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Psilocybe - May 18, 2014, 1:07 pm

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Fatboy Slim - May 18, 2014, 1:08 pm

Actually a good idea, popped up in my mind also.

-Lily- - May 18, 2014, 1:09 pm

(May 18, 2014 01:07 PM)Insanity™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Problem: You cannot change your username to an old closed accounts name.

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That would break the DB.

Why not suggest closed accounts actually just be deleted?

I mean, there's a counter-argument for that too: what if someone's banned but they didn't do anything? Everything is gone. No recovery.

2 usernames as 1 would break shit, and a lot of users would get pissed if something happened to an account that they harvested internet reputation on.

ASLR - May 18, 2014, 1:09 pm

Nice idea, but there have been cases where closed accounts have been reopened, so idk how that would play out..

Naveen - May 18, 2014, 1:10 pm

But what if that the Closed account was a scammar and that name will affect you. :P

Marky Marky - May 18, 2014, 1:11 pm

It's a good idea but there are multiple reasons it won't be out into effect.

Mohatu - May 18, 2014, 1:12 pm

Nope.

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justg - May 18, 2014, 1:13 pm

This has been denied again and again.