

Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [\[Question\] Who feels that way about the Computing area ?](#)

Aura - October 20, 2014, 1:41 pm

Hey guys, Aura here.

I know I'm going to ask a question that might get me repfucked/banned/etc. but this is something that have been bugging me for a while now ... I report a lot of posts per day in the Computing area to notice that an hour later, nothing have been done about them. Some of them are even classed as "Disallowed Black Hat activities". I know the threads/posts gets junked really fast in areas like Hacking but why not Computing ? Also, the number of threads posted in the Wrong Section there is just astonishing you wouldn't believe it ...

Who feels like the Computing area is a bit under-Staffed ? Just look at the number of reporter posts I have ... 90% of them are from the Computing area, pretty sure of it. I could find you right now at least 10 threads that needs to be moved from one section to another.

If this thread bothers the Mentors or Staff, feel free to close it, I'm just asking if I was the only one who noticed it.

Aceman - October 20, 2014, 1:44 pm

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Exactly. I look like I'm blaming the current Staff for that and I'm not, trust me. I know other areas needs moderating (constant, 24/7) as well and it looks like other areas like the Computing area suffers of that. If we could have a Mentor that is Computing-aware and could handle that area, it would be good. Right now, I reported 2-3 days ago a thread that don't belong AT ALL in the Windows section, yet it's still there ...

Froggy - October 20, 2014, 2:00 pm

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I do agree though.

(Oct 20, 2014 01:58 PM)Aceman Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) No you're not blaming it. It makes sense that the mentors handle the reports they can which I imagine are sorted by date. Logically speaking, that would leave all the reports they cannot handle at the bottom. When staff get on I doubt they want to scroll to the bottom to handle the reports that the mentors cannot. They probably just start from the top and handle those reports, deeming one not more important than the last.

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I would like to see Mentors deal with sections like the ones in the Computing area to deal with these reports faster, but I don't think that it'll happen anytime soon ?

Threads have the time to get spammed before they get dealt with too.

Cyber Saint - October 20, 2014, 2:44 pm

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I've been a Moderator on other forums and I spend way too much time moving threads ?

Also, there's something I do that no one else do and that might not be well seen here : when an issue is solved, I close the thread to prevent further spam and open it only on PM request from the OP. A bit like the MRT does.

Plus, we have Mentors to do that ?

-Hyperion - October 20, 2014, 5:26 pm

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(Oct 20, 2014 05:26 PM)-Hyperion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This the same damn issue I raised with pen testing. We need a mod for each large section that only has power there.

I actually thought that TH could be the Mod of WHH, since you know, he's already the Mod of the MRT section but I guess he's busy with the groups and the MRT ?

Any Mentor that have a decent Computing knowledge and could identify threads posted in the wrong section would be fine to be honest.

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We have Mentors that are skilled in pretty much every domains covered on HF, I'm sure of that. The right ones would need to be appointed to a section that fits them but its Omni's call. ?

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This is what I risk for bringing up a sensible subject, but this is something I've noticed for way too long and had to ask the other members their thoughts on it. Just to see if it was really me or if the others felt it as well.

clark.dll - October 20, 2014, 7:13 pm

I'm not too active in the computing section, but I definitely think it's good that you brought this to everyone's attention. I certainly agree that more sections need to be heavily moderated.

CRT - October 20, 2014, 7:17 pm

Yeah I agree. Just at a glance I can see a few threads in that section that shouldn't be there. Aura, YUNOMODYET ?

RDCA - October 20, 2014, 7:21 pm

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Totally belongs in the [Batch, Shell, Dos, and Command Line Interpreters](#) section, wasn't moved.

Reported this thread this morning (so roughly 12 hours ago) :

[Vmware linux partition expand](#) by [c00perzz](#)

If you read it, you'll see that it have nothing to do with VMs since the OP can't partition INSIDE his *nix distro, the VM software gave the VM the HDD space like it asked, this is a *nix question.

This thread obviously breaks the rules (do I have to explain why?) :

[Microsoft Developer Account\(MSDN\)](#) by [HebrewintheRain](#)

Reported it a few hours ago, like 5-6. Still up and running.

This thread was reported a few days ago :

[Cost of running servers?](#) by [Evil.eXe](#)

Belongs in either the Web Servers or Hosting sections, since it's a question related to SERVERS maintenance and such, wasn't moved.

I have more like these if needed.

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Also, the main reason I report threads as "Wrong Forum" is because I know that the OP will get better assistance if the threads gets moved in the section they are meant to be. I'm not doing that to necessary clean the section, but also to give the OP a chance to receive quick and reliable help.

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This thread is going against the cross-posting rules too since it's posted in the White Hat Help section, it's mainly a "redirection" thread.

xVulnerable - October 21, 2014, 2:03 pm

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I understand that certain sections have members Moderator (that aren't Mentors), but I think that having one Mentor or the Mentors group responding to the reports in the Computing area would be nice, at least the 2-3 sections I mentionned.

Fox™ - October 21, 2014, 2:49 pm

I'd completely agree, Aura.

I hope this gets attention to the issue.

Raddify - October 21, 2014, 2:56 pm

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(Oct 21, 2014 02:56 PM)Class™ Wrote: [CITE](#) I agree with what Aura said, but some of the sections don't help with what I need help with.

Which sections are we talking about ?

Like for example, a lot of people that have hardware issues will post in the White Hat Help section, only because it's a section known to provide great assistance. But, hardware issues doesn't belong in that section, it belongs in the Hardware section where we have dozen of hardware fanatic members that can help the OP diagnostic the problem and solve it. A lot of people will post in the Windows or White Hat Help section when they have browser issues (OTHERS than malware), when these threads belong in the Web Browser section. Posting threads in a section where they don't belong is just hurting the other section where these threads should be in.

Omniscient - October 21, 2014, 6:22 pm

Viral Dragon is not available at this time.

@Aur? you can moderate the Misc Computer Talk and the subforums now.

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Again...just because it may have a better section doesn't mean we'll move it.

Members do violate some posting etiquette and rules but for the most part it's benign and not harmful to HF overall. Staff tends to concentrate on more serious violations.

Aura - October 21, 2014, 6:28 pm

Thank you Omni.

And yes I understand the point that a thread could fit in many sections, I had this talk with RDCA a while ago. I'll have a question for you too, will send you a PM shortly.

Xycon - October 21, 2014, 6:41 pm

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You both have good arguments if they contradicts each other ?

Here's how I see it :White Hat Help : Malware (any kind), other kind of direct threats to a computer system, hacked accounts (even if nothing really can be done about it...), etc;

Computer Protection and Security Alerts : Everything that concerns protection software (Antivirus, Antimalware, Antiloggers, etc.) as well as security news should be in this section;

Windows section : BSODs, Program compatibility, Windows-related questions (installation, drivers, tune-up, etc.), etc. should be in it;

Misc Computer Talk : Everything that doesn't fit AT ALL in any other sections (which means that if the thread could be in "multiple sections", he should be in these sections instead of this one;

Hardware : Builds, advices on computer/laptop to buy, hardware, hell, I would even say peripherals and others devices such as keyboards or mice (agree or disagree?), issues caused by faulty/failing hardware, etc.;

*nix : Anything that is *nix related, anything that is Pentesting, Forensics, Backtrack/Kali Linux tools and methods shouldn't be there at all;

Networking, Routers and Firewalls : I would put there every threads about network issues where the connection is lost, can't connect to a website or else, but this might be a bit overboard;

Rough summary but still shows how I judge the sections ?

There's way too many hardware, BSODs, etc. issues in the WHH section.

The RooT - October 28, 2014, 4:40 pm

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Not going to happen, I've already been made Moderator of the Misc. Computer Talk section so it's all good. Plus, Omni doesn't take Moderator suggestions ?

Cosa Nostra - October 28, 2014, 4:54 pm

I've never been in the section myself, but looking through the first few pages, I'd agree to allowing a

trial moderator. But, unfortunately, with the sheer volume of individuals who frequent these forums you just can't expect perfect performance. I see the same shit in the Java section.

Sennheiser - *October 28, 2014, 6:05 pm*

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Eternal. - *October 28, 2014, 6:09 pm*

I would like to see mentors have access as well, or more moderators in general.

Aura - *October 28, 2014, 6:15 pm*

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But no Moderator nomination as its not our call. I'll just keep on going with my reports I guess. About to it 2,000 reports because of this.