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Thread: [MRT Forum Posting Restrictions](#)

D3xus - September 10, 2014, 11:09 am

I know the [Malware, Virus, and Rat Removal Help by MRT](#) forum is supposed to have restrictive posting to only MRT members and the original posters of respective threads. Is there an ETA on this feature, or has it been put on the backburner for now?

I just reported a large swathe of posts from people posting in threads when they should not be, and it's irritating not just for the MRT but for the victim when they receive misinformation or make things problematic for the MRT to do their job.

SoulZeh - September 10, 2014, 11:15 am

The people are told in that section not to listen to anyone else other than MRT members, The reporting should be fine and paradoxum will clean up.

"only MRT helpers are allowed to offer assistance since malware removal requires proper training which our graduates are guaranteed to have undergone"

Omniscient - September 10, 2014, 2:25 pm

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Krew - September 10, 2014, 2:50 pm

I know a solution;

Approval system

Have threads approved by the section moderator or any staff member before they are posted?
Like when someone creates a thread it will show a message:

"Thank you. A staff member will look at your post shortly and if needed approve it."

No cleaning up of a mess afterwards!

Viral Dragon - September 10, 2014, 3:59 pm

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-Viral.

Recognized - September 10, 2014, 4:03 pm

As it is reserved for the MRT, it should surely be up to them to respond to inquiries.

Hopsin - September 10, 2014, 4:25 pm

Well, an good solution in my opinion is:

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Skorp - September 10, 2014, 5:12 pm

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Sounds like a pretty good idea here. I like it.

Nyonic - September 10, 2014, 7:21 pm

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This is a good idea, I've thought about it myself before. I don't know why it hasn't already happened

D3xus - September 10, 2014, 7:23 pm

(Sep 10, 2014 02:25 PM) Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm conflicted on how to approach this. How about similar to how the Reputation Abuse forum was used? You can only see your own threads, preventing others from posting in places they should not be. You can restrict the visibility of forums to usergroups already; you would just need to specify the MRT. It might seem arbitrary, but plausible.

Edit: Just read Viral's post. Pretty much the same thing though. To add to what he said, you would simply restrict the forum to MRT usergroup members. They do not all need to be moderators of the forum; Paradoxum and Viral as staff can probably manage the forum effectively without the need for a mod.

Vegas - September 10, 2014, 7:29 pm

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Arbitrary or not, it'd be clean and better addressed, which is never bad on a massive-scale forum. Good idea(s) ?

Tony Stark - September 10, 2014, 7:37 pm

The hidden forum mentioned by Viral would be the perfect solution. I think in some cases when people are trying to get help, they get no response for a while. So other members jump in too assist, even though it's against the rules.

Limiting the viewing of this forum would solve that.

D3xus - November 18, 2014, 10:04 am

Bringing this up again because it's still a relevant issue.

Like I suggested, restricting the visibility of threads within the MRT forum to only a user's own threads (as with the Reputation Abuse Forum) is the easiest way to solve this problem. Not only will it prevent other users from posting on threads they should not be, it also prevents users from viewing details or information about another user's computer.

Say User A wants to find out some information on User B because A doesn't like B. He knows B had a virus on his computer a month ago; A finds B's thread in the MRT subforum and gets a lot of information including his Operating System, current status of Malware Protection (from the MalwareBytes log), and other system information from the PrivatePastes (by default, users are instructed to set a 1 week expiry time to these PrivatePastes, but 2 of the 3 I looked at briefly had not expired after a week.) This opens up a world of possibilities for exploits or possible attacks on user B by user A.

Restricting posts also reduces clutter and allows the MRT (Paradoxum and ven0m) to do their job more effectively, without having to worry about warning users who are violating the rules or doing things they should not be doing.

Thoughts?

Aura - November 19, 2014, 2:41 pm

Totally agree with this suggestion. I suggested it back in the days, but it was closed and I've been told it was between the MRT and you Omni ? I try to PM members I see posting in the MRT section a lot and tell that only MRT members are allowed to give assistance there, but it's not enough apparently. Same when I see someone posting a thread and doesn't provide logs. I PM them asking them to read the thread and provide the logs if they want to receive assistance.

Also, here :

[MRT Queries](#) by [ven0m](#)

I know no one will probably read ven0m's thread, but he's doing what he can to pass the message.

This is the thread I posted back then, not exactly the same thing, but in the end, aiming for the same result, to keep anyone who's not part of the MRT out of this section to give assistance :

[Modify the last part of the MRT subsection description](#) by [Aur?](#)

ven0m - November 19, 2014, 8:45 pm

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CyberneticTitan - November 19, 2014, 8:52 pm

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Tha Sneak - November 19, 2014, 8:58 pm

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It's basically what D3xus just posted a few posts above yours ?

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4440528&pid=43388159#pid43388159>

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I don't think it would be difficult to restrict users to only posting on their own threads. Something like this...

If a user is the OP of the thread, they are allowed to post. If the user is the member of a specific usergroup (MRT for us), they are allowed to post. If the user is a Staff member or Administrator (for logistical purposes, mind you,) they can post. Anyone who fails this check will get the permission denied error. However, anyone can start a thread in this forum. MyBB probably has a way, or some sort of function, to determine if a user that posts in a given thread is the creator of that thread. If it doesn't, I can't imagine it would be too difficult to create.

This could potentially have uses elsewhere on the forum as well.

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If I had OMC I would gift it to you ?

But yeah I agree that sometimes, 5 seconds can be wasted time when posting in a lot of threads (I experience this every morning and evening, lol).

I thought that maybe Emylbus could implement some kind of warning on HFES if someone is about to reply to a thread in the MRT section that isn't his, or display a warning in Javascript when he access the forum, but that would touch only a portion of the members, those who use HFES.

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agree upon, but I could see something like this happening.

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Robust - November 20, 2014, 3:19 am

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Aceman - November 20, 2014, 6:44 am

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Paradoxum - November 20, 2014, 6:53 am

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Tha Sneak - November 20, 2014, 7:26 am

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Now that you mention it, I recall seeing logs on GTH where other members posted in it and then a helper stepped in telling them to stop. These are years old post however.

D3xus - November 20, 2014, 12:30 pm

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ven0m - November 23, 2014, 9:11 pm

Is this still open for discussion? ?

Diogene - November 23, 2014, 9:17 pm

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I will reiterate the following from [here](#)--

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Also, even now the non-MRT posts get removed and threads without proper format get junked.

Oak - November 24, 2014, 8:02 am

This really needs to happen and I don't think it'd be a difficult thing to do.

Aura - November 24, 2014, 8:05 am

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That's what I think too. The closest kind of ... "physical" assistance the MRT will give, is to tell the OP to create a bootable USB or CD/DVD with a specific tool or Rescue Disk in an attempt to clean

the infected system. Teamviewer, join.me, etc. assistance could be easily abused I guess (not by the MRT, but by the OP). Plus for remote assistance, you need constant presence from the OP as if you need to reboot his system to continue the clean-up and he goes AFK or leave, then you're done. Happened to me many times in the past for technical related issues and I had to wait a day for the OP to get back online.

ven0m - November 24, 2014, 8:31 am

We don't use it for a very good reason: we're practically strangers, and people trust us to fix their computer. If you add Teamviewer to the mix you gain direct access to a computer. If something happens (they lose data, or two weeks later their email account is hacked or something like that), they can blame MRT or HF. Without forum topic to show what was done (which provides a sort of double check) there is no way to prove we had nothing to do with their particular problem.

Viral Dragon - November 25, 2014, 1:21 pm

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[ven0m](#) Is pretty active in that area and has been helping tirelessly. So maybe perhaps just give that user the mod privs instead of the whole group. I would have argued the whole group get it, but when you look at it, the entire group as a whole (I mean all the members with the graduate award) don't take on logs as actively as they used to. Most of them log in, maybe, and post in the lounge (the MRT lounge) and that's it. Out of the 10 graduates (or 10 graduates with the award), only a couple appear to be actively taking logs. Going through the list of award graduates chronologically:

[T3h Hack3r](#) -- Logs in frequently - Last log taken was April of 2013. (Busy guy though. Group leader, Uni, that kind of thing. To be expected).

[Brandenx781](#) -- Logs in every now and then. - Last log taken a few months ago. (Busy with college/work though.)

[Deltron](#) -- Logs in sporadically. - Last log taken January of 2013. (Not even sure what happened. Work I guess?)

[Paradoxum](#) -- Logs in frequently. - Last log taken yesterday.

[Moralitas](#) -- Last log in was April. - Last log taken Aug of 2011. (Previous Staffer though, that contributed to non-log taking. Work.)

[Shinkirou](#) -- Logs in sporadically. - Last log taken in Nov 2013. (Busy with School/Work. Mainly logs in to post in the MRT Lounge.)

[Tha Sneak](#) -- Logs in sporadically. - Last log taken in Dec of 2013. (Busy guy. School/Work.)

[AsSaSs@iN](#) -- Logs in frequently. - Last log taken in April of 2013. (Mentor, Previous Staffer, School, Work.)

[RDCA](#) -- Logs in frequently. - Last log taken July of 2013. (Staffer, School, Work. Group leader. Busy guy.)

[ven0m](#) -- Logs in frequently. - Last log taken today.

The point I'm trying to make is that, instead of giving the whole group Mod powers to the whole forum, may as well just give it to the most active guy. Venom isn't Mentor/Staff/Mod so he can't do any closing/opening/junking/etc.

However, the other MRT people who do still take logs, can due to leadership/mod power/staff/mentor. (Para, RDCA, TH). Instead of giving the entire group mod access to the forum (which has potential downfalls I suppose (mass junking, mass closing, mass sticky/move) that could be abused if the accounts are ever compromised (the ones whom don't log in as frequently anymore)), just give it to the most active.

-Viral.

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Omniscient - November 25, 2014, 1:38 pm

I think you guys are asses about it to be honest. For an open forum you take the section too seriously. You try to model that section how other forums run theirs. I just don't see the point in it. MRT makes as if this is a huge problem when it's disappointing you guys haven't even come up with your own tools for members.

MRT is going to probably be like the Reviewers one day and just shut down.

I don't like how it is. I don't like how you want it. MRT wants to operate as a private group forum. Well where is the community benefit to that?

Quote:How did the SEO work with the Reputation Abuse Forum

That's worthless SEO content.

If MyBB had a few simple clicks to set permissions on this I might do it but they don't. I'd have to write a plugin for one forum out of 350 and that forum only represents .2% of site content.

I don't like how you have it setup. I don't like how it's run. I don't like the attitude members get or the attitude of MRT. I've bit my tongue on this and just tried to ignore it. But I think the team SUCKS. You have 9 members in it. WTF is that about? You guys had me jump through hoops to setup a private training forum. Well where are the students that have graduated? WTF have you guys been doing?

Quote:The system that is in place on that forum (and other Malware Removal forums) works quite well if you ask me.

If we're just going to do what other Malware Removal forums do then WTF is the damn point in having one here?

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/index.php?module=forum-management&fid=115#tab_moderatorsThen set it so that the MRT group is moderators, or just add Ven0m.

Problem solved?

As per the low member count - I think the main problem there is probably the lack of qualified teachers who can actively give their time up.

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BigBill2 - November 25, 2014, 2:16 pm

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I agree with Viral on this. Maybe time to limit the help there so they can train some more people in Malware Removal...

Vinnie - November 25, 2014, 2:16 pm

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Omniscient - November 25, 2014, 2:21 pm

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Yes but if they refuse to do that then what? They've continually been a group with an elitist attitude and very fucking stuck up. That's the truth. Everyone knows this. I'm sick of it because it's NOT the MRT I wanted here. It's pointless.

They will get shut down. I don't give a fuck. Everyone knows that. I'm going to do what I want to do and I don't care of it's the "biggest mistake ever made".

Something changes or MRT is done.

Aura - November 25, 2014, 2:25 pm

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This, this is the biggest issue.

See how many trainees are left now ? Only one, and it's Wafflemonger (Waffle<3) which will graduate eventually (soon I guess) and will start to help. The problem is that people underestimate the MRT training, they think it's a few weeks or even a few months old. Well it's not, it's at least a whole year, a year where you dedicate yourself to the training. If you don't have the passion for it, nor the time or motivation, don't apply to be a trainee, don't join the team. Neither if you want to learn it "for fun because I'm bored". It doesn't work like that. Personally, I can tell you that once I graduate my school, I'll see if I can join the MRT and help them out, but for that, they'll have to work with the current members.

I don't think the problem comes from the MRT, but more from the members that applied as trainees and underestimated the training. But that's just my opinion.

Omniscient - *November 25, 2014, 2:29 pm*

Then something is wrong if the training takes a year. The program is fucked. I'm shutting it down. MRT will be deleted tonight.

It's decided.