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Thread: [Interview with Jesse Labrocc \(Omniscient\) \[Kaiser.\]](#)

Pinterest - February 16, 2011, 4:05 pm

Quote: This is AdminBB's first Interview, so it is a pleasure to Interview Jesse Labrocc a who also is known by the name "Omniscient". He runs one of the biggest MyBB forums known as HackForums.net (Which is also the biggest in its nature). He is well known in the MyBB community for his outstanding plugins over MyBB Central, he also runs a very successful webmaster forum known as SupportForums. Be sure to give them a visit!

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Can you tell us a little about who Jesse Labrocc a is?

A father, husband, and web developer.

What's a normal day in the life of Jesse Labrocc a like?

Sitting at my desk typing away is normally my day. I'll listen to music and often watch streaming Netflix movies on my 2nd monitor. I enjoy taking care of my kids too.

Hackforums is the biggest of its kind out there, how did it start? Was it easy? Was there ever a time you thought it wouldn't go to well?

Easy is a relative term. What's easy for me might be impossible for someone else. HF is a time consuming project requiring all my skillsets that I've built up over the years. It's sort of a culmination of a dozen years of experience. It started very simple and small. It was not an instant success but great successes rarely are. There was a time when I thought HF was too much for me to handle but I overcame that.

How do you do it? You run 3 very successful forums, along with many other projects you have, do you have any tips for the new webmasters just starting out?

If you're willing to spend the time to achieve you will do well. You should always learn from your mistakes and never be afraid to take a shot at it. Follow your passions. All those cliches and more.

SupportForums is no doubt one of the best webmaster communities, what do you see stored for it in the future? Are you happy with its progress so far?

I'm happy with the progress but the last month I've been distracted by other more important matters. I wouldn't count SF as a webmaster community though. I'd like to think of it as something more. We have a variety of categories and the goal is to attract a well rounded set of members all willing to help other members.

What got you involved in forums, when did you start using them?

Modern forums are an extension of old dial-up BBS systems. A precursor to the internet. Back then they were "message boards". You'd dial up on the modem, have a sysop approve your account, and you could leave messages or explore the system. I was doing that in 1984 with a 300 baud modem. I started running my own forums on the internet in 1998. I had many types of sites but forums was just something I was more natural with. I hate blogging and static sites are dull. Even if they make money. So it was forums that stuck.

How did you get interested in MyBB? What do you expect for MyBB 2.0 to turn out like?

I became interested when I started to look for alternative software for my forums and I felt that phpBB was terrible. I had used phpbb a couple years. I was tired of it's problems. I tried Vbulletin for

a while but felt that it was bloated and not admin friendly. I reviewed a lot of software and I had my eye on MyBB for a few months. Once I tried it on a live site I was hooked and have since not used anything else.

Is it hard to keep up with all these projects when you have to take care of a family?

All the time. My daughter is sitting here next to me as I type this. I'm with my family the majority of the time. It's a benefit of working from home.

What would you say is your biggest accomplishment on the "Net" so far?

This might be corny but I felt that helping MyBB get mybb.com domain was one of my finest feats. It was something I actually worked on doing a couple years. It was great to finally achieve that goal. I know the obvious answer was HF but it's not done yet and I don't want to claim it accomplished until it's my past not my future.

Where do you see the world of forums going in the next 5-10 years?

I don't see it very different. More bells and whistles to adhere to HTML 3.0 standards I guess. Forums grow because of members. People won't change that much in 5-10 years. There will always imho be a need for like-minded people to share with each other and communicate.

Scary Dreams - February 16, 2011, 4:06 pm

Nice post EctoPlasm. Enjoyable to read.

Mr. Anderson - February 16, 2011, 4:08 pm

This is old, been posted before.

Smurfy - February 16, 2011, 4:10 pm

Seen this way too many times.

???G? - February 16, 2011, 4:10 pm

Lol, Labrocca is filtered, it shows up as Omni :P.

This is just for the people who're gonna flame Ecto for the title, LOL.

DFTCHE - February 16, 2011, 4:10 pm

(Feb 16, 2011 05:08 PM)Mr. Anderson Wrote: [CITE](#) This is old, been posted before. I hadn't read it before now.

Widow's Peak - February 16, 2011, 4:10 pm

What's the point of posting something so old in the announcements & news section

Chris - February 16, 2011, 4:11 pm

Great post, Love reading interviews haha

Xenochrist - February 16, 2011, 4:11 pm

THANKS FOR THIS WONDERFUL POST!!! REALLY GOOD OF YOU TO POST THIS!!

H??????a X™ - February 16, 2011, 4:15 pm

I think I saw this on another site, I can't be sure. It may be old but I'm sure not everyone has seen this. Thanks for sharing mate. :)

LF is #1 - February 16, 2011, 4:16 pm

I have seen this on HF like more than 10 times and I am a new member.

Oak - February 16, 2011, 4:16 pm

Wow man, this was a great interview. What are the three forums? I know HF and SF, but what's the third?

Kr4z1 - February 16, 2011, 4:16 pm

Good share Ectoplasm.

Warhawk - February 16, 2011, 4:23 pm

Pretty cool share, just read it all.

Leonard Hofstadter - February 16, 2011, 4:25 pm

(Feb 16, 2011 05:16 PM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wow man, this was a great interview. What are the three forums? I know HF and SF, but what's the third?
MyBBCentral

www.mybbcentral.com/

Oprah Winfrey - February 16, 2011, 4:27 pm

(Feb 16, 2011 05:16 PM)Kr4z1 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Good share Ectoplasm.
Uh, not really. You do realize this is old and has been posted like 5 times?

Rainbow Dash - February 16, 2011, 4:30 pm

I've seen it before.
Thanks for re-posting it though.

Sephy - February 16, 2011, 4:30 pm

This is so old that he's talking about HTML 3.0.

Magnetic - February 16, 2011, 4:33 pm

I have read it before, but I enjoyed reading it again.

Mr. Anderson - February 16, 2011, 4:41 pm

(Feb 16, 2011 05:37 PM)Legendz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) three words..
fake and gay.Please leave, fail troll.

nanobyter - February 16, 2011, 4:42 pm

I loved how you put kaiser very...good word that some people don't know but it was enjoyable to read :D Omni is awesome :O

I wonder if one of his family members is on his forums? that would be cool :D

Could be ANYONE :O meaby Hanzo is his sun and being admin is his b-day present? AWESOME ;D lol

Robbie - February 16, 2011, 4:48 pm

This was fairly cool. Nice post.

Once Timeless - February 16, 2011, 4:50 pm

A interview is also on mybbcommunity.com which is the previous mybbbrunway.

Seen it before, you likely wouldn't have seen it unless you own your own forum, and go on other forums related to running your own forum.

Modolla - February 16, 2011, 4:59 pm

HTML 3.0? lol. Crazy old :/

Adroit - February 16, 2011, 5:08 pm

Great read, nice to know some personal facts about the owner of such a large community.

Pinterest - February 16, 2011, 5:13 pm

Alot of people havent read the interview, so I thought it would be nice to post it on HF>

Gpizzle - February 16, 2011, 5:13 pm

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Pinterest - February 16, 2011, 5:16 pm

(Feb 16, 2011 06:13 PM)Gpizzle Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) someone should interview omni again make a more updated interview

I might do that, for one last HF News.

iNviZ - February 16, 2011, 5:16 pm

good time spent reading, nice thread

Androctonus - February 16, 2011, 5:18 pm

Already read it, you should try to get a fresh one, as Gpizzle said.

Oak - February 16, 2011, 5:19 pm

Isn't his name Jesse Omni?

OMGee the word filters his last name to Omni

L a b r o c c a

Pinterest - February 16, 2011, 5:19 pm

(Feb 16, 2011 06:18 PM)Pink Floyd Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Already read it, you should try to get a fresh one, as Gpizzle said.

Will be sure to "try" and do that.?

(Feb 16, 2011 06:19 PM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Isn't his name Jesse Omni?

You serious or? ??????????????

Oak - February 16, 2011, 5:20 pm

(Feb 16, 2011 06:19 PM)EctoPlasm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Will be sure to "try" and do that.?

(Feb 16, 2011 06:19 PM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Isn't his name Jesse Omni?

You serious or? ??????????????

Re read my post please, updated it, didn't realize it did word filter xD

?????s? - February 16, 2011, 5:27 pm

Never have seen this before. Enjoyed reading it.

brandon. - February 16, 2011, 5:33 pm

At least you were smart enough about this thread to not take credit for this one(others you weren't so much).

Snookerbro - February 16, 2011, 5:35 pm

(Feb 16, 2011 06:19 PM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Isn't his name Jesse Omni?

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L a b r o c c a
Hahahaha that's pretty cool man, good filter.

Read this interview already a month or so ago :)

Cheers

Xerotic - February 16, 2011, 5:35 pm

I have seen this before, but I remember reading it. It was interesting, shows a lot about a person :)

H??????a X™ - February 17, 2011, 1:15 am

(Feb 16, 2011 06:35 PM)xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have seen this before, but I remember reading it. It was interesting, shows a lot about a person :)

Indeed, it's a well done interview. Really explains things that people likely wonder about Omni. Lol

raamee - February 17, 2011, 2:47 am

Have seen this months ago. But thanks for making us read again.

Methanity - February 17, 2011, 4:24 am

I enjoyed to read this. His attitude is different.

- Methanity

20MDM - February 17, 2011, 4:32 am

Yeah! Now this is an interview, really enjoyed this one. Thanks!

Splodge0007 - February 17, 2011, 5:00 am

It's rather old, nonetheless it was a good read beforehand.

Status - February 17, 2011, 6:22 am

"There will always imho be a need for like-minded people to share with each other and communicate."

So very true.

Great interview!

SkullTraill - February 17, 2011, 7:31 am

(Feb 16, 2011 05:10 PM)camgaertner Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What's the point of posting something so old in the announcements & news section

I sware. Itz dem newfagerz.

GuJJu - February 17, 2011, 7:34 am

I had found it month ago and was great to read it.

Happeh - February 17, 2011, 7:57 am

This has been posted by the Original Owner of the site and the one who actually interviewed Omni. Why does it need posting again?

And on top of that you didn't even give credits or link.

Effexion - February 17, 2011, 8:02 am

Please give proper credits. The credits weren't clear enough....jeeeez Ecto, come up with something

of your own, and stop doing this. It won't get you staff.

<http://adminbb.org/threads/interview-with-jesse-Omni-omniscient.845/>

µnKn0wn_H4CK3r - February 17, 2011, 8:35 am

Hi!

Nice interview and easily readable, even for me (english is not my first language).

I enjoyed read it ? !

eXosphere™ - February 17, 2011, 9:02 am

This interview is old, why repost it? Someone already did.

Mudkip - February 17, 2011, 9:30 am

This is a nice interview to read.

Thanks for digging this up for us.

Zeon - February 17, 2011, 9:50 am

This interview is old, and already posted.

masterfan - February 17, 2011, 9:52 am

Oh nice interview, and now I first saw how he looks (on youtube)