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**Communities of Practice:  
Where Everyone Knows  
Your Name**

# External Communities of Practice (CoPs)

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# Outline

- External CoP goals
- External CoP types and examples
- CoP platforms used
- External CoP challenges

# Goals and Reasons for External CoPs

- Knowledge sharing
  - Learn ideas and best practices from beyond your organization to improve your work and that of your organization.
  - Learn about new tools and technologies.
- Networking
  - Connect with professionals in your field (for ideas, opportunities, job referrals, freelance gigs, conference speaking, writing, etc.)
- Social interaction
  - Find local contacts for in-person meetups
  - Connect internationally for global perspectives

# Goals and Reasons for External CoPs

Valuable connections for:

- Solo special librarians/info pros, who are the only or one of a few professionals in their field at their employer
- Employees of small companies, self-employed, freelancers
- Remote employees
- Those transitioning to a new professional field

# External CoP Types

- Professional membership association-based
  - For example, SLA divisions/communities
  - In other professional organizations called “special interest groups”
  - For some, the special interest group is the reason to join the parent organization
- Open, volunteer-based
  - Small group of volunteers, often charter-based
  - Free (no membership dues), but no budget
- Semi-open and industry-leader or company led
  - Often led by an individual, a vendor, or those with ties to a vendor
  - Similar to user groups



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# Knowledge Management Community

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[This is a link to the KM Community website](#)

## Latest Discussion Posts [Add](#)



### Experience with doc management in technical enviro ...

By: [Kate Vilches](#), 14 days ago

We're in the RFI phase for a document management system for all of our technical documents and drawings/models. Has anyone been involved in a similar project and be willing to share their wins and opportunities? Or have any feedback on specific tools ...



### Seeking Replacement Conference Speaker for Change Management ...

By: [Jamie Luedtke](#), one month ago

Hello everyone! I am reaching out as the conference planner for the SLA Knowledge Management Community. Due to a change in speaker availability, I am seeking one (or two) speakers for the session on change management (details below). If you'll be attending ...



### #CICWebinar TODAY | Why You Should Attend SLA 2022

By: [Liz Frickelton](#), one month ago

Not too late to join: <https://bit.ly/3mNgi0b> Early bird savings end today.

----- Liz Frickelton Aurora WDC -----

## Community Ad Builder

SLA Knowledge Management Community

## Latest Shared Files [Add](#)



### Five C's of Knowledge Management

By: [William Lee](#) 8 months ago

Aug 28, 2021 2:06 PM Jennifer Boettcher <snip> Highlights ...

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# External CoP Types: open, volunteer-based

- Examples
  - Knowledge Graph Conference (KGC)
  - World Information Architecture Association and its loosely affiliated Taxonomy Talk group
  - Controlled Vocabulary discussion group
- Various web/email discussion groups
- Meetups (meetup.com) groups
- Focus is on the discussion group





- Threads
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- Channels
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# ask ▾

Have a question? Please ask on our Q&ABoard: <https://answers.knowledgegraph.tech/>



**Sophia Skowronski** 6:04 PM

Tuesday, June 7th ▾

Anyone have any experience with recommender systems on KGS? Using a news and transactional graph at work and currently exploring models using personalized pagerank, link prediction, GNN architectures, and knowledge graph completion methods. Would love to chat if you have any thoughts !



1 reply 1 month ago

Sunday, June 12th ▾



**Amir Sadrpour** 5:31 PM

every problem/data that i have encountered which is encoded in/via graphs can also be addressed with traditional relational databases. What are the characteristics of problems/data that are best suited for graphs ?

Example:

"use-cases involving measuring length of relationships when the records have hierarchical parent/child relationships".

Concrete toy example

"how long is the longest family tree in a large database of family trees" is more expensive to compute using relational databases.

Do you know of more concrete examples for when graphs are advantageous ? (edited)



5 replies Last reply 1 month ago

Wednesday, June 15th ▾



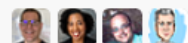
**Leia Dickerson** 3:54 PM

Does anyone have a checklist of things to look at when getting empty results in a SPARQL query? The work is in RDFLib.

I'm looking at StackOverflow and some other things and am still coming up short.

I know the query should return something because the usage view in Protege clearly shows it. And I'm not in a position to share my code.

Thanks for any thoughts you have!



9 replies Last reply 1 month ago

Sunday, July 3rd ▾



**Sarah Ha** 4:32 PM

Hello, I am looking for some scholarships to cover living cost of a PhD related to knowledge graphs in a london based university, please ping me if

Knowledge Graph Conference on Slack

Taxonomy Talk

# looking-for-help

General Q&A: where to ask your questions related to taxonomy work that do not pertain t...

# 1 [mute] [lock] [invite] [search] [help]

8 new messages since 4:17 AM on July 20, 2022

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Tony Coates Yesterday at 4:17 AM

Sometimes it's dealt with by restricting what words can be used as a concept, e.g. "only singular nouns" is not an uncommon approach. It contrains people, but it can also add sanity to the taxonomy management process.



@Grace Lau I was also following the responses to this question and waiting to see how others might interpret this... I use Opti...



Elizabeth Greenberg Yesterday at 7:50 PM

Ooh, I've never had a great tool for testing the experience of browsing a taxonomy-- I'll definitely check this one out. Thank you.



Elizabeth Greenberg started a thread: I think you raise an interesting. See all threads. Yesterday at 7:53 PM



@Drew Wiberg I've used mindnode (macOS) and will probably leverage the lesser mind map in Lucidchart for collaborating with s...



Elizabeth Greenberg Yesterday at 8:03 PM

Honestly, what I'm looking for is general approaches. Given how important user input is for taxonomy development, I always want to make sure users are happy with the end result, but given that I'm not aware of any standard of practice for UAT of taxonomies, I was curious what everyone else used to test them.



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@Donny Winston Can you use a stemmer (or lemmatization tool) for both content and query processing? Stemming is a common ...



Drew Wiberg Yesterday at 8:44 PM

In my experience, stemming and/or lemmatization is only the first step and I honestly don't get much out of the data. I find bi/tri/n-grams to be the most useful. Are you analyzing single queries or batches of them? For single queries stemming could be a good approach.



@Elizabeth Greenberg Honestly, what I'm looking for is general approaches. Given how important user input is for taxonomy deve...



Drew Wiberg Yesterday at 8:45 PM

Than any mind mapping software that is easy to use on the fly as you receive user input would be great. Lucidchart is very accessible.

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@Drew Wiberg How are the past-tense of concepts typically treated? As a synonym or not addressed at all? Or something else? F...



Message #looking-for-help

[gift] [GIF] [document] [emoji]

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- Bob Kasenchak
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Taxonomy Talk on Discord

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  - business-buyin
  - off-topic
- Heather He... #5128

External



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# Taxonomy Talk: Organizational Charter

V.0.5 Major revision, Date: 20220601

Why Are We Doing This?	2
Who Does This Community Serve?	2
What Do We Hope This Community Will Achieve?	3
What Do We Hope Growth/Success Looks Like?	3
Governance	3
Values	4
Rules and Guidelines	4
Experience	5

Taxonomy Talk:  
organizational charger

## Why Are We Doing This?

*What is the purpose of Taxonomy Talk?  
What gaps in existing communities are we trying to fill?*

- Taxonomists have no single association to meet and build community outside of some specialized and industry-specific sub-organizations.
- Fragmented communities of taxonomy practitioners have no centralized point of contact to gather, ask questions, and share ideas, resources, job postings, and practices.
- Company-, platform-, and special interest-agnostic forums are rare. We seek to build just such an agnostic forum.
- Participants don't have to join a formal membership organization, which often include dues, restrictions, membership requirements, and other exclusionary and prohibitive

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# Hashtags

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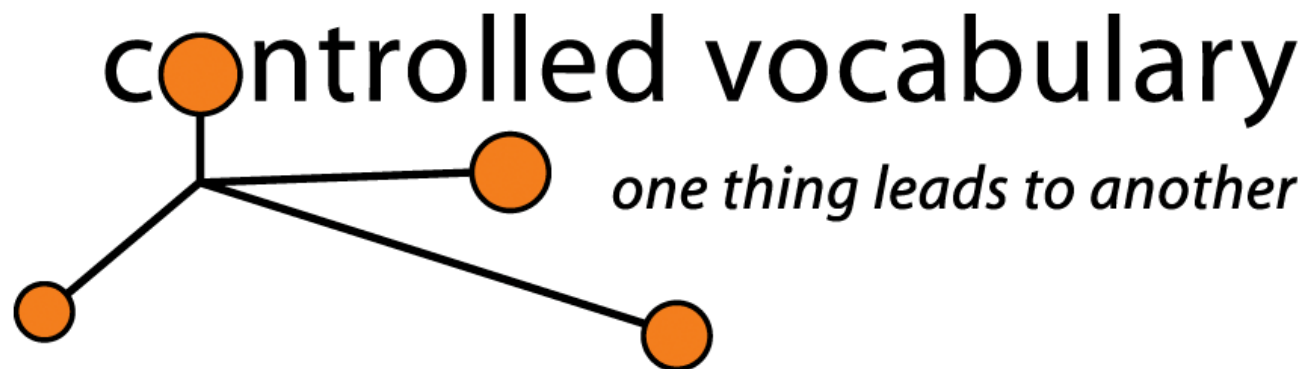
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## Controlled Vocabulary Discussion Forum [ControlledVocabulary@groups.io](mailto:ControlledVocabulary@groups.io)

The **ControlledVocabulary** Discussion group is for people who wish to engage in discussions related to the use of *Controlled Vocabularies*, *Hierarchies*, *Thesauri*, and *Classification* schemes used in databases, with a specific interest in image databases. Other topics of interest, such as the use of *IPTC metadata*, *Dublin Core*, *XML*, and *Adobe Photoshop's XMP data format* are fair game as well.

If you would like to make a donation to help keep the site up and running you can use the following link: [Make a Donation via PayPal](#) (the amount in the link will appear by default, but you can change it after arriving on the page).

### Group Information

<http://www.controlledvocabulary.com/>

909 Members

4,646 Topics, Last Post: Jul 20

Started on 08/19/03

### Group Email Addresses

Post: [ControlledVocabulary@groups.io](mailto:ControlledVocabulary@groups.io)

Subscribe: [ControlledVocabulary+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:ControlledVocabulary+subscribe@groups.io)

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Group Owner: [ControlledVocabulary+owner@groups.io](mailto:ControlledVocabulary+owner@groups.io)

Help: [ControlledVocabulary+help@groups.io](mailto:ControlledVocabulary+help@groups.io)

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[#metadata](#) Metadata in general 42

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[#photometadata](#) Evif IPTC IIM and IPTC Core in XMP are all types of photo metadata 13

### Group Settings

- All members can post to the group.
- Posts to this group do not require approval from the moderators.
- Posts from new users require approval from the moderators.
- Messages are set to reply to group.
- Subscriptions to this group do not require approval from the moderators.
- Archive is visible to members only.
- Wiki is visible to members only.
- Members can edit their messages.
- Members can set their subscriptions to no email.

Controlled Vocabulary  
discussion group on Groups.io

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Tools

Any time  Collapse Topics  Exclude Signatures

## #metadata

Metadata in general

Relevance · Date 1 - 20 of 42

[Have you heard about the latest C2PA developments to Counter Visual Misinformation?](#) 3 #metadata #workflow  
 One issue is at the start of the workflow. I don't see a way to be able to say "This was shot by photographer A" You \*might\* be able to get to "This was shot on Nikon Model D7100 Serial #123456, shutt  
 By Sherwood Botsford · Jun 16

[Righting the record by writing well?](#) 2 #metadata  
 When I wrote photo logs for the trips I ran in the Canadian North, I thought in terms of telling the story three times: \* The pictures, and the order of them told one version. \* The captions of the pi  
 By Sherwood Botsford · May 29

[We need a name for "The day after April 1"](#) #metadata  
 Snopes and Bellingcat have released articles on "Combating Online Misinformation", Debunking and Social Media Verification on the day after "April Fools Day" (good timing). There are a number of tips  
 By David Riecks · Apr 2

[New version of ExifTool GUI](#) 10 #metadata  
 David, Start of geek talk. I have not yet migrated to Windows 11 (nor do I see any strong reason to do so.) However, since Windows 11 is a warned over Windows 10, anything that runs on Windows 10 "sho  
 By Phil Burton · Mar 26

["descriptive standards and practice are not neutral and will continue to evolve"](#) 8 #metadata  
 Allen: Try rephrasing the question to the PhotoShelter technical support team when you get a chance. It may be that their system is not set up to locate a specific keyword and then easily remove or re  
 By David Riecks · Mar 23

[Picvario SaaS DAM and Online Photo Metadata Editor](#) 8 #saas #metadata  
 Serguei: If you can post when these changes have been completed, I'm sure that a few others than just myself would be glad to take a look. David  
 By David Riecks · Jan 10

[HITL = Humans In The Loop](#) #AI #metadata  
 The Library of Congress and WeAreAVP collaborated on a project to explore how machine learning & crowdsourcing could be respons  
 By David Riecks · 12/01/21

[What are the Default Metadata Fields shown in Bridge?](#) 5 #bridge #adobe #metadata

Controlled Vocabulary  
discussion group on Groups.io



# External CoP Types: semi-open, industry-led

- May be organized by company or an industry leader with company approval
- Examples
  - Estes Park Group – knowledge graphs and data centric architecture
  - Semantic Content Graph Guild
- Focus is on periodic live web meetings with guest speakers or moderated discussions on a theme.



# Events

## Events Hosted by Semantic Arts

Estes Park Group on company host's site

### Estes Park Group

Monthly | Virtual

Semantic Arts' Estes Park Group is a monthly online presentation and discussion forum on knowledge graph and data-centric architecture (DCA) trends. SA President Dave McComb first brought the Group together in person in 2017 for a weekend retreat in Estes Park, Colorado, thus the name.

[Check out Previous Meetings](#)

#### Interested in Joining?

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First

Last

Email *(Required)*

Company *(Required)*

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## General Discussion







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	REPLIES	VIEWS	LAST POST
 <b>Calendar of Events</b> by <b>FirstLight</b> » Tue Jun 21, 2022 11:22 am	0	81	
 <b>SCGG Zoom Meeting Recordings</b> by <b>FirstLight</b> » Fri Apr 22, 2022 9:12 pm	0	277	
 <b>Discussion forum rules</b> by <b>FirstLight</b> » Mon Feb 28, 2022 6:53 pm	0	183	by <b>FirstLight</b>  Mon Feb 28, 2022 6:53 pm
 <b>Kickoff Meeting Announcement</b> by <b>FirstLight</b> » Sun Feb 27, 2022 2:18 pm	0	244	by <b>FirstLight</b>  Sun Feb 27, 2022 2:18 pm

Semantic Content Graph Guild on phpBB

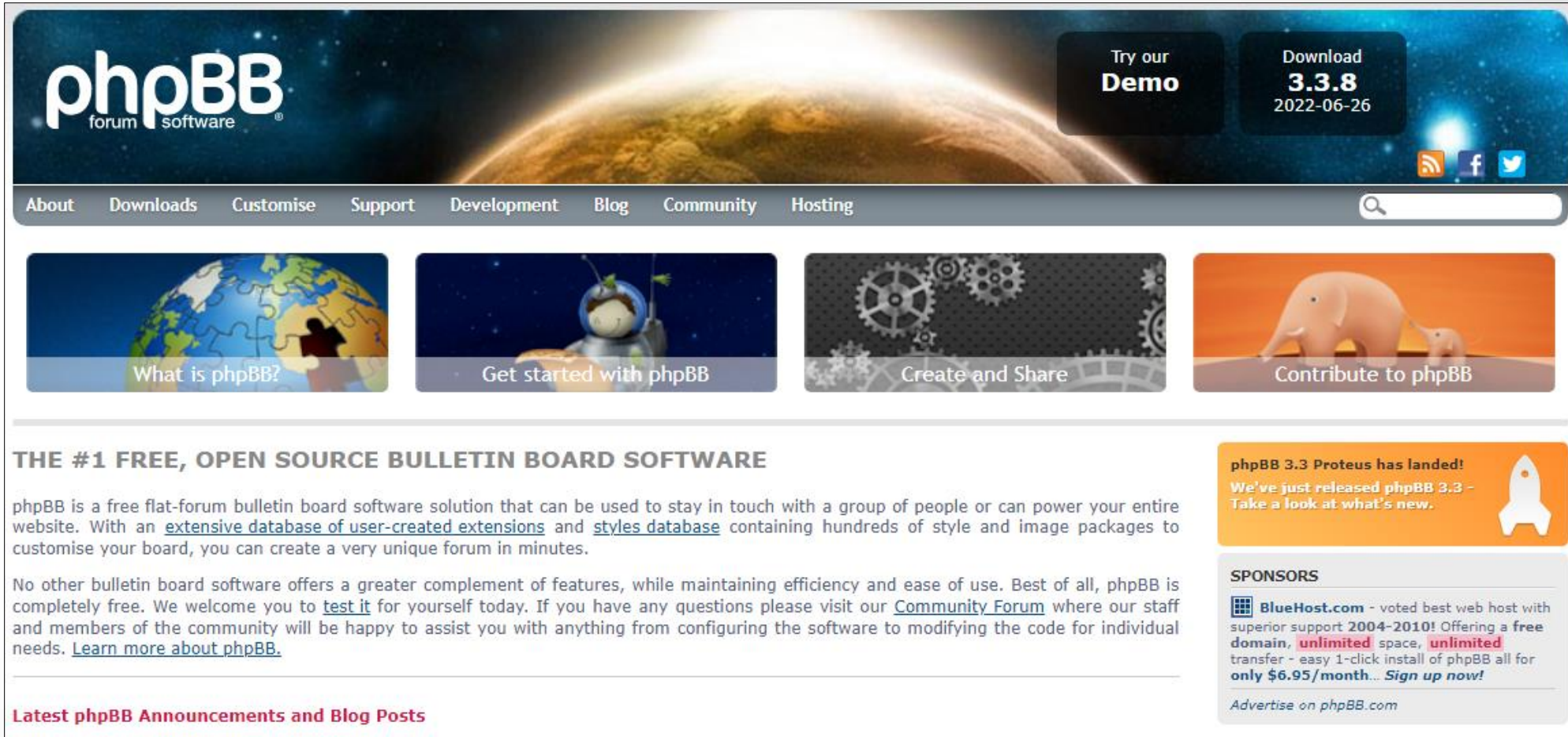
### TOPICS

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 <b>Post your ideas for graph-powered content applicaitons here</b>  by <b>FirstLight</b> » Mon Feb 28, 2022 6:36 pm	5	218	by JohnO  Thu Jun 30, 2022 8:55 pm
 <b>Post your learning resources and refrences here</b> by <b>FirstLight</b> » Mon Feb 28, 2022 6:42 pm	9	239	by <b>FirstLight</b>  Thu May 26, 2022 4:42 pm
 <b>Semantic technooogy tools and technology</b> by <b>FirstLight</b> » Mon Feb 28, 2022 6:48 pm	4	179	by <b>FirstLight</b>  Sat Apr 30, 2022 1:21 pm
 <b>Post your burning questions about ontologies and knowlege graphs here</b> by <b>FirstLight</b> » Mon Feb 28, 2022 6:32 pm	5	309	by <b>FirstLight</b>  Fri Apr 22, 2022 2:39 pm
 <b>Vendor Forum</b> by <b>FirstLight</b> » Wed Mar 02, 2022 3:34 pm	0	172	by <b>FirstLight</b>  Wed Mar 02, 2022 3:34 pm
 <b>CMS Enabement for Graph-driven content</b> by <b>FirstLight</b> » Tue Mar 08, 2022 2:31 pm	1	177	by JohnO  Wed Jun 29, 2022 5:09 pm
 <b>From DITA to Ontlogies and on to Molecular Information Snippets</b> by vishalgeorge » Sat May 28, 2022 8:16 am	0	27	by vishalgeorge  Sat May 28, 2022 8:16 am

# External CoP Platforms

- Membership-based organizations and company hosted groups can use commercial software.
- Volunteer-based groups with no budget use free platforms (either open source or the free limited-feature version of commercial software).
  - Groups.io <https://groups.io>
  - phpBB <https://www.phpbb.com>
  - Discord <https://discord.com>
  - Slack <https://slack.com> free version  
(with data storage limits, so old messages get deleted)
- Other commercial platforms with groups (Google Groups, LinkedIn groups, formerly Yahoo groups) have hesitant users, detractors.

# External CoP Platforms



The screenshot shows the phpBB website homepage. At the top left is the phpBB logo with the tagline 'forum software'. To the right are buttons for 'Try our Demo' and 'Download 3.3.8 2022-06-26'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: About, Downloads, Customise, Support, Development, Blog, Community, and Hosting. A search bar is located on the right side of the menu. Below the menu are four main content tiles: 'What is phpBB?' (with a globe icon), 'Get started with phpBB' (with a rocket icon), 'Create and Share' (with a gear icon), and 'Contribute to phpBB' (with an elephant icon). Below these tiles is a section titled 'THE #1 FREE, OPEN SOURCE BULLETIN BOARD SOFTWARE'. The text describes phpBB as a free flat-forum bulletin board software solution. It mentions an 'extensive database of user-created extensions' and a 'styles database'. Below this is a paragraph stating that no other bulletin board software offers a greater complement of features. It encourages users to 'test it' and visit the 'Community Forum'. A link to 'Learn more about phpBB' is provided. To the right of the main text is a promotional box for 'phpBB 3.3 Proteus has landed!' with a rocket icon. Below this is a 'SPONSORS' section featuring BlueHost.com with details about their services and pricing. At the bottom left of the screenshot is a link for 'Latest phpBB Announcements and Blog Posts'.

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No other bulletin board software offers a greater complement of features, while maintaining efficiency and ease of use. Best of all, phpBB is completely free. We welcome you to [test it](#) for yourself today. If you have any questions please visit our [Community Forum](#) where our staff and members of the community will be happy to assist you with anything from configuring the software to modifying the code for individual needs. [Learn more about phpBB.](#)

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