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Thread: [Join Group for Upgraded Members Only](#)

Omniscient - August 28, 2013, 6:44 pm

I've altered the way join groups work with a quick plugin. I've had a lot of complaints from the group owners about join requests. So what I've done is restricted them to upgraded members only. I think that's the best way to handle the abuse. So from now on you can't do a join request without being upgraded.

I do believe however that any group owner wishing to add a regular member can still do so by manually adding them.

Thank you.

Tenaxium - August 28, 2013, 6:45 pm

Looks to be a good function.

Thankyou.

TM88 - August 28, 2013, 6:45 pm

Didn't see this, but it makes sense.

CRT - August 28, 2013, 6:46 pm

Thanks for the update Omniscient, will be useful for group leaders. ?

Emylbus - August 28, 2013, 6:47 pm

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Gustav. - August 28, 2013, 6:47 pm

Thank you, Once again for the updates.

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The button is fine, it's for lazy people.

Blasting - August 28, 2013, 6:48 pm

This seems like a great idea to help group owners, lucky for me I am buying I33t soon!

ViN - August 28, 2013, 6:49 pm

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CyberneticTitan - August 28, 2013, 6:50 pm

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SIM-1179501 - August 28, 2013, 6:50 pm

(Aug 28, 2013 06:49 PM)ViN Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Not too sure how bad group leaders get spammed with join requests but i'm sure this will reduce it by a lot. Great update. Little green bar comes up every once in a while saying noob wants to join your group.

Thats how I have had it described.

Jean - August 28, 2013, 6:50 pm

Great work Omni, you've really been kicking ass with the public\visible updates as of late (although you're always working behind the scenes).

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Most times leaders do use applications to recruit.. but even if you have applications closed, you may have a user who clicks that "request" button, and after doing some investigating, you may let him in. There is no harm in having the button, or letting users use it.

I think an option to toggle the button would work nicely. For group owners who do not want people spamming their group, and for group owner's who don't mind it as much.

ovac - August 28, 2013, 6:51 pm

Whoray, I love being upgraded.

I love dicks.

Dre™ - August 28, 2013, 6:51 pm

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Yea usually i will see "Do not apply via userCp you will be blacklisted" or something like that :\

PandaVenom - August 28, 2013, 6:52 pm

Seems like a good way to stop spams on it, glad it was easy to do too

Renowned - August 28, 2013, 6:52 pm

Great idea [Omniscient](#), you seem more active than ever lately. It's nice to see you constantly adding to HF.

Lemur - August 28, 2013, 6:53 pm

Awesome idea, glad this was implemented :)

MuffinMH - August 28, 2013, 6:54 pm

I'm new here so I wouldn't know but why wouldn't you just disable them for good? I don't see a reason of applying via User CP since I don't think any group accepts that. And most say if you apply via User CP you will be blacklisted.

Diligence - August 28, 2013, 6:56 pm

You've been working hard all day.
Well done, we appreciate it.

Mr C - August 28, 2013, 6:58 pm

I was aware of the function, but I'd never thought that it would actually come of any use.

As Emylbus said, why not remove it entirely? Or allow it to be turned on/off by the group leader(s) if that's possible. I don't know of any groups that don't require an application or don't only operate on an invite only basis.

Healasuk - August 28, 2013, 6:58 pm

Yay another perk of being upgraded, Awesome!

Penar - August 28, 2013, 6:58 pm

This is a really small but helpful update. Great work as always, Omniscient.

BuLLy™ - August 28, 2013, 6:59 pm

Thanks for letting us know man.
Nice new update Omni.

Omniscient - August 28, 2013, 7:05 pm

Quote:I think an option to toggle the button would work nicely. For group owners who do not want people spamming their group, and for group owner's who don't mind it as much.

Agreed. But unfortunately a more comprehensive setup for Group owners, as great as that would be, isn't something I currently have time to code. However it took me 15 minutes to come up with this solution and implement it.

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Immediately I know you're a ban evading liar. Bye.

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And that's the problem. Groups don't accept them normally through the usercp BUT MyBB doesn't really have good options for group owners to toggle them and by default I have them enabled for all groups. Even worse is that MyBB doesn't allow you to permanently deny someone so if they want to spam your join requests they can. You can deny, they'll join again, you'll deny, and they join again. This will at least make sure regular members can't do this.

I also want to add logs for join requests and group removals. Group owners who have multiple leaders often want to know who removed a member from their group. But that's for another day though.

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Would it be something that could be implemented into the Enhancement Suite until there's a solid solution? I'm not experienced with the coding behind MyBB so I wouldn't know what would need to go into it. This question goes to Emylbus mainly.

Obviously issues like this would have to be placed into a long queue of tasks for you (I imagine).

Terry A. Davis - August 28, 2013, 7:14 pm

Seems like a good addition to prevent the load on Leaders, including Anonymous with 2 groups.

TheHackersLove - August 28, 2013, 7:15 pm

#Starstruck

Thanks for this man. This is definitely much needed.

Emylbus - August 28, 2013, 7:15 pm

(Aug 28, 2013 07:13 PM)TheD4h101 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Would it be something that could be implemented into the Enhancement Suite until there's a solid solution?

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Though it'd be better for everyone if Omni had the time to make it toggleable server-side.

Skorp - August 28, 2013, 7:15 pm

Nice update, i think you can limit the abuse substantially via logs in seeing who is doing the spam requests.

iNviZ - August 28, 2013, 7:18 pm

This is a great addition. Much appreciated due to that 90% of them are members just trolling.

Mr C - August 28, 2013, 7:19 pm

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Yeah I would have thought it would require some very superficial coding.

And yes, that would be the best solution but I can't imagine this being a top priority task (Unless the spam is that heavy)

Hexicidal - August 28, 2013, 7:24 pm

It's not stopping much here.

Thank you though.

bandors - August 28, 2013, 7:24 pm

This will help me out a lot, thanks Omniscient.

ZuGgY - August 28, 2013, 7:25 pm

That sounds like a good update to me, thanks for the info omni

Impulse - August 28, 2013, 7:29 pm

It'll decrease the amount of applicants for sure, however as Hex posted, I'm sure there will still be loads.

Morchid - August 28, 2013, 7:45 pm

I'm sure this will help out groups owners a bit.

For leaders, enjoying checking off all the boxes :)

Paradoxmoney - August 28, 2013, 7:48 pm

Thats really great mate , this will be more HQ groups :xD

?lien - August 28, 2013, 7:57 pm

Sounds great, Omni. I'm sure group leaders will be pleased. Is there any news on the 3pic upgrade/membership? I'd love to not have PM/posting delays. :)

Zink - August 28, 2013, 7:59 pm

Awesome This is Pullback the New Comers to Randomly Fill out Application to different group.

En1gma - August 28, 2013, 8:02 pm

Great idea, thanks for the update. Should help a lot of group leaders.

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SHADOW REALM - August 28, 2013, 8:26 pm

I remember when I was tving vinnie a while ago and he had like 700 join requests lol. I'm sure this will help cut it down

Douchebag # 145 - August 28, 2013, 8:52 pm

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Agreed. The entire group leadership panel, or whatever, needs changing.

This is a great addition. I know when I was group leader, it was mainly upgraded users that would spam, though. At least this'll help some.

Elegant - August 28, 2013, 8:55 pm

I guess this is good for the group owners. Doesn't affect me though.

Pentatonix - August 28, 2013, 9:03 pm

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Emylbus - August 28, 2013, 9:28 pm

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He literally just made it so one large section of members can't use it, he can make it so all members can't use it.

Vinnie - August 28, 2013, 11:06 pm

(Aug 28, 2013 07:24 PM)Hexicidal Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

It's not stopping much here.

Thank you though.

Haha yeah...

I've never had a problem with it, the more I see the happier I get. I guess we're doing something right ?.

Old one ;D

P???ce - August 29, 2013, 12:58 am

That's good, I'd also tried to join groups of my interest when I was new :o

RDCA - August 29, 2013, 1:09 am

The MRT Trainees group gets a few UserCP applications once in a while, actually a lot of times by upgraded members. It's easy to take care of when it is low amounts, I can't imagine dealing with hundreds or even thousands of them lol. Either way it is a nice change.

Fly By Night - August 29, 2013, 1:12 am

Great update for group owners, Too bad no-one accepts via UserCP.

Glassy - August 29, 2013, 1:41 am

To be quite honest the join request through CP is pretty useless as many don't use that way of admitting members into their group. I'm not too much of a fan of this restriction, but lets see how it goes. I mean, if regular members have abused the CP join request to a certain extent where group leaders don't feel comfortable of using the CP, then I understand.

Makaveli The Don - August 29, 2013, 3:15 am

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Glassy - August 29, 2013, 3:31 am

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Jhené Aiko - August 29, 2013, 4:07 am

Thanks for the update Omni! This Should make the group leaders lifes a little easier.

coldershot - August 29, 2013, 4:44 am

Alright cool thanks for the update omni.

Hopsin - August 29, 2013, 5:14 am

Nice decision you made there omniscient.

Makaveli The Don - August 29, 2013, 5:18 am

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To be honest, it is somehow pointless since all the current groups don't allow people to apply to their groups trough user CP. The only time where the feature is used is when a group is about to be sold and everyone can join, or when a leader tells you to apply trough CP because he's maybe lazy to add in leader's panel or something else. Aside from that, I think the feature is useless with the way how current groups work: Invite, Thread recruitments etc...

But than again, it's not up to us but only Omniscient who gets to decide which feature is good or not for the community. ?

C-Only - August 29, 2013, 5:22 am

This is going to be quite usefull for some groups leaders I guess.

Blax - August 29, 2013, 5:23 am

This perfectly makes sense. Well said.

King Cobra - August 29, 2013, 5:34 am

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logging*machine - August 29, 2013, 6:02 am

Great addition to the forums. or Removal?

Anyways, it'll help out the group leaders a lot.

Dan. - August 29, 2013, 7:13 am

(Aug 28, 2013 06:50 PM)CyberneticTitan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I believe the group owners are getting a ton of group join requests from normal members applying via UserCP.

Well yeah, that's the point of it. I just left the requests alone, no point in wasting time to decline them.

Wolves - August 29, 2013, 7:35 am

As far as my experience goes most of the issue regarding GroupCP spamming has been from upgraded members that are bored and are trolling.

Occasionally a regular member would apply, but typically it wasn't the case or wasn't something that was persistent.

Not trying to be a "cynic", but one would assume that a regular member that tries applying via the Group and cannot may upgrade thinking it grants him access to the group.

Ignorance of how the forum works is what makes the regular users try to join using that function. I doubt that they will look in and notice that you don't have to be upgraded to be put into a group and will assume that being upgraded will grant them acceptance.

In all actuality group leaders tend to ignore the join requests here.

This will cut down some of the members using the join feature, but still make it a problem.

I would much prefer that the "join group" function linking to a page specific for each group (not a thread) which lays out those requirements and also has a link to this section:

[Groups and Crew General Discussion](#)

To accompany the requirements and this link, have it written to "Be on the lookout for recruitment".

A bit much to ask for but I think it would simplify things rather than still having users constantly applying, PMing the leader asking why it was rejected, what the requirements are, etc.

It would be more complicated to do this and also wouldn't make regular members more likely to upgrade because of a misconception of needing to be upgraded to join groups.

Omni is always stressed for time seems to be the issue, but every little improvement helps.

Try and keep rolling things out for us, Omni, we appreciate the effort to help the site be better.

Canon - August 29, 2013, 7:38 am

Cuts down on people spamming join requests. Good thinking.

Qwazz - August 29, 2013, 7:46 am

Wish this was implemented when I lead groups. Good move.

Sir - August 29, 2013, 9:00 am

Thank you so much for this, it's a shame it had to result to this, but some members kept being nuisances. Glad to see you made some quick changes for us. ?

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Not me, members have been accepted through recruitment threads, invitations and from applying via User-CP. It's not about where you apply, it's about your overall quality and activity in gaming sections as well as your activity as a gamer that is important to me.

(Aug 29, 2013 05:34 AM)Eden Hazard Wrote: [CITE](#) I 100% Agree. Most UserGroups already write in their threads that if you apply via the UserCP you will be blacklisted. It's just more of a hassle to have the button.

We don't have the ruling, we don't mind people applying via User-CP at all. But we've had members apply via User-CP insulting the group and its members just because they were denied entry. And then they would constantly spam flaming and harassing messages through User-CP because even if you block that user they can still apply for the group via User-CP.

@Omniscient =

Wouldn't it seem like a better idea to just have it so if a group leader/owner blocks a member then that member does not have the ability to apply via User-CP until either the owner loses leadership/sells the group or unblocks them?

Omniscient - August 29, 2013, 9:36 am

Quote:Can you make it maybe only for ub3rs so you can reduce more the members applying?
Thank you again. :)

Prefer to keep it as l33t/ub3r. If you want to permanently make it so members can't send join requests just LMK.

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Industry - August 29, 2013, 9:40 am

I don't even know why it's still there, to be honest. You can't get into a group by applying via user CP. So the only thing it's doing by staying an active plugin, is making more workload for you by having to modify it, and the owner's of groups declining joins.

Imo, getting rid of it all together would be more productive.

Ombra - August 29, 2013, 10:07 am

Well done Omni, also if we know that applying by control panel means to be blacklisted from the group :/

Alg0rhyth3m - August 29, 2013, 10:10 am

This sounds like a great update Omniscient!

I'm sure that the group leaders will definitely appreciate this.

slapmyduck - August 29, 2013, 10:43 am

This seems like a pretty decent update. Should help group owners even though I don't see how a little bar on top is such a big deal.

TomGS - August 29, 2013, 10:48 am

I guess it'll help group owners manage their groups better.

Diabolic - August 29, 2013, 11:21 am

From being a group leader they do get spammed quite a lot so this will be very useful.
Great work, Omni.

Loomaanaatii - August 29, 2013, 2:18 pm

Well if it helps people out, it's a good modification.

Sir - August 29, 2013, 4:20 pm

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RDCA - August 29, 2013, 4:25 pm

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Mr. WAVES - August 29, 2013, 4:25 pm

Nice idea ! I thought you had to be upgraded to join a group.
What no-updated members that are actually in a group ?

Emylbus - August 29, 2013, 4:42 pm

(Aug 29, 2013 04:26 PM)Connected Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Mine pops up for 0.1 seconds and disappears. Still pretty damn annoying.
Unfortunately that's just how userscripts work :(Either you run the script before the page has loaded (which is useless because you won't have access to the DOM yet) or you do it after (when the browser decides to display the page).

FluMist - August 29, 2013, 4:43 pm

This was probably a really helpful addition. I can see just by some of the groups threads how annoying people can get.

Ostrich - August 29, 2013, 9:05 pm

I do like the idea, vouch for the decision. Will make it easier on the leaders.

Penar - August 30, 2013, 7:15 am

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Cryptic™ - August 30, 2013, 9:15 am

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Bad idea, because as soon as you deny them they can re apply again.

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Omni did that for the brotherhood. You can no longer join via user cp.

Sir - August 30, 2013, 1:32 pm

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?A.J? - August 31, 2013, 1:27 am

I think you should block l33ts too.
Should be only a feature for ub3rs.

FridayRiot - August 31, 2013, 4:07 am

Nice addition Omniscient. Thanks for this.

Premortal - August 31, 2013, 8:00 am

I'm glad they can still be invited, I got kind of worried when I saw the thread title.

The Don - August 31, 2013, 9:37 am

Great new plugin omni, I am sure this helped group leaders.

Tonight - *August 31, 2013, 9:42 am*

Perhaps implement a setting where join requests don't even show up. I know there was a script for this, but if make it official, ya know?

It's been a while since I was a leader of a group but I remember it was annoying because I'd always mistake them for PMs. Just a thought.