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Thread: [Warning Reason, but no Report Reason?](#)

Grumpy - November 2, 2011, 8:41 am

Okay, so we have a Warning Reason of Bad Grammar here at Hack Forums, which earns you a 2% warning level. However, there is no option to report a post with Bad Grammar.

I can remember a few months back when a lot of users were complaining that staff weren't taking enough action on the rules and then the staff had a "crackdown" in essence and went on warning everybody for every small rule break.

That's not what I want. But we should start warning the users who have terrible spelling and grammar. Please note that here I'm not saying punish users who don't speak perfect English, what I'm saying is punish the users who will make a post like this: "hi dood wlcum 2 hf hve fun here brah lrn da rules to! hve fun man!".

Even users who don't speak great English can do better than that, I'm sure. So, I propose a new report reason of "Broken English". You wouldn't use it to report a couple of spelling or grammar issues, but to report the posts that don't actually use English at all.

Thoughts?

Waka Flocka - November 2, 2011, 8:46 am

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Laggings - November 2, 2011, 8:46 am

There was a thread like this a few months back. Omni stated to report posts with Bad Grammar as "Low Quality", and the staff would make the better decision.

Grumpy - November 2, 2011, 8:48 am

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It's not annoying, it's annoying for us members to have to read them. And again, I'm not talking

about reporting for a couple of spelling mistakes, I'm talking about reporting those posts which don't actually spell one word correctly, or purposely use short-hand text talk. It's annoying.

bckc - November 2, 2011, 8:50 am

This is a stupid suggestion, no offence but you can't have thought this through properly.

Do you know how much staff time this would waste? Everyone would report a post for minor infractions on the rule. People already report pretty much everything as "Low Quality".

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Nostre - November 2, 2011, 8:55 am

Maybe you can try reporting them as LQP.

Flying Dutchman - November 2, 2011, 9:00 am

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Cronus- - November 2, 2011, 9:01 am

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Rvaveo - November 2, 2011, 9:04 am

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Grumpy - November 2, 2011, 9:06 am

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Don't give me that help crap, the answer to this question is not clearly stated in the Help Documents, thank you.

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(Nov 2, 2011 08:54 AM)Charlie Sheens Dealer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why should I learn to read "L33T speak" when this is actually meant to be an English-speaking forum?

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People speak like that on the internet, if you don't like it maybe you should go to a different, stricter forum.

I'm English and I speak with decent grammar on the internet but I don't criticise others who don't. Sure, when I'm handing in an assignment at college I make sure everything is grammar perfect and spell checked but I see no need to do so when posting on an internet forum. As long as what someone posts is readable I really couldn't give a fuck what there grammar is like.

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Hackforums [Help Docs](#) Wrote:Low Quality

Posts that add nothing to the thread, are non-supportive, and are generally incoherent. Quoting posts without adding to them, avoiding character requirements in a post, and anything /b/ related are considered low-quality. Short posts like "thanks", "lol", "" or "" are low quality. Low Quality determination is at the discretion of the staff member who receives the report.

Nowhere in that do I see anything to do with grammar.

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I can't think of a way to respond to this without sounding like I'm being insulting. Most native English speakers don't have to put in much extra effort to read small amounts of badly written text.

I can understand complaining if you're reading a badly written book, large amount of badly written text can be hard to read, especially if it's structureless.

~Bckc

CRT - November 2, 2011, 9:12 am

Just report it as low-quality and it'll be seen to.

Waka Flocka - November 2, 2011, 9:54 am

Well seeing as we are on the internet and not english class talk you should learn internet talk.

Like the guy is saying learn L33t Speak lol.... I read that statement very easily. If you can't read it ignore it.

Why would you waste your time reporting it it's retarded. I see no point in reporting people unless your trying to look like a goody goody.

Don't worry about what someone else is doing worry about you

Cronus- - November 2, 2011, 10:13 am

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MaVelli - November 2, 2011, 10:21 am

This may be a dickhead thing to say but, Really? this is what concerns you? people who cant spell!

reporting someone for grammar is like a cop giving you a ticket because he doesn't like your music. Honestly you should only report someone if

a- they're scamming members

b- they're posting troll threads

I really don't see any other reason

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- Do you know what etiquette means?

Etiquette and rules are totally different.

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Holy crap lol i think you just proved a point. I read that like a normal sentence and didnt even pay attention to the spelling until i was half way reading :)

OWNED this thread

Xerotic - November 2, 2011, 1:36 pm

Low Quality will do. Warning for Bad Grammar is uncommon anyway.