
Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by actuel - 2006/12/28 19:36

Whether you're loving the site, have a case of the 'meh's', or having problems, this is the place to share. At the heart of Elektron-Users 1.6 was the intent of making the site more attractive, simpler, less bloated than the previous version, fixing prior bugs, adding user request, and updating the core code. We tested 1.6 against the following browsers: Safari, Firefox, Camino, IE 6, and Firefox (xp). That's not to say they're aren't any bugs, just none so glaring that they prevented us from launching the site.

We still have a growing list of site improvements that will be implemented as we get to them. Here's a few in the works:

- Continue to improve the overall design elements
- Possibly rework the Paginate/Pagenav
- clean up CSS code & work towards W3C standards
- Private Messaging templates to be edited so that the left column is narrower
- Edit 'in-between' pages to inherit site stylesheet (e.g. after you log in, the page that says 'Logging you in ...' should be styled)

Here's bit more detail on some of the new sections we've added.

Artist Features:

Artist Features was created to highlight and celebrate the Elektron community. Artist will be picked at random, so don't be surprised to hear from us eventually.

Infobank:

A central feature of the new site is the Infobank, which is intended to be a central repository containing documentation, frequently asked questions, tips, and little-known lore about Elektron machines.

Over the last year, the forum has accumulated many thousands of posts. Within those posts, many gems of knowledge lie buried. If only a few intrepid miners would be willing to uncover them. If only ...

Do you feel adventurous enough to delve into the depths of the forums? If so, please let us know! You could have an influence on the Infobank, and make elektron-users.com 1.6 a much better place ;)

Radio:

The new Elektron-Users Radio was created...

Contest Radio:

All submissions to the current contest will be added to the Contest Radio playlist as soon as we can get to it. Your entry should be posted within 24hrs. of the submission.

When submitting please supply the following info: Artist, Song title, Contest, and Month

Your submission will still be available in the appropriate contest category in the Downloads section.

Well thats all for now...

glaive & actuel

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by anotherbbs - 2006/12/29 08:48

Haven't tested the various new features... But the refreshing look and the 3d-pixel style logo looks cool.

Makes me more proud to be an elektron-user. ;)

Appreciate the work.

/M.Q.

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by divi - 2006/12/29 12:33

good work guys!

i'll post bugs & comments as they come along...

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by divi - 2006/12/29 12:35

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by divi - 2006/12/29 12:40

how is the radio thing gonna work? can we upload our trax?

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by louvega - 2006/12/29 13:49

Great new features! but I have to say I liked the old look better :-D

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by Mr_E - 2006/12/29 14:30

Damn! This new design is the best, plus it looks good on the Wii too! Nice work guys! Are there any plans on incorporating some AJAX features into the sites design later on?

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by glaive - 2006/12/29 15:32

divi -> upload a polished, complete track and we'll put it on the playlist.

mr e -> what sort of ajaxian features do you have in mind? the current site uses no ajax at all.

Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by em9 - 2006/12/29 15:36

Posted in Enapa's 'Fresh!!' but I'll repeat it here:

Good job gentlemen !

The contest radio is really well done and the 'cube' logo adheres pretty much to the Elektron philosophy.

Respect.

em9

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Posted by actuel - 2006/12/29 16:36

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yeah the "in-between/temporary" pages all need styled. they're high priority on todo list.

/actuel

Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by Thunder - 2006/12/29 19:20

I think it looks great. Thanks for the hard work!!!

Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by Toni - 2006/12/29 23:41

:-D

I think the new forum and all the new stuff that you have added to it are fresh looking and marvellous!

For me it is amazing that there are some people how are willing to work hard and set up places like this for us others to enjoy. You will basicly get nothing out of this, but you still do a favour for all us. I really enjoy connect and communicate with others thru this place and it is you guys, who have made it possible for me; I have very high respect for that. It has been a lot of work to set up this place and I appreciate the work.

I hope it also translates to general vibe of the site: when we understand the hard work and that you guys are doing it voluntarily, we should respect that and do our part to make this place enjoyable experience for everyone (respectful and relaxed language, no trolls, no product-defending argues and such).

Big Hugs!!

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Posted by watson - 2006/12/30 02:10

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Posted by actuel - 2006/12/30 04:12

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by jngpng - 2006/12/31 21:48

Loving the new design. Great job chaps!

Thanks for all the hard work you've put into this place

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by glitched - 2006/12/31 23:51

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thx for the suggestions Glitched. I went ahead and made the Hover links a red hue. We'll see how that plays out, its definitely a bit more obvious now. As far as changing the color for plain ol' Active links I'm not sure thats gonna happen. I'll play with some varying hue's but we're currently pretty fond of the Black & Grey text style. When redoing the forum I made 'signature' css class, so editing the color of the links, etc isn't an issue if we need it.

On the downloads I'm not sure what the future holds. Glaive is still ironing out Downloads section... Stay tuned!:-D

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edit: Hover links on right side nav and other elements on the site will remain the same...the red was a bit to much. Forum & Downloads have 'red' set as the Hover color still. enjoy!

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Posted by actuel - 2007/01/01 01:23

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cheers!

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by ingrid - 2007/01/03 23:47

The new EU site is teh

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by neonleg - 2007/01/04 04:53

its nice well done.. i get this alot tho:

This page cannot be displayed due to an internal error.

You can provide the following information to the administrators of this site to help them solve the problem:

Error: Unable to connect to database

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by actuel - 2007/01/04 05:04

neonleg,

i'll ask glaive about this in the morning, but i'm pretty sure this is on the server side (our host)...nothing to do with the site upgrade. i got that error a few times this evening as well.

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by glaive - 2007/01/04 16:04

neonleg -> That's the first report of that I've gotten. I haven't noticed that issue from my side. Let me know if it persists (you could have been getting it during a period of high server load), and we'll track down the source.

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by glaive - 2007/01/04 20:14

Here's why my hosting provider just sent out to all users:

There will be some emergency downtime of the mail server tonight between 10 and midnight EST (3 to 5 GMT) while I switch the database it uses over to a different server. This switch should only take about 10 minutes, but it will happen sometime between 10 and midnight. A few people have reported having issues with their websites and email clients. This is happening because the database server on the current server is a bit overloaded.

... so that explains a probable cause.

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by neonleg - 2007/01/05 02:57

ahh that'd be it! its all good now. cheers guys.

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Posted by divi - 2007/01/09 16:39

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yes please please bring that back! :]

Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by actuel - 2007/01/09 18:39

divi, not sure if you caught this post a page back but the "More" feature while no longer incorporated with the Recent Topic block is gone but there's another excellent way to enjoy that feature plus more:

(from previous post)

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eventually, "more..." may make it back to the Recent Topics module but for now the Main Options works great.

thanks,
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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by glitched - 2007/01/24 02:43

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Posted by actuel - 2007/01/24 03:22

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thx
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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by kuniklo - 2007/04/06 16:29

I don't seem to be able to unsubscribe from any threads, either through the notifications page or with the controls at the bottom of each thread. I uncheck the notify box and hit submit but it doesn't have any effect.

Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by - 2007/04/06 19:13

Peeps,

"Diety of All Things Elektron"

It's spelled "deity". "Diety" is how Pepsi Zero tastes.

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by - 2007/04/07 00:20

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<http://www.elektron-users.com/modules/wfdownloads/singlefile.php?cid=164&lid=684>

This one does, either:

<http://www.elektron-users.com/modules/wfdownloads/singlefile.php?cid=1&lid=683>

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by actuel - 2007/05/21 06:55

hey niall, sorry for taking so long to look into this. i've add this to a list of things to be fixed. it may be a while as my paying jobs are consuming the majority of my time. i will definitely get to this some time in the future...

thx for reporting
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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by emisor9 - 2007/06/27 16:49

In the downloads section, the counter between brackets after 'Comments' remains at (0) even if comments for that track were inserted.

Just discovered now Northernlight left a comment on 30/1 on a track I submitted here. Thanks for those comments, Northernlight (with 5 months delay :-o).

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by Tantacle - 2007/07/08 20:27

Apparently, if you try registering for this forum with an AOL email address, there's a very good chance you will not receive a confirmation email (I had contacted Actuel about this earlier this week).

I tried registering twice with 2 separate AOL accounts, and neither was ever sent a confirmation email. I checked the spam controls on the accounts, and they were set to deliver all suspected spam, so the confirmation emails weren't getting deleted or anything simple like that. For some reason, it just never sent anything to my AOL accounts (or AOL blocked it before it hit my personal settings). Weird.

Once I switched over to a Gmail account, everything worked fine.

Yet another reason why AOL sucks.

-J

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by actuel - 2007/07/08 21:41

eminor9, thanks for reporting. i'm aware of this bug but there's currently no quick fix. I have added it to the list and sometime this fall i hope to tackle this and the other handful of issues. thx

Tantacle, glad you got it worked out. I don't have a AOL account but if anyone else can confirm this issue i'd appreciate it.

Thanks everyone for contributing. I'm hoping to be able to address these issues in a few months.

thx
actuel

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Posted by Tantacle - 2007/07/15 17:31

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J

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by actuel - 2007/07/16 05:46

Hard to say Tantacle. The 'Science Labs' have always been Glaive's doing. I would suggest PM'ing him about it. I'm sure he'd be open to hearing ideas for a new lab. It's really about the users. Sometimes there's been high interest in the Labs and other times, like now its a ghost town.

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Posted by eminor9 - 2007/07/16 10:05

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Posted by Tantacle - 2007/07/17 00:01

Thanks, Actuel. I'll check with him if I can think of anything.

eminor9 wrote:

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Oh crap! I didn't realize that the current lab was still actually open. I just assumed that it was either closed or officially dissolved (since it had opened so long ago).

That sounds like a good idea. I'll hopefully have something together by the weekend. I was listening to the other entries today at work. Pretty impressive stuff... Hope I don't embarrass myself too much. Then again, that's half of the fun.

thanks,
J

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Posted by Rew - 2007/11/30 04:48

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Thanks Rew. There's no current archive on this site but on the new site, which is set to launch xmas, there will be archives for older features. There is one bummer about this though, i currently don't have feature 1 & 2 :-(

I'm going to email the first two featured artist in hopes they kept a copy...we'll see. Rest assured in the future all news & features will be documented.

Thanks for the kind compliments. It makes a hard working for no money admin happy :-D

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by Rew - 2007/11/30 06:29

ahh, cool! can't wait to see the new site!

keep up the good work :-D

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Re: Elektron 1.6 ...love, bugs & hugs

Posted by papertiger - 2007/11/30 16:27

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Here: <http://www.elektron-users.com/modules/newbb/viewall.php?type=unread>

As well as the new site will have this functionality. I bit less hidden too!

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