Tails - Bug #15895

Remove our predefined bookmarks

09/02/2018 01:31 PM - sajolida

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Description

I see in Tails 3.9 the following bookmarks embedded in Tails:

- [https://tails.bourm.org/](https://tails.bourm.org/)
- [https://webmail.no-log.org/](https://webmail.no-log.org/)
- [https://mail.riseup.net/](https://mail.riseup.net/)
- [https://webmail.bourm.org/](https://webmail.bourm.org/)
- [https://check.torproject.org/](https://check.torproject.org/)
- [https://www.torproject.org/](https://www.torproject.org/)
- [https://tor.stackexchange.com/](https://tor.stackexchange.com/)

Now that we have good support for bookmarks in Persistence, I think we should review this list.

- I don't think it should be a place to link the email providers our team historically liked the most.
- I don't think that the Tor stack exchange is an official support channel anymore.

We'd be left with:

- [https://tails.bourm.org/](https://tails.bourm.org/)
- [https://check.torproject.org/](https://check.torproject.org/)
- [https://www.torproject.org/](https://www.torproject.org/)

Going a bit further:

- Searching for “Tails” or “Tor Project” in the URL bar points you to [https://tails.bourm.org/](https://tails.bourm.org/) and [https://www.torproject.org/](https://www.torproject.org/). I think that's what the majority of our users will do instead of looking for it in the bookmark menu.
- Our documentation is already linked from the desktop and the Applications menu.

So if we want, I don't think we would miss much by getting rid of this file completely. It's a SQL dump that seems painful to maintain, so that might be a good move.

Related issues:

Related to Tails - Feature #5870: Better support of non-commercial ISPs Rejected

Related revisions

Revision 803c40ec - 07/05/2019 08:29 AM - intrigeri
Ship default upstream Tor Browser bookmarks instead of an empty set (refs: #15895).

Revision 23863ff2 - 07/11/2019 06:37 PM - intrigeri
Merge remote-tracking branch 'origin/feature/15895-remove-custom-bookmarks+force-all-tests' into stable

Fix-committed: #15895
Revision 5120693b - 07/21/2019 05:31 PM - intrigeri
Ship default upstream Tor Browser bookmarks instead of an empty set (refs: #15895).

History
#1 - 09/03/2018 05:10 PM - intrigeri
- Assignee set to sajolida

I doubt someone else than you will lead this discussion within the time constraints (target version) you've set.

#2 - 09/11/2018 02:35 AM - letthemeatpie
"I don't think it should be a place to link the email providers our team historically liked the most." (sorry, tried the Quote button, it gave me an error)
Agreed.

#3 - 09/13/2018 10:37 AM - letthemeatpie
OTOH, this would be another great place to link about/for donations!

#4 - 09/13/2018 05:13 PM - sajolida

OTOH, this would be another great place to link about/for donations!

+1, If we keep the custom bookmarks we could add one to our donation page.

On the other hand, we're providing people using Tails other much better pointers to our donation page (eg. /home) so I don't think it will make a significant difference. So I would definitely not keep this customization just for that :)

#5 - 10/21/2018 08:33 PM - sajolida
- Target version changed from Tails_3.10.1 to Tails_3.11

I won't be able to discuss this before the December meeting.

#6 - 12/10/2018 03:50 PM - sajolida
- Target version changed from Tails_3.11 to Tails_3.12

#7 - 01/28/2019 06:45 PM - sajolida
- Target version changed from Tails_3.12 to Tails_3.13

#8 - 03/08/2019 07:56 AM - sajolida
- Subject changed from Remove some of our predefined bookmarks to Remove our predefined bookmarks
With the deprecation of monthly meetings, we're left with mailing lists for such discussions. I raised the point on tails-dev.

+1

- Target version changed from Tails_3.13 to Tails_3.14

- Related to Feature #5810: Fix files&#39; associations added

- Related to Feature #5870: Better support of non-commercial ISPs added

- Related to deleted (Feature #5810: Fix files&#39; associations)

Nobody followed up on my question to tails-dev:

http://lists.autistici.org/message/20190308.075800.b7154a0e.en.html

So I'll submit a branch at some point.

- Status changed from Confirmed to In Progress

- Feature Branch set to feature/15895-remove-custom-bookmarks

- Target version changed from Tails_3.14 to Tails_3.15

sajolida wrote:

- Searching for "Tails" or "Tor Project" in the URL bar points you to https://tails.boum.org/ and https://www.torproject.org/. You mean typing one of these strings, then Enter, to search it with DuckDuckGo, right? If you instead mean that you see this completion happen without pressing Enter: that's precisely because we have bookmarks for these websites and I doubt it would work if/once we drop them.
You mean typing one of these strings, then Enter, to search it with DuckDuckGo, right?

Yes.

#20 - 06/28/2019 07:04 PM - sajolida
- Status changed from In Progress to Needs Validation
- Assignee deleted (sajolida)
- Type of work changed from Discuss to Code

Builds and tested :)

#21 - 06/29/2019 08:27 AM - intrigeri
@anonym, @segfault: any taker? If this feels too risky/invasive for a bugfix release, feel free to merge into feature/buster instead of stable.

#22 - 07/05/2019 07:20 AM - intrigeri
- Assignee set to intrigeri

#23 - 07/05/2019 07:25 AM - intrigeri
- Feature Branch changed from feature/15895-remove-custom-bookmarks to feature/15895-remove-custom-bookmarks+force-all-tests

I have cherry-picked the relevant commit in a new branch because:

- The original branch was forked off devel. If we merge into devel we won't release this before our next major release, on Oct 22. I guess that was not sajolida's intent.
- This affects Tor Browser and most automated tests about the browser are tagged fragile, so they don't run on Jenkins unless we're on a branch with the +force-all-tests suffix. I'd like to see automated test results before we merge this.

Will now code review and if that passes, I'll build & test manually a little bit.

#24 - 07/05/2019 08:59 AM - intrigeri
IMO, ideally while doing this we would ship Tor Browser's default bookmarks instead of an empty set of bookmarks. It would simplify our codebase a little (no need to maintain this sqlite dump anymore) and would reduce our delta with upstream, which in general is nice for users who use Tor Browser both in Tails and outside of Tails. @sajolida, do you agree?

I've implemented it on the branch and we'll see what Jenkins thinks.

#25 - 07/05/2019 08:59 AM - intrigeri
- Status changed from Needs Validation to In Progress

Applied in changeset tails/803c40ec3b3058228981c6f0fd532df84b7236.
The bookmarks-related tests pass on Jenkins so either sajolida agrees with my reasoning above (and then I'll request a review from FT for my additional commits) or he does not (and then I'll merge sajolida's work as-is).

#27 - 07/07/2019 11:54 AM - segfault
Code review passes

#28 - 07/08/2019 05:00 PM - sajolida
- Target version changed from Tails_3.15 to Tails_3.16

#29 - 07/08/2019 07:02 PM - sajolida

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I agree with your approach and shipping the default bookmarks in Tor which also simplifies our codebase (one of my initial goals).

#30 - 07/08/2019 07:03 PM - sajolida
- Assignee changed from sajolida to intrigeri

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#31 - 07/09/2019 12:11 PM - intrigeri

Now you still have to merge, right?

Yes, someone should merge into stable–devel once the release process for 3.15 is over.
Oh no! I'm feeling bad about having you do some more work on this branch that is super low prio and which I started just for fun.

OK, next time I'll only review and will let you complete the work you started (or decide it's not worth the effort).

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#33 - 07/11/2019 06:38 PM - intrigeri
- Status changed from Needs Validation to 11
- % Done changed from 0 to 100

Applied in changeset tails|23863ff20b36b0c37a5c6e689502ff62a84e6c73.

#34 - 07/21/2019 05:35 PM - intrigeri
- Status changed from 11 to In Progress

Applied in changeset tails|5120693bb0e2a0fa1639d6bdc9bee238f2d567a5.

#35 - 08/04/2019 08:28 AM - intrigeri
- Status changed from In Progress to 11

#36 - 09/05/2019 12:03 AM - CyrilBrulebois
- Status changed from 11 to Resolved