

Introduction

Thank you for downloading the conversion system for IP.Board 2.2. This guide will take you through how to convert your data from your current forum software package to IP.Board.

Supported boards

This download of the IP.Board conversion system is able to convert from the following boards:

- iKonboard 3.1.x
- PHPBB 2.x
- SMF 1.0.x
- SMF 1.1.x
- UBB Threads 5.x
- UBB Threads 6.x
- vBulletin 2
- vBulletin 3
- vBulletin 3.5
- vBulletin 3.6
- XMB 1.8
- XMB 1.9
- YaBB SE

If your current board isn't listed above then we may still be able to convert from it as part of our \$60 USD conversion service. For more details on this please submit a ticket from the client area or e-mail

conversions@invisionpower.com

What's converted

The following table gives a summary of what data is converted from each board:

	Members	Passwords	Forums	Topics/Posts	Moderators	PMs	Polls	Groups	Attachments	Avatars
iKonboard 3.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
PHPBB 2.X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
SMF 1.0 / 1.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
UBB Threads 5.x / 6.x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
UBB Threads 6.x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
vBulletin 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ¹	✓
vBulletin 3 / 3.5 / 3.6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓
XMB 1.8 / 1.9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Yabb SE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗

1: Attachments stored in the database only

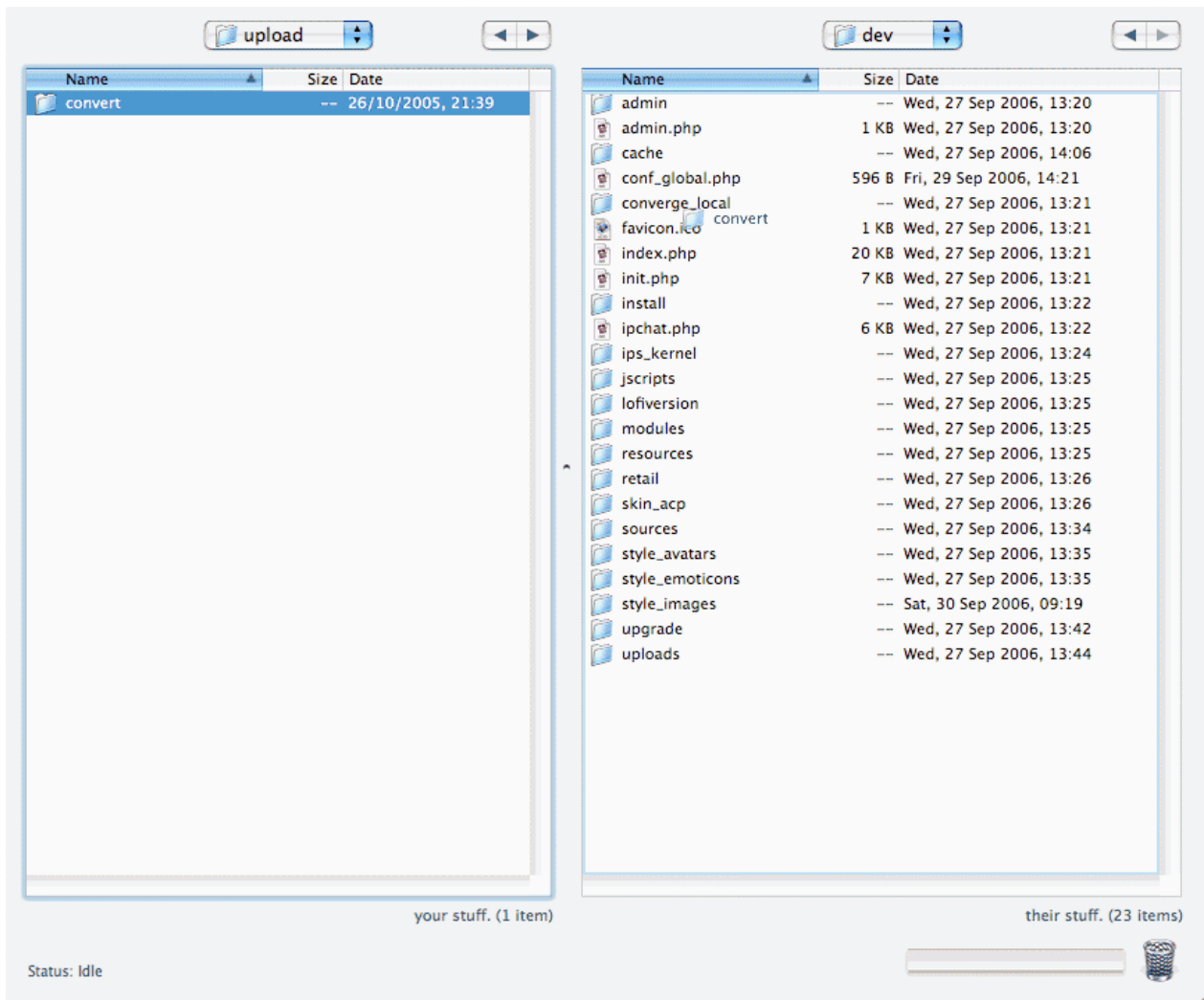
2: Attachments stored in both the database and file system

Converting your board

The IP.Board conversion system requires you to have a copy of IP.Board installed prior to running the conversion system. If you're unsure on how to install IP.Board please refer to the IP.Board documentation available in the IPS Client Area.

Uploading the conversion system

Once you've unzipped the conversion system download file you simply need to upload the entire contents of the 'convert' directory to your main IPB directory.



Configuring the conversion system

Once the conversion files have been uploaded you'll then need to configure the conversion system to allow it to connect to your old boards database.

To do this you will need to open the conversion system in your web browser. For example:

<http://www.yourdomain.com/forums/convert/index.php>

The first page you'll be presented with will be as follows:

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POWER BOARD CONVERSION

Invision Power Board Converter

Home : IPB Converter [Configuration]

This section allows you to choose the forum system you wish to convert to IPB

• **Converter Choice**

Which Forum System would you like to convert to IPB?

Convertors which are not compatible with your current IPB version will **not** be listed for selection.

Also note that there may be different Convertors for different versions of your forum system, ensure you select the correct version.

✓ IkonBoard 3.1 Series
SMF 1.0
SMF 1.1
UBB.Threads 5 Series
UBB.Threads 6 Series
XMB 1.8 (Partagium)
XMB 1.9 (Nexus)
YABB SE
phpBB 2 Series
vBulletin 2 Series
vBulletin 3 Series
vBulletin 3.5/3.6

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This drop down menu lists all the conversion systems that are available in the conversion system at the time you downloaded it. Choose the board that you wish to convert from and click the 'Save Configuration' button to continue.

You'll then be asked to enter in the database/path details for your old board as well as some configuration options for the conversion system:

INVISION
POWER BOARD CONVERSION

Invision Power Board Converter

Home : vBulletin 3.5/3.6 Converter [Configuration]

This section will enable you to configure this convertor to your preference

• **Configuration**

Your vBulletin 3.5/3.6 MySQL Information

Your vBulletin 3.5/3.6 MySQL server location
This information is in your vB/admin/config.php file

Your vBulletin 3.5/3.6 MySQL database name
This information is in your vB/admin/config.php file

Your vBulletin 3.5/3.6 MySQL database username
This information is in your vB/admin/config.php file

Your vBulletin 3.5/3.6 MySQL database password
This information is in your vB/admin/config.php file

Your vBulletin 3.5/3.6 MySQL database prefix (Optional)
This information is in your vB/admin/config.php file

Your vBulletin 3.5/3.6 server path
E.g. /home/www/forums/
Only used for Emoticons Conversion, you can leave this blank otherwise.

Converter Preferences

How many MEMBERS to convert per rotation?
Low CPU intensive, about 2000 is good for most

How many TOPICS / POLLS to convert per rotation?
Low CPU intensive, about 2000 is good for most

How many POSTS to convert per rotation?
Medium CPU intensive, about 1500 is good for most

Attachment Conversion Set-up

Server path to the IPB uploads folder?
Example: /home/mydomain/public_html/forums

Server path to your vBulletin 3.5/3.6 uploads folder?
Only used if your board's attachments are stored in the Filesystem and not in the DB, you can leave this blank otherwise.

How many attachments / avatars to convert per rotation?
Medium CPU intensive, about 100 is good for most

Save Configuration

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If you're unsure of any of the information asked for you can either look in your existing boards configuration file (by opening it in a text editor) or failing that contact your hosting provider for their assistance to find the required information. Please note that the exact information asked for here will var from board to board.

The conversion system allows you to choose how many posts/topics/members to convert at once. The default values should be fine on most servers, however if you find that the pages time-out when converting then you can lower these values to allow the conversion to continue.

Once you've filled out all of the necessary information click the 'Save Configuration' button to continue.

Running the conversion system

WARNING: RUNNING THE CONVERSION SYSTEM WILL ERASE ALL DATA CURRENTLY PRESENT ON YOUR IPB.

Once you've configured the conversion system you'll be presented with a page like the following:



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Home : vBulletin 3.5/3.6 Converter

- Configuration Status**

This convertor has been configured correctly and a test indicates that the vBulletin 3.5/3.6 database has been found.

» [Configure Convertor Again?](#) - [Select A Different Convertor?](#)
- Convertor Status**

Type	IPB Rows	vBulletin 3.5/3.6 Rows	Convert	Status
Members	1	3	Convert Now	-
Member Groups	6	8	Convert Now	-
Forums / Categories	2	4	Convert Now	-
Moderators	0	0	Convert Now	-
Topics	1	4	Convert Now	-
Posts	1	19	Convert Now	-
Polls	0	1	Convert Now	-
Private Messages	0	10	Convert Now	-
Ranks	3	3	Convert Now	-
Attachments	0	3	Convert Now	-
Custom Avatars	0	0	Convert Now	-
Emoticons	20	11	Convert Now	-
- Post Installation Options**

Only use these tools once your conversion has taken place

Clean-Up Conversion
This will recount the total posts, registered members and last registered member etc.

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From this page you can then proceed with the conversion step-by-step. We recommend that you start from the top of the list and work your way down. You don't need to convert all of the data if you don't wish to – you can convert as many or as few of the sections as you like.

To convert a section simply click on the 'Convert Now' link. Please pay attention to any notes specific to that section that are displayed after it has been processed.

Once you've converted all of the sections that you wish to convert then use the 'Clean-Up Conversion' link to re-count the statistics on your newly converted board.

WARNING: NOW THAT THE CONVERSION SYSTEM HAS BEEN RUN YOU MUST REMOVE THE 'CONVERT' DIRECTORY FROM YOUR IPB INSTALLATION. FAILURE TO DO THIS WOULD ALLOW ANYONE TO GO BACK AND RECONVERT YOUR BOARD MEANING YOU WOULD LOSE ANY DATA ADDED SINCE THE CONVERSION.