



Upcoming changes here at The Oil Drum

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One of the best things about the The Oil Drum is our community of insightful commenters. In order increase the commenters' visibility and give them more of a role in the site, we are transitioning to a more sophisticated blogging platform called [Scoop](#).

Many popular blogs are based on Scoop, including [Kuro5hin](#), [Daily Kos](#), and [RedState.org](#).

Switching to this platform requires us to move to a more advanced (non-free) web hosting service. The associated costs will be funded by The Oil Drum's massive *cough* advertising revenues.

A few new features will be available following the switch. They include:

- Comments will now be integrated with the posts and appear in a nested form.
- Users will be able to create accounts and will be able to search through comments by user.
- Posts we be assigned to different topics and users will be able to search on the topics as well.

Scoop is very powerful, and at the start we are only taking advantage of a few of its features. As the site matures, expect more features to be enabled like journals and all the other cool stuff you see on Scoop sites. (But as for right now I have my hands full enough thanks!)

We hope to have the new site completely functional and debugged towards the end of the month or early September. When we're ready, we will post a link here forwarding you to the new site of course. The old site will stay up for archival purposes...though we'll probably transfer some of the "greatest hits" over to the new site.

Finally, if you are a graphic artist or have some skills to make some neat-o graphics (keeping in mind our quite limited budget), give us a yell at the email addy in the sidebar, please.



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