

MINOS DocDB Feedback

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- MINOS started using DocDB in October 2005. We started with our October Collaboration Meeting
- There were some initial teething troubles with the new Events format that was released at the same time as our October Meeting. These were resolved in the next minor release.
- Since then most people have been satisfied with the system – there are always a few curmudgeons who will complain regardless but I am ignoring them!
- I have collected feedback from users on desired improvements and new features. Most of the items I list have been raised by more than one person.

Searches etc

- We would like the search page to have the option of typing in author names instead of just having an allowed list.
- In addition it would be nice to have a “sounds like” feature for name searches – akin to what is provided in the FNAL phone book.
- The “sort by Author with topics and files” does not appear to sort correctly? I did a search and got authors I,M,N and then back to I, then T before R?
- It would be nice to have any easy way to differentiate documents attached to events from other types of technical notes so that you could display a list of non-event documents.

Events/Meetings

- We are making extensive use of this feature
- However before long our events page will be un-readable due to density of information and choice of colors/fonts
- The display of events needs to be hierarchical, for example
 - The master event page should just contain a set of links, one for each event type.
 - Each link should take you to a page for that event that lists all the instances of that event
- The topics listing on an event agenda can get very long. As it is not terribly relevant for an agenda listing we would like to suppress it.
- Can we get the default background for the Notes box changed, dark gray makes it really hard to read.
- A “recent events” link on the home page would be useful. This would help in finding events.

Document Uploads

- We have users who produce their talks for meetings as html pages.
- We would really like a way of automatically uploading these talks by just giving the main URL and have DocDB use something like wget to fetch all the other files referred to in the main document.
- I know it is already possible to do this manually but if you have a large number of plots in the talk it is very tedious to have to type in all those URLs.