

# WhichBB.org Interview Questions

## 1. How/When did you first start coding and why?

Sergei: I've started coding in school, when we were studying Turbo Pascal. I still love it, but now mostly write on PHP, which I studied on my own few years later.

## 2. How did you get involved in creating forum systems?

Sergei: Me and Paul we wanted to create our own project on PHP. It was Pauls idea to start working on miniBB, so he involved me in working on this project :)

## 3. What is your main roll as a team member?

Sergei: Right now starting from the 2<sup>nd</sup> I'm working on several new plugins: some of these are available already, the rest will follow.. shortly!

## 4. What do you enjoy most about MiniBB?

Sergei: miniBB's simplicity and its performance-optimized code is what makes the board a perfect forum example for me.

## 5. What do you feel the best features of MiniBB are?

Sergei: I think the best features of the board is very fast and customizable template engine and very low script execution times, which makes the board reliable even in case of high server load.

## 6. What do you think users should get out of a forum system and why?

Sergei: Forum software should be simple, there's no need to overload it with a large number of "powerful" features. That's why our board has most additional features supplied as plugins.

## 7. What advice would you give to somebody who is starting his or her own community?

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Sergei: Choose a reliable supported software. Don't fall for crap :)

## 8. How has MiniBB changed over the years?

Sergei: miniBB has become a "mature" forum software, with its own style and peculiarities distinguishing it from all other boards, like a teenage girl who turned into a stylish young lady.

## 9. How does MiniBB compare with some of the other forum systems available?

Sergei: miniBB smiles seeing all other forum systems :)

## 10. How many people are now in the MiniBB team?

Sergei: 2 or 2 millions, does it really matter? :)

## 11. If you were going to start an online community, which forum software (excluding your own) would you use, and why?

Sergei: I don't have any particular forum software in mind, I would go to any major script repository website and find most attractive board not overloaded with useless stuff. Perhaps, punBB – cause it's close to miniBB concepts.

## 12. What would you consider more important; user interface or masses of features?

Sergei: User interface, of course; the ease of use is what makes your life simpler not the quantity of useless features :)

## 13. How long does it usually take the MiniBB team to make a stable release?

Sergei: Usually we're testing the board for one month in all possible situations after writing a new version.

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## **14. How do you think forum systems in general will change in the future?**

Sergei: New Web standards like XHTML, Flash, databases like SQL Lite are going to affect the future of all boards.

## **15. What does the future hold for MiniBB?**

Sergei: We're planning to make the board compatible with the new current and future Web standarts, so that this board will never become obsolete.