Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by actuel - 2011/10/31 04:15

Hello all,

As many of you know, I've been working on the next version of the forum for a while now. It's been slow going for two-reasons: 1. I'm doing this in my spare time - which i have very little of 2. I'm working with Elektron on this and they have had their own priorities and schedules. Regardless, it's coming.

What's coming...

Elektron-Users will become Elektronauts. A name change has been on the table a for a few years. It's happening, hope you like it :)
Elektronauts will be hosted by Elektron HQ, but still be a user ran community. What does that mean, it will be exactly like it is now, but it won't cost me $125.00 a year + maintenance time.
MUCH improved spam protection.
MUCH improved search. Thank gawd!
Categories for each machine.
Improved forum tools for all-users (ignore user, report post, favorites, subscribes, etc).
Soundcloud implementation.
Polling per thread
Voting up and down w/in the forum - Meaning, the order the threads will now first be prioritized by the communities voting up/down. In hopes this will highlight important/pertinent comments and bury nonsense.
Improved user-profile.
Various fixes: PM'ing, etc
Cleaner more streamlined user interface.
New logo.

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What's being portedâ€¦

The current forum in it's entirety will not be ported. Why? Well, i have ported the forum over across two CMS's now. The forum works but the database is a bit messy and isn't all that 'clean', so to speak. With the new name, new home, some needed changes, and after months of debate we felt it would be best to start fresh instead of trying to shoehorn the old info the new digs.

That said the old forum will remain archived and remain available as a read only forum. Logging in and forum posts will no be available after well flip the switch to the new site.
User data, profiles, attributes, etc will remain tied to Elektron-Users.com, but we're all starting anew on Elektronauts. Hopefully your pride and egos aren't tied to your forum status and post count because we're gonna start new. All of us. :)
Files. Files will be ported, but due to the user data not being ported (see above), all current files will be upload by a single created user. Likely by 'Elektronaut' or something like that. Files after we flip the switch will work as they do now.
There will be a new wiki made available to all in the community that registered users. It be up to the community to port any information from the current wiki or add new information. The wiki has always been the communities responsibility. Aside from some key contributors it unfortunately widely underused. So much good info in there. I hope to see it grow.
I know for some of this will be a bummer, but again we're working to ensure this new site has a solid foundation that can grow and grow, but we need proper footing and with this move, this is the time to do it. When E-U was started by Scott some years back, he worked with the best and easiest solution at the time, which worked great, but no one new how much the community would grow or how Elektron would grow, etc. Having hind site allows is to see the communities current shortcomings and the new site allows to look a bit ahead.

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Other notesâ€¦

Science Labs will be moved to the forums and no longer be a top-level navigational item. Also, 'Labs will run per machine on 3 month cycles. Allowing 2 months for the lab and a month for voting.
Merchandise - FKCING t-shirts and other goodies. Finally! Not sure on the details on this yet and won't be ready for the launch, but it's for real happening.
The new site will be a 'responsive design' - meaning it will scale on pcs, tablets, and mobile technology.

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When? Soon. Very soon. I'm working diligently to get this up and running. I will keep you posted. Giving everyone plenty of time to ask questions, make suggestions and posts their hate :P

Seriously though, I think you all are going to love the new site. It IS better in all regards.

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by papertiger - 2011/10/31 04:36

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let me be the first to buy you some chicken strips!

can't wait to see the end product. congrats!

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by tIB - 2011/10/31 04:39

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ill add beef jerky.

great stuff all round. :)

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by molotov - 2011/10/31 04:48

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Wicked :) ooh hope there's a Sid station category

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by dataline - 2011/10/31 04:50

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by kirlian - 2011/10/31 04:52

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Thanks much, actuel:)

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by Toni - 2011/10/31 05:03

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This is great news for all of us!! B)

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by tIB - 2011/10/31 05:04

MD and MNM tips wiki is backed up! :)

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!
Posted by boboter - 2011/10/31 05:04

Thanks, Actuel. This is fantastic news.

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!
Posted by morriscode - 2011/10/31 05:06

some users will inevitably complain, but this is a huge improvement. kudos on all your hard work - that list makes it sound fairly simple, but it's really, really not.

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!
Posted by Amanita - 2011/10/31 05:09

:backslap: well done!

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!
Posted by blue_lu - 2011/10/31 05:10

cool! B)

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!
Posted by pixelife - 2011/10/31 05:24

Change is good! Sounds like this has been well thought out and will be a nice experience.

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!
Posted by digital_steve - 2011/10/31 05:30

molotov wrote:
Wicked :) ooh hope there's a Sid station category

If there is then i need a sidstation.

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!
Posted by RubixGroove - 2011/10/31 05:36

Definitely cannot wait. It's been a great ride so far, now we all get a new spaceship! :D

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!
Posted by rennweg - 2011/10/31 05:49

Exciting news!
Thanks Actuel.
Nice to be part of it!

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!
Posted by Tarekith - 2011/10/31 05:51

OMG, can we can post images wider than 470pix soon?!?!?!?!

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!
Posted by actuel - 2011/10/31 06:22

OMG, can we can post images wider than 470pix soon?!?!?!?!

yep. its true.

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!
Posted by tenchi - 2011/10/31 06:25

Great news
Looking forward to the new site

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!
Posted by zoot - 2011/10/31 07:34

Fully understand the need for an update.

2 points

The name is bit mickey mouse, plus wont it affect search engine results?
It's a word that no one will type.

1 question: Will Elektron now be active in any moderating?

Good luck

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!
Posted by merlin - 2011/10/31 07:41

Congrats!

I' m curious of what the new forum will bring...anyway:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCt1BwWE2gA

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by FXS - 2011/10/31 08:15

YESSSSS! Thanks for your hard work!

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by actuel - 2011/10/31 09:12

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2 points

The name is bit mickey mouse, plus wont it affect search engine results?
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heh, well i didn't pick the name :). actually the name originally emerged when the late Daniel H. was still around. it's lingered. one of the big reasons for change to was to get away from the initials E-U, for obvious reasons for anyone across the pond.

as for search engine results, it may in the short-term but with proper SEO built-in and the forum constantly being tagged with the term 'Elektron' we should be ok. On one level you have good basic SEO - proper information architecture, tags, etc. the other level is tagging auto - tagging keywords per new items and for each forum entry, etc.

i think we'll be good. again, not entirely my decision, so we'll see... :D

1 question: Will Elektron now be active in any moderating?

No. All moderating will still come from us lowly suckers who do it for free :). There is no current plan, that I know of, of Elektron becoming more prominent in their role on the new forum. They have always sought to keep some distance between themselves on the community. We may see more information filtering out but it will likely be pushed to myself or one of the moderators. Like it has been of late.

Good luck

Thanks man!

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by Veets - 2011/10/31 10:28

I just happened across the old Elektronauts thread recently, so for some old-skool thread action here it is:

http://elektron-users.com/index.php?option=com_fireboard&Itemid=28&func=view&id=8635&catid=14&limit=10&limitstart=30

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by poonti - 2011/10/31 10:34

I don't mind being an Elektronaut rather than an Elektron-User, as mickey mouse-y as that sounds! Can't wait for the new forum. Thanks Actuel.

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by dubathonic - 2011/10/31 10:38

Thanks for all your hard work Actuel! :beer:

All the time and effort you put into this ... people like you make this community worth being part of.

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by Nils - 2011/10/31 12:01

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by mnonner - 2011/10/31 15:46

wow actuel, I already have mad respect for you, but now its x100. thank you so much for this. I like the name "elektronauts". I read that old post where there was a suggested name change from "elektron-users" to "elektronauts" or "elektron friends". Both are cool IMHO. can't wait!

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by johnathon doe - 2011/10/31 15:51

ha ha...you'll be no body no names....just like me! :D

the website has been a wonderful community and information tool.
these improvements can only help as a platform to build off of.

i would really like to extend my thanks to all of those involved in the website and the moderators as well.

"...the times, they are' a changin' "

peace

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by Nein - 2011/10/31 15:55

Thanks all round.

:backslap:

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by stega - 2011/10/31 16:36

Awesome - looking forward to it all!

Generally a bit of a lurker myself, but that doesn't mean to say that I don't really appreciate the hard work Actuel and all the moderators (and everybody else for that matter) put into keeping this forum brilliant.

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by Vibes - 2011/10/31 17:01

Great news, :woohoo:

Thanks!

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by ipassenger - 2011/10/31 17:42

Good news but I will be sad to lose my posting rank. :(It defines me. :laugh:

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by CloakvsDagger - 2011/11/01 03:04

Good news! And thanx for the good work Actuel!

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by phading - 2011/11/06 07:32

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elektron-users is changing?

let's hope its for the best :-) I actually quite like it how it is now, maybe would just add the individual machines subforums. oh, and I don't feel the need for the name change, but oh well, maybe I'm just too conservative :P

you talk about a voting system, would that work on the "your music" forum too? that could actually be fun to have a user-voted elektron music chart, as long as we still have our sort-by-date subforum of course.

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by RodmanSan - 2011/11/06 16:55

I am ok with it....as long as it is iPad friendly.... ;)

Btw...ever thought about Tapatalk integration...?

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by Duncan - 2011/11/07 00:49

Groovy, will be glad to be on the bus...

Hurrah

and

Thanks

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by glitched - 2011/11/07 07:23

Great! Best run and best-looking forum on the 'net!

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by RubixGroove - 2011/11/18 07:40

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glitched wrote:
Great! Best run and best-looking forum on the 'net!
Agreed. This is simply the best forum layout around.

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by oldgearguy - 2011/11/18 20:44

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quick question on the name. Seems that someone already has an elektronaut website (very minimal, out of Norway I believe). Also, there's multiple hits for electronaut (including a company that make mic pre's).

Any concerns/issues with that?

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Re:Elektron Users News/Changes!!!

Posted by redrum - 2011/11/19 09:51

I love this family.:lol:

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