

Notification tips and tricks

Do's and don'ts

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What you really should avoid:

- Notifications also are sent by email. **DON'T SPAM YOUR USERS!**
- Do not set notifications FROM the UI TO the UI. For example: If the user is in the webinterface and presses a button (SUBMIT) and is waiting for a response, the response should be shown in your plugin and not trigger a notification that implicitly is shown.
- If you have a script that works both interactive and in cron/daemon mode, make this script recognizing if it was called interactively, and suppress any notifications in interactive mode.
- Do not write HTML code to your notification \$message. HTML code is not executed but shown in your notification.
- Do not append incredible long texts, like a logfile, to the notification. Use the LOGFILE parameter of notify_ext instead.

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- As \$package and \$name may not be shown, write something about your plugin (e.g. the plugin title) into the message.
- If needed, use \n as linebreak. It will be converted to
 if it is shown in any HTML functions.
- Try to use multilingual texts in the \$message. Use LoxBerry's readlanguage function to first parse your language file, and then send the language variables to notify instead of hardcoded text.

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