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IBM community newsletter generator plug-in for IBM Connections

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Are you a member of many communities on IBM Connections?

Are you looking for a neat way to keep abreast on the communities' happenings?

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Communities on IBM Connections provide nice way to keep in touch with a large number of IBMers of similar interest; it gives one a sense of belonging especially when we start interacting with one another.

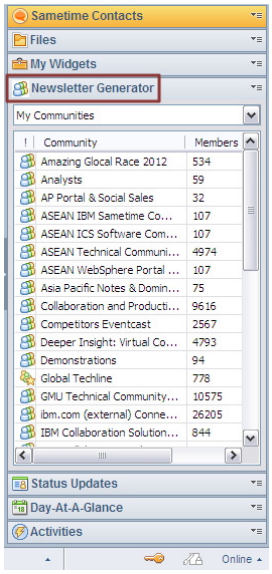
Unfortunately if we don't make it a point to log in to IBM Connections frequently, we tend to lose many of the updates because things move very fast.*

This is where a cool tool called IBM community newsletter generator plug-in for IBM Connections comes in handy. The tool created by Luis Benitez (Luis_Benitez@us.ibm.com) Social Software Product Manager, allows us to generate a newsletter for any given IBM Connections community directly from our Lotus Notes/Sametime/Symphony.

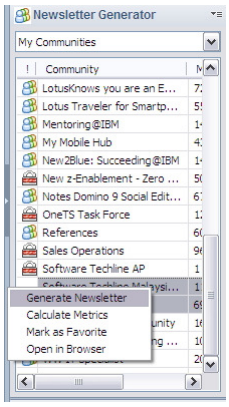
I have been using this for a couple of weeks now and I find it useful. Following are some of features of the tool.

1. Generating newsletter

Once installed on Lotus Notes, the widget appears on the sidebar panel loaded with all communities we are members of.



To generate a newsletter, simply highlight a single or multiple communities, right click on the mouse and select 'Generate Newsletter'.



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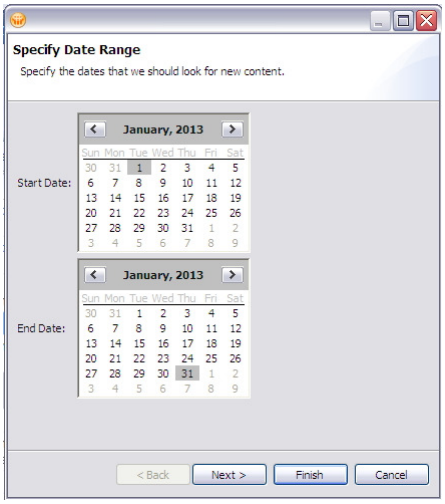
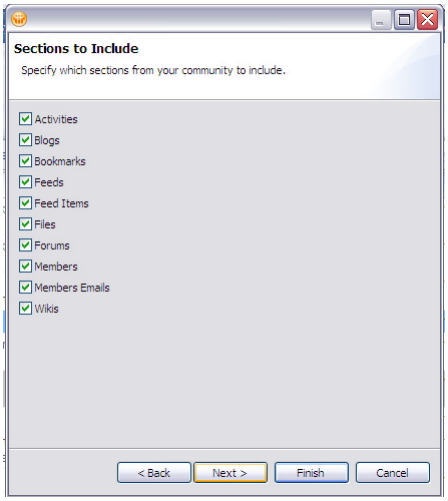


Next select the items we're interested in.



And voila, a newsletter is generated! (Time taken to generate it varies depending on the number of communities selected and also how active a community is.)

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Discussion topics

New discussion topic:

- 2012 Reflection and 2013 Ideas/Plan
- Sizing PureApplication System (1 new reply)
- Meeting Minutes (1 new reply)
- Test - pls don't delete (2 new replies)
- 2011 - 2012 Healthchecks (2 new replies)

Files

- SW Techline Intro Jan 2013.ppt (Lily Goh)

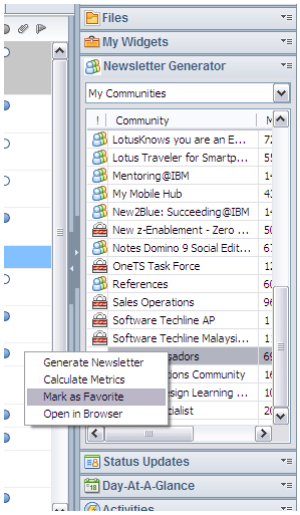
Bookmarks

- Sizing PureApplication Systems Using Helen (Yogeswari Narayasamy)

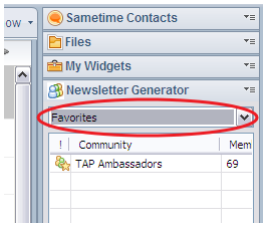
Highlighted above in yellow are new items created in the community while the rest are items updated within the same date range. The content comes with active links which enables us to quickly load the full content on IBM Connections. Quite cool, isn't it?

2. Favorite Communities

'My Communities' display all communities we are members of. We may want to to mark some frequently viewed communities as *Favorite*.



Favorites appear in a separate list and it shortens the time we take to make a selection prior to generating a newsletter. Very useful if we are members of hundreds of communities (or is it just me?).

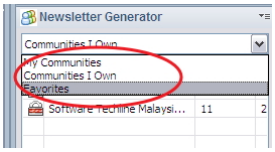


Side note: Three options to display the communities list are by:

1) All communities we are members of

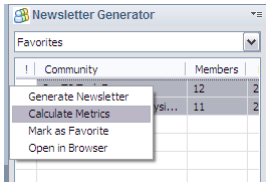
2) Communities we own

3) Favorite communities

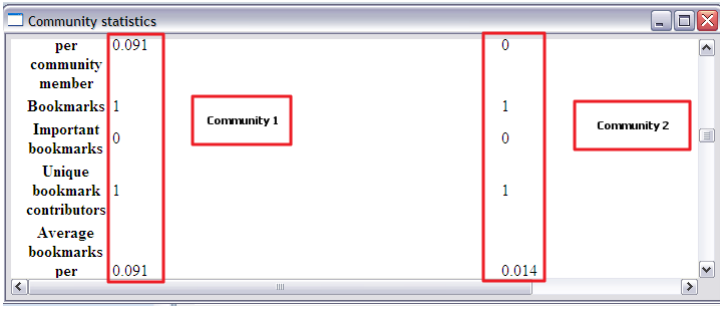


3. Calculating Metrics

This is a feature that most community owners will be interested in. The plugin is able to generate a through report on a community's popularity and usage. To generate metrics, simply highlight a single or multiple communities, right click on the mouse and select 'Calculate Metrics'.



Then select a date range; a metrics summary is created.



The above screenshot shows a comparison between two communities.

Hope I've got your interest piqued. Do try to use the tool and let me know if you like it.

It can be downloaded from http://tap.ibm.com/tap/app/2286.

*Via https://w3-connections.ibm.com/news/, we can opt to receive daily/weekly update on the people, communities and blogs we follow. This is a standard feature that comes with IBM Connections:

Send emails to this address: yogesn@my.ibm.com

Receive notifications from other people by email

Email language: Language used in last visit

How often do I want to be notified about:

Responses & Notifications	Individual Emails	Daily Newsletter	Weekly Newslet
Responses to my content and Notifications for me	○	◉	○
Content that I am following	**Individual Emails**	**Daily Newsletter**	**Weekly Newslet**
People	○	○	◉
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This tool is good but has some limitations. It doesn't allow us to generate a report for a specific date range. Also the summary may get overwhelming when we are active on IBM Connections as there are too many things to see in a report (updates on wikis, blogs, people, communities, activities, etc). **IBM community newsletter generator plug-in for IBM Connections** is a great alternative tool to quickly zoom in to the communities.

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Great blog! This is a nice a review of the app and the screenshots I'm sure will help others get started using the tool or give a potential user a better understanding of what it does and how it works. Thanks for sharing.

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