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1. Today 12:00pm #1

roller

New Member

Join Date
Oct 2009
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I just want to make sure that I understand this correctly

I've spent a couple of days reading the (rather understandable in some cases) grouching and back-and-forth about vBulletin 4.0 and upgrades and updates and blogs and whatnot.

That's not really applicable to me in the whole, because I'm looking at starting a whole new forum. I've never held a vBulletin license before. So, I'm starting from scratch here. I've done some work in vBulletin, in the ACP and such, but I've never done an install or anything like that.

Supposing that I purchase 4.0 suite, have I got this right?

- o I will get v3.8.x forums and in the short term, and there will be an update/upgrade some time in the (presumably not too terribly distant) future to true 4.x for forums and blogs, for which I have already paid when I pay my \$295 or whatever it is.
- o When that 4.x eventually comes through, I will also get CMS packaged with that.
- o If I want blogs, I have to purchase the suite, even if I don't really care about the CMS aspect of it (not really applicable to my needs)

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- I must presume that I can "turn off" CMS and just operate forums and blogs.
- I can run 4.x forever, but my support/security updates/patches will sundown at some point, presumably to coincide with the release of 5.x, which is an indefinite time period in the future; could be three months, could be three years. But no matter what, so long as I'm willing to take a chance on not having security patches and the like, I can keep operating 4.x **forever**. I will never be considered to have an "expired license" through this one-time purchase.
- Once my support ends, I will not be able to "buy in" to continued support for 4.x, but will then have to purchase an upgrade to 5.x, and eventually to 6.x, and so on if I want back-end support.
- If I want to get the reduced price for a new purchase, I'll have to do that before the end of the day next Saturday (how is that defined, BTW? Midnight Central time, Zulu time, end of office hours Pacific time, interantional date line?)

This is not some sort of criticism or "talking down" of vBulletin. I just want to know precisely what I'm getting into before I sink any money in this.

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2. Today 12:09pm #2

ct2k7 



Senior Member 

Join Date
Feb 2008

Age
16

Posts
1,247

Short answer to your questions; yes.

The time that the presale ends is when the server time striked mid-night. The server time is Texas. USA.

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3. Today 3:24pm #3

roller 



New Member 

Join Date
Oct 2009

Posts
3

Quote:

Originally Posted by **ct2k7** 

Short answer to your questions; yes.

The time that the presale ends is when the server time striked mid-night. The server time is Texas. USA.

Thanks.

So, then, it's reasonable to assume that if I buy 4.x, set it up how I like, put in whatever hacks I want, and get the membership going, then I'm pretty well set until I decide I want to upgrade, right? I may or may not have the latest and greatest features, but if I'm satisfied with what I have, then everything is fine, and I can ride that horse as long as I want to, and then if the day comes that I decide I like, say, 7.x, I just pay the upgrade charge then, right? Or do I **have** to upgrade through 5.x and 6.x to get to 7.x? Or just start over with 7.x?

With an indefinite ability to use what I want, if I can get what I want out of 4.x, then I think I can stay a pretty happy camper, so long as there isn't some massive security hole opened up somewhere or something. BUT, I'm a total n0ob at this, so if there's something I'm missing, I'd be thrilled to have some of the "old heads" give me pointers.

Thanks again.

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4. Today 10:22pm #4
[The Smoking Gun!](#) 

Member 

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52
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48

The likely answer to that is if you keep upgrading, you will likely get a better price for each one as opposed to skipping three and then getting back on the train. however in the long run, it would probably end up costing less total with the scenario you put up/ the downside...right now...there are so many ways to make 3.8 extensible, that will likely be a time before they are all caught up to work with a completely recoded product as opposed to the previous "built upon existing" considering they are all independents volunteering their time and abilities for the "gratuitous" donations people who rather like their work send them, and although there are also "premium" mods available for a licensing fee as well, which are likely to be put up allot sooner than those free one's, unless, beyond my knowledge, these hacks are a part of any alpha and beta testers, that can tool their mods as the core is worked, then you might see them sooner.

The biggest point to impress is that usually these are quickly kept up to speed, unless the publisher is no longer doing this kind of work, then it dies when it no longer functions, or

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someone else sees it worthy of investing their time and skills in getting it current again.....all this of course depends on which ones you want, how deeply are they editing the core, and what skill level do you have for trouble shooting those that get left behind,now couple that with 4.0 and the suite supposedly having been completely reworked, is likely to slow down and maybe even discourage any number of those mods from being kept current.

I'd love an answer to know if there are any hacks going to be offered by third party's that will allow the existing blog to work with 4.0 even if Jelsoft is choosing not to.

That leaves me to comment onward to this response....just because a thread is closed it doesn't mean posts cannot still be quoted.....

Quote:

Yesterday 11:05pm #134 🙋🔥



Steve Machol  Customer Support Manager [Join](#)
Date Jul 2000 Location Jelsoft InterGalactic HQ Posts 142,164

Everyone still has access to and use of the products they bought. Furthermore as per this announcement:

<http://www.vbulletin.com/forum/showthread.php?t=315681>

...you will be able to download any versions of vB4 Forums up until the expiry date of your license. After that date you can continue running the version you were eligible for. However in order to have access to further updates to vB4 after that time you will need to convert your license to vB4 or vB4 Suite.

It would be better for you cost-wise to take advantage of our limited time offer to upgrade to the Suite at the discounted price of \$130. However you are free to wait and either stick with that version of vB4 Forums that was available at the time of expiry or pay more later.

Note: This is not applicable to the vB4 Publishing Suite.

The policies are set and as per the [forum rules](#) if you wish to discuss this further you can fill out a support ticket.

*Steve Machol, vBulletin Customer Support Manager
"Have Copy, Will Paste" (when appropriate)*

Please do not email or PM me for vBulletin support. I will be more than glad to answer your questions on the vB Forums and in the [support system](#).

Just remember that what happens in localhost, stays in localhost.

How is this even accurate???

You told us how it would be more advantageous to not wait but to buy our products before the announcement....a few weeks before.....ow if I had bought only forums, for \$130 more i could get blog and CMS....however I did not pay only \$180. for forums, I pain \$240. for forums and blog.....how can you NOT see how all of us who listened to YOU, that also

bought blog, are losing out...period!!!!

Or do you realize it completely and are just ignoring your conscience for anything the new parent company tells you, because you sold your ethics and principals and sold us out in the process!!!

I am only saying this because other people are also going to listen to you considering your position and they should be aware of how you have previously advised new owned licensees going on their second license to buy it first, and then wait for the announcement when the announcement states that you are no longer supporting blog or project tools.... but still encouraged people to buy ANYTHING because it would be better...for who? You? meaning the company? or for us, as we were led to believe?

I would take this advice with a grain of salt and allot of research!!!

BTW I am no longer getting any responses to my resubmitted tickets so submitting one does not mean you will get any kind of answer in any form better than the one you get in the forums telling you to, since that is their way of keeping all their "no's" out of the threads so they wont have to close them and delete them or the posts!

Is IB also going to prevent hacks from updating blog as a free mod too? Since you are no longer keeping it as a product, and you are dismissing the licensing terms as it seems every response you give in regards to the one above, always seems to leave that little part out, about not updating or keeping the blog you sold a couple weeks before the announcement current or updated to the possible environmental changes in PHP or MySQL releases up and coming, so where is the year's worth of USE or your claims we can keeping using what we bought, knowing full well that even the most recent 3.8 needed a few updates already....so how is it we can even do what you claim????

Once there is a new release of php or SQL db's and renders a whole forum inoperable... where are we???

left with no choice but to either throw out the money we just spent and buy something that will continue to be kept current, or pay up to the extortion being practiced under this pretense you keep putting out there, lulling less web wise people in to thinking they are still getting a fair shake when they have been ripped off and their licenses have been breached.

You can close or delete this one too Steve or anyone up there on staff, this may be in response to Steves words, and previous advisement, but this is in no way a post against him personally, it is meant towards all of those who represent this company.

So Zach before you doll out another infraction and delete this post too, make sure you know what position that puts you in,....it is nothing short of fascism.... I will have a screen shot of it too...Like I have of my other deleted post and some of the other threads that have been deleted, violating many people's rights.... but you should realize that by doing that you are also adding to the admissions you just won't verbalize....and sending those who have been screwed to other venues you can't shut up, because you assume with out staff responses to work off of, they will lose their impact....well you are probably right, but keep in mind, even though many of us have PAID to have this license despite it not being honored.....this also reduces your company's credence when they try to take to court, those who are going to end up getting updates and upgrades, as easily as people could have simply gotten this entire package from any number of P2P sites, and I really don't think any court would entertain your company's claims of piracy, when they have licenses, and receipts for their purchase, and agreement stating they are kept current and up to date, on an owned license when you chose to stop doing that long before those licenses reach the one year mark....unless you plan to keep all these pre-salers hanging until all the recent license purchahses prior to the presale deal....are legally beyond thier terms!

So which of these is the really clear or simple part?

And what is it we can use for how long?

You know how long already, you are probably BANKING on a new PHP release to render owners of a "3.8.4 ever" license ...to become all buggy, and leave people with no other choice but lose their community or buy in to your new release, just in time for you to do it again when 5 and 6 comes out...that's what this change in licensing is really accomplishing,... you are just playing the waiting game, well when you start waiting for orders to come in...and your paychecks do not clear....lets see how fast there will be new policies in place for extended licenses being discounted, or better yet, longer term licensing like cell phone carriers have begun to use, by giving free phone upgrades for reentering longer and longer ones.

Well { for one have learned the hard way, but at least I learned early in this new game, I really feel for those long term, multiple license holders, who are being extorted, and if it is a paid subscription community, meant to off set the price of keeping it going, well that just doubles for those members, who can easily take residence elsewhere for free, by simply getting together and all looking for, and moving to a new community together, keeping their community intact.

Because a community consists of those that make it up, not the url it is hosted at.

Keep that mind people, you have the power to bring about change, and you have the means to empower whatever site...software...or company, as well as take that power away.

This is what the US was built on....and certainly what any community is really about.

Would facebook, you tube, myspace, and others, be what it is if you all didn't go get accounts?

There are lots of VERY similar sites you could have gone to, and still can, and when you do, you give that site/company the resources to do great things in appreciation of your attendance and contributions, for which, with out, no site would be successful, and if you had chosen to make all the mods and hacks for IBP and all these people were a part of that, then vB never would have become what it did...and it did so, because of YOU ALL, you programmers, you socializing personable people with a cause or a mission, to be a support group for kidney donor recipient lists, or any organ donor waiting list support group, or community dedicated to science or needle point, it doesn't matter, what makes it what it is, isn't the software, the url, or the company behind it, it is the people...YOU!!!

Now that vB is based in the USA, you cannot infringe on my civil rights to speak my mind, and tell the truth, if this or any other threads and posts, that are not otherwise vulgar, or a violation of other people's civil rights, and when we no longer get ticket responses, and when we file our complaints to the BBB, or consumer affairs, or the FTC, when those posts and threads that have been screen shot documented, before being deleted....will then be filed as violations of people's civil rights.

Is IB so big they can handle this kind of political pressure?

Because it is politicians that will be responding to those who infringe on other people's civil rights.

That is what we write to our congressional appointees for, to enforce our civil liberties, and prevent those who would silence speakers of truth, and supporters of justice, and disallow any one entity from power playing others, be it through extortion, or keeping secret, from those just coming in to this, all that others have previously expressed, and then, you either forced them to submit a ticket, and take it out of the public eye, for which you can then just

tell us as you did me...flat out NO, we get nothing for spending money on software you knew you were not going to honor your end of the license...and go on to tell others to submit a ticket so you can quietly tell them no too, and let all these new interested people, never get find out what has transpired here, because you gave out infractions, and deleted their posts, and in some cases whole threads, making those who are disgusted, just give up a useless effort, but that only serves to prove how much power we really have, and that in the end, it will be you who loses...you know why?

I have nothing else TO lose....you however...for the many good people who listened to you, would be perfectly happy to get their money's worth for what they paid, NOT what you depict is a value, WE decide what a value is...but you won't even compromise to do the right thing, by offering something which costs you next to nothing to duplicate a few copies, of the intellectual property, not inventory in packaging,, shipped out to warehouse,s and then to stores...none of that expense like those companies you try to compare yourself to, well I for one am not buying in to the spin....you may fool allot of people, but you won't fool them all, and when it all comes down to it, and the dust settles...I wonder who will still exist, the large communities of people?

Regardless of the venue they use to BE a community, or the company that turned it's back on the very community that built it, that's right, the community built Jelsoft to be so enticing to IB, and those, whose long hard hours, writing and debugging code to offer that community something little more, and a better reason to want to continue to grow ,and support those who continued to GIVE BACK TO THAT COMMUNITY, and not use them to take more from them!!!!

This will likely be my final post, because I doubt it will be tolerated for someone to tell you how important you are, as so many others in history have been silenced so someone else can line their pockets and forget about integrity and ethics, let alone civil rights, and legally binding license agreements, they had a chance to respond to my ticket one last time, and chose not to....but this isn't for me....I can walk awayI do not have hundreds of people looking to me yet, wondering if their little corner of the web will still be there because of the sudden additional expense for something MOST people have stated could care less about the cms, but need a blog....so you made the decision to USE that knowledge, to push them in to a corner of pay, or last as long as you can until there is an environment upgrade, thinking THEN they will HAVE to buy it.....guess what.....that will be on your company's epitaph!

Never treat your customers or clients like they are fools, or are too stupid to know better, this has killed more big corporations than any other single reason for them to go under... because once word of it gets out...the investors....and stock holders..... they bail, and they sell while they can before it becomes worthless.

Go ahead folks do some business history research, specifically the biggest companies you can remember existing and go see why they no longer do!

Guess I will be spending allot of time in court standing up for freedom of speech rights violations for all those threads and posts that have been deleted for many of your behalf's.

Oh and by the way..those rights DO apply to people with online identities...despite the anonymity a moniker provides, the supreme court has determined that a real person is still behind it, and if that person carries out an antisemitic, hate, or racial posting, they CAN be prosecuted, it isn't just a forum rule...as are our rights as citizens, and the liberties and civil rights we are guaranteed by our government.....you can check on this too.....despite what your "legal dept." said in my ticket.....I know better!

<http://www.aclu.org/freespeech/inter...s20090121.html>
<http://edition.cnn.com/2009/CRIME/08...uit/index.html>
<http://www.aclu.org/freespeech/inter...reespeech.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/27/opinion/27tue2.html>

All of the above links, despite referring to content much less desirable than this, still rules it is a violation of civil rights to censor or interfere with people's right to free speech on the Internet!!!

So by deleting this post IB will then be guilty of this, and likely not be granted business registration in the US, as well as not have a leg to stand on concerning their breaches of license agreements!

BTW if it DOES disappear, or any negative actions taken towards me, screen shots will be posted publicly, as well as my entire collection of deleted posts and dismissal of acknowledgments of the discontinued software licenses sold right up to the week of the announcement, that are not being honored, will be printed and mailed as well as emailed to every congressional office in the country for review, unless they either make blog work with 4.0 forums only, or offer an equal trade of combination license purchases for suite!

This goes for ALL of those who purchased both recently, not just me, I do this because it is right, not so "I" can gain by it, but so **no one** is left short changed, for their listening to staff urging us to buy before the announcement went public!

TSG!

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A place for second timers to share and help!



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