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Thread: [Server Move and Changes](#)

Omniscient - October 16, 2015, 5:54 pm

Just a heads up that I spent most of my time this week finishing up the new server. I expected to be moved already but time hasn't allowed it. The work I did was mainly security and making sure it has all the features and services I need. There are still a couple modules I plan to add to Nginx but after that it will be 100% production ready and I'll move the site.

Once we're moved I'll upgrade MyBB to 1.8x branch and that's when the shit will hit the fan. We'll see how well it goes but I expect a buttload of problems. Plugins will break and I'll have to build a new theme.

As for new theme. I have what many might consider good news. I'm going to try and recreate our old theme (Black Reign). We'll also revert to the old userbars for the official groups.

I wanted to keep most of this a surprise but I figured some of you are anxious for some changes around here. I am as well.

The new setup is definitely going to allow us a lot more options when it comes to resources. Options and features I wouldn't dare consider on our current servers should be no problem on the new setup.

One major change will be search, which is totally broken and hardly functions. MySQL 5.5x added good InnoDB support but it doesn't have full-text search which means I had to move to a separate solution for search and we use a Sphinx plugin. It functions but when MyBB added prefixes they didn't work. Also some other problems with cache and some searches just don't work well. The plugin is very out of date.

MySQL 5.6x which will be used on the new DB server does support InnoDB full-text search.
<http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.6/en/fulltext-restrictions.html>

I know it will be a resource hog but I'm praying that the new specs on the DB server will be more than enough. We'll find out once we move and I'll make adjustments as best I can.

Another major change will be that we'll run Nginx in-front of Apache. This will give me much greater control over serving and blocking layer-7 DDOS attacks. We'll still run behind Cloudflare but this change will add yet another layer to our protection. So far my testing has been excellent and how I have the server setup, as complex as it is, seems to be doing very well. We won't really know this until we're production and site is actually running on the setup.

I'm also 90% done with the pages for automated sticky purchasing. I wanted to complete it but I'm actually having some difficulty with some logic on my code. Mainly to ensure I don't oversell and that the invoice for a new sticky is properly done. Otherwise most of the code and front-end is written. Very close to completing it. I go back and forth between working on it and also working on the server setup.

I'm sorry we haven't moved yet. I'll be honest. I'm a bit hesitant because I know the workload will be tremendous the second I move the site. It won't just take me days to get us 100%, it will take me

months and the first week or two will be hectic. So I've more or less just waited for better timing to make sure I have at least 5-7 days of open time to do it all.

I'm looking at doing the move on a Monday-Wednesday when the site is less busy. Can't be sure if this will happen this week or I'll wait till next.

On a side note: I'm becoming very frustrated with scammer rep abuse. I don't want this thread to devolve in a discussion on the topic but let's just say things need to change around here. The only reason I mention it is because it's on my mind constantly and I feel like I can't make serious changes until this server move happens. But I want to give notice that things will change and they won't continue to be as they are. I consider the reputation problem a top priority.

I guess that's all I have to say about the matter for now.

Thanks and stay tuned.

Orgy - October 16, 2015, 5:56 pm
yo guys i got the first post

for quality's sake: man omni this is a big move

Also, let me know if I can help with anything. I'm sure you've got it covered but my offer is sincere.

? Soufian ? - October 16, 2015, 5:56 pm
Awesome news, hope this will decrease the downtimes.
I assume this was the reason as well for the few downtimes last days?

And regarding InnoDB, I've heard MariaDB is better and faster than MyISAM and InnoDB, not sure though.

Bluffer - October 16, 2015, 5:57 pm
Sounds great Omni, I'm looking forward to seeing the changes. Keep up the great work!

???? - October 16, 2015, 5:58 pm
Really looking forward to the theme change, we appreciate the efforts you are making!

Dorrance - October 16, 2015, 5:59 pm
Sounds like a huge step forward + I love autobuy sticky purchasing feature coming.

occupi - October 16, 2015, 6:01 pm
I'm actually surprised to hear you weren't already running nginx in front of Apache but I'm very excited for the new performance improvements. I completely understand the hesitation, that's going to be a lot of work once you move to 1.8, etc.

UnNullRouted - October 16, 2015, 6:04 pm
Good luck Omni! As Orgy offered to help, I will offer my help as well. If you need anything lmk

Eternal. - October 16, 2015, 6:05 pm
Thank you for the update, I am very excited for the new changes and we should all be patient when the changes do take place as the site will be in a state of chaos, more or less, due to functions being broken and people not being aware of the changes. Interested in if you will allow us to keep current user bars, or will we have to remake them? I assume they will need to be remade due to the theme change but figured I would ask.

Balding - October 16, 2015, 6:05 pm

I'm very excited for this move. I think that this is a great idea. Also, what happened to the reputation purge?

Balding - October 16, 2015, 6:07 pm

(Oct 16, 2015 06:06 PM)Orgy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

Just doing my job, Sir!

240sx - October 16, 2015, 6:07 pm

Omg yes new changes are coming around ?. Cant wait until we're on the new hardware and mybb 1.8x. The new theme seems interesting I bet it'll look quite nice.

Viral Dragon - October 16, 2015, 6:12 pm

Omni,

Looking forward to the nostalgic theme. Lol. I'm always here if you need help. Tbh, I don't have my second

job anymore, so I only work roughly 60ish hours a week. I got plenty of time to work on something for the

site. ._. I'm not sure how I feel about the scammer rep thing, because to me, it seems obvious what is and isn't

allowed in reps and what is and isn't considered rep abuse. ._. But, I will also say I agree the rep system here

has a huge problem, it's become rampant. I was thinking, maybe, putting JD back on Rep Abuse control???

-Viral.

Matt AH - October 16, 2015, 6:12 pm

MATT AH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

[warn]

Brendan - October 16, 2015, 6:13 pm

Great to hear.

Can't wait to see all of the changes you have in store for us.

Orgy - October 16, 2015, 6:13 pm

(Oct 16, 2015 06:12 PM)Viral Dragon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) putting JD back on Rep Abuse control???

Or perhaps we could use a new guy at the chopping block. A new protector.

Dorrance - October 16, 2015, 6:16 pm

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Omniscient - October 16, 2015, 6:16 pm

Quote:I'm actually surprised to hear you weren't already running nginx in front of Apache

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Yuikoro - October 16, 2015, 6:16 pm

Glad to see this, also hoping to see less down times from this!

HF is pretty much the only thing that keeps me occupied while I'm on my break at uni, which is pretty much 5-6 hours of my day. Hope cool things are to come once all the bugs are fixed at the update.

Orgy - October 16, 2015, 6:17 pm

(Oct 16, 2015 06:16 PM)Dorrance Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I mean a new protector would be cool and all. We should get someone that everyone would rage about.

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Brendan - October 16, 2015, 6:19 pm

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Orgy - October 16, 2015, 6:20 pm

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Orgy - October 16, 2015, 6:22 pm

(Oct 16, 2015 06:21 PM)Game Freak Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great work Omni!
I hope to see many of these features implemented!
Hey. Hey. Not cool.

Brendan - October 16, 2015, 6:22 pm

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Oh shit I just realized you've been talking about me

Omniscient - October 16, 2015, 6:25 pm

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Yeah of course. There's always going to be people that will attack us. What else will the new servers do to benefit us, aside from what's been stated in the OP?

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despite the fact that in general they've been growing in magnitude at an insane rate. I remember we used to be down for a decent amount of time each time one would hit but now whenever one hits I always know we'll be up again in ~2 minutes. It's nice and you've done a great job.

(Oct 16, 2015 06:27 PM)Dorrance Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Orgy I am more then an asswipe then you I had you on hush on skype.

SHALL WE COUNT THE AWARDS?

Dorrance - October 16, 2015, 6:28 pm

I remember like last year we were down for a couple hours. Then inbound superman omni fixed the issue with ease.

SIM-1729678 - October 16, 2015, 6:28 pm

Don't be too harsh on yourself Omni, I think that because of all the work you put in now it will be way less work once you moved. Keep it up!

ps. how's the fighting lessons doing?

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I mean, he's kicking ass when it comes to fixing HF.

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Rexdale - October 16, 2015, 6:31 pm

Awesome news, can't wait to see the theme.

Orgy - October 16, 2015, 6:32 pm

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Oh I remember alright. It was awful. We have far fewer site interruptions these days.

Webmasters - October 16, 2015, 6:34 pm

Sounds like a great plan! If you need any help with making the new theme responsive or any css help I'm more then happy to jump in. So excited for the HF theme to be back!

muzzy. - October 16, 2015, 6:37 pm

I'm so excited about the old userbars coming back oh my lord.

Ahri????? - October 16, 2015, 6:39 pm

Can't wait to see the upgrade to 1.8! On the side note I love it when shit hit the fan

Sergio Agüero - October 16, 2015, 6:40 pm

Old theme? Sounds like fun, but will we still be able to access the (current) theme?

Proxseas - October 16, 2015, 6:40 pm

And I just started to enjoy this theme. Anyways, great to see progress on the countering of the attacks.

?hance The Rapper - October 16, 2015, 6:44 pm

Im really excited for the move now

SIM-2015410 - October 16, 2015, 6:44 pm

Sounds great, I look forward to it. I can't even remember what the old userbar's look like, I'm not sure if I was around when they were used

CRT - October 16, 2015, 6:51 pm

Great news! The old userbars/themes coming back is gonna be epic. I never liked the new ones. Good job pal!

Roger Waters - October 16, 2015, 6:52 pm

With the old userbars, will groups be allowed to have animated (gif) userbars?

CRT - October 16, 2015, 6:56 pm

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Awards sure as hell used to be a lot easier to obtain ?

Realizm - October 16, 2015, 7:00 pm

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Orgy - October 16, 2015, 7:08 pm

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I report a lot of rule breakers here :!

Realizm - October 16, 2015, 7:10 pm

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Realizm - October 16, 2015, 7:15 pm

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Then if that's the case, I have no problem with the change. I can't wait for all of the changes to come with MyBB 1.8x and the new servers. With the different announcements and ideas you've posted about, I'm fairly excited :)

PS: Nice signature Roger xD

Roger Waters - October 16, 2015, 7:16 pm

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I'd like to thank you on giving me credit for the announcements and ideas people have posted about, but I cannot take credit for other people's work like that man.

ZuGgY - October 16, 2015, 7:22 pm

Awesome news! Especially the userbars and 1.8..it's about time :)

Thanks for keeping us up to date, sir.

Fudster - October 16, 2015, 7:29 pm

Thanks Omni.

Good luck on everything. Sounds time consuming. May be a little stressful.

I know how it is to be up all night reinstalling stuff.

Froggy - October 16, 2015, 7:30 pm

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hmmm... [\(Click to View\)](#)

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When I changed the theme I gave all group owners the opportunity to change their graphics at no cost. And the old userbars will be for official HF groups only and not for user owned groups.

I don't see a reason to get into a wide discussion on the theme. I still have other matters to deal with first.

Orgy - October 16, 2015, 7:33 pm

(Oct 16, 2015 07:30 PM)Froggy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm so happy to hear about the theme and user at changes.

Oh hey Frog how you doin

BLURRYF?CE - October 16, 2015, 7:38 pm

Regarding scammer rep abuse, I'm guessing you're hinting about a new [marketplace voucher system](#)?

OT: Fantastic news, I'm very excited to see Black Reign remade and the old userbars again!

Thornzzz - October 16, 2015, 7:50 pm

Times like this make me look back and think about two years ago and when I first joined HF and how much has changed and all the hard work you and everyone has put into it. This is a big change and a big step forward. Congrats.

Atharva - October 16, 2015, 7:55 pm

You will have to make a new 3p1c userbar.

Blazin - October 16, 2015, 10:04 pm

Looking forward to upgrading our MyBB. I see no reason to hold onto older software.

I know the work will be hard and tedious but it will be worth it in the long run and we thank you for that Omni.

With the userbase as big as it is, I'm sure you've been itching to do this for awhile. The resources this site must take are insane.

#Skyline - October 16, 2015, 10:12 pm

I said to you this week, I look forward to the future of HF. You nailed it perfectly Omni with this thread stating the facts dude.

I'd like to buy you a gift or something after all this work you're doing, to show my support. Keep it up Omni ?

Grim - October 16, 2015, 10:18 pm

very good news and great work, i did appreciate the older theme alot more. It will also be cool to have the old userbars back again as well. Most exited to see the new marketplace vouch system in play!

Terry A. Davis - October 16, 2015, 10:20 pm

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Animated userbars have been a thing in the past, Root had one with the blinking cursor, so I'm sure Omni will let them come back since they shouldn't hold up to much more space (So long as it's not to flashy)

Omniscient - October 16, 2015, 10:25 pm

(Oct 16, 2015 07:55 PM)Atharva Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You will have to make a new 3p1c userbar. I've had them forever.

Niccolò Machiavelli - October 16, 2015, 10:25 pm

Very excited for this and the new features to come, good luck!

Niko - October 16, 2015, 10:27 pm

Great News!

I hope to see amazing new things coming from this.

Vitani's Mate - October 16, 2015, 10:54 pm

I'm excited because of the changes.

Armada - October 16, 2015, 11:55 pm

Omni, I think I speak for any regular on the site in saying its best to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible, and as flawless as possible.

I personally knowing what this type of transition actually entails, there will certainly be problems, and it will all have to be worked out. However, to a degree, you have the absolute top notch people at your disposal to correct such issues, wish I could say the same for some of my former projects.

I hope the transition goes well, and look forward to the new services. ?

Isley - October 17, 2015, 12:54 am

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Raaz - October 17, 2015, 12:55 am

Old changes will bring new breezes, thanks for the update omni. Man cant wait for old userbars.

Terry A. Davis - October 17, 2015, 1:09 am

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Omni, on a side note, I ain't no webdever so I Don't know, but is there anyway to make it so people could make custom themes for the site in the hopes of getting the gfx award? Or an OMC prize. Just a little idea to spice up OMC

Grin - October 17, 2015, 1:10 am

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My life is complete. Thanks omni!

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(Oct 17, 2015 01:09 AM)Perfect Cell Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It wasn't that bad, I liked it and honestly prefer it to the current one.

It definitely wasn't bad, especially considering how old it was, but it could definitely use some modernizing, y'know? All in all, I think it'd be a lot more visually stimulating, that's for sure.

Tonight - October 17, 2015, 1:16 am

Looking forward to the old theme and concurrent userbars again.

PrivateDonut - October 17, 2015, 1:18 am

I can't wait until the new updates take effect, do you still plan to work on the new vouch system I seen you mention in another thread?

Hash G. - October 17, 2015, 1:22 am

Excellent news, we were all looking forward this server move. Hopefully, all will run smoothly once moved. The MyBB 1.8 update will be a really great change as well.

Grammar Rays - October 17, 2015, 2:10 am

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10/10 support for the Black Reign theme and old userbars.

Also 10/10 support for nginx in front of apache.

I know we've gone through some ups and downs, Omni, but if you need me to do anything, I have spare time and I've grown up a lot. Give me a holla. ?

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420 Blaze It - October 17, 2015, 2:15 am

A big move for HF, implanting in Nginx and Sphinx.

Noisy - October 17, 2015, 2:21 am

This will be a great move once everything is problem free, issues will arise but they can be solved and will be great for the long run.

kawaii - October 17, 2015, 2:34 am

(Oct 17, 2015 02:10 AM)Grammar Rays Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Before I got banned, I thought the name was going to be HF P0w3r? Or am I mistaken? ?

Another forum stole that name and implemented it before HF did.

So I guess in an effort to avoid being called a copycat he changed it to Ep1c.

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The lack of consistency is the biggest flaw for me. The "user bars" people have now aren't even bars. I'm referring to user owned groups but obviously the update will just be official hf groups.

Armada - October 17, 2015, 3:15 am

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Nature - October 17, 2015, 3:16 am

Amazing upgrades and updates incoming. Can't wait! :P

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Viral Dragon - October 17, 2015, 3:24 am

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Grim - October 17, 2015, 3:25 am

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SIM-1729678 - October 17, 2015, 3:26 am

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420 Blaze It - October 17, 2015, 3:27 am

(Oct 17, 2015 03:25 AM)?Sith Lord Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) People will bitch just about anything these days, it's impossible to satisfy everyone especially this community...

It's not that, it's because people do not like change and they cannot adapt to it.

Cammy - October 17, 2015, 3:27 am

Very well, I'm eager to see the old theme in action as I think I just missed out on that upon joining HF

Thanks for the update, you're the don Omni

Armada - October 17, 2015, 3:58 am

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That is a terrible outlook.

you were a newb once too bro. jusain.

?????? - October 17, 2015, 4:01 am

Very excited for this and the new features to come.

illuminati? - October 17, 2015, 4:26 am

(Oct 16, 2015 06:30 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Old-fags should remember when we used to be offline for hours upon hours. Even at times we had downtime for a couple days. Now the downtime is pretty minimal by comparison. Those were the days.

Christ, I remember when that would happen, and being so mad about kids DDoSing the site.

He B TeMy - October 17, 2015, 4:35 am

mybb 1.8.5 inb4, i'm a sucker for new features!

Krew - October 17, 2015, 6:03 am

(Oct 16, 2015 05:54 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm going to try and recreate our old theme (Black Reign).

Omni, that's all you needed to say.

Finally ?

(Oct 17, 2015 02:54 AM)Game Changer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why reverting to old user bars ? the current one's are cool.

Current ones look gay as fuck compared to the legendary userbars.

Omniscient - October 17, 2015, 8:21 am

Quote:However, to a degree, you have the absolute top notch people at your disposal to correct such issues

I do it all myself. I prefer it that way. It's why I'm so adept at what I do now. I have to be.

Quote:but is there anyway to make it so people could make custom themes for the site in the hopes of getting the gfx award?

No. I prefer minimal layouts and because a theme also may need new templates I don't want to use more than just a couple. It complicates the sites backend and I also prefer to have control over layout. I've designed the theme for HF myself. I didn't design the latests userbars though.

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No, my job is great. At times it tests my will and my patience but otherwise I am grateful and thankful for the job I have.

240sx - October 17, 2015, 8:32 am

(Oct 17, 2015 03:26 AM)ScreemS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can anyone give me an idea what the Black Reign theme looks like?...

Just look on archive.org heres a screenshot of the old theme

<https://i.imgur.com/qKKJRCq.jpg>

Kudayoru - October 17, 2015, 8:37 am

Thanks omni. Looking forward for these updates. I'm excited.

Orchid - October 17, 2015, 8:44 am

Wow omniscient you are quite the man these days

Blizzard - October 17, 2015, 9:37 am

I really loved the old theme and the old HF userbars. I really wish I could use that theme.

Comfycoma - October 17, 2015, 9:42 am

Sounds good. Guarantee loads of butthurt 12 year-olds will make threads complaining though.

King of Clubs - October 17, 2015, 9:42 am

Well done Omni. It's nice to actually see that you are working very hard on the site. If I could I would donate to show my appreciation (one day hopefully).

Awesome work. Don't rush it.

Grin - October 17, 2015, 10:34 am

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-Viral.

That's because we have a bunch of 2015 members who think they're opinion matters. xD

Tostig - October 17, 2015, 10:36 am

Change is good, glad to see some new stuff happening. Keep it up!

illuminati? - October 17, 2015, 10:38 am

I am kinda happy about the old user bars.

Saint - October 17, 2015, 10:40 am

This is good news, glad to see the old userbars making their way back !

SIM-1676753 - October 17, 2015, 10:41 am

(Oct 17, 2015 10:34 AM)Grin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's because we have a bunch of 2015 members who think they're opinion matters. xD

Viral Dragon - October 17, 2015, 10:43 am

(Oct 17, 2015 10:41 AM)Mr. Trvp Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

I can't even remember what video that is from anymore. .____.

-Viral.

King Sharky - October 17, 2015, 11:57 am

I can't wait for the theme change. The Search was really broken so I'm glad to see that fixed up.

King Sharky - October 17, 2015, 12:06 pm

(Oct 17, 2015 12:02 PM)Mr. Trvp Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I thought I'd make an awesome reaction GIF.

It really did. I love you Mr. Trvp <3 stay savage.

Cammy - October 17, 2015, 12:07 pm

(Oct 17, 2015 12:06 PM)King Sharky Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It really did. I love you Mr. Trvp <3 stay savage.

literally Asskissing : The Post

MrOrang - October 17, 2015, 12:11 pm

Oh yay the old theme :D for old group userbars do you mean the old leet and uber and also that groups need to follow a template?

Omniscient - October 17, 2015, 12:35 pm

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Even if you made an announcement people would still be asking why the site was down for so long, lol.

Great to hear about the progress.

Orgy - October 17, 2015, 12:41 pm

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Bluffer - October 17, 2015, 12:47 pm

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Glad to hear that! The downtime will pay off big time.

Packets395 - October 17, 2015, 12:56 pm

Will we experience any downtime?

Brendan - October 17, 2015, 12:57 pm

(Oct 17, 2015 12:56 PM)Snake Bite Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Will we experience any downtime?
Yes.

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(Oct 17, 2015 12:57 PM)Proctor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes.
Oh wow, I am blind. ? Thanks man.

Tostig - October 17, 2015, 12:58 pm

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Same, I'll actually be able to do my homework.

SIM-1676753 - October 17, 2015, 1:06 pm

(Oct 17, 2015 12:41 PM)Orgy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Well at least I'll have an excuse to get up and clean
Same here. I have so much shit on my desk.

MrOrang - October 17, 2015, 1:10 pm

Lets hope its while I am asleep :p

Will you also directly upgrade to 1.8 or do that later on?

Terry A. Davis - October 17, 2015, 3:15 pm

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Then why not for an OMC boost? Allow people to make themes that is.

It shouldn't to hard plus, you could the community vote on it like a "Theme of the month"

It wouldn't take away from your work, it's a one time setup, then a monthly view of a poll to see what one and put it in the user cp. Do this for a year so you get a nice collection of themes and hey presto OMC has been integrated into forums, people get a limited award, and I get the smart thinker for this idea ?.

Or ya know, I'm sure you've got plans for OMC integration, I jut thought this would be a good idea to provide some members who cant mine OMC a way to earn some and to buff up the economy of them.

Hackin - October 17, 2015, 3:41 pm

Awesome, looking forward to the theme change ?

Levi - October 17, 2015, 4:03 pm

"As for new theme. I have what many might consider good news. I'm going to try and recreate our old theme (Black Reign). We'll also revert to the old userbars for the official groups."

I could kiss you, you big hairy bara you.

Omniscient - October 17, 2015, 4:12 pm

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Great news, glad to hear things are well! Will be looking forward to Monday!

Hash G. - October 17, 2015, 4:18 pm

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[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTz93Y-qeq0>]

Bluffer - October 17, 2015, 4:37 pm

I'd say try to get it done when there is less people, I'm not sure when that is but you probably have a

good idea. Monday when all the kiddies are at school would probably be best.

:D Can't wait to see the changes.

CRT - October 17, 2015, 5:47 pm

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Better safe than sorry. Do it when you see fit.

Hydra - October 17, 2015, 5:55 pm

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Sounds like it's finally time to leave the cave for once in my life. ?

Kinda worried about these changes to be quite honest, I just hope all goes well and the results are very satisfying.

Livewire - October 17, 2015, 6:04 pm

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Livewire - October 17, 2015, 6:51 pm

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Maybe I'm mistaken then; I could just be simply thinking of mybb updates aswell, lol.

Omniscient - October 17, 2015, 7:00 pm

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I'm very much looking forward to the changes I can bring to HF.

Wirt - October 17, 2015, 7:04 pm

I am extremely excited and anxious to see what HF will be like in the coming months. Seems extremely promising, and I can't wait.

I love the idea of bringing back the classic group icons and what-not, and bringing back the classic theme. Ahh the nostalgia.

Livewire - October 17, 2015, 7:04 pm

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This is just simply amazing, can't wait to see how HF will evolve in the upcoming months, pretty pumped.

Rolex? - October 17, 2015, 7:12 pm

Really excited for this change. Unlike a lot of people, I love when things change.

Redwall - October 17, 2015, 7:13 pm

Great news.

Looking forward to this.

Terry A. Davis - October 17, 2015, 7:19 pm

(Oct 17, 2015 07:00 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm very much looking forward to the changes I can bring to HF.

Vouch hype?

Actually, aside from it all hopefully these changes revive certain users and bring them back to the community.

Livewire - October 17, 2015, 7:28 pm

(Oct 17, 2015 07:12 PM)SysAdmin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Really excited for this change. Unlike a lot of people, I love when things change.

The only human institution that rejects progress is the cemetery.

Hydra - October 17, 2015, 7:51 pm

(Oct 17, 2015 07:00 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Site is going to feel very different in the coming months.

It's going to feel different off the bat with MyBB 1.8's new features.

<http://blog.mybb.com/2014/09/01/mybb-1-8-released/>

Facebook, Veoh, and Liveleak are now added to [video] code;

Editing a post now has the option to enter a reason(don't think Omni will enable it tho);

Invite-only joinable groups - I assume group leaders invite the members and they'll have to accept the invite;

They fixed the delay in making a new post in long threads;

Buddy system has been improved greatly;

We now have a thread count like the post count;

There's more but that's what caught my attention.

@Omni, in regards to the theme, will you allow us to change the base color of it? MyBB 1.8 supports that for the themes so would you allow that or not?

Omniscient - October 17, 2015, 8:07 pm

Quote:@Omni, in regards to the theme, will you allow us to change the base color of it? MyBB 1.8 supports that for the themes so would you allow that or not?

I'll worry about dealing with each 1.8x feature as we get to them. I can't answer all these questions with any type of accuracy.

Banana - October 17, 2015, 8:09 pm

Automated sticky feature sounds really helpful, maybe I'll buy a sticky or two Lolo

?hance The Rapper - October 17, 2015, 8:09 pm

Well omni, good luck with this... I hope you find some time to yourself and family... This forum is running perfectly fine at the moment, there's no need to rush just work at your own pace... and if you need help theres more than enough members here to help you, including me if you need it. ?

Zack Fair - October 17, 2015, 8:17 pm

Lots of good news, looking forward to the updates. Any plans on when you will be doing it? You keep mentioning Monday then sounding hesitant :p

PolarBeats - October 17, 2015, 8:41 pm

cant wait for this, seems like it will be awesome
but what ever happened to the rep purge?

JaGLY - October 17, 2015, 8:44 pm

Looks like a legit update!

PD: I know we all want this quickly but lets say time heals injuries; Take the time for this dont hurry. Keep it up ?

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Cough Just tossing some input in here, but a "pre search" before post option feature would be awesome.

IE - User posts thread, forum back engine pre-searches say thread topic title to similar matching ones.

"Are you sure one of these current threads might not be better suited?"

- sort of option.

I god honestly believe this can reduce the excessive repeater posts like "Whats best _____?" type posts.

As noted already, I look forward to your server move, and assure you we will handle whatever "miscalculations" are bound to occur in such a transfer.

- Your efforts as always are appreciated.?

The Ambitious One - October 17, 2015, 9:53 pm

Nice!!! I love how you hack forums lets you know everything that is going on with the site. I was wondering what was going on. Thanks for the update

BigDap - October 18, 2015, 12:02 am

(Oct 16, 2015 05:56 PM)? Soufian ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Awesome news, hope this will decrease the downtimes.

I assume this was the reason as well for the few downtimes last days?

And regarding InnoDB, I've heard MariaDB is better and faster than MyISAM and InnoDB, not sure though.

When THR and I worked together we used MariaDB..Much more HQ over InnoDB in THR's opinion
- Maria was awesome.

Dan Smith - October 18, 2015, 12:50 am

Not anxious about this at all, I'm actually very excited about these changes.

c00perzz - October 18, 2015, 1:29 am

(Oct 16, 2015 06:25 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It will give me another option for protection. Our downtime really isn't that bad and I deal pretty successfully with most attacks. But we could be better and I'd like to have more automated options that I don't have now. Apache unfortunately was not designed to deal with DDOS attacks even though it does have a few decent modules that attempt to help. We experience frequent attacks and they can be pretty large. I don't consider a few minutes here or there to be a big deal. I'm more concerned about attacks that keep us offline

for at least 15 minutes. Mainly those occur when I'm offline, otherwise I deal with them personally.

We will always have attacks and I suspect we'll always have some downtime.
The last couple of months i personally havent noticed any downtime at all!

Good luck with the changes/move. Im pretty sure you will do whatever is best.

Cammy - *October 18, 2015, 2:32 am*

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420 Blaze It - *October 18, 2015, 2:36 am*

(Oct 18, 2015 02:32 AM)Jawe Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) With HF reverting back to the old theme, most userscripts will break I take it?

That's true. They would need to re-edit everything.

Weird now, because HFES doesn't work.

SkullTraill - *October 18, 2015, 3:02 am*

Super excited for the revamped old theme.

Honestly though I can't wait till we move away from MyBB as a whole. Surely that would be coming soon. You don't see many forums running on MyBB now-a-days.

Imagine the coding effort to port all the plugins though. Lol.

Omniscient - *October 18, 2015, 7:23 am*

Quote:When THR and I worked together we used MariaDB..Much more HQ over InnoDB in THR's opinion - Maria was awesome.

Maria is advertised as super easy to migrate to from MySQL. Supposedly no DB changes are required and it's a drop-in replacement. Assuming that's true then if MySQL doesn't perform well and I can't make the adjustments then I will consider MariaDB. It's not something I'm planning though. I know our hardware can deal with the DB. People act as if MySQL suddenly sucks when it doesn't.

Roger Waters - *October 18, 2015, 7:35 am*

(Oct 18, 2015 02:32 AM)Jawe Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) With HF reverting back to the old theme, most userscripts will break I take it?

Theme based Userscripts might not work but as long as the CSS and Basic HTML remain the same, they should still work.

Zankza - *October 18, 2015, 8:20 am*

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[MariaDB - A better innovation engine for HF](#)

[\$(5)\$] - *October 18, 2015, 8:35 am*

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Atharva - *October 18, 2015, 9:28 am*

(Oct 18, 2015 08:35 AM)canna??? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm pretty excited for this to happen! Here's to the future.

And some of the past. lol

mrnapolean1 - October 18, 2015, 9:39 am

I cannot wait!

HF will feel very different. Consider this move as the closing of a chapter and the opening of a new one!

I'll be asleep/at school on Monday but I can remote into my home PC to see how the move is going.

Vintel - October 18, 2015, 9:49 am

This sounds great. Although I'm not complaining about anything as of now though.

Yui-chan - October 18, 2015, 9:53 am

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Omniscient - October 18, 2015, 2:30 pm

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I'll try later on using my MacBook and my iPhone and let you know.

Mr Whiskey - October 18, 2015, 2:44 pm

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Weird, I just exported 800. Try disabling all your scripts and whatnot, then export em.

Ongoing - October 18, 2015, 3:16 pm

(Oct 18, 2015 02:36 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Omni, do these logs cause stress on HF?

Or would clearing them help the move?

If they do, would there be a way to make the tracked messages that have been opened, expire after 24/48 hours? Or maybe even a week?

Krew - October 18, 2015, 3:52 pm

(Oct 18, 2015 03:37 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I was thinking more like just hold a receipt for the last 100 messages.

I tried to clear all of them one day, but it takes too damn long.

<https://hackforums.net/private.php?action=empty>

Problemo solved.

NoSuchAgency - October 18, 2015, 4:10 pm

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Hash G. - October 18, 2015, 4:38 pm

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Omniscient - October 18, 2015, 4:46 pm

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BLURRYF?CE - October 18, 2015, 5:21 pm

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Fox™ - October 18, 2015, 5:22 pm

Oh shit, I'm pretty excited for this. The theme too.

Cooligan - October 18, 2015, 5:41 pm

This is awesome, I'm very happy that we're reverting back to the old userbar template, I liked it much better.

Also pretty excited for the new theme, I'm very curious what you have in store for it. ?

Mr. WAVES - October 18, 2015, 6:20 pm

(Oct 16, 2015 10:25 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I've had them forever.

Can't wait to use those userbars again and see the new theme.

Will the 1.8 upgrade be at the same time as the server?

Jokes - October 18, 2015, 6:22 pm

(Oct 18, 2015 06:20 PM)YOLOOnline Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can't wait to use those userbars again and see the new theme.

Will the 1.8 upgrade be at the same time as the server? I agree with this user, as much as I like the userbars we currently have they get pretty old after you look at them all day.

Hydra - October 18, 2015, 9:12 pm

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Its also a good idea for group owners and the moderators they have for their subforums to clear out threads they no longer need, just cleared out a couple hundred out of the Brotherhood sf.

SIM-2015410 - October 18, 2015, 9:38 pm

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Same, but I guess the purge won't be ALL the PMs, just those older than a certain date?

Xerotic - October 18, 2015, 9:50 pm

Are you going to do any member pruning? Old closed low post accounts?

SIM-1980240 - October 18, 2015, 9:55 pm

Yes! I can't wait to have our old theme and user bars back. I've been missing the oldschool hackforums look a lot.

Terry A. Davis - October 18, 2015, 10:02 pm

[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwQY9GoLMvY>]

I know you're a busy man, but I think I speak for myself while being rude, I think you should do it tonight so you can knock out the bugs easier

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Realizm - October 18, 2015, 10:05 pm

(Oct 18, 2015 09:50 PM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Are you going to do any member pruning? Old closed low post accounts?

Never thought about that. Once he purges the junk section, I'm sure the number of accounts without posts will increase and if they're nothing but a username I don't see why he couldn't/wouldn't delete them.

Ahri????? - October 18, 2015, 10:06 pm

SF went down assuming you are playing how things go over there. I deleted all my pms to make my account light as possible ?. A fat Ahri wouldn't do

Bluffer - October 18, 2015, 10:19 pm

I've seen at least 3 different "MyBB has experienced an internal SQL error and cannot continue." messages in the last hour or so, I hope it's being moved when I wake up! :)

Omniscient - October 18, 2015, 10:21 pm

Quote:Will the 1.8 upgrade be at the same time as the server?

No, not immediately. Likely within a week or two once I'm comfortable that the new server is secure, optimized and running well. Then I will worry about the next step which is to upgrade the site to MyBB 1.8x.

It should be much easier to upgrade on the new server with the better hardware we'll have. I can ditch things like Sphinx search plugin which would break with a 1.8x upgrade anyways.

Quote:Are you going to do any member pruning? Old closed low post accounts?

I never prune accounts with posts. Accounts with zero posts are already pruned regularly. Closing low-post accounts doesn't really help the database. It's done as a security measure so those

accounts aren't sold or stolen.

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Exactly, I don't want to get stuck staying up all night if there are any problems. I also don't want to sleep only to wake up and find out site was offline for hours due to something unexpected. It's a delicate process.

Terry A. Davis - October 18, 2015, 10:33 pm

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Skorp - October 19, 2015, 6:09 am

Goodluck Omniscient, see ya during the night!

MrOrang - October 19, 2015, 6:38 am

Well that's a perfect planning for us europeans :D

Cooligan - October 19, 2015, 8:33 am

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I'm really glad I saw this last night otherwise I wouldn't have known to do this.

Exported all my pm's right after I read it.

Thanks Hydra.

Kektron - October 19, 2015, 8:35 am

I dont know shit bout' codin, but dis shit souns sexy fam.

Prince™ - October 19, 2015, 9:47 am

Can't wait to see all the new changes. I think it's going to make everything even more awesome. Thanks for the heads up Omni.

Dan. - October 19, 2015, 12:16 pm

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Omniscient - October 19, 2015, 1:52 pm

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Omniscient - *October 19, 2015, 1:57 pm*

4-6 hours. And it's been discussed in this thread when it will happen. That's the point of this thread. Duh.