators and moderators can view logged IP's)
- Optionally show a user's image, level, # of posts, join date, and/or location below their name for each post

Forum Features

- Infinite number of forums is supported
- Forums can be sub-organized by category
- Anonymous posting is set on a per-forum level, as is the name for Anonymous posters **(v1.40)**
- Set how many replies make a topic a "hot topic", per forum **(v1.40)**
- Set each of the levels required to read, post, and reply in a forum, on a per forum basis
- Integrity – choose how many days are allowed before editing of a message is restricted.

- Multiple – levels of forum moderation. Support for infinite moderators per forum. Moderators can delete, open and close threads.
- Each forum can set whether it will be a flat-view message board, or a threaded-view

User Features

- Any browser that supports tables can use The Pubb. Javascript is not used at all in the codebase, and cookies are **only** required for advanced user preferences.
- Registered users can set their preferences via cookies, including their time zone, default number of days worth of posts to view, number of topics/messages to view per page, and their sorting preferences **(v1.40)**
- Users can login via browser authentication or cookie authentication **(v1.40)**
- Selectable author image to suit your personal character **(v1.40)**
- Stores date and time of last visit and all newly posted or replied-to topics get a different image icon next to them. **(v1.40)**
- Ability to edit your message an infinite number of times
- Choose whether you want your e-mail address viewable by others
- Printable version link – Provides a text-only version of the topic page that is printer-friendly **(v1.40)**
- Mail-friend – this allows you to send an e-mail to a friend telling them to check out the current topic. **(v1.40)**
- Full search options. Users can only search forums that they have the required real level access for.
- Choose an icon that represents what the post is about
- Can modify their personal information at will. If e-mail validation is required, then they will have to re-validate themselves if they change their e-mail address. **(v1.40)**
- Define a signature that will automatically be appended to all of your past and present posts. **(v1.40)**

Plus more!

IV. Installation Instructions

This is the part people usually dread. “Ugh. This is going to take a while.”

Nope. Not with The Pubb.

For your convenience, we've divided these installation instructions into 5 minute sections. This will allow you the pause that you need to get any necessary snacks from the kitchen or snack machine, or catch up with the show on TV.

Before we begin though, we need to make sure that you have a few essential items, otherwise, this whole exercise will be pointless.

Installation Requirements

1. A computer that has a webserver on a platform supported by Webcatalog.
2. Webcatalog v3.01 or later, installed correctly.
3. The newest version of The Pubb. (Verify this at <http://thepubb.com>)
4. A serial number for The Pubb (either a registered serial number or a trial serial number)
5. 10 minutes (5 minutes if you just want it to work, 10 if you want it to work well).
6. Some soda or coffee, as well as a nice tasting donut or snack.

The First Five Minute Section

1. Uncompress the download into a directory that can be accessed through your webserver.
2. For this explanation, we'll be assuming that your website is www.domain.com and the message board can be accessed at www.domain.com/thepubb.
3. Go to www.domain.com/thepubb/adminpage.tpl. The login that you use is:
 username: ADMIN
 password: ADMIN
4. Click on *Preferences*
5. Change your username and password. Change your username and password. Change your username and password. I hope we've said this enough times. This username and password is not related to your Webcatalog username and password. It is also solely for the purpose of administering your messageboard. This username and password is not valid on the actual messageboard (unless you actually do so yourself).

6. You will now change the preferences according to the explanation of preferences (available in another section). For now, ignore the following preferences. We'll get to them in the second section.

- Default Level
- Reserved Words Delimiters
- Reserved Words Strictly Followed
- Show Today and Yesterday
- Date Format
- Time Format
- Text to display...

7. OK, the first five minutes are up. Choose "Make the Changes". When it comes back, look at the text below the Serial Number. If it says "This is an INVALID serial number", then stop now and contact support@thepubb.com.

The Second Five Minute Section

That wasn't so bad, was it? Now we're going to back and look at those preferences that we skipped for a moment.

1. Now, change these preferences:

- Reserved Words Delimiters
- Reserved Words Strictly Followed
- Show Today and Yesterday
- Date Format
- Time Format
- Text to display...

2. Now we want to make you an admin on the site. Click on the link to go back to the admin section. Now, click on *Modify the Member Information*

3. Under Add New User, modify all fields as requested, just make sure you follow these guidelines:

- Make your Level = 1
- Enter an E-mail
- Keep ValCode = T

4. Now you want to modify the forums. Use the admin site navigation to get to the Forum Editor.

5. From here, either modify the sample ones, or delete it and start a new one.

Warning: When you delete a forum, all messages associated with that forum are also deleted. This action cannot be undone. Follow the settings that are used

V. Site Integration

Even if you are using the encrypted version of The Pubb, there are still some files that you are able to modify.

The first files that you want to modify are [header.inc](#) and [footer.inc](#). They are used at the absolute top of the generated HTML and the absolute bottom of the generated HTML. You may edit these files to your heart's content to make The Pubb fit into your current site organization. For instance, to add a left side navigation to The Pubb, make the following changes:

Header.inc

```
<HTML>
<HEAD><TITLE>Your title Here</TITLE></HEAD>
<BODY>
<table>
<tr>
<td valign=top> your site navigation here</td>
<td valign=top>
```

Footer.inc

```
</td>
</tr></table>
</BODY></HTML>
```

If you are more experienced with HTML, you can modify this to your heart's content.

In addition, the FAQ is completely modifiable by you. For this, you want to modify the file [faq.inc](#).

VI. Explanation of Key Features

Banning

If you change the *ValCode* field for a member in the members editor, both that username and that e-mail address will be banned. This means that no one can register again with that username or e-mail, and that current user will not be able to post new messages or edit their previous messages.

Moderation

Moderation means a few things for The Pubb. If you have moderation access for a forum, that gives you the following privileges

- Edit any message, no matter who posted it
- View the IP of any posted message (if the *LogIP* preference is selected).

In order to be most flexible, The Pubb has three different levels of moderators

- Administrator (a user with Level = 1)
- Assigned Moderator
- General Moderator (User with *IsModerator* flag set to T)

As an administrator can do whatever the hell they want (with a few exceptions noted below), we'll focus on the latter two.

A **General Moderator** is a registered user whose *IsModerator* flag is set to T (by default it is F). That person can moderate any forum that **does not** have an *assigned moderator* to it. They are also limited to moderation based on their level. Every forum has a *ReqLevelPost* and *ReqLevelReply*. For a general moderator to edit (or delete) a post, their *userlevel* must be equal to or less than the *ReqLevelPost* defined for that forum. Similarly for editing or deleting a reply; their *userlevel* must be equal to or less than the *ReqLevelReply* defined for that forum

A forum can have an infinite number of **Assigned Moderators**. These must be registered users. They do not have to have their *IsModerator* tag set to T. Any assigned moderator. If you assign moderators for a forum, then only the assigned moderators and the administrators are allowed to edit or delete messages there (the original poster can edit their own message of course). *General Moderators cannot* moderate a forum for which a forum moderator has been assigned. The user level of an assigned moderator does not matter: they can edit and delete both posts

and replies no matter their level (in that forum). Although, for them to be able to see the messages to moderate, you'll have to be sure to set their user level to be equal to or less than the ReqLevelRead for that forum.

Moderation Key Words

Now that we know who is a moderator and who isn't, let's talk about actually moderating a forum. Currently, the options that a moderator have are:

- Delete a post (**Note:** this deletes all replies to this post as well. This action cannot be undone) **Keyword:** **delete**
- Lock a thread (this disallows further replying to the thread) **Keyword:** **closethread**
- Open a thread (this unlocks a previously locked thread) **Keyword:** **openthread**

To perform these actions, go to edit the message (make sure that you're logged in as a moderator, or that you use your moderator username and password when editing). Delete the entire contents of the message (don't worry, as long as you do this correctly, nothing is going to happen to the actual text). Now, type in the keyword for the action that you want to perform. **NOTE: DO NOT PRESS ENTER.** The message should be typed exactly. Do not press the enter key (as this is considered to be the keyword+newline character). If all was successful, you'll see the required action happen (deleting a post will take you back to the topic list, opening or closing a thread will take you back to that thread).

Additional Note:

If the *IntegrityDays* has expired for this message, you will no longer be able to edit this message. Therefore, to get around this if you want to delete, close, or open a thread, you must follow an additional step. Click on the edit icon. Now, up in the location bar of your browser, add the following to the end of the URL: "&bypass=t". This will allow you as a moderator to bypass the *IntegrityDays* limit, but **only** to delete, close, or open a thread.

Skins

Since most registered owners of The Pubb have not purchased the newly available source license, we needed to make sure that you were able to still customize The Pubb to fit your color/style preferences.

NOTE: As of v1.40, the skinspec has changed. It is incompatible (although strangely similar to) with the v1.0 spec. You must update any skins that you are using.

Skins have become popular with many programs lately, so we decided to hop on the bandwagon. In short, the skin allows you to drastically change the way that the message board looks. But that isn't that great of an explanation now, is it? So, The long version:

To Install a New Skin

Each skin must be located in it's **own** directory inside of the *skins/* directory of The Pubb. The skin **must** have a file called [skin.inc](#) in that directory, or you'll be asking for trouble.

To Change Your Skin

The chosen skin is a preference located in the preferences section of the administrative area. A dropdown box will show you the current skins you have installed. Just select it and go. You may wish to look at the [skin.inc](#) file for that skin, and use the recommended body tag for your [header.inc](#), if the designer of that skin provided one for you (this information would be provided near the top of the skin file). You'll also want to note what version of the **skinspec** that skin uses. You want to make sure that the skinspec version in the [skin.inc](#) matches the version that it says in the Preferences section.

To Make Your Own Skin

- Choose a name for your skin, copy the folder of a skin you'd like to modify (or just copy the default skin if you wish) and rename the copied folder to the name of your skin.
- Open the [skin.inc](#)
- Fill out the information at the top of the skin. Here's your chance to give yourself credit.
- Be nice and remember to provide a recommended body tag when you finish the design. Don't worry, we'll remind you again.
- Okay, here's the meat of the job. There are a BUNCH of text variables here. They have been grouped into sections to help you out. Each variable also has a brief description of what it is. You may even decipher the meaning of the variable names if you wish
- Now, **do not**, delete any variables. The skinspec was created carefully and with thought. If you wish to not provide information for a specific element, then delete all information from the name and equal sign, up to the closing text context. Just do not delete the variable or problems may ensue on the website.
- All you have to do now is edit to your heart's content.
- Create any new images you want. Be sure to update the `` tags in the [skin.inc](#) to reflect any change in name, width, or height.
- Did you remember to be nice and make a recommended body tag?
Pleeeeeease?

- Okay, now be nice and compress the skin directory and send it over our way (skins@thepubb.com) so that we can post them for others to use as well. It's cool to see your creation in use by others. Trust us!

Some Tips

The way we went about making new skins in literally 2 minutes was this: On the topic page you see the 4 most commonly used colors throughout the site, they are (under the topic.tpl section of the skins) SkinTTRT, SkinTTR1, SkinTTR2, SkinTTR3. We found 4 colors to replace those with and just did a page wide search and replace. Depending on your color choice, you may then want to modify certain font colors (for instance, we modified, in COOL, all fonts that aren't displayed inside of tables to have a color of #ffffff (white), because we wanted a black background. Other neat things that you can do is replace images with text (like the new topic, post reply buttons, etc..). We've tried to make the skins as flexible as possible. Maybe you want to change the page header titles? Go ahead. They're the first option!

You are encouraged to make your own graphics, and to share your new skin creations with all users by sending a copy of your skins to skins@thepubb.com

NOTE: The administration area is not skinned. The color scheme and style for the administrator area is hard coded and consistent among all installations.

VII. Secret Stuff

What follows is an explanation of different “hacks” that you can easily code yourself (whether you have an encrypted or source license) to do some neat things that we didn’t bother to directly code ourselves.

Giving Administrators a Special Author Image

It is entirely possible (and quite relatively easy too) to give administrators (or others) a secret *AuthorImage* that regular users can't use. To do this, add entries to [misc.db](#) in the same format as a regular *AuthorImage* entry (*RID* gets a unique ID, *LABEL* gets the name, and *INFO* gets the image location) but make the *CAT* something else (like “Secret”). Then change the *AuthorImage* value for the entry of the person that you want to get that image. Wallah! No-one else can select that image, but you get to have it!

This is trivial code:

```
[raw][append db=misc.db]RID=[cart]&CAT=Secret&Label=[URL]New Image  
Description[/URL]&Info=[URL]New Image Location[/URL][[/append]][/raw]  
[raw][replace  
db=members.db&eqTHEUSERdatarq=[URL]UserName[/URL]]AuthorImage=[cart][/  
eplace][[/raw]
```

VIII. Administrative Features

The Pubb is fully administrable from your browser. To login, surf to the location of The Pubb that you've installed, and go to [adminpage.tpl](#). To login, use the admin username and password that you set. If you haven't set this yet, the default login is:

Username: ADMIN

Password: ADMIN

This login name and password is not associated with your Webcatalog login. It is also not associated with your regular message board login.

From here, you have access to the following pages:

Preferences

[prefseditor.tpl](#)

See the preferences section for an explanation of every preference

Modify The Member Information

[memberseditor.tpl](#)

Add, Delete and Change any member entry. It is possible to change a username from this editor, although changing usernames is not recommended.

Modify the Author Images

[aimageseditor.tpl](#)

Here you can set all the author images that are available to be used by members. If you've checked the *Show Author Image* in the preferences, the selected author image by the user (set in their profile) is displayed below their name in their posts.

Modify the Level Descriptions

[levelnameeditor.tpl](#)

You can assign an English name with every level that you give out to people. (i.e. Assign the name "Admin" to Level 1 and "New User" to the *Default Level* set in preferences)

Modify the Forums

[forumseditor.tpl](#)

Add, Delete, and Change the forums. See the forums section for an explanation of each field. **NOTE:** If you delete a forum, all associated messages in this forum will also be deleted. This **cannot** be undone.

Modify the Organization of the Forums

[forumorgeditor.tpl](#)

This allows you to edit the categories available for organizing forums (this list populates the drop-down available in the forum editor). On the home page, all forums are first organized by their Category, and then they are sorted alphabetically after that.

Modify the Reserved Name List

[rnameeditor.tpl](#)

This is a list of usernames that you don't want users to be able to register. If they try, they will get a message back saying that that username is reserved and that they must choose another name. The members editor does not look at this list, as an administrator can do as he/she pleases.

Modify the Reserved Words

[rwordeditor.tpl](#)

This is the list of reserved words that is looked at in all posts and signatures. This is related to the *Reserved Words Delimiters* and *Reserved Words Strictly Followed?* preferences.

Modify the Message Kinds

[kindseditor.tpl](#)

These are the message icons that can be displayed for every post or reply. You can choose the name for the icon, and the relative path to the location of the icon (relative to the installation directory of The Pubb).

Delete a Message

[deletemessage.tpl](#)

This page is no longer necessary but left in for convenience. If you know the messageID of a message, enter it here to delete it **and all** replies. A more convenient way to delete a message is to use the "deletemessage" keyword when editing the message. A full explanation of this and other keywords is in the Moderation section.

Edit the E-Mails

[emaileditor.tpl](#)

This allows you to modify the content of any e-mail that is sent from The Pubb. There is Webcatalog code contained in these messages

(the stuff in the square brackets), so don't touch anything you don't understand.

IX. Preferences Explanation

These are displayed in the order in which they appear on the preferences page.

Serial Number

Enter in your serial number here exactly as you received it.

Admin Username

The admin username. This is not related to your Webcatalog username. This username is not a username valid on the message board itself (unless you register it there yourself). This login is used purely to modify these preferences and the rest of the message board settings.

Admin Password

The password for the administrator

Your Company Name

Self-explanatory

The Title of the Message Board

Self-explanatory

Board Admin e-mail

This is the e-mail address that will be made publicly available to people should they have trouble on your messageboard.

Validation e-mail

This is the e-mail address that the registration validation e-mail comes from

The Domain

This is the domain this site is hosted on (i.e. www.domain.com)

The Cookie Domain

This is the domain used in setting cookies. It may very well be the same as TheDomain above. The requirement is that it must have at least **2** dots in it. Therefore, if your domain is "domain.com", then cookie domain should be ".domain.com" (notice the additional dot at the beginning).

The directory

This is not the physical directory, but rather the relative path from your domain name to The Pubb's directory. This should begin with a slash, but not end with one. In our case, this would be ("/thepubb")

3 characters to affix

This is really meaningless, but it gives the board a more personal feel. Choose 3 letters (or numbers) to affix to a registration validation code.

Default Level

This is the level that all non-registered members (anonymous viewers) are assumed to be. This is also the level that all registered members are set to when they first join.

Cancel link

If a user does not choose to agree with the terms when registering, where should they go? This can be a relative path or absolute path

Carry Cart Value?

This is the feature you won't find in other message board solutions! Clicking yes will carry a user's cart value ([cart]) throughout all of The Pubb

Default Days Back

This is the number of days worth of posts to display for users. They have the ability to change this for themselves.

Return after Post?

If yes, after a successful post or edit, they will be taken right back to where they were. Otherwise, they'll get a message that their action was successful and a link will be provided to continue.

E-mail Validation

if true, then all users will have to enter in a validation code sent through e-mail before they can complete their registration.

Server's Time Zone

This is your server's time zone. All messages are stored in GMT format so that they can be recomputed for any time zone (user's can choose their time zone in the customize section).

Skin

Skins define the color scheme, layout, and graphics for The Pubb. 5 skins are included by default, and you are encouraged to create and share your own

creations. All skins must conform to the current skin spec. **As of v1.40 of The Pubb, the skin spec has changed. Any skins made prior to v1.40 must be updated to retain compatibility.**

Reserved Words Delimiters

This is the set of characters used when separating words in a post to determine if a reserved word was used. If you're not going to use reserved words, make this blank. The list of reserved words is kept track of from another administrator page: "Modify the Reserved Words"

Reserved Words Strictly Followed

If not, this will perform partial matches (err on the side of caution as they say) and match words like "shit" when the word "shitake mushroom" is used. The list of reserved words is kept track of from another administrator page: "Modify the Reserved Words"

Show Today and Yesterday

Choosing yes replaces the displayed dates with the words "Yesterday" and "Today" where applicable.

Date Format

This is the format used when displaying dates. The format options are based on Webcatalog standards. The Webcatalog chart is available on the preferences page for your convenience. We could have just provided a drop-down of potential formats, but this gives you the most flexibility.

Time Format

Similar to Date Format. See above.

Text to display...

Once you choose the Date format, put that into English (like, all dates are displayed in month/day/year format, etc...)

User Info...

Place a checkbox to the information you want below each user's name in their posts

Display Forum Stats

Choosing yes shows the number of registered users on the home page.

Show Posting Requirements...

Choosing yes explains who can post and reply (along with who the moderators are) inside each forum

Encrypt Seed

1-8 characters. Set this now and then don't bother changing it again. This is the seed used in setting the username and password cookies for a user.

Log IP

Choosing yes logs the IP for every post.

X. Forums Explanation

Name

The displayed name of the forum

Description

This is the description of the forum that is viewable on the home page. You should be brief, yet concise in your description.

Organization

This is the category that this forum belongs to (it can belong to none if you wish). You can set Forum Categories via the "Forum Organization" editor. Then, all forums can be organized by their category. You set the category ordering. Forums under a category are sorted alphabetically

ReqReadLevel

This is the level required to read or search the forum. The lower the number, the higher the access required (e.g. 1 is considered an administrator.) If this number is less than the number for the *Default Level* preference, outside viewers and initially registered viewers will not be able to read the forum. (Members will have to have their level changed by the administrator). This is a good setting for private information.

ReqPostLevel

This is the level required to post to the forum. The lower the number, the higher the access required (e.g. 1 is considered an administrator.) If this number is less than the number for the *Default Level* preference, outside viewers and initially registered viewers will not be able to post to the forum. (Members will have to have their level changed by the administrator). This is a good setting for site news (where you can limit who has access to post site news)

ReqReplyLevel

This is the level required to reply to a post in a forum. The lower the number, the higher the access required (e.g. 1 is considered an administrator.) If this number is less than the number for the *Default Level* preference, outside viewers and initially registered viewers will not be able to read the forum. (Members will have to have their level changed by the administrator).

Display Mode

Currently, you can choose between *Threaded* and *Flat*. *Threaded* view is more like a folder hierarchy. Replies to a post are displayed as links in the post. Clicking that

link will nest further into the post. A *Flat* view is one where you see all replies on the same page, with no message hierarchy (beyond sorting on based on time).

Integrity Days

Message board integrity was always considered to be important. Imagine the scenario where a user posts a message that gets 100 replies, which all comment on the original post. A month later, the user “edits” the post into something completely different. An outside viewer who reads the thread will not understand what the replies are talking about. The message board integrity was breached. Here you set the number of days that a user (or administrator or moderator for that matter) has to edit a post before you are no longer able to do so. To change a message after this period will require you to temporarily change this preference.

Reply Threshold

Sometimes, the best topics to read or reply to are the ones that have a lot of action in them. Therefore, any topic that has more replies than this number will receive a special “Hot Topic” icon (the default icon is an animated flaming folder).

Moderators

Moderation is explained fully elsewhere in this manual. This field is a “;” (semi-colon) separated list of usernames whom you wish to be able to moderate this forum. These users *do not* have to have their *IsModerator* flag to T. Capitalization of names does not matter, but the way you type the names here is the way that they’ll be displayed to the users.

Anonymous Posting Allowed

If checked, you will allow anonymous users (people not logged in) to post to your message board. You may want to enable the *LogIP* preference if you allow this.

Anonymous Posting Name

This is the name displayed for an anonymous user. Some suggestions are *Anonymous Coward*, *Stoopid Person*, *User with no balls*, etc...

XI. Members Explanation

We'll only cover the fields that aren't so obvious

ValCode

This can take three different values. If this is **T**, they are a registered user. If it is **B**, they have been banned. Anything else is the ValCode that they have to enter to finish registration

IsModerator

This flag sets whether this user is a *general moderator*. For an explanation of moderation, visit the *Explanation of Key Features* section of this manual.

NumPosts

This keeps track of the number of posts that this user has had. If this information was stored here, it would drastically slow down The Pubb.

AllowPM

Do they allow private messaging?

PMBannedList

A list of users that this user doesn't want to be able to private message him.

XII. Database Explanations

If you're going to write any hacks for The Pubb (this goes for whether you have the source license or the encrypted license), it is necessary to understand the included databases.

convertmail.db

This is used in sending e-mails. This prevents the all-to-common double space e-mails that MAC servers send out. This doesn't harm e-mails from other platforms.

convertmsg.db

All posted messages and signatures are converted using this database. If you wish to do further conversions or modify what is converted, this is the database to change.

fixquotes.db

This conversion database is used to allow users to use the quote character in the text input box. Otherwise, all text following the quote character would be lost.

forums.db

This stores the information about the forums

The non-obvious things here:

- *Moderator* must have every moderator name with a semi-colon before **and** after it. That is done by the forumseditor though
- *DisplayMode* can be either T (for threaded) or F (for flat)

members.db

All member information. All fields should be obvious

messages.db

The most complicated (and important) db of the bunch. Notes:

- *Extra1* and *extra2* are currently unused. They are there for future expansion possibilities
- *Mflag* can either be blank, or *C* for closed.
- *Special* – We currently don't know why this is here. We're looking into it though.
- *PostDateTimeGMT* and *EditDateTimeGMT* are the number of seconds since April 1, 1980 or whatever.

misc.db

This database means different things to different parts of The Pubb. Any new feature that would require a simple database just uses this one instead, in order to prevent the number of databases for The Pubb from becoming unmanageable. All fields (besides *RID* and *Cat* mean different things to different parts of The Pubb)

prefs.db

Stores all of your administrator preferences.

rword.db

Stores the list of reserved words. This has been kept separate from misc.db to allow for easier mass entry from a dictionary.

timezones.db

This lists all the time zones with offsets and descriptions. This is only used in displaying the list of time zones on the preferences pages (for administrators) and the customize page for users. The actual offset and time zone description are stored in user cookies to prevent slowdown of The Pubb.

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