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Thread: [Hide the online status of all Staff Members to ALL members \(including Ub3r\)](#)

Tutelary - September 21, 2013, 12:14 pm

Due to the recent spamming by a competing forum, I think that it would be wise if the online display for Staff Members was turned off. That way, they cannot know when all the staff members are offline and hence, when to spam. They have an increased chance of spamming when one is online, and as a result, being swiftly dealt with.

D3xus - September 22, 2013, 10:22 am

It's a valid suggestion, but there are some logistical problems involved. I feel like these spammers are watching the profiles of the staff and administration until no one is online, then commence spamming.

Still, it's plausible.

Nate - September 22, 2013, 10:22 am

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RDCA - September 22, 2013, 10:24 am

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webdev77 - September 22, 2013, 10:27 am

It wouldn't be hard to figure out the time zones that each member is in if so desired. Competing forums are not succeeding, so I don't see that much of a problem.

Tutelary - September 22, 2013, 10:37 am

(Sep 22, 2013 10:22 AM)#Nate Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Most of the Staff members have it where only UB3R's can see them Online.

That's the problem. They have an HF account marketplace. That will not prevent them. They have access to the Ub3r usergroup.

(Sep 22, 2013 10:24 AM)RDCA Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The idea is nice, but how will legitimate members know which Staff member to send a message to? No one wants to wait hours for a response, especially when Staff are online and could answer it with brevity. I wouldn't mind seeing it go either way, they both have their pros and cons.

People don't need a response instantly. Staff members are volunteers and it could kill two birds with one stone: preventing PM spam immediately when they get online, and increasing the chance of competing forum spammers spamming when a Staff member is online.

Johnson Licker - September 22, 2013, 8:48 pm

I don't know if I support this or not. But the spamming, ban evading, and multi-accounting of people advertising vip HF has got to be stopped.

Dr. Business - September 22, 2013, 8:54 pm

I havent seen the spamming of that forum is AWLAYS from non-upgraded accounts - It'd be smart to remove it from non upgraded with less than 400 posts

The staff are pretty well spread out tbh, there's at least one member on for around every 1-1.5

hours

Roger Waters - September 22, 2013, 8:54 pm

I agree with this, but what if you need to contact a staff member, how will you know who's online to contact them if something legitimate is going on?

Mac Mill?r - September 22, 2013, 8:57 pm

well just saying since you been here for 3+ years, i dont think you realize its been happening (competitive hacking forums) spamming on our sections and threads all the time. This suggestion is not needed.

P???ce - September 25, 2013, 12:22 am

Legit suggestion, totally agreed with you OP!

FeaturedBMX - September 25, 2013, 12:28 am

I think it would be good if all upgraded members could see the if staff were online.

Ad?m - September 25, 2013, 4:13 am

I don't think it would matter. I'm pretty sure they just come on here to spam it no matter if one is on or not.

ZuGgY - September 25, 2013, 4:15 am

This is really up to the Staff and Omni to decide for

HostSlayer - September 25, 2013, 4:21 am

They will spam either way. Im not saying i am going to but maybe a little payback will stop them from spamming here.

What i mean is PM the admin there while creating account tell them if you keep spamming HF we will keep spamming you and i guess just spam them til you get a reply.

But then again that would make us look childish so probably no.

iFruity - September 25, 2013, 8:12 am

I believe l33ts should be included in this too, as so they paid just as much as you on this forum they deserve something.