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Thread: [XENFORO VS MYBB ?? who really wins???](#)

SIM-4791248 - July 7, 2021, 8:26 am

i see this both are good competitors for forum software !

we take away the expensive prices of xenforo 500\$+ and take them to a fight?

so who wins in forum building software with high protection and pure design functions?? basicly who is the best for 2021 ?? ?

XENFORO OR MYBB ???

let me know ur suggestions ! thanks

Nachfolger - July 7, 2021, 9:26 am

Comparing (expensive) paid software to a open-source alternative that's run by a group of useless fricks is unfair to say the least.

Charger - July 7, 2021, 11:43 am

(Jul 7, 2021 09:30 AM)James Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I quite like XenForo because of how modern it looks and feels.

That's a really ignorant comment considering all forums can be themed however you'd like.

As nach said, you can't really compare open source to a paid forum.

I prefer IPB over XenForo if you're looking at paid options.

tsuchguy - July 16, 2021, 6:16 am

Man, I think whoever wins is who best fits your purpose. Each forum has its peculiarity, its pros and cons, so there is no one that is better, there is what will best suit you, that's how I think.

Spore - July 16, 2021, 9:38 pm

MyBB is better and all around looks cleaner

RedEyed - July 26, 2021, 6:05 am

If you want a ready made forum then XenForo, as for a script you can build on a lot easier then MyBB.

forcer899 - July 27, 2021, 3:18 pm

This forum is myBB but Xenforo is easier to setup.

Condasoft - August 25, 2021, 7:51 pm

Imagine paying \$500 for forum software...

Baby - October 15, 2021, 7:44 pm

XF has been around for a while, where as so has MyBB, truly. Neither. CodoForum is a much better forum software. Granted if I had to choose 1 or the other, XF really...much like vB.

Biggy - October 15, 2021, 7:44 pm

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Calibur - October 16, 2021, 2:53 am

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Im thinking of making a random forum in near future and im looking over XF & IPB. Mind share some more input as to why you prefer IPB over XenForo or is just some personal choice?

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Definitely a cult favorite I'd say. Classic. I'd imagine I've used mybb more than phpbb tbh.

yeah007 - November 11, 2021, 1:49 pm

Depends on the purpose.

Basically they all do the same job.

Primeitup - November 13, 2021, 12:12 pm

I have always preferred MyBB since it was free but after getting more involved in Xenforo you can tell which is more better.

mazen988888787 - November 18, 2021, 10:38 pm

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Can - November 20, 2021, 11:17 am

MyBB is good as it is open sourced and there is a lot of developers for it but XenForo is a good AIO solution for a forum software as many features you would need plugins for in MyBB are standard in XenForo

13lue - December 17, 2021, 11:51 am

I would recommend MyBB due to it being open source and XenForo really isnt worth the price difference.

NobodyReport - December 18, 2021, 2:39 am

As someone who is big on customing with features I lean to MyBB. It's unfortunate that not every end sftware has a modding community within it.

Unholy - December 22, 2021, 8:20 pm

MyBB is fairly old, but I generally like the design of everything as compared to Xenforo with everything looking very sleek and modern.

CinderGhoul - December 23, 2021, 11:06 am

Looks wise Xenforo, ease of development wise, I'd go for MyBB. As a developer myself, I'd say both are monolithic apps in PHP.

If you really want high performance go for a custom solution in Next.js or Nuxt.js.

<https://flarum.org/>

Is close to using new technologies but there are very few plugins if any.

Calibur - January 6, 2022, 10:19 pm

So i just tried XenForo and while it look similarly to IPB, i feel more comfortable and IPB feels more flexible than XenForo. So althought i've already been using vBulletin in the past i think imma settle with IPB for now.

theMilbo - April 3, 2022, 6:08 am

Its kinda funny to compare paid vs open-source as most people already mentioned, but to be fair Xenforo is and will always be very nice and smooth! But i would at any time choose an open source solution!

MyBB is quite nice considering all the mods and themes made for it

SIM-2501407 - April 3, 2022, 12:49 pm

I rather avoid all php - go with something like nodebb - very similar to MyBB.

hotwheels52 - April 3, 2022, 10:52 pm

Since already bumped... I've never really cared for XenForo so I'd probably pick MyBB over it every time. I did, however, used to have a knack for vBulletin back in the day.

KnownSyntax - April 4, 2022, 3:16 pm

If you want features, and default out of the box features without having to even upload a theme yet, XenForo (responsive style out of the box, faster response time overall, more user-friendly UI with elements that appear/disappear vs. requiring a page reload). Obviously a lot of the plugins are also paid only, so you will have to pay more than just for the software itself, which is where MyBB wins (many, many themes are free and same with plugins).

Omniscient - April 8, 2022, 10:46 am

MyBB is completely useless now. It was good software over 10 years ago. It's garbage today, absolute junk. I wouldn't use it or recommend it for a new project.

I am unsure about Xenforo but imho it suffers the same problem of being Legacy Internet (Web 2.0) and what you really want is web 3 shit like NodeJS, API, Mobile and other features you will immediately need without having to buy add-ons or hire a developer.

If HF's MyBB wasn't hyper-developed the past few years I'd probably have to completely ditch it by now. But I don't think I'd go with XF.

SIM-2501407 - April 9, 2022, 2:27 pm

(Apr 8, 2022 09:33 PM)phantomman55 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) do you got examples... never heard of the software.

Isn't web 3.0 nothing but the crypto and meta world space? Facebook was talking about making a virtual 3d world like out of the cartoon futurerama. Is everything going towards mobile? I have been working on my own social media website.

Web 3 will apply to majority of IOT eventually.

And mobile usage had been ever increasing ever since smart phones were a thing.

Floris Fedorov - April 25, 2022, 4:22 pm

I used MyBB almost 6 years ago on my old forum and I loved it. Very nice, easy and clean.

J???? - May 2, 2022, 10:51 am

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I'm fairly out of date, so take it with a grain of salt but I agree. IPB has had my heart ever since I gave it a shot back in 2011 or so. It just felt so smooth to customize and use both as a member and an administrator. The last time I touched it was a couple summers ago, after years of doing nothing with forums, and it was such an easy software to step back into.

Similarly, when it comes down to MyBB vs XenForo strictly, gotta go with XenForo in terms of modernization and ease of use.

All of that said, I try to support FOSS solutions for anything and everything I can and in that regard, MyBB wins out. It depends on what the project is, but if privacy is even remotely a factor, I opt into using MyBB.

xHeaven - May 3, 2022, 7:01 am

MyBB absolutely sucks, I'd never use it for a new project. If anything, I'd either go with vBulletin or IPB. XenForo is dead.