

What's News available again

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I now have need of this module in a production environment, so I have taken it upon myself to clean it up and release it. Oliver deserves most of the credit for getting it this far; I had relatively little to do to finish it off: convert a could of old functions to pnAPI, tweak email formatting, fix a few little bugs. But I hope putting this back into circulation will help others out. Contributions are welcome; I do not yet have it under source control, but it could be when needed.

Features:

- Unlimited number of newsletters
- Unlimited "plugins" for each newsletter
 - a "plugin" is an individual content item, such as "latest News"
 - Plugins can be exported and imported, allowing easy trading of plugins between sites.
 - Each plugin can specify a SQL or RSS source query, SQL "LIMIT", start date, end date, minimum trigger value, and header, row and footer templates for both html and text version results.
- Subscription by registered users and by simple email addresses
- substantial testing tools, such as "Generate" to see html & text version output, preview html email, & send "test" emails to admin.
- Send Now or an interface to cron jobs.
- sendmail or SMTP.
- lots more...

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