

Branding - Feature Request #2983

new graphics for parabola

2021-02-15 06:12 PM - telur

Status: in progress	% Done: 0%
Priority: feature	
Assignee:	
Category:	
Description would be nice to add some visual to make visitor more engaged and welcoming in parabola homepage maybe called it homesplash ? its cool i guess if there is something new and appealing once a time we go to parabola homepage i made an initial homesplash using adaptive two images that looks good if truncated portrait and landscape display the rest maybe just need to add wiki snippet to automatically center the image sourcefiles are in attachment example mockup are in forums if you want me to make specific size png or else, just reply!	

History

#1 - 2021-02-16 01:23 AM - telur

forum: <https://labs.parabola.nu/boards/6/topics/786>

#2 - 2021-02-27 07:12 AM - bill-auger

people have suggested similar ideas before, such as an entirely new snazzy website; but no one has followed through and made anything useful - a formal feature request is great; but of course, someone need to do the work

i made a new downloads page last year; but it could use some beautifying - i made it mainly for practical reasons; but did not put it into use yet - web design is not the highest priority for my time; so i never polished it enough that it was any more eye-pleasing than the existing one

there are many other design tasks that parabola needs to be done - theres no space to add anything to the existing home page though - that would stay as it is, at another URL - it would need to be a new complete web page - if you have the skills and the time, thats great - i would take the time to install it, if we get something nice and complete

#3 - 2021-02-27 09:37 AM - telur

its okay

if anyone interested i could lend some help and suggestion in design

#4 - 2021-03-06 08:05 AM - bill-auger

again, its not so much about anyone being interested - several people have expressed an "interest"; but no one has done the deed - currently, there is not anyone working on artworks or designs, so there is no one to which you could "lend help" or suggestions to - if anything, i could lend some help and suggestions to whoever is doing the work; but the other way around, it probably simply would not happen (not because no one is interested; but because no one has the time) - feel free to take the entire initiative unto yourself - thats: *adhocracy* :)

for the website, there is interest in a new home-page and downloads page - i have the downloads page written, it could use styling and design - the home-page does not exist in any form yet

there are other, more important things besides the website too - if graphics is your specialty, more than web pages, the calamares installer needs a slide-show, for example

#5 - 2021-03-06 12:30 PM - telur

regarding calamares slideshow, its there any specific parabola design or anything that you want to ?, i will start working on my free time also other untechnical design and art job i would happy to do it

#6 - 2021-03-07 02:41 AM - bill-auger

i think that the slideshow images must be png or svg - if you work with raster graphics, i found that 846 x 544 was a good fit - this is the one and only image now:

https://git.parabola.nu/calamares.git/plain/src/branding/parabola/Wallpaper_Parabola_Landscape_846x544.png?h=parabola

im not sure how many distros you have installed; but a typical installer slideshow presents the unique features of the distro, like its design principles, and unique characteristics, or use-cases - for a general "gist" of it, some ideas were given on the bug tracker years ago

<https://labs.parabola.nu/issues/844>

consider omitting any text from the images; but framing out or otherwise leaving empty spaces for text - the text can be added as a layer, via the QML definition - that allows for language translations later - the kaos slideshow is an example of the empty frame design:

https://github.com/calamares/calamares-extensions/blob/calamares/branding/kaos_branding/5.svg

there is no formal "parabola style" - i gave the best accounting of the colors used in the past, and links to the current themes of the various parabola websites, in this related discussion:

<https://labs.parabola.nu/boards/4/topics/115?r=284#message-284>

the LiveISOs have a dark theme - maybe the slideshow would look best with a matching background color? - i dunno - here is a screenshot:

<https://github.com/calamares/calamares/pull/1235#issuecomment-526216214>

this is the HTML and CSS for the new downloads page, if you want to snaz that up a bit:

<https://git.parabola.nu/server/redmine.git/tree/app/views/downloads?h=development>

feel free to raid the toybox for anything interesting (the 'artwork' git repo) - the 'official/2018' branch has all of the essential logos and such, plus the most recent stuff i made; but each branch has unique images from many people

<https://git.parabola.nu/artwork.git/>

#7 - 2021-03-07 02:44 AM - bill-auger

- Priority changed from bug to feature
- Status changed from open to in progress
- Subject changed from how about some visual for front homepage to new graphics for parabola

i changed the ticket title, so we could keep it open for a broader scope, beyond one web page

#8 - 2021-03-07 05:29 AM - bill-auger

i remembered some other items on the TODO list

- the forum could use a landing page, such as the bug tracker has:

<https://labs.parabola.nu/>

the only data i have in mind for the forum page, is a list of the most recent threads

the design of the bug tracker page is not great either, feel free to re-design that too - i have a new image for it; which could use some more work

<https://labs.parabola.nu/images/parabola-gnu-freeburd-bugsquashers.png>

- a maintenance page, like: "the server is offline now, try again later" - i have an image for this, if you want to review it

<https://labs.parabola.nu/images/parabola-gnu-freeburd-maintenance.png>

i have not published the sources for those images yet; but i would do so before using them, or if you want to improve them

#9 - 2021-03-08 11:14 AM - telur

- File *parabola calamares slides.svg* added

its done, the calamares slideshow, hope ya all like it.
the source are in svg, use inkscape to edit it.

i make it neutral without screenshot or examples of parabola desktop so it will be still relevant in version changes, also saves some labor work to maintain an update.

slideshow images are in the forum

<https://labs.parabola.nu/boards/20/topics/828>

#10 - 2021-03-14 12:57 AM - telur

- File *licenses.txt* added

#11 - 2021-03-27 06:58 AM - telur

more new themes for parabola

<https://labs.parabola.nu/boards/20/topics/872>

#12 - 2021-03-28 06:42 AM - telur

- File *server busy example.svg* added

- File *http error sample.svg* added

web error page samples

#13 - 2021-03-28 07:38 AM - bill-auger

ok, a few notes - hopefully you are not discouraged by this sort of feedback - in the past, there was an artist who stopped contributing, because the contributions were not accepted immediately, but critique and suggestions were given instead - frankly, that is a sign of immaturity; and it was an unfortunate event; because the work was good, and could have been used, if that person had more patience - an experienced artist would know, that the conventional design process, involves iterations of re-design->proposal->review, in cooperation with the client - its exactly the same as proper code review

these critique and suggestions are only to help the works fit the needs of the project; and no apology should be necessary - you do good work; and i would like to use some of it - unfortunately, the experience with that artist compels me to apologize for what should be a normal expectation

re: http error sample.svg

the wording does not reflect the nature of the error - a 404 does not indicate a "problem" - it indicates that the client has requested a resource which does not exist - a typical error message is like: "sorry, but the requested file does not exist" - this is the current 404 page for redmine, for example:

<https://labs.parabola.nu/404.html>

in most cases of 404, the advice to "try again later" is not useful advice - the file will not exist later either

re: both images

these both read: "if the problem persists, get assistance on the forum"

in case of 404, the "problem" will persist forever, in most cases; because the file or database record is deleted, or has never existed - so there is no reason to suggest asking for "assistance" - if there is any problem, it could be a broken link, which is a bug, not a usage problem

in case of actual errors, i would not suggest asking for assistance on the forum - this would most likely be a bug - therefore it deserves a bug report

generally, i would not suggest using the forum for any issue, which requires the attention of a parabola dev - i am probably the only parabola dev who reads it regularly - the best way to get the attention of a parabola dev, is the bug tracker (for bugs), and the mailing lists (for anything else)

re: both images

spaces in file names are best avoided on *nix systems - this is not important in this context; but before putting them under git or on the server, i would rename these, something of the form:

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redmine_-_server_busy.svg  
redmine_-_404_error.svg
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just a hint for the future - if you continue to contribute such good artworks, i would like to get you using git, if you are not already, so they can be merged in more easily

#14 - 2021-03-28 11:11 AM - telur

its okay for me, im gratefully accept any feedback. please take it easy and dont hesitate to give me more critiqs or whatever your heart contents :) . im rather read your critics than no post to read at all :D .

understand that i am an hobbysit not an profesional, so there might be many flaws, please also be patient with me okay.

also i dont always have the free time, sometimes i do have work to earn foods, sometimes it also take very very long time, please dont regards this as im being hateful or an act of abandonment.

as a compensate im giving the entire parabola community members permission to reuse or relicense my works freely as long as they conform with latest fsf guidance. you are free to continue where i left or even take over my works.

im just sad that there isnt much lively going in my beloved distro as it used to be in the old days, so i hope my contribution can lightens up even a bit.

im wish all the good luck, health, and faith for internal parabola developers. please keep Parabola GNU/Linux Libre alive.

best regards ~ telur

#15 - 2021-03-28 11:20 AM - telur

back to the work

ah yes, those are really examples image. im just put a weigher if the image and placement are rights

and forget to tell that im a designer not cartoonist, so dont have to much hope if you ask me for featured characters

and for the error message should im make only the featured images and let the web handle the text

or fully images with embedded error text? if that do, how many error messages it need to be?

#16 - 2021-03-28 02:01 PM - bill-auger

images with embedded error text?

its best to have informative text as raw text - or else,

text browsers and screen readers would have no information, other than the alt-text

how many error messages it need to be?

the only error pages are for 404 (file not found) and 500 (something is broken) - the "GNU scratching his head" image would makes sense for the 404 page too - the 500 error page could be the same image as the maintenance image - feel free to improve that one - i would like to use it; but it still needs some work - especially the "WINSTON 2000" lettering - i tried finding a libre "stencil" font; but i did not find one

<https://notabug.org/bill-auger/gnu-freedom-maintenance>

#17 - 2021-03-30 12:32 AM - telur

- File 404.7z added
- File 500.7z added

here the webpage error revision featuring new images. im not knowledgeable about html script so im using a template, feel free to replace it.

#18 - 2021-03-30 12:41 AM - telur

- File 500.7z added

sorry this is the actual latest error 500 page

#19 - 2021-05-07 04:17 AM - telur

hi

because i have a new job, i think im retired for a while. thank you for the previous experience and lesson, im really appreciate it.

i will be redirecting my help with donations if i got a enough salary, wish for the best for parabola linux.

Files

homesplash.svg	1.37 MB	2021-02-15	telur
parabola calamares slides.svg	2.08 MB	2021-03-08	telur
licenses.txt	211 Bytes	2021-03-14	telur
http error sample.svg	533 KB	2021-03-28	telur
server busy example.svg	98.3 KB	2021-03-28	telur
500.7z	196 KB	2021-03-30	telur
404.7z	310 KB	2021-03-30	telur
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