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Thread: [Posts deleted should have their quotes in the same thread deleted.](#)

Ugleh - September 13, 2013, 12:26 pm

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webdev77 - September 13, 2013, 12:44 pm

Major support for this. I always wonder why the quotes are still there when the original posts are deleted.

Chrazy - September 13, 2013, 12:45 pm

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Grin - September 13, 2013, 12:47 pm

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Ugleh - September 13, 2013, 12:53 pm

(Sep 13, 2013 12:45 PM)_CrAzY_ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's a good idea but i think complicated to implement It isn't as complicated as you think. When i quote you, the quote shows pid='35188809'

After a moderator deletes a comment the script can iterate through each post inside the thread and search for the PID that was deleted. If it finds a quote with the PID it does a Regex replace.

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Woo finally got one.

Dr. Business - September 13, 2013, 12:56 pm

Not a bad idea, if easily implemented; why not?
Might as well, as it pretty effectively saves time

Grin - September 13, 2013, 1:03 pm

Quote:But that is in most cases what happens.

I prefer doing this on my computer. It's faster and less annoying. I can see all the replies.

I click quote when I'm on mobile, though.

Fox™ - September 13, 2013, 1:22 pm

I would like this, it'd save time for Moderators and it frees up Threads. Makes it look better. C;

~ Storm ?

Emylbus - September 13, 2013, 2:11 pm

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The Doctor - September 13, 2013, 3:59 pm

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adampelletgun - September 14, 2013, 6:40 am

I think the posts should be unapproved instead.

Unapproved posts are hidden from everyone besides moderators and above.

kray - September 14, 2013, 6:43 am

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Lo?e - September 14, 2013, 9:51 am

This is actually not a bad idea man?

Scondy - September 14, 2013, 10:08 am

I support this I think this would be a great add/fix.

Paradoxum - September 14, 2013, 10:20 am

This will save me a lot of time as I currently do this manually and that means having to go through the entire thread to see whether or if someone has quoted the post in question. I support this, though I am quite unsure about the implementation.

Froggy - September 14, 2013, 10:21 am

I support this as well. I do this manually whenever I can, it is very time consuming.

Xerif - September 14, 2013, 10:30 am

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Actually all that you would need to do is what most staff do normally.

Most staff if they run across something like this do something similar

Person one gets his post removed

Person two quotes the text before its removed

Person two quoted text would be change to <snip>

Could be done automatic.

Mr C - September 14, 2013, 12:54 pm

I support this idea, although it would require custom coding. From thinking about it logically, I can't imagine it needing a lot of coding (Presumably).

I agree that this should only be done when Mods/Admins/Staff etc delete the posts, not user deleted posts.

P???ce - September 14, 2013, 1:13 pm

if it gets possible then this is just a very nice idea.

I support it.

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Agreed.

The choice between looking stupid and giving someone a virus should even be a choice. The infected link can be deleted from the whole thread, no need to delete the post. Same with pictures. Otherwise if it's that bad, honestly delete the whole thread. That's what our staff have been doing for years, and it's good enough.

Not only would this be resource intensive, it would also be time-consuming to develop, and Omni may be a web dev, but he doesn't have time to do something worth so little. And don't get your big dick in the air and suggest that you or any other Dev could do it because just no. Omni doesn't allow others to code parts of his site for him, never has never will and it should stay like that.

Overall this is a big no no.

D3xus - September 15, 2013, 5:51 am

Whenever we delete a post, we try to delete any post that quoted the bad post. However, we then have to delete other posts that quoted the second post, and it becomes a chain reaction whereas half the thread is junked over one bad post. Sometimes doing so is not viable, although we try to make it work out.

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You make it sound like every post is a virus when in reality the amount of links posted compared to deleted posts is probably relatively low.

Xerotic - *September 15, 2013, 12:35 pm*

Report all of the posts with infected links. Other examples could have legitimate posts.

For example, I may quote a post that is later removed and also have my own original comment in the same post. "Smart" automated moderation is not always best.