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Cherry Pop - October 16, 2014, 4:18 am

So, many people create a scam report and wish to show their PM's, so they take a screenshot. Honestly, that is pretty inefficient, since you have to take a screenshot, and then you could easily just edit the PM (Inspect Element or whatever you may use).

I think that there should be a way added of showing only your PM's through a [pmid]57843235[/pmid] tag, replaced by the PM ID.

Only you and the sender/recipient will be able to use [pmid] tag for your PM's.

Effexion - October 16, 2014, 4:34 am

I personally think this is a fantastic idea. It will stop all those accusations of Inspect Elementing PM's and show solid proof of scammers.

Good luck.

420 Blaze It - October 16, 2014, 4:36 am

Fantastic idea, i support this for the greater cause.

9ine - October 16, 2014, 4:38 am

It's a pretty good idea.

Will stop people bullshitting to win scam disputes.

Nature - October 16, 2014, 4:40 am

There would need to be some security in it, else you could abuse it to see other people's PMs.

Edit: was mentioned in the thread, i misread it.

Ivy Mike - October 16, 2014, 4:42 am

How would this work exactly? What if a PM is deleted, but they still have the ID? Will the function still work as the PM is deleted, and say it's deleted from both ends, where's the record then?

Truzzie - October 16, 2014, 4:42 am

Very good idea, however it might be a bad idea as well :/ The amount of abuse and extra work for staff will probably be much more.

Sucker for pain - October 16, 2014, 4:46 am

vouch for this user, knows what he's recommending

Nature - October 16, 2014, 4:52 am

I think it's a great idea but will create more database load, so will mostly get declined.

SIM-1576816 - October 16, 2014, 5:07 am

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DotPSD - October 16, 2014, 5:09 am

(Oct 16, 2014 05:07 AM)Maartendo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This idea will probably be denied. Staff can see your PM's and thus they can check if the PM exists or not. It's a decent idea but not that practical. Thing is, staff rarely if never. I've never seen it happen in the 9 months or so I've been on HackForums.

I like this idea, hope it goes in or maybe switched around for better security.

Raptor. - October 16, 2014, 5:27 am

(Oct 16, 2014 05:07 AM)Maartendo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This idea will probably be denied. Staff can see your PM's and thus they can check if the PM exists or not. It's a decent idea but not that practical. Staff don't usually get involved in deal disputes. This would allow other users to form a more educated opinion on the matter without staff interference. On the other hand, I could see this being a pain to code and implement, and would probably suffer issues if the PM was deleted or pruned. I can see both sides of the argument here.

webdev77 - October 16, 2014, 5:44 am

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I think that there should be a way to prevent people from editing the quote without checking to ensure that it matches the original. It is far too easy to quote a post or PM and then just modify what the person said anyways. Users cannot view your PMs, thus still rendering it impossible to know what the original message was for sure.

Here is why this wouldn't really work.

Cherry Pop - October 16, 2014, 5:50 am

I see your point, webdev77. I'll wait for a staff member's response, just to see what they have to say.

Sedo - October 16, 2014, 5:55 am

This is a really good idea and nice thought but staff can see your pms anyway.

BLURRYF?CE - October 16, 2014, 6:04 am

Yes, this is a very good idea if it could be verified once then stuck to the thread (so it doesn't have to constantly look it up) and some special effect that makes it 100% impossible to forge with maybe a mouseover effect or something.

rudeman - October 16, 2014, 6:33 am

Eh, it's just easier to take a screenshot, cuz I'm sure there's some parts of the PM that you don't want showing.

STR™ - October 16, 2014, 6:35 am

If this idea can work, this will be a awesome suggestion

AnonNinja - October 16, 2014, 6:44 am

Then it should not be called 'Private' Message because it won't remain private. But it's a good thought, liked it. ?

Captain Steve Rogers - October 16, 2014, 8:40 am

Nice idea but there is 1 problem what if I put any random number and see others PM's?

Sagax - October 16, 2014, 8:53 am

This is excellent.

I really hope something like this gets implemented.

'An0ny - October 16, 2014, 10:05 am

(Oct 16, 2014 04:42 AM)Emma Watson™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How would this work exactly? What if a PM is deleted, but they still have the ID? Will the function still work as the PM is deleted, and say its deleted from both ends, wheres the record then?

If you delete the PM yourself then thats your issue. Omni can't backup each single PM.

The other participater can't delete it though, as the ID is different.

Also this would be quiet hard to do, it would have security so people couldn't post anyone's ID and revail their conversation :P

Doubtfull it'll get accepted. I rather see 3P1C features than this being added lol

Trisomy 21 - October 17, 2014, 8:00 am

Yes please this needs to be a thing.

Programming - October 17, 2014, 8:01 am

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(Oct 17, 2014 06:18 AM)Odus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Mmmm no. Think about what goes on in transactions. What if 2 parties are in mid-transaction and one goes off before the deal and the Moneypak code, credentials to that insanely OG account, 1 year subscription to X, or whatever is just sitting there and some guy goes hunting with random digits in the PMID tags to find this code. Next thing you know, 2 monster threads surface on deal disputes and the lucky thief gets away scot-free.

It would lock so you have to be in the convorsation as a UID.

FawkesSake - October 17, 2014, 8:09 am

Freaking amazing idea! I hope this get implemented !

Zetonix - October 17, 2014, 8:18 am

Lalit Agarwal is right this idea can't be accepted as people can read others PMs by just typing random numbers!

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Good luck!

Trundle™ - October 17, 2014, 8:19 am

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Fixed by SUCH a simple code.

Just allow it to determine which PM belongs to you.

Yoshikage Kira - October 17, 2014, 10:44 am

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Possibly he could build a small template for each html that can't be duplicated & have it when posted to replace the PMID stuff with the html data.

Bro? - October 17, 2014, 6:33 pm

I was about to say if you are honestly too lazy to screenshot it, then just stop.

But then I realized that people can inspect element.
Vouch for this

Omniscient - October 17, 2014, 7:49 pm

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Dr.Penguin - October 17, 2014, 7:52 pm

This is a great idea and needs to be added if possible.

Vip?r - October 17, 2014, 10:27 pm

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Perhaps a feature in the pm system that takes a screenshot of the pm with a click of a button and is stored onto an hf server. That way we can embed proof into the scam reports and others can tell it's genuine.

I believe that also takes out the privacy/security issues.
That's even if it's possible to do.

b?xxy - October 17, 2014, 10:28 pm

Perfect idea.

I would definitely be using this when I log deals on HF.

Ghost Rider™ - October 18, 2014, 6:26 am

This is amazing idea, Would love to see it implemented.

Rote - October 18, 2014, 11:27 am

Nice idea dude would love to see this implemented tho I see as omni said this would require some work.

Builder_Geeza - October 18, 2014, 11:34 am

There's only one main problem I can see with this; what about the PM's that include quite personal data? For example, the password of an OG account that was sold, all the way to somebodies postal address - and if you say you should be able to edit that data out, doesn't that defeat the point in this anyway? And you can't exactly have it take out the data automatically, as that would just be too much work

Robust - October 19, 2014, 1:30 am

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1. Since the PM ID is needed the person using the stolen account will probably see the PM anyway. He can screenshot them if he needs to and simply post them that way. Sure it won't be verified, but the information is there nonetheless.
2. Yup. I'd imagine a lot of sensitive information is passed around these forums.
3. Pop-up is probably going to be the nicest
4. You could do something like what CloudFlare does, star out the email addresses automatically, any type of links etc. I mean, this isn't exactly the best for PM integrity but there only needs to be information of the scam, not exactly of every little bit of the trade. So that'd assist, starring out websites, emails and so on. Members could use a BB Code that would automatically hide content from this system, but that'd be an open road to scammers as well, and I'm not sure how many people would use it either.

Say a password is sent or something, there's not so much an easy way to detect that and then hide it. Perhaps a utility for the member to hide certain parts of the PM, but that can also be abused by hiding crucial information which changes the whole story in the dispute.

I can see so much potential abuse with this system. I don't see, at best, a decent implementation to

prevent excessive abuse.

The idea is great, the implementation, not so much.

Robust - October 20, 2014, 1:20 pm

(Oct 19, 2014 09:46 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Assuming the plugin was final and 100% adequate...

If 2-step verification for accounts was up and running, then accounts, and PM's would be that much more secure ?

I think there's a lot of issues with implementation, use, having only the information there necessary for the trade and nothing personal (some deals could include sensitive information), and if one member can blank out parts that'll likely get abused in the retrospect that they'll just blank out anything that'd make the story change entirely.

SIM-1729678 - October 20, 2014, 1:27 pm

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I get the idea and I think it is great but I need to agree with this.

Let's say there is a lot of private info in the PM's, you cannot edit that out.
Doxing will be so easy because of this. so many private info can be seen because of this, there are so many people that need to block out passwords of things what so every because they are NOT allowed to share someones personal info.

Baked - October 20, 2014, 5:46 pm

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1. Just make the [pmid] available in the deal dispute section; even if someone gets hacked and post the pms publicly it'd only be in deal dispute section and it'd be caught even quicker then normally.
2. This is what I see, are the PM's stripped of data or inputted securely as is?

What about making a feature for mentors to verify a PM? Like the person submitting dispute, posts the PMID; an available mentor that watches DD section, searches PMID verifies it's correct or incorrect on what the poster is saying about it; then dispute is either debunked or verified; that way staff isn't intervening just verifying what is claimed in the dispute.

That way, mentors are already trusted members of community, I'm sure you wouldn't have to watch your coding as much on a mentor feature as much as a public feature, that being said, it'd be safe to make it properly from the start, due to the risk of mentors being hacked and their features being messed with.

Cherry Pop - *October 23, 2014, 12:21 pm*

Hopefully this gets implemented, if enough security precautions are taken.

CRT - *October 23, 2014, 12:36 pm*

One of the better ideas ive seen on HF. This would be extremely useful and it actually isn't hard to implement.

'Snorlax - *October 25, 2014, 12:46 pm*

I've gotta say.. This can be useful. It requires a ton of coding to create a MyBB-tag for that, such as checking if the user posting the post actually can read that PM.

I could see this being abused in other sections, but I'm not sure what you would abuse other than calling someone out.

On the other hand, I think it's a bad idea. What if you want to mask something out such as username/password? An Email? Name, address, etc?

I have posted some deal disputes with PMs including my personal information, but I had to screenshot the messages and edit them in Photoshop or Paint.

If you post a screenshot of PMs and the defendant says it has been tampered, you could always ask a staff member to confirm it. I've done that myself and I have seen others do it.