

bbAggregate

– a possible replacement for global terms –

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bbWP2UTF8

Helps you fix old WordPress (Mu) database schemes

wordpress.org/extend/plugins/bbwp2utf8

bbRedirector

Easily redirect page to another location

wordpress.org/extend/plugins/bbredirector

bbHTTP2HTTPS

Tiny plugin to transform http to https links (WP MU)

wordpress.org/extend/plugins/bbhttp2https

bbEvents

Add events to your installation easily!

wordpress.org/extend/plugins/bbevents

And of course, bbAggregate

Aggregate content from multiple blogs into streams of related content

wordpress.org/extend/plugins/bbaggregate

What to expect?

- **How it all started...**
- **What is bbAggregate & Why should you care?**
- **How to use bbAggregate – hands on –**
- **Plans for the future**

**It started with a request from a client to:
'aggregate content from multiple blogs into another blog'....**

Easy! Let's use sitewide categories aka global terms for this!

Mhmm, seems global terms are a bit buggy?

Then I saw this...

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[nacin](#) — [6 months](#) ago

- **status** changed from *new* to *closed*
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(In [\[14494\]](#)) Simple warning text for global terms. Probably not enough considering the sky will fall on your head if you enable them, but it's a start. fixes [#12666](#).

Mhhm lets get some more info...

from Bjorn Wijers ★

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to wp-hackers@lists.automattic.com ★

cc 'Roy Tanck' ★

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Hi all,

I'm on the verge of finishing a plugin (bbAggregate) which allows you to aggregate posts from different blogs in the same WP3 install to be aggregated based on sitewide categories.

According to this <http://core.trac.wordpress.org/ticket/12666> this functionality has some issues, but it is not clear what these issues are. I have used the same functionality in WordPress MU for multiple clients with success and would like to be able to use it in future WP releases as well since my clients depend on it.

My questions are:

- 1) What are the future plans for sitewide categories and?
- 2) What needs to be done to keep the functionality? Regardless of it being part of the core.
- 3) What are the the remaining issues preventing this from working stable?

I can't find more info other than "the sky will fall on your head" with regards to the issues and the info in <http://core.trac.wordpress.org/ticket/12666> is not helping (yet).

Any help or pointers on more information much appreciated!

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met vriendelijke groet,
Bjorn Wijers

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subject Re: [wp-hackers] Status of sitewide categories/terms in WP3

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We refer to sitewide categories as "global terms." Here's a Trac search using that terminology, <http://core.trac.wordpress.org/search?q=global+terms>, which should reveal many tickets and changesets.

Without getting into the full details for why the sky will fall on your head -- in a nutshell, they are very messy and probably should never have been anything more than a plugin -- we are maintaining the ability to use global terms. If you are performing an upgrade from MU, then global terms will be on by default; in 3.0, they are off. They can be turned on again via a filter (or DB option) along with the creation of the sitecategories table (for which a function does exist). The filter, option and functions are documented in the ticket you reference, #12666.

Likewise, they can be turned off with the same filter or by deleting or modifying a row in the sitemeta table.

WTF @#\$%^&* (%^&!

And so I started to work on a plugin: bbAggregate

bbAggregate

- **Create streams (think category) of (related) content**
- **Users (actively) add content to a stream**
- **Theme displays streams and thus the added content will be shown**

Why should you care?

- **Easy way to show related content from multiple blogs in an installation**
- **Replaces (some) functionality of global terms ('sky will fall')**
- **As far as I know first possible replacement for global terms as a plugin**

An example: Stories from the Zoo

BbAggregate in the wild..

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Het beloofd een mooie, inspirerende avond te worden. We hopen zo veel mogelijk mensen te zien! Komt allen en neem iemand mee, spread the word!!!



 Vind ik leuk  Vind dit als eerste van je vrienden leuk.

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De pannenkoekenfabriek wordt groots!

Na de laatste bijeenkomst van Seven Days of Inspiration Amsterdam (www.7di020.nl) gaan we de pannenkoekenfabriek opschalen. Wij zoeken zo veel mogelijk vrijwilligers die mee willen helpen om er voor de kinderen een groot pannenkoekenfeest van te maken. Er wordt druk gezocht naar een geschikte locatie (zo groot mogelijk). Tips zijn van harte welkom!

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Future roadmap

- **Change role / access model (streams = super admin)**
- **Change installation (mu-plugins)**
- **Add customfield variable name as an option**
- **Option to always include posts from a given set of blogs**
- **Feeds of streams**
- **Testing under load (caching)**
- **Translations & Documentation**
- **Cleanup (DB)**
- **Feedback on whatever else is needed to replace global terms**

Help needed

You can help as well:

- **Use the plugin & contribute by giving feedback (load testing etc)**
- **Contribute Time (develop code & translate & document & educate)**
- **Contribute Money (hire me to develop items on the roadmap)**

Thanks!

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