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Buzz Lightyear - January 30, 2011, 7:42 pm

Problems Within the Graphics Section

Hello,

Today I would like to address all the issues that currently reside within the Graphics section/tab.

Most people I'm sure have noticed the increase in activity lately. While this helps us, it also brings forth a few issues. Recently, people have been posting in the incorrect section consistantly. Many people seem to overlook the individual sections, and post in sections that do not directly pertain to that which they're posting about.

For example:

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=1016299>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=1008660>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=1017174>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=1012483>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=474067>

Secondly, there's also the huge problem with gravedigging. Gravedigging (Or necroposting) has become increasingly regular in the Graphics section. Posts all the way back from 2009 are being dug up on a far too regular basis.

For example:

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=94536>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=226564>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=93639>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=205121>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=38133>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=235494>

Third, (as many of you have probably noticed) threads in the graphic battles section are for all intensive purposes, open ended. Unless a Staff member intervenes and closes a thread (usually upon request) the battle will basically go on forever. Staff are obviously much too busy to deal with every single battle thread in the section, which is why most are never closed. A lot of times, these threads come back to the problem of gravedigging. Battles from a year ago that were never closed, constantly come back to haunt us.

For example:

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=886597>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=93639>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=94536>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=1003320>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=607006> [This one was FINALLY closed, after a total of

304 votes.]

Those are just the notable ones, there are an essentially unlimited supply of battle threads that are still technically "open".

Probably one of the most noteworthy of all, is the flaming. As it is on every graphic forum, there are many who can't accept criticism. People retaliate, sometimes by personally insulting another person (usually about their graphic skills). It happens on an almost daily basis. Some people do not know how to rate a signature. But there is a stickied thread by Tasemu which can be found [HERE](#). A majority of the users fail to view this thread, or take its advice.

For example:

A member will tell a user that their signature needs work, and the other member will complain or insult the user giving constructive criticism.

A member will randomly tell another user that their portfolio is terrible, and they have no skill as an artist.

A member will act like they're high and mighty, and become enraged when others tell him/her to stop being so arrogant.

A member will call another user out in a graphic battle, and start arguments that can often get out of hand.

A member will flat out say that the piece sucks, which leads to all sorts of things.

Now, a lot of times I miss some of these problems, therefore not being able to report them in time. When I do attempt to report them, they are often more than 48 hours old. This is constantly a problem. However, most of the time, the thread is not urgent enough to bother a Staff member about.

In conclusion, something needs to be done about these problems, or they will continue to expand as the forum does.

Please feel free to post your thoughts and opinions.

Thank you for reading,
Buzz Lightyear

Rhythm - January 30, 2011, 7:45 pm

Agreed wholeheartedly, something needs to be done about it.

Especially the wrong forum posting, and neverending graphic battles. It's ludicrous how often it happens.

Echoes - January 30, 2011, 7:46 pm

I agree with this thread, 100%.

What do you expect to be done with a massive amount of problems occurring in the Graphics section?

Xerotic - January 30, 2011, 7:47 pm

I think awareness is the best thing you can do. Get people to append it in their signatures, have threads like this one. Report the posts you can and perhaps even PM the offending member.

Ninjury - January 30, 2011, 7:48 pm

(Jan 30, 2011 08:46 PM)Echoes Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I agree with this thread, 100%.

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I don't want to suggest a moderator be added for it; because if I suggest that it will surely be denied.

I would suggest going on a reporting rampage, and report all faults you come across.

H??????a X™ - January 30, 2011, 7:50 pm

I see posts like this, just not in the graphics section. people post in the wrong sections and threads that need closing, that don't get closed. It happens around the forums quite a bit. I'm not sure what else we can do to prevent them, rather than just reporting. I won't bother suggesting my idea to help solve this, maybe when the suggestions are open, you could provide more detailed of a solution. But I agree 100%

Minnesota Nice - January 30, 2011, 7:52 pm

As long as you are raising awareness that is good!

I have noticed a few issues in the tab.

DeMeR - January 30, 2011, 7:52 pm

I agree with this. I've noticed so many problems like these. Nice thread!

Minnesota Nice - January 30, 2011, 7:53 pm

(Jan 30, 2011 08:52 PM)DeMeRLiCiouS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I agree with this. I've noticed so many problems like these. Nice thread!

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Ninjury - January 30, 2011, 7:58 pm

(Jan 30, 2011 08:53 PM)Minnesota Nice Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I saw, what you did there. Quit mind fucking people. At least wear a condom for them dirty minds.

Wonder if Omni is aware of this yet.

Mermaid - January 30, 2011, 8:02 pm

Some of these problems are very true,
Thank you Buzz Lightyear for pointing them out to staff.

Minnesota Nice - January 30, 2011, 8:03 pm

(Jan 30, 2011 08:58 PM)Ninjury Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Quit mind fucking people. At least wear a condom for them dirty minds.

Wonder if Omni is aware of this yet.
You need to learn my ways. ;)

I'm sure Omni has heard about it at least once.

Zach - January 30, 2011, 8:04 pm

Though I don't visit the Graphics section much, I agree that gravedigging has become a problem, and it's ridiculous.

A new rule? Yes.

I support.

Another topic I'd like to address, the GFX guru award is given out like it's candy. To people that don't even have any GFX skill or make good rippers.

Xerotic - January 30, 2011, 8:05 pm

(Jan 30, 2011 09:04 PM)Zach Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Though I don't visit the Graphics section much, I agree that gravedigging has become a problem, and it's ridiculous.

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I support.

Actually, I think that gravedigging, to and extent, is disallowed.

Flashnox™ - January 30, 2011, 8:28 pm

so what's the point of the thread...?

to get people to agree?

we already agree bro, there's no reason to point out the obvious.

The fact is, you can't do anything about.

The staff are too busy taking care of real business.

Buzz Lightyear - January 30, 2011, 8:32 pm

(Jan 30, 2011 08:46 PM)Echoes Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I agree with this thread, 100%.

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Awareness is probably one of the first steps to take. Hopefully this alerts everyone with all the problems.

Minnesota Nice - January 30, 2011, 8:34 pm

Well. As I said before, at least you are raising awareness. Which can help the problem.

SavageBoys - January 30, 2011, 8:44 pm

Sometimes I report wrong section posts and they stay were they are, for example:

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=1016299>

I reported this I think yesterday afternoon.

Yet users comment still, personally if somethings in the wrong section ill report it and not post on the thread as its technically off topic.

Minnesota Nice - January 30, 2011, 8:46 pm

Ive noticed that my wrong section reports seem to stay put most of the time as well, same with cross posting.

BuyOMC - January 30, 2011, 9:26 pm

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Buzz Lightyear - January 30, 2011, 9:30 pm

(Jan 30, 2011 10:26 PM)Gids Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is a good report but do you realizing that your trying to make suggestions which is not allowed.

False. Not a single thing was suggested. I realize suggestions are not allowed. I know the rules myself. I simply stated that it is a problem and something needed to be done about it. I never suggested any action to be done. I was raising awareness on this matter.

Kantus - January 30, 2011, 9:42 pm

I totally agree with you Buzz.

When posting battles, people need to include a time limit for the poll to close by itself.
At least, make a Uber host the battle so he can close it when its done.

Gravedigging and wrong section posting should be reported immediately.

Ninjury - January 30, 2011, 10:07 pm

(Jan 30, 2011 10:26 PM)Gids Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is a good report but do you realizing that your trying to make suggestions which is not allowed.Reporting multiple thread problems through a thread might not be the best idea; but at least he is getting the problem known.

kutmustakurt - January 31, 2011, 2:12 am

Quote:Recently, people have been posting in the incorrect section consistantly. Many people seem to overlook the individual sections, and post in sections that do not directly pertain to that which they're posting about.

This has been the case with whole of HF, not with one sub-forum, please take a look at hacking tutorials, it regularly gets filled with beginner hacking questions. Isolating a single forum would be wrong.

Solution : Report the threads and they will be taken care of. I believe sometime it may take longer than the report to be cleared but it will be cleared within 48 hours. ?

Incase it isn't please Pm me with the thread link. ?

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However in-case of graphic contests you and other regular members of Graphic section should be responsible for reporting the thread to be closed after it's purpose is fulfilled.

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exnyon - January 31, 2011, 2:32 am

I agree with the space ranger. The amount of wrong-section posting between the Requests and

main Graphics section alone is horrible, not counting any of the other issues he's listed. Great formatting, by the way.

Etheryte - January 31, 2011, 2:58 am

Premium membership users can close their own threads. Gravedigging and wrong forum posting can both just be reported and/or frowned upon via the reputation system.

Thermal™ - January 31, 2011, 3:30 am

I'm going to have to strongly agree with every single argument that has been stated.

The graphics section has things that have been ed from years ago as well, or even a few months.

It's quite annoying, I feel as if there should be a section for very beginners and advanced, even intermediate.

Also there's people posting non related graphic threads in the 'graphics' section, it's quite annoying.

I think there's always time for change periods and this calls for one big time.

Buzz Lightyear - January 31, 2011, 4:40 am

(Jan 31, 2011 03:12 AM)kutmustakurt Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Quote:This shouldn't be taken as a "huge problem". Graphic section consists of arts by various users and it's Ok if a new member or registered user sees and acknowledges the art(provided it isn't a LQP)

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It is quite annoying though when a very old thread of yours gets ed, which sparks a new wave of discussion. For example, Warbeist's thread about the Christmas banner in 2009 has been gravedug a few times.

Recently, the OP of a contest was on vacation. The contest was past the due date of it, so I PM'ed Staff to close it. My PM was read. No response. No action was taken.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=972841>

Still was never closed, even after I reported it/the member returned from vacation.

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However, (I think I mentioned this) I do not catch a lot of the issues until it is over 48 hours old, thus not being able to report via the form.

Quote:I believe their is a drop down report reason for the same, please use it.

While some posts could be reported as this, a lot of times they can't. They are subtle, or slight hints at it. Also, many times I have reported posts, and nothing has been done. (I am in no way complaining.) Also, thanks for clarifying. I didn't know that we should wait at least 48 hours.

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many levels.

BumbleBee - January 31, 2011, 5:40 am

That is very true..GFX forum need more organisation!
I am haooy to see others noticing this!

The Laughing Man - January 31, 2011, 6:42 am

The Graphics Section on a forum this size needs a team of mods to handle contests, battles and stuff like that imo.

Warbiest - January 31, 2011, 6:44 am

We'd need a moderator for that section.
Someone with experience in moderating, someone who knows what he/she is talking about.
A mature and clear minded person.

What do you say? You want me as moderator?

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exnyon - January 31, 2011, 6:58 am

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DeMeR - January 31, 2011, 7:01 am

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Dont need a mod for the gfx section, just staff to do there jobs.

Ninjury - January 31, 2011, 7:19 am

Discussion of staff/mod placements is not allowed.

Warbiest - January 31, 2011, 7:30 am

(Jan 31, 2011 07:58 AM)Quentin B. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Anybody who even vaguely suggests themselves to be added as a moderator immediately loses my vote.
Luckily nobody cares for your vote.
I couldn't even be a moderator anyway, I'm too busy.

As for the "problems" they're not that big of a problem.
It's why we have the report button.

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Warbiest - January 31, 2011, 7:35 am

(Jan 31, 2011 08:34 AM)Quentin B. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Luckily, this isn't a democracy, so nobody cares that you think that nobody cares for my vote. Both of our votes are irrelevant, not just mine.
I'm not the one implying either of us has a vote. ?

Ninjury - January 31, 2011, 7:43 am

Look. Neither of your votes matter; because staff/mod votes are made by other staff/mod.
How about we stay on topic?

Warbiest - January 31, 2011, 7:45 am

You just went off-topic yourself, hypocrite.

Anyway!

I think we're more or less done with the discussion.

Staff says we should just report the stuff, no good counter arguments, I do not see any more reason for this thread to stay open.

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Other than to keep going back and forth, telling each other that neither of our votes count? Probably not! :D

But yeah, alot of sections may need a moderator, but that doesn't mean we'll get them. We'll just have to live with it.

Ninjury - January 31, 2011, 8:21 am

Glad to see you all came to an agreement on this.

Request /thread