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News

Doctor-Doc released as Open Source

Doctor-Doc has been released as Open Source under the GPL and may be downloaded at SourceForge:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/doctor-doc/

It is now possible to run a local installation of Doctor-Doc for your institution. The hosted version under www.doctor-doc.com will continue to exist.

Mailing Lists

This is the last official newsletter!

Any communication regarding Doctor-Doc will be done over these two mailing lists:

https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/doctor-doc-general (Users)
https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/doctor-doc-tech (Developers)

Make sure to register in one of these lists to keep up to date. Language on the mailing list is english.

Documentation / Wiki

We are in the process of creating a documentation for Doctor-Doc:

http://sourceforge.net/apps/mediawiki/doctor-doc/index.php?title=Main_Page

Trac / Tickets

You may also want to take a look at future developments:

http://sourceforge.net/apps/trac/doctor-doc/report/1

ILL form as PDF

It is possible to create an ILL form as PDF to be sent as fax, email or per snail mail to the supplying library.

Performance

We strongly tweaked the performance of Doctor-Doc by optimizing the underlying database. Response time is very much improved:

You may most evidently see this in the statistics, which will now show up within a few seconds even for a very large number of orders.

Directly save orders from patrons in the database

Due to an actual SPAM problem in a couple of institutions, for emails from doctor-doc.com, we had to switch temporarily to another mail server on a different domain.

And we did add this new feature:

It is now possible to configure on the level of each orderform, that orders may be saved directly in the database before sending an email to the patron and the library.

This produces a more reliable order process: pure email based orders may be lost due to SPAM-blocking issues!

Default configuration is set to false (= pure email notification).

The changes also include:
- new order state ('to order' / 'zu bestellen')
- if a patron (email-address) is unknown, the address will be saved as a new user
- reordering will modify an existing order, instead of creating a new order

Additional Benefits:
- no lenght limitations due to orderlink in email (get-method)
- books and book parts will also be automatically saved

To activate:
Go to 'Account/Konto' => 'Orderforms / Bestellformulare' => choose the orderform => activate the option 'save order' and save the changes.

Please consider, there is still room for optimization:
- if an existing patron, uses a wrong or other email than registered, he will get saved as new user
- before deleting a 'wrong' address, change the order to the correct address or the order will be lost.
- management of addresses (see: http://sourceforge.net/apps/trac/doctor-doc/ticket/7)