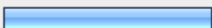


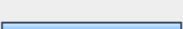








Originaltrilogy.com/Fanedit.com User Opinion Survey

1. Finding out what attracts people to the site

1. How did you first find originaltrilogy.com?		
		Response Percent
From a link to the original petition		35.1%
Searching for Star Wars bootlegs/laserdisc preservations		35.1%
Searching for Star Wars fan edits		17.6%
Looking for an alternative to the starwars.com/theforce.net boards		5.4%
Searching for a preservation of an unreleased movie		4.1%
Searching for fan edits of other films		2.7%

Clearly, people come to the site for the Star Wars related content. Over 70% of you originally found the site from a desire to own the original trilogy on DVD – either to petition Lucasfilm for an official release, or to obtain one of the bootleg laserdisc copies that were around at the time.

2. What was the main reason you registered an account on the forum?		
		Response Percent
To discuss Star Wars with a like-minded community		41.9%
To get help in obtaining fan-made DVDs		29.7%
To discuss ideas for fan projects		10.8%
I'm a lurker - never registered		8.1%
To showcase my own fan project(s)		4.1%
To ask for technical help/advice		2.7%
To talk about movies/politics/religion /general stuff in the off-topic forum		1.4%
I love the whole saga and wanted to argue the merits of the prequels/special editions		1.4%

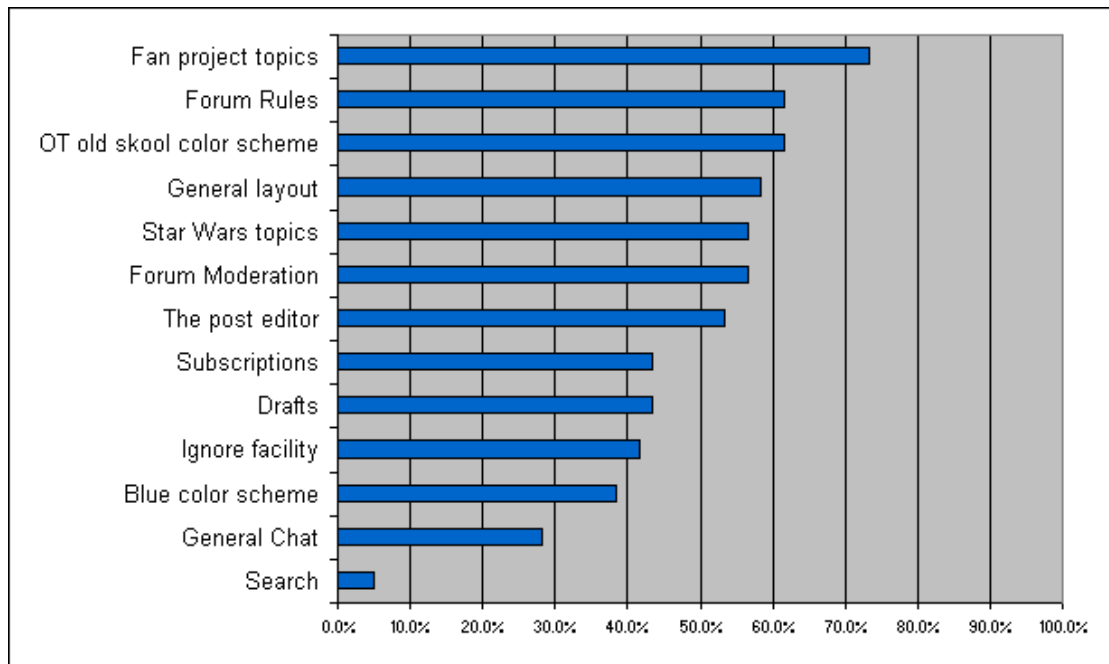
Over 40% of you joined to forum mainly to discuss Star Wars. The rest of you joined mainly for the discussion about the fan projects. (There are a quite surprising number of lurkers on the forum, too.)

2. The New Forum Software

1. Do you think the new forum software is an improvement on the old (FuseTalk) application?		
		Response Percent
yes		35.0%
about the same		30.0%
no		11.7%
N/A - I joined after the update		23.3%

Hmmm... although most of you think the new software is an improvement, the difference between the “yes” and the “about the same” responses is disappointingly small - suggests maybe Jay should spend even more time making further improvements to the forum software.

The next question on this page asked you about what you like and dislike about the current forum design. If we take the % of negative responses away from the positive, the results are ordered like this:



Clearly our members like having the threads about fan projects here. Two surprises in the above chart: one is that the forum search function, that Jay admits needs more development, did not get a negative result! The other surprise for me is that the post editor, which seems to have generated numerous complaints, ranks so highly.

3. Other Forums

We asked what other forums people read or post on.

	Never visited	Occasional browser	Regular lurker	Active contributor
starwars.com	26.7%	68.3%	1.7%	3.3%
theforce.net	38.3%	50.0%	8.3%	3.3%
faneditforum.com	48.3%	33.3%	8.3%	10.0%
videohelp.com	51.7%	33.3%	10.0%	5.0%
doom9.org	55.0%	31.7%	10.0%	3.3%
hometheaterforum.com	56.7%	33.3%	5.0%	5.0%
avsforum.com	61.7%	31.7%	5.0%	1.7%

A large number of you have at some time visited the forums at the official Star Wars site starwars.com, or the “Jedi Council Forums” at the popular fan site TheForce.Net.

Just over half of our members have visited the fanedit.org forums at faneditforum.com, and it's also the site where most of you (10%) are active posters.

The two main help sites on the net for digital video – dealing with ripping, converting, editing, processing, etc. – as expected, have a healthy number of visitors from our membership. Also a third of you occasionally browse forums where movie buffs discuss their home theatre and AV gear.

Here's a selection of other forums where our members post:

Star Wars related

z11.invisionfree.com/KOTOR_Movies
forums.galactichunter.com/ubbthreads/ubbthreads.php

Other films

fortressofsolitude.proboards83.com
raven.theraider.net

Japanese anime, gaming and TV

henshinjustice.com/forums
www.noneedfortenchi.com/bbs
dbzf.co.uk/index
www.daizex.com/interaction/board
www.pojjo.com/messageboard.html

DVD/film reviews

forum.dvdtalk.com
forum.armchaireviews.com

DVD custom cover art

rixgrafixforums.yuku.com

Model building

www.starshipmodeler.net/talk/index.php





Music

www.metalsludge.tv/phpBB2

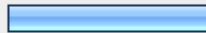
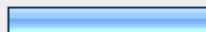

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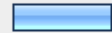

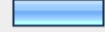
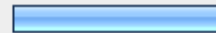
manglerforum.themanglerbros.com/index.php
forums.penny-arcade.com

4. Fan projects and fanedits.com

1. What is your preferred method of obtaining fan-made DVDs?		
		Response Percent
Torrents		50.0%
Rapidshare		18.8%
Physical discs through the post (i.e. B&P, PIF or trades)		18.8%
Usenet (binary newsgroups)		12.5%

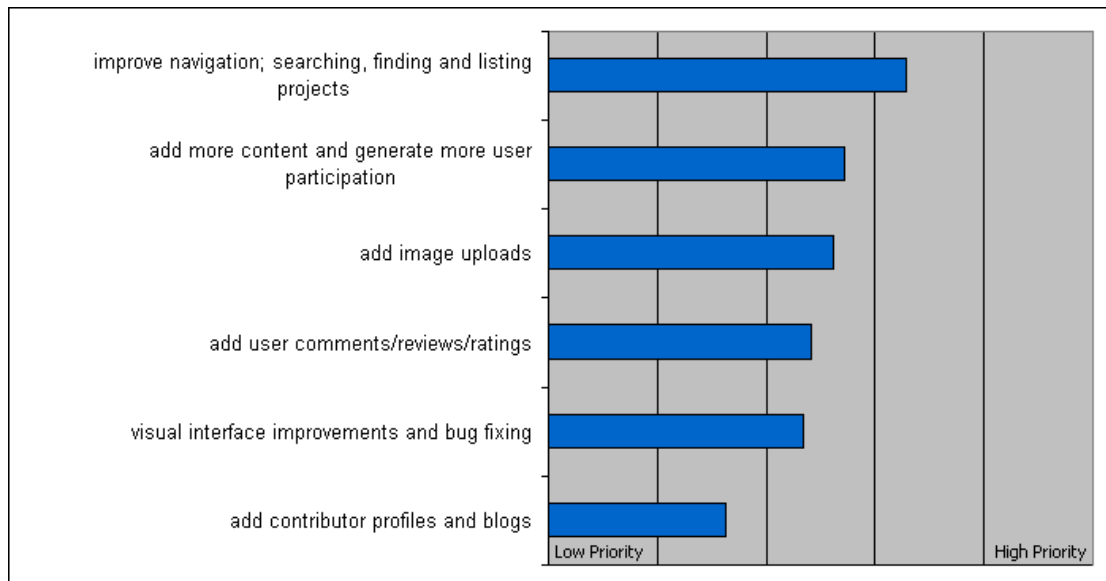
Despite the problems people have with torrents - as evidenced by the numerous requests for seeders and/or site invites - they are still the most popular method of obtaining fan DVDs. And newsgroups bottom? Come on, people... ☺

2. Have you used the wiki database at fanedits.com?		
		Response Percent
Never visited/didn't know it existed		45.8%
I've browsed it on occasion to get info about projects		45.8%
I've added or edited project entries there		8.3%

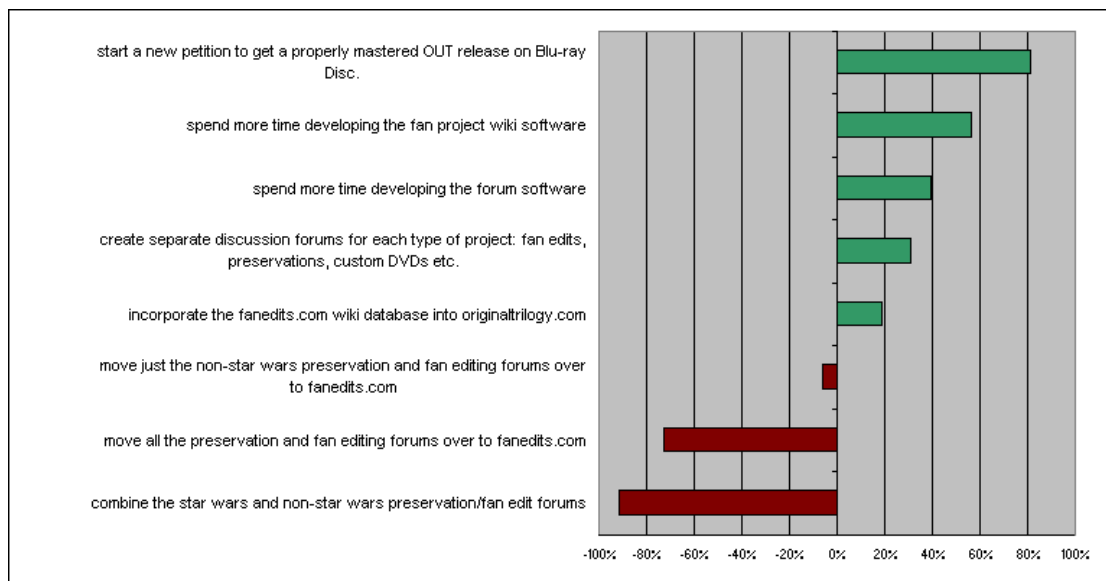
3. Bearing in mind it's still a beta product, how easy did you find it to use?		
		Response Percent
Very easy		0.0%
Not too bad		22.9%
Average		8.3%
Could be better		20.8%
Very poor		0.0%
N/A - never used		47.9%

The responses to these two questions confirm basically what we already knew – that community participation in the wiki database at fanedits.com is disappointingly low. Almost half of you have never visited the site.

Those who have used the site offer the following priorities for improvements:



5. What should Jay do next?



There's a pretty clear consensus that originaltrilogy.com should return to its roots and host a new petition to get the original unaltered trilogy released on Blu-ray Disc.

It's also clear that out users want to keep the forum distinction for Star Wars related fan edits/preservations and fan projects for other films, not lump them together; although quite a few of you feel that additional forum sections should be created to give preservations, fan edits and custom DVDs each a separate area for discussion.

Encouragingly, development of fanedits.com comes next after starting the new petitions, so even though participation is currently low, there is a significant desire amongst the membership to improve the wiki database.