

EE Help Chat — Wednesday, July 1

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	Ryan I.	has entered the room
	Ryan I.	turned on guest access
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	Kenny	has entered the room
	Kenny	a/s/l?
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	Ryan I.	/kick
		the.dentist == kenny meyers
	Brandon K.	has entered the room
	Kenny	the.dentist < kenny meyers
	Brandon K.	Considered signing on as the.patient
	Kenny	haha
		That's awesome
	Ryan I.	wherez ma peeps
	Kenny	Kra-kowzer!
	pablo b.	has entered the room
	Adam W.	has entered the room
	pablo b.	Hey guys how are you?
	ErikReagan	has entered the room
	Ryan I.	they pablo. doing goog.
	Anthony D.	has entered the room
	Anthony D.	hey all
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	Ira42	has entered the room
	Kenny	Hello!
	Ryan I.	hey anthony

Adam W.	Hello All!
Ira42	Hi all
Josh C.	has entered the room
Anthony D.	ok -- I have a question, probably one I could answer for myself if I dug...
Ryan I.	go for it
LeeG	has entered the room
Anthony D.	the presence of the non-html type of template pages -- as in Javascript and CSS types -- seem to beg for the ability to add EE tags to be parsed. But they cannot be, am I right?
SimonCox	has entered the room
SimonCox	Hello all
Sean S.	has entered the room
Kenny	Anthony: If you use the {path="template_group/css"} I believe it will parse it.
Sean S.	Hi all
ErikReagan	how many of you use EE templates for your CSS & JS and how many just keep them as flat files on the server?
Anthony D.	to be clear, I mean EE tags WITHIN the CSS template or the Javascript template
ErikReagan	Anthony, Kenny is right as far as I know
Kenny	Erik: Flat files.
SimonCox	I use both - not sure which i prefer yet
Ray B.	has entered the room
Sean S.	I use EE templates for CSS, but not js - also saved as flat files
pablo b.	ErikReagan: never in templates.
ErikReagan	I have global vars in my CSS on one site
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Sean S.	I always have global vars in my CSS usually a path to images
pablo b.	I have a playa related question maybe someone could help me out with
SimonCox	But one interesting thing - if the CSS files are in a css template then in Firefox Web Developer they all show (if you have more than one) as index.css
Adam W.	I keep as flat files on the server.

Sean S.	well Brandon Kelly is here so looks like your in luck, pablo
pablo b.	sweet,
Brian L.	has entered the room
ErikReagan	does anyone have any performance based reasoning for their decision on flat-file vs EE template?
Casey R.	has entered the room
Alex A.	has entered the room
ErikReagan	obviously it depends on the amount of CSS & JS in the site...
SimonCox	Erik - you can have incremental back ups with the template.
Sean S.	Erik, If you use templates, but also use the save as flatfile there shouldn't be a performance hit should there
	I also liek that if I'm away from my main computer and need to edit a client site I can do CSS via the cp
SimonCox	Good point Sean - use the temaplte for the css but link to the saved file
Anthony D.	I think we're getting away from what I was getting at (unless I missed the answer)...
ErikReagan	well I know there's technically a difference between my CSS not even being a part of the EE database, and if it's a template saved as a flat file that parses global vars before being sent to the browser
	but I'm sure it isn't a large difference
Anthony D.	what I want to know is can I place a tag pair in a CSS file and have them parse the results into a *dynamic* css file
Ryan I.	does EE parse tags in css files?
ErikReagan	I havent' tried tag pairs, just global variables
Adam W.	I know you can do it in javascript. Haven't tried CSS
Anthony D.	ahhh-- so we don't know! ;-)
Sean S.	I don't see why not
Anthony D.	guess I have to try; was feeling lazy
ErikReagan	haha
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Sean S.	just don't link to the file using the stylesheet command
Anthony D.	what's the difference with the different linking methods

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damn sorry didnt want to post that now. sorry

Jon has entered the room

Jon ?

SimonCox has left the room

Anthony D. ErikReagan: I thought that the "Save As File" option was more for editing ease than how the CSS or template or whatever is served. Are you saying that saving templates as files serves them differently?

ErikReagan Hey Jon

Travis S. has entered the room

Brandon K. pablo boerr - something like this:

Ryan I. hey jon

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Anthony D. (quiet in here)


Brian L. has left the room

Anthony D. how 'bout that template question?

Ryan I. Saving templates as files means EE reads the file, not the template in the database.

*as files

man, i can't type tonight

Anthony D.	but doesn't the template (even saved as a file) get *written* to the database??
Ryan I.	no
ErikReagan	no
Brandon K.	<p>View paste</p> <hr/> <p>Player tpl:</p> <pre>{reverse_related_entries weblog="team"} {embed="site/team_players" weblog="{weblog_short_name}"} {/reverse_related_entries}</pre> <p>team_players tpl:</p> <pre>{exp:weblog:entries weblog="{embed:weblog}"} {player_link} <!-- player info --> {/player_link} {/exp:weblog:entries}</pre> 
ErikReagan	<p>try duplicating weblog templates when creating a new one (where you saved them as files and never worked on them within EE)</p> <p>you'll get a bunch of blank templates</p> <p>either way EE still has to parse through EE tags though</p> <p>so I don't know that there would be a performance shift</p>
Ryan I.	or the last saved template to the db
ErikReagan	correct
pablo b.	thanks brandon going to go and set this up. much appreciated
Anthony D.	wait -- so if I work in TextMate (via Cyberduck -- my preferred workflow) and then need to edit a template remotely, using a browser, the content of the template in my browser is NOT going to be the last state of the template I edited in TextMate?
ErikReagan	<p>View paste</p> <hr/> <pre>here's what I get from the template debugger: (0.000018) - I (0.000324) URI: (0.000340) Path.php Template: /index (0.000360) Retrieving Template (0.000378) Parsing Template URI (0.000408) Retrieving Template from Database: /index (0.003582) Template Found</pre>

(0.004895) Retrieving Template from File



Nick D.	has entered the room
Ryan I.	hey nick
Nick D.	Hey guys
ErikReagan	EE will pull in the contents of the saved flat file and display them in the textarea in the CP
	so yo'll be fine
Adam W.	Guys,
ErikReagan	and once you click Save, it's then saved in the DB
	brb – gotta put my little lady to bed
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Anthony D.	EE pulls in the flat file contents only when I access the template via browser?
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Ryan I.	no, it'll pull it in when you access the template from the CP, too
Adam W.	The rockstars at Erskine have released their new related entries module. I was using the hack previous version and it is awesome, so the module should be good.
Anthony D.	so the DB is only updated when I access the template via a browser? seems like a workflow hole
Adam W.	Link: http://erskinelabs.com/post/expressionengi...
mahalie	has entered the room
Ryan I.	hi mahalie
Brandon K.	How does Erskine's module differ from SolSPACE's? Anyone used both?
Masuga	has entered the room
Nick D.	Looking for opinions on nGen's Structure... I played with it this week and didn't like it much but maybe I'm missing something?
Adam W.	I've never used the SolSPACE one.
Masuga	Hi.
Sean S.	Greetings Ryan
Josh C.	has left the room

LeeG	has left the room
Ryan I.	hey Ryan
Ray B.	Regarding Structure...I actually loved the way it laid everything out, but ran into problems twice and couldn't afford to sink more time into it.
Adam W.	Ryan M. THanks for Devotee, it's a great addition for guys like me trying to get more out of EE.
Ryan I.	Nick, I haven't done anything extensive with Structure, just messed around with it. It was my experience that it altered too much how I develop sites. But I'm a curmudgeon like that sometimes.
Brandon B.	has entered the room
Anthony D.	I looked at STructure and wondered why I would want to make EE perform in such an un-EE manner. It's one thing when it's broke: you try to fix it. But if it ain't broke...
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Jon	has left the room
Ryan I.	who has the next question? jump in...
Adam W.	Has anyone ever put together the DB structure for public consumption?
Anthony D.	still waiting for an answer to CSS template parsing EE tags...
	; -)
Ryan I.	Anthony, I think the answer is to try it out and see what happens. :)
Ira42	Happy with Structure. Recently had to completely rebuild a huge EE site which was using Mark Huot's "Tome" module. Both tome and Structure deal with site structures in way that makes much more sense to me and my clients.
Anthony D.	more like yelp-chat ;)
Masuga	I've tried structure twice. I can't seem to commit to it. I do like how it allows you to designate what gets controlled by Structure and what gets left alone.
Adam W.	I ask about the DB because I am writing ome pretty involved SQL query's at the moment and a copy of the relationships would be real useful
Masuga	Anthony D: What's the CSS Q? Or is there any way for me to read chat that happened before I got in here?
Casey R.	I had some issues with Structure during an earlier release. But have used it on a few recent projects and its working well.
Sean S.	has left the room
Ryan I.	Masuga: as guests, you don't get to see the transcript. limitation of

	campfire.
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Ryan I.	Masuga: the question was whether EE parses tags in CSS files managed by EE
Brandon K.	Adam Wiggall – What exactly are you asking? DB structure is pretty easy to look at if you open MySQL.
Anthony D.	CSS Question: if segment_2 (for example) == home, is there a way to set up my CSS file such that the div#banner background image == "images/background/{segment_2}.jpg"
	FOR EXAMPLE
	as in truly dynamic CSS files
	I suppose that would completely negate caching, though
Casey R.	if its only a few styles you could use inline styles in the templates
Brandon K.	Anthony DeCrescenzo – Probably a bad idea, even if possible. Instead you might want to just add that right on the page between <style> tags.
Adam W.	Brandon, just a little layout diagram. Using enginehosting I can only access via phpMyadmin and it's a little tedious.
Brandon K.	Adam Wiggall – you can always install it locally ;)
Adam W.	I exported a copy for local use
Masuga	Anthony D: I'm fairly certain I've done that before. I don't normally keep CSS or JS in EE unless I need it to be dynamic in that way. I believe it should work though.
Ryan I.	Adam, you can access the database (read-only) in the control panel
	under Utitiles
	Utilities, even
Dylan S.	has entered the room
Anthony D.	so the CSS would be dynamic based on the complete URL?
	(I know, I know....go try it!)
mahalie	has left the room
Kyle R.	has entered the room
Adam W.	Thanks guys
Ryan I.	hey Kyle
Kenny	I see Adam W and all I can think of is Adam West

Kyle R.	How now brown cow?
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Adam W.	Is that Kanye's brother? Or Batman
Masuga	Anthony D: Scratch that. Just read the docs: "CSS Stylesheet: This type is used for Stylesheets. It tells ExpressionEngine to serve the Template as "text/css" MIME type. Further, the Template will not be parsed for EE Tags like normal. The Template is served "as-is"."
Brandon K.	Got a few good suggestions on Twitter, but might as well repost here — anyone have any ideas on what they'd like me to talk about at http://eeci2009.com ?
Brandon B.	I've got a question. I'm trying to sort by a custom field and have found that it does not work intuitively since EE treats the column as type VARCHAR. I end up with an alphabetical sort on a 'numerical' column.
	I understand there to be a number of ways to solf this, but what is the suggested/easiest way to properly sort desc by number?
Anthony D.	you see, it PAYS to be needy and lazy! Take THAT, Mom!
	thanks Masuga
pablo b.	brandon K, could i run by you the palya code i have for the player page
Kenny	Adam: Batman. Family Guy too.
Anthony D.	have to tell you, it would become a little like crossing the streams or "Back to the Future 4"-esque, but dynamic-tag-parsing JS and CSS files would be wicked.
Adam W.	Anthony, you can do it in JS
Casey R.	Brandon B: I've changed the field type in the DB to be INT on a few cases where I needed true number sort.
Brandon K.	pablo boerr: Sure, but let's take it offline.
Masuga	Anthony D: Well, you CAN do that if you've got CSS and JS right on the regular templates. And I think you can do it on the JS templates.
Brandon B.	Casey Reid:
	whoops...
Anthony D.	right, but not in a separate stylesheet
Brandon B.	thanks – that was my thought, but did not know how supported that was
Adam W.	Agreed, outputting lat longs to google maps js on a site at the moment
Anthony D.	it's just the existence of the CSS template-type that made me wonder

pablo b.	@brandon k that would be great. i really appreciate it.
Anthony D.	why the need for CSS or JS template-types if they can't be dynamic? You know?
Casey R.	Brandon B: Didnt cause any issues for me. It was just for that specific custom field so didn't affect anything else
Kenny	Anthony D: EE caches it for you and has versioning
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Brandon B.	great, thanks
Masuga	Anthony D: I think just so EE sends the correct MIME type...because they all have a .php extension. I could be wrong. I have been wrong on rare occasions.
Anthony D.	well, EE caches it for you, but the browser would otherwise do so, no?
Kenny	That is correct!
	If you're using dynamic stuff though
Anthony D.	Must tell you, I never use the JS templates, just write my own JS files and include them as usual
Kenny	having it cache will be useful
	Have a good one all.
Leevi G.	has entered the room
Anthony D.	thanks Kenny
Leevi G.	Hey all
pablo b.	hey Levi
Ray B.	has left the room
Leevi G.	Not really an EE question, but has anyone had the "pleasure" of working with @font-face in IE/ ?
Kyle R.	I have a question about FieldFrame & nGen file field. I have two blogs, each using same fields. When I uploaded an image to one blog using nGen & FF, and then a different image with the same name to the second blog, it overwrote the image from the first blog. Has that happened to anyone?
Brandon K.	Anthony DeCrescenzo: I agree. There's no point to writing CSS and JS within EE templates, if it doesn't get parsed. Apache's already really good at serving files on its own; why add the complexity for 0 gain?
Casey R.	has left the room

Anthony D.	[[basks in the glow of cyber-affirmation]]
Brandon K.	Kyle Ridolfo – That’s expected, if they’re using the same directory.
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Kyle R.	Brandon – so it will only increment the name of a duplicate file within the same blog?
Brandon K.	Kyle Ridolfo: it’s not so much about whether or not they’re in the same weblog, but rather, that you can’t have two files with the same name in the same physical directory.
Anthony D.	Kyle Ridolfo: R. is there th
Stephen S.	has entered the room
Anthony D.	woops
Kyle R.	Right. I get the directory/file part, but thought nGen was appending an incremented number to duplicate file names on upload.
Anthony D.	Kyle -- is there that much overlap in the blogs that they're using the same images as well as fields?
	ignore me -- it's a nGen question
pablo b.	Leevi Graham: I have a multi language question for you
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Leevi G.	pablo boerr: fire
Kyle R.	It's a good question. The template has one main image that needs to be specified. Because there are a lot of pages, and similarly themed images, they tend to name the images with duplicate names. I suppose I could just use the built-in file upload function.
Alex A.	will a transcript of this chat session be available?
ErikReagan	sounds like a bug of some sort Kyle, because it is supposed to add an incremental number to the file name
Kyle R.	Erik – it increments within the same blog, but not in another blog using the same fields.
pablo b.	i've installed the plugin and it works great, i have a link at the top of the page to switch language, i'm wondering if there's a way to switch the language and stay on the current page, the way i have it set up now, it sends me back to the index page.
Brandon K.	Kyle Ridolfo: Interesting. Sounds like an oversight on nGen’s part. You should bring it up with them.
ErikReagan	for any filename or just a specific file you're uploading for test purposes?

Kenny has left the room

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// Check if file exists already, if it does add an increment  
if( file_exists($upload_path . $file  
    $matching_files = glob($uplo  
  
    // Find highest number, add  
    sort($matching_files);  
    preg_match("/" . $file['name  
  
    if( isset($matches[1]) && $r  
        $increment = "-" . ($  
    } else {  
        $increment = "_1";  
    }  
  
    $file_name = $file['name'] .  
  
    ...  
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that looks like the magic there

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Brandon K. Hmm... not seeing anything that accounts for the weblog, so it should just do the same thing regardless.

Kyle R. Yeah that's what it looks like. I'm gonna do a test install and see if I can duplicate it. Thanks for your help everyone. :)

Adam W. The Wife is calling, good night all.

Ryan I. We're going to wrap it up for this week.

Brandon K. Night boys.

Ryan I. Thanks everyone for geeking out for an hour.

Kyle R. Damn I missed the end of Blue's Clues. Night everyone!

ErikReagan night all

pablo b. brandon kelly where should i get in contact with you

Brandon K. has left the room

Adam W. has left the room

Ryan I. take care everyone!

pablo b. nighth ryan thanks for the help

Leevi G. Man I must have come in late

	night all.
Ryan I.	Pablo: http://getsatisfaction.com/brandonkelly
pablo b.	thanks man
Ryan I.	sure thing
	take care everyone
Leevi G.	Just a quick one for all the EE devs: http://github.com/newism/lg.firephp.ee_add...
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