

Ready Packaged Firebird on PHP

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- ★ PHP runs on top of Apache or IIS and provides a middle layer that does not any licences. A perfect compliment to Firebird

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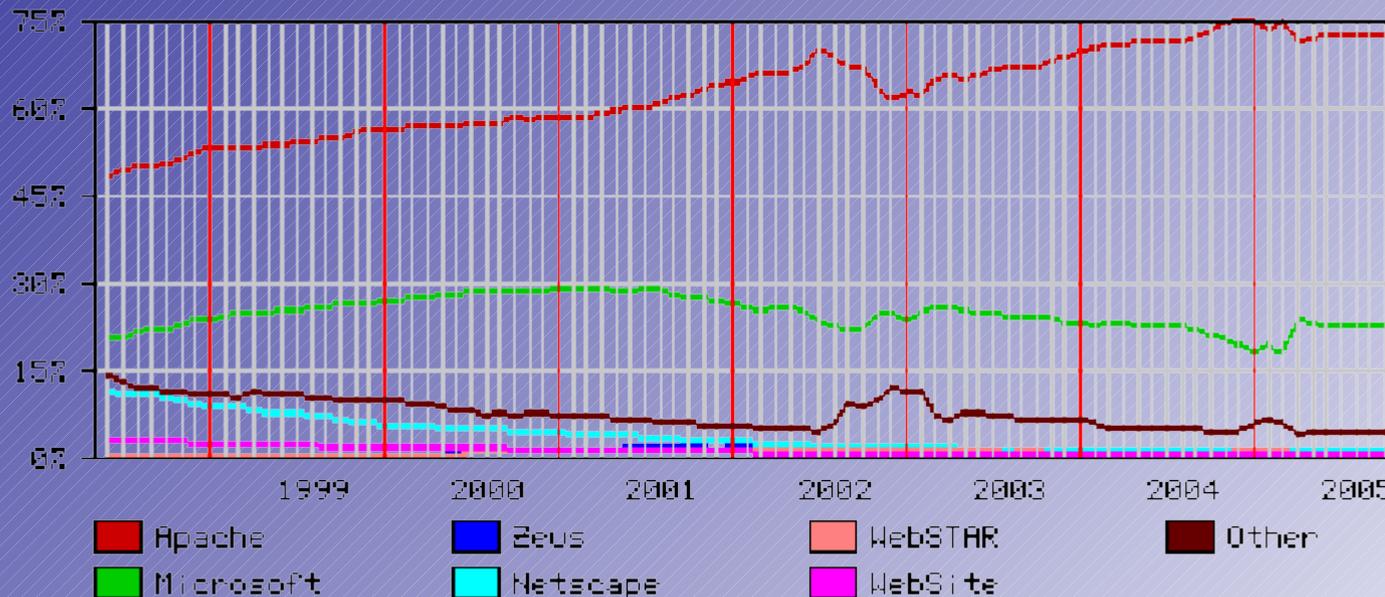


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- * Apache maintains it's share
- * Up 1.5% since last March
- * But not sure why the step in March this year.

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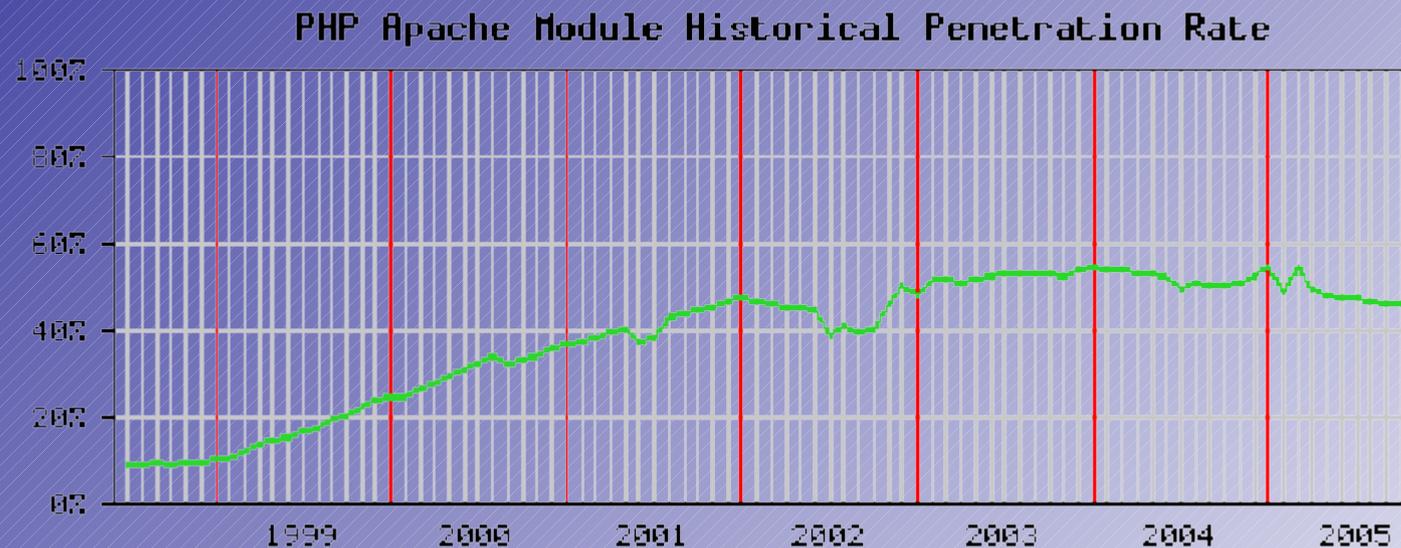


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The Third Layer - PHP

- * The usage of PHP has grown steadily, but is under pressure from Python, Perl, Ruby and Java.
- * Most ISP's provide PHP in the same package as MySQL



Installation

- ★ **Beginners Guide to Firebird and PHP**
http://www.ibphoenix.com/main.nfs?a=ibphoenix&page=ibp_beginners_php
- ★ **Apache**
<http://apache.org>
- ★ **PHP**
<http://www.php.net/>
- ★ **Firebird**
<http://www.firebirdsql.org/>
- ★ **Mozilla**
<http://www.mozilla.org>



PHP Applications

Searching for PHP applications that are enabled for Firebird shows exactly why Mozilla's hijack of the Firebird name was such a major problem. Even today a simple search for 'Firebird PHP applications' will produce many browser related results. So what is available and what do they do.

ibWebAdmin

ibWebAdmin has to be the starting point, as it provides an on-line Firebird management tool. It is a Firebird specific alternative to MySQL and PostgreSQL web based tools. It provides access to databases via the normal SQL interface, but in addition wraps those command line tools that it can access in a web based front end. The demo site running ibWebAdmin into the Employee sample database also provides an archive of useful location data which can be accessed via the interface.

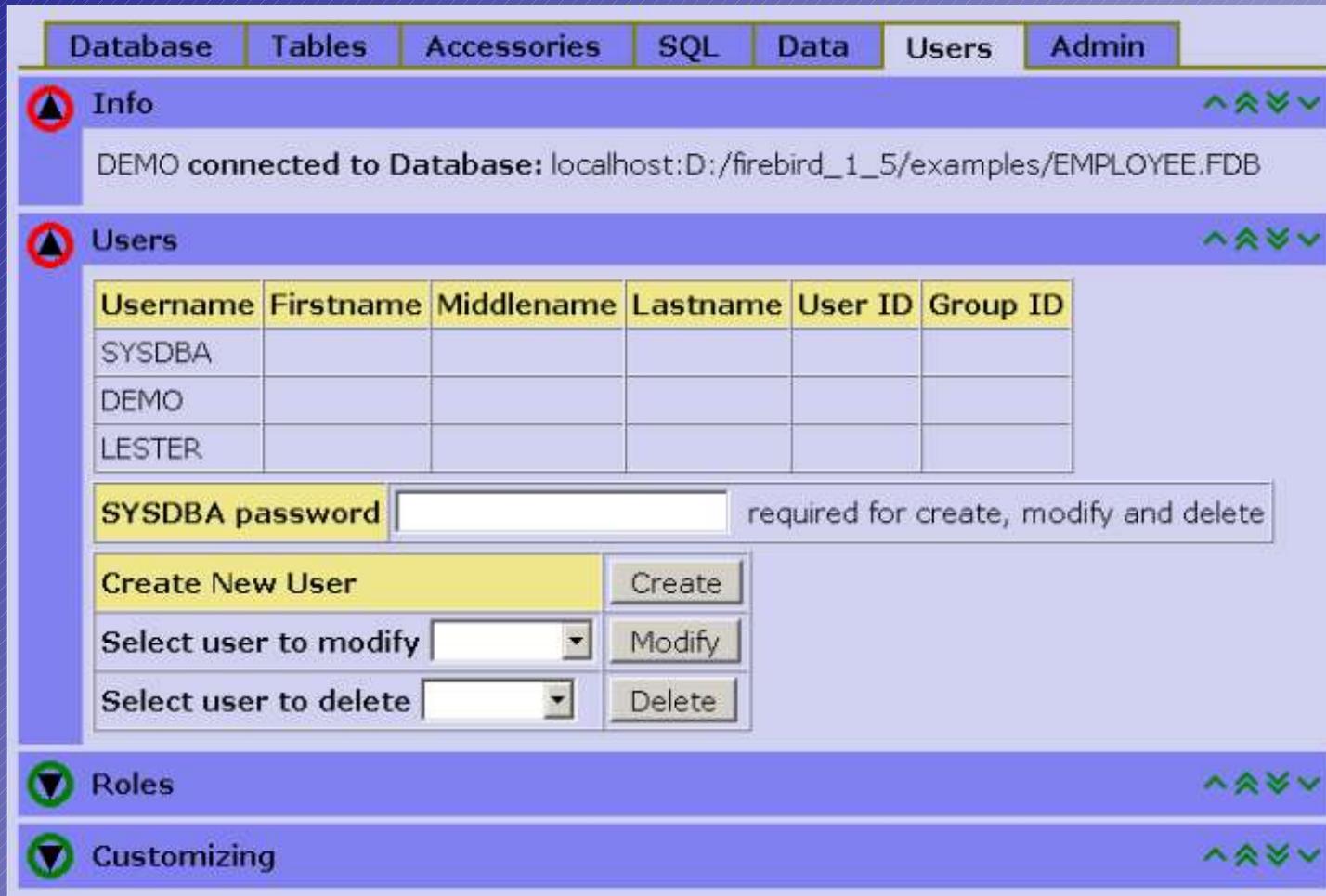


Connection String

The screenshot shows a web-based administration interface for Firebird. At the top, there are tabs for 'Database', 'Tables', 'Accessories', 'SQL', 'Data', 'Users', and 'Admin'. The 'Database' tab is selected. Below the tabs, there are four main sections:

- Info:** A status bar showing 'connected to Database: <none>'. It has a red warning icon on the left and expand/collapse icons on the right.
- Login to Database:** A form for connecting to a database. It includes:
 - Database:** A dropdown menu with the value 'D:/firebird_1_5/examples/EMPLOYEE.FDB'.
 - Host:** A text input field with the value 'localhost'.
 - Username:** A text input field with the value 'DEMO'.
 - Password:** An empty text input field.
 - Role:** An empty text input field.
 - Cache:** A text input field with the value '75'.
 - Character Set:** A dropdown menu with the value 'ISO8859_1'.
 - Dialect:** A dropdown menu with the value '3'.
 - Server:** A dropdown menu with the value 'FB_1.5'.
 - A 'Login' button at the bottom left of the form.
- Create Database:** A section with a green down arrow icon on the left and expand/collapse icons on the right.
- Delete Database:** A section with a green down arrow icon on the left and expand/collapse icons on the right.
- System Tables:** A section with a green down arrow icon on the left and expand/collapse icons on the right.
- Metadata:** A section with a green down arrow icon on the left and expand/collapse icons on the right.

User Management



The screenshot shows the Firebird User Management interface with the 'Users' tab selected. The interface includes a navigation bar at the top with tabs for Database, Tables, Accessories, SQL, Data, Users, and Admin. Below the navigation bar, there are four main sections: Info, Users, Roles, and Customizing. The 'Info' section shows the current database connection: 'DEMO connected to Database: localhost:D:/firebird_1_5/examples/EMPLOYEE.FDB'. The 'Users' section contains a table with columns for Username, Firstname, Middlename, Lastname, User ID, and Group ID. The table lists three users: SYSDBA, DEMO, and LESTER. Below the table, there is a 'SYSDBA password' field with a text input box and a note 'required for create, modify and delete'. There are also three buttons: 'Create New User' with a 'Create' button, 'Select user to modify' with a dropdown menu and a 'Modify' button, and 'Select user to delete' with a dropdown menu and a 'Delete' button. The 'Roles' and 'Customizing' sections are currently collapsed.

Username	Firstname	Middlename	Lastname	User ID	Group ID
SYSDBA					
DEMO					
LESTER					

SYSDBA password required for create, modify and delete

Create New User

Select user to modify

Select user to delete

Viewing a Table

Database Tables Accessories SQL Data Users Admin

Info DEMO connected to Database: localhost:D:/firebird_1_5/examples/EMPLOYEE.FDB

Enter Data

CSV Import/Export

Watch Table: DEPARTMENT

Select Table
DEPARTMENT [Select] [Config]

1 - 21 (21 total)

DEPT_NO	DEPARTMENT	HEAD_DEPT	MNGR_NO	BUDGET	LOCATION	PHONE_NO		
000	Corporate Headquarters	NULL	105	1000000.00	Monterey	(408) 555-1234	edit	delete
100	Sales and Marketing	000	85	2000000.00	San Francisco	(415) 555-1234	edit	delete
600	Engineering	000	2	1100000.00	Monterey	(408) 555-1234	edit	delete
900	Finance	000	46	400000.00	Monterey	(408) 555-1234	edit	delete
180	Marketing	100	NULL	1500000.00	San Francisco	(415) 555-1234	edit	delete
620	Software Products Div.	600	NULL	1200000.00	Monterey	(408) 555-1234	edit	delete
621	Software Development	620	NULL	400000.00	Monterey	(408) 555-1234	edit	delete
622	Quality Assurance	620	9	300000.00	Monterey	(408) 555-1234	edit	delete
623	Customer Support	620	15	650000.00	Monterey	(408) 555-1234	edit	delete
670	Consumer Electronics Div.	600	107	1150000.00	Burlington, VT	(802) 555-1234	edit	delete
671	Research and Development	670	20	460000.00	Burlington, VT	(802) 555-1234	edit	delete
672	Customer Services	670	94	850000.00	Burlington, VT	(802) 555-1234	edit	delete
130	Field Office: East Coast	100	11	500000.00	Boston	(617) 555-1234	edit	delete
140	Field Office: Canada	100	72	500000.00	Toronto	(416) 677-1000	edit	delete
110	Pacific Rim Headquarters	100	34	600000.00	Kuau	(808) 555-1234	edit	delete
115	Field Office: Japan	110	118	500000.00	Tokyo	3 5350 0901	edit	delete
116	Field Office: Singapore	110	NULL	300000.00	Singapore	3 55 1234	edit	delete
120	European Headquarters	100	36	700000.00	London	71 235-4400	edit	delete
121	Field Office: Switzerland	120	141	500000.00	Zurich	1 211 7767	edit	delete

Edit an Entry

The screenshot shows a web application interface with a menu bar at the top containing 'Database', 'Tables', 'Accessories', 'SQL', 'Data', 'Users', and 'Admin'. Below the menu is a main content area with three sections:

- Edit from table DEPARTMENT:** A form with the following fields:

DEPT_NO	000
DEPARTMENT	Corporate Headquarters
HEAD_DEPT	
MINGR_NO	105
BUDGET	1000000.00
LOCATION	Monterey
PHONE_NO	(408) 555-1234

Below the form are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Reset', and 'Save'.
- Info:** A section with a warning icon and the text: 'DEMO connected to Database: localhost:D:/firebird_1_5/examples/EMPLOYEE.FDB.'
- Enter Data:** A section with a green downward arrow icon.

Firebird Federation Data Archive

Firebird[®]
SELECT FIRST 1 ROWS FROM open_source



Firebird Federation Data Archive

In order to access the archive database, change the selected database to the ARCHIVE entry in the drop down list of available databases, and use the User Name 'DEMO' and the password 'demo'. Select language NONE as some data sets have non-standard character sets.

Select <Login>

(Some areas of the archive will fail as the DEMO user does not have permission to carry out those actions.)

In order to view the contents of one of the tables, select the Data tab, Open Watch Table, and select the table of interest from the list.

On the same page you will find the CSV Import/Export facility, via which copies of the data can be exported to be used locally. Again select the table to export, a file name to call it at your end (this can be left as default and changed in your download windows if your browser is set to allow it)

[Start ibWebAdmin](#)

Contents of the Data Archive

A list of the available tables is maintained in the table DATA_INDEX, This has the current version details, and notes for each set of data.

COUNTRY - The internation country codes table

AU_POSTCODE - Australian Post Codes

AZ_POSTCODE - Azerbaijan Postcodes



bitweaver – CMS or Framework

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The bottom line is that the evolving good quality software is even more important in PHP and the bulk of existing code leaves a lot to be desired.

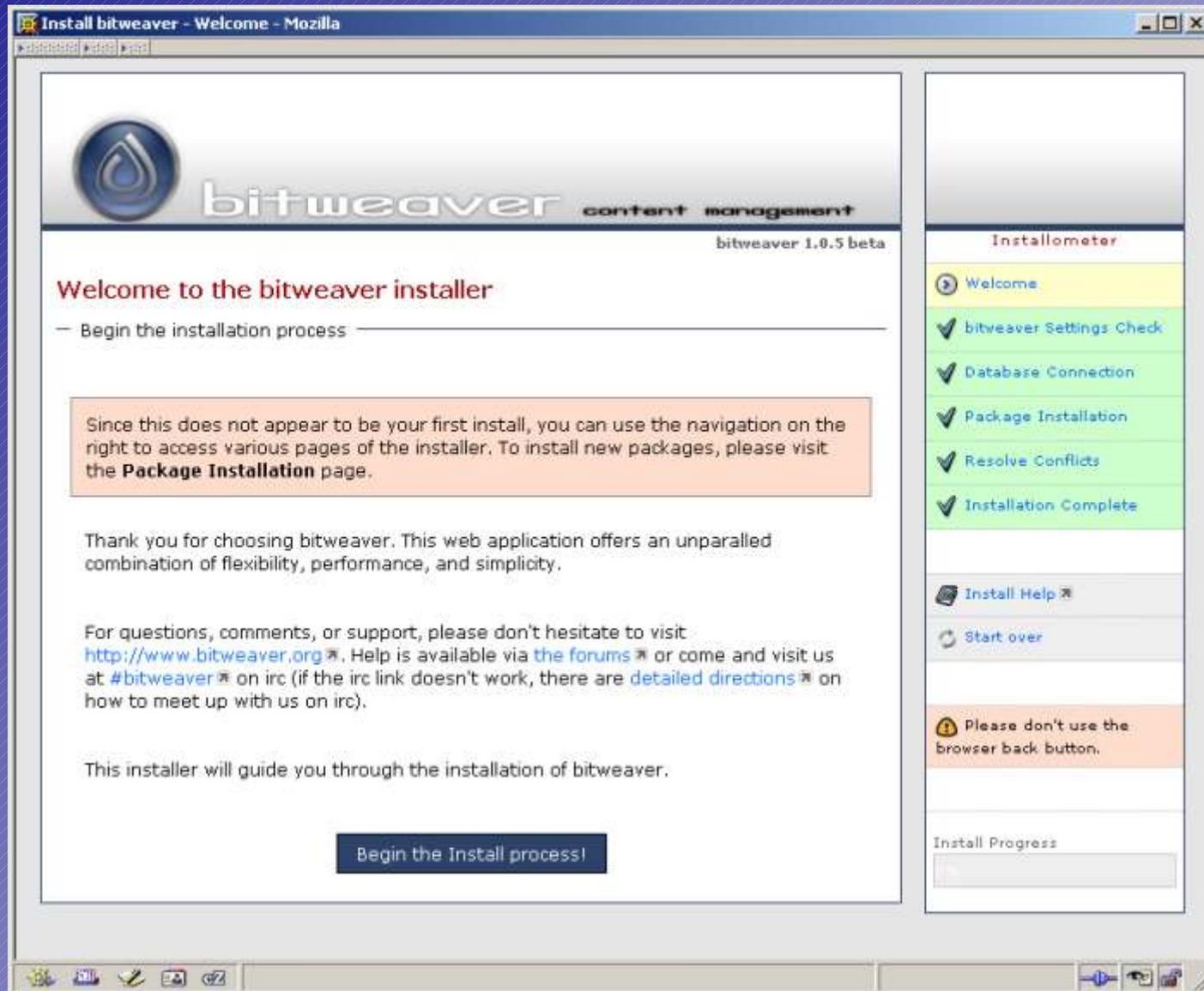


What is bitweaver?

- * Kernel
- * Languages
- * Liberty
- * Themes
- * Users
- * Hotwords
- * Multisites
- * Tinymce
- * Quicktags
- * Search
- * Pigeonholes
- * Blogs
- * Nexus
- * Shoutbox
- * Wiki



Install and Update



The screenshot shows a Mozilla browser window titled "Install bitweaver - Welcome - Mozilla". The main content area features the bitweaver logo and the text "bitweaver content management" and "bitweaver 1.0.5 beta". Below this, it says "Welcome to the bitweaver installer" and "Begin the installation process". A text box explains that since this is not the first install, users can use navigation on the right. It thanks the user for choosing bitweaver and provides contact information for support. A "Begin the Install process!" button is at the bottom.

Installometer

- Welcome
- bitweaver Settings Check
- Database Connection
- Package Installation
- Resolve Conflicts
- Installation Complete

Install Help

Start over

Please don't use the browser back button.

Install Progress

Go to install sequence

Install from scratch
www.bitweaver.org



User Management

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "bwtest - Mozilla" displaying the login page for "bwtest" (bitweaver test). The page features a navigation menu with links for "Calendar", "Categories", "Forums", "IR List", "Image Galleries", "Mapper", "My bwtest", "RSS", and "Wiki". The main content area is titled "Login Page" and includes a sign-in form with fields for "Username or Email" and "Password", a "Remember me" checkbox, and a "Log in to this site" button. Below the form are links to "retrieve your password" and "register with us". The right sidebar contains "Server Statistics" (Execution time: 2.74s, Memory usage, Database queries: 15, GZIP: Disabled, Server load: ?) and a "Search" box. The footer includes logos for "bitweaver", "smarty", "ADODB", and "Firebird".

Welcome to bwtest

username

register

bwtest Calendar Categories Forums IR List Image Galleries Mapper My bwtest RSS Wiki

Login Page

Sign in with your username or email to continue

Username or Email

Password

Remember me

[Log in to this site](#)

- Click here to retrieve your password.
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bitweaver
Powered By bitweaver
Version: 1.0.5 beta

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Search
search
Entire Site
go

Powered by

Powered by bitweaver

My theme is better than yours

Style wars are just as prevalent in PHP as they are in C++, and so finding a style you are happy with is just as important as the language one is working with. The bitweaver framework is built using ADOdb and Smarty , and does not have any of the MySQL based problems of other systems.



Free Beer

The whole essence of PHP is the free interchange of code between projects. Many core functions have several solutions available and so if you find that the one you are using is not giving you the results you want, then someone else has probably already produced an alternative. The nice thing about web based applications is that you do not need to worry about the problems of deploying them onto customer machine. As long as they have a browser they can access Firebird.

Links

- ibWebAdmin - <http://www.ibwebadmin.net/>
- Data Archive - <http://home.lscs.co.uk/FirebirdFederationDataArchive.html>
- bitweaver - <http://www.bitweaver.org/>
- Alternatives - <http://www.opensourcecms.com/>

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