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Thread: [Concerns about the foreign language sections.](#)

? Elektrisk ? - January 20, 2010, 11:59 am

Hello.

This doesn't really pertain to the Balkan section, as Yck and Crow can moderate it, but for example, the French, Spanish, Dutch, and Scandinavian sections have no real moderators. I don't know about the others, but as far as I know, no current moderator speaks Danish/Swedish/Norwegian. Granted, there aren't many problems in the Scandinavian sections, but there occasionally are spam posts, flaming, and sometimes people will link to other hacking sites, which is against the rules. Today, I saw a thread in the Spanish section talking about making a hacking site for Latinos only, which would also be against the rules. Of course, removing the sections altogether would work well, but I'm afraid that'd drive away a lot of members who aren't so proficient in English.

I guess the point of this post is to ask whether y'all think moderators should be appointed, or if these sections should just be removed? Or another option which I didn't think of.

Thanks for reading.

gangstag - January 20, 2010, 12:03 pm

I think there should be appointed mods to each International section, I would love to moderate the dutch section.

ep1capple - January 20, 2010, 12:14 pm

I agree with the OP here, someone needs to moderate those foreign sections.

Ziore - January 20, 2010, 12:16 pm

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? Elektrisk ? - January 20, 2010, 12:19 pm

(Jan 20, 2010 01:16 PM)Ziore Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I told the Latino Forum to do not advertise here, and he did not.

That thread has been around since June, and you just told him in January. In any case, he replied to you saying, " no kreo que sea competencia para hf porque esta en español... que dices pongo el domain?? "

"I don't think that it would be competition for HF, because it's in Spanish.. what do you say I should call the domain?"

He doesn't seem convinced.

In any case, I've already PM'd Omni regarding that thread. Regardless of what happens to it, the need for moderation in the Spanish (and other) sections exists, because it's not like this is the first rule-breaking incident that has occurred there.

Vorfin - January 20, 2010, 12:23 pm

Would they not be hard to moderate? The member of staff would have to be fluent in many languages.

"If you speak Swedish, Norwegian, or Danish, post here."

They would have to know all three languages, fluently, and understand different dialects, not just have learned the language "formally" in school.

Kaleb - January 20, 2010, 12:24 pm

<http://translate.google.com/>

SoMuchMudkip - January 20, 2010, 12:25 pm

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Kaleb - January 20, 2010, 12:26 pm

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? Elektrisk ? - January 20, 2010, 12:28 pm

Quote:"If you speak Swedish, Norwegian, or Danish, post here."

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All mean "I love you."

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Google Translate fails terribly.

It translates "Jag talar engelska som min modersmål." as "I speak Swedish as my native language." when it's really "I speak English as my native language." WTF

Vorfin - January 20, 2010, 12:31 pm

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? Elektrisk ? - January 20, 2010, 12:32 pm

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Right, except Finnish isn't related at all to the Nordic languages :)

Yes, this is a problem.

Ziore - January 20, 2010, 12:48 pm

Do what staff said,

Report thread and maybe he/she will need help and ask for it to you.

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It just seems it'd be a lot more convenient to have moderators for that section, so you don't have to go through the worrbersome process of making sure what the member isn't blatantly lying about what the text says. For example, I could say "Alla, lämna HF och kom till min ny sida!" and say it meant "Damn, I wish my site were as popular as HF." when it really means "Everyone, leave HF and come to my new site!". It's also time consuming.

GreekMan - January 20, 2010, 1:04 pm

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? Elektrisk ? - January 20, 2010, 1:20 pm

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Vorfin - January 20, 2010, 1:27 pm

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Although it can't be done perfectly, a translate button would be nice, and wouldn't put too much on the server, as it only does on request. Then current staff(And members) could get the gist of what is being said there.

Ziore - January 20, 2010, 1:53 pm

Then if all the above fails,
Ziore Spanish Moderator.
I said.

Forward Slash - January 20, 2010, 2:33 pm

(Jan 20, 2010 01:25 PM)Kn1ght Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Obviously the thread had not been reported. Some mods contact someone they trust that speaks that language if they need assistance.

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Yep it's as easy as that.

If you need help with the Spanish Section, I'm your Guy.

Shotta - January 20, 2010, 2:37 pm

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Vorfin - January 20, 2010, 2:38 pm

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? **Elektrisk** ? - January 20, 2010, 2:43 pm

Quote: A little off-topic, but Elektrisk, do you have a Scandinavian keyboard?

No, I just have Swedish (Sweden) set as an alternative layout option. I set XP to switch between the two layouts when I press shift + ctrl. I just memorized where the keys are. I still have an American keyboard, but it works as a Swedish keyboard when it's set to Swedish. A problem is, though, that the key for "<" is between left shift and 'z' on a Swedish keyboard, and since there obviously isn't a key there on an American keyboard, I have to switch to the US layout if I want to type < :p

iBruteforce - January 20, 2010, 2:47 pm

I find them easy to moderate.

Is the post too short? Low quality

Is there a link to a site? Advertising.

Or if the report comes from a good, recognized member, I trust their judgement and moderate.

? Elektrisk ? - January 20, 2010, 2:52 pm

Right, but a problem that exists is there might not be anyone willing to report the problem. For example, that thread about making a new hacking site in the Spanish section didn't get reported until eight months after it was made. I've also seen mentions of a "hackforum.fr" in the French section, but I don't know French, so I can't validate my suspicions that it might be similar to the Spanish problem.

ellusoft - January 20, 2010, 3:15 pm

(Jan 20, 2010 03:37 PM)Azerty Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think moderators should be appointed.

I can moderate the Dutch section, if needed.

That's right, I am totally sure Azerty is the most suitable person on HF to moderate the Dutch section.

m4tth3vv - January 20, 2010, 6:22 pm

Is an only Spanish hacking forum really a HF competitor?

? Elektrisk ? - January 20, 2010, 6:41 pm

(Jan 20, 2010 07:22 PM)m4tth3vv Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is an only Spanish hacking forum really a HF competitor?

Well, I very much doubt it'd drive away much HF traffic, but I think it's the principle that matters. I know that that's a cop out phrase, but I'm just talking out of my ass; I don't make the rules

Ziore - January 21, 2010, 4:08 am

No one visit the Spanish section, is like dead.

? Elektrisk ? - January 24, 2010, 6:06 pm

Any one else have opinions on this?

In the past two days, I've had to manually report two low quality posts in the Scandinavian section via PM to a moderator. The first time, the reason it was being reported was obvious. The second time, however, it required me translating the topic/poll/about 3 posts/the post I was reporting and some annotations in the translation because of the nature of Swedish grammar. This is rather arduous. I think it'd be easier if there was a mod who could just look at it and decide, like the current mods do with the English sections.

Omniscient - January 24, 2010, 7:34 pm

These sections will probably be closed down under new ownership. I think they are failed anyways.