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Thread: [Mentors and Moderators Permission Changes](#)

Omniscient - January 24, 2016, 10:19 am

Both Mentors and sectional Moderators can no longer move threads around. They can only stick/unstick or open/close threads as well as JUNK them.

So don't PM Mentors or Moderators to move your threads. They can't.

Thank you.

NFL - January 24, 2016, 10:20 am

Good adjustment Omni. I like it :)

Heart - January 24, 2016, 10:20 am

Thank you for adding this update, now Roger can no longer move my threads to the junk section.

:^)

Vibe - January 24, 2016, 10:20 am

edit: nvm found this thread

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5145332>

So do we pm anyone about it, or just report it as wrong section (if it's obvious what section is should go in) and let you guys get to it?

reBELLYus - January 24, 2016, 10:21 am

This will combat against future errors. Thanks.

Queen Cin - January 24, 2016, 10:21 am

Which means people should check twice before making a thread.

minimalist - January 24, 2016, 10:21 am

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able to move threads? Might as well just close this thread:

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5145332>

if not.

Varane - January 24, 2016, 10:22 am

Good change, now mentors can't pull a Morchid on us.

reBELLYus - January 24, 2016, 10:22 am

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He only mentioned mods/mentors were limited.

Exodi - January 24, 2016, 10:22 am

I already PMed them about this. Will they neg me now?

Wires - January 24, 2016, 10:23 am

(Jan 24, 2016 11:20 AM)\$uicide Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thank you for adding this update, now Roger can no longer move my threads to the junk section.

:^)

LOL yes Roger can.. Omni said sectional moderators ?

Sevn Alias - January 24, 2016, 10:23 am

Good change, hope HF will be safe now

reBELLYus - January 24, 2016, 10:24 am

(Jan 24, 2016 11:23 AM)Sevn Alias Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Good change, hope HF will be safe now HF will never be safe. However, it is more secure now.

SkullTraill - January 24, 2016, 10:47 am

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Then again, most mods did that anyway cause they were too lazy.

Froggy - January 24, 2016, 10:57 am

Boo, this stinks. ? but it's understandable.

tim - January 24, 2016, 10:58 am

(Jan 24, 2016 11:57 AM)Froggy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Boo, this stinks. ? but it's understandable.
yee i agree froggy

But hey, this saves the hassle of someone going rogue

rapidfire08 - January 24, 2016, 10:59 am

Thanks for the notification owner.

SkullTraill - January 24, 2016, 11:03 am

(Jan 24, 2016 11:49 AM)- Sam - Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Not really. If a thread is in the wrong section you can report thread as 'wrong forum' and a Staff will move it to the appropriate section.

Nah, countless threads have been junked by staff for being in the wrong section, even some of my own.

(Jan 24, 2016 11:58 AM)Marc???????????????????? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) But hey, this saves the hassle of someone going rogue

There are better ways to do this imo, like for example, replacing mentors monthly or quarterly.

Mr Kewl - January 24, 2016, 11:11 am

(Jan 24, 2016 11:22 AM)Phucker Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I already PMed them about this. Will they neg me now?

Nope. We don't bite. ?

Light - January 24, 2016, 11:13 am

Seems like a fair adjustment that they can still do the main part of work and just not be able to move threads, would prevent a lot of the things that happened in the Morchid incident but not all, but that's understandable as they still need to be able to do their job.

Nachfolger - January 24, 2016, 11:14 am

I appreciate this. Now people who think they are glorified and stupid won't ask for people to have their threads moved..

Also this will prevent another issue like yesterday.

Blazin - January 24, 2016, 11:16 am

Good move Omni, I feel like this should of already been done with the things happening as of late.

Cryptic™ - January 24, 2016, 11:20 am

Damn even the lounge move button is gone. Oh well.

Raz Riverblade - January 24, 2016, 11:25 am

hmm if even moderators can't that'll increase the staff workload (if staff will still do it)

but the mentor change is good for sure

Kuso - January 24, 2016, 11:27 am

Look at it this way Mentors and mods. Less work for you.

Now let's get some cocaine and hookers

Mr Kewl - January 24, 2016, 11:28 am

(Jan 24, 2016 12:26 PM)Odus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So if we spot a thread in the wrong forum do we junk it or just report it like everybody else?

User the report feature. Junking increases staff's work load as they have to restore the thread, remove your post etc etc.

SIM-2908357 - January 24, 2016, 11:28 am

Good security fix, but many newbies usually post threads in the wrong section, or ask to get them moved.

How are you going to go about doing that effectively now that mods and mentors can't do it?

FamousHater - January 24, 2016, 11:29 am

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SIM-2908357 - January 24, 2016, 11:30 am

(Jan 24, 2016 12:29 PM)FamousHater Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5145332&page=2>

That's an interesting system, kind of oldschoool/classic, I like it :)

Hope it's as effective as before!

Odus - January 24, 2016, 11:59 am

(Jan 24, 2016 12:29 PM)FamousHater Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)
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Mr Kewl - January 24, 2016, 12:02 pm

(Jan 24, 2016 12:59 PM)Odus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm talking from a mod's point of view. Same applies?
As I said earlier, report the threads in your section.

That thread is for the threads Morchid has moved and are not reportable, so its just undoing and the thread is temporary.

So yeah, report the thread in your section and do not junk unless they break rules. :?

Karnaugh - January 24, 2016, 12:03 pm

The only downside is that reports will take longer to be reviewed and it will take longer to be trashed.

Mentors/mods can, however, leave a post or some notice for staff to delete it, and close them meanwhile, right?

Karnaugh - January 24, 2016, 12:47 pm

(Jan 24, 2016 01:37 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) We could, yes.
I used to clean up the lounge and a few other busy sections a few times a day.
That will probably do the trick (:

Or who knows if Omni creates a button for you guys to secretly flag threads, with a limit of like 40 per hour. This wouldn't allow flooding of this function by possibly compromised mentor accounts and would be easier for the staff to just "approve" your deletions.

Thornzzz - January 24, 2016, 1:06 pm

I can see this being a huge problem for the Minecraft section, the most common problem is threads are in the wrong section. I mean it's not like Dan is very active in the SF anymore anyway, but just throwing this out there.

Doctor Blue - January 24, 2016, 1:29 pm

(Jan 24, 2016 12:27 PM)Bender™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Look at it this way Mentors and mods. Less work for you.

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If we work, we do so on our own initiative. We don't have to do anything. It means less things we can do when we're bored :)

TheSocomj - January 24, 2016, 1:33 pm

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Thank you.

You should make it so if only a post is reported the mods can move it. Otherwise they cant!

Thanks!

Kosmos - January 24, 2016, 1:34 pm

It looks like this was one of the things that just had to happen. Unfortunate, but there are malicious people out there.

(Jan 24, 2016 02:31 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Omni, why not just limit the number of threads we can move an hour to 10? ?

I think a quota would be good, but not right away.

Doctor Blue - January 24, 2016, 1:35 pm

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TheSocomj - January 24, 2016, 1:40 pm

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There's no need to add anything to the database, you can already figure it out pretty easily. There would just have to be a plugin that shows some kind of flag on the post. If it was just about adding the limitation we would either have to click the report button every time to check or just try to moderate and later realize that we weren't allowed to do so.

Also we could just report the post ourselves, so that would have to be accounted for as well.

ViN - January 24, 2016, 1:47 pm

Shame to see changes like this have to be made necessary, but it is what it is.

(Jan 24, 2016 02:31 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Omni, why not just limit the number of threads we can move an hour to 10? ?

This would be best if possible, imo.

Rey? - January 24, 2016, 1:50 pm

unfortunate that because of one member, the entire usergroup of people with elevated permissions must have restrictions placed on them. However, at this time this is whats for the best I presume.

Nice work on the forum Omni.

Eternal. - January 24, 2016, 1:51 pm

Can only wonder what lead up to this..

TheSocomj - January 24, 2016, 2:02 pm

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True didnt think of mentors reporting posts so they can moderate them... Then the 10 threads per hour sounds good too!

ZuGgY - January 24, 2016, 6:12 pm

Good to know this info.

Thanks Omniscient.

Xerotic - January 24, 2016, 6:19 pm

(Jan 24, 2016 11:47 AM)SkullTraill Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is a pretty big blow to the moderation capabilities. Now all threads in the wrong section will be junked instead of moved.

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70s - January 24, 2016, 7:22 pm

it sucks for the people who used it for good but it will stop people from going rogue good change big man

??? ??? - January 24, 2016, 7:23 pm

Thanks for the update on the change.

CPA Exposé - January 24, 2016, 7:59 pm

Darn. By the time I become mentor there Will be no powers left :/

DuguWudi - January 24, 2016, 10:35 pm

(Jan 24, 2016 11:57 AM)Froggy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Boo, this stinks. ? but it's understandable.

(Jan 24, 2016 12:30 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Vouch. It sucks seeing a sad frog :(

Sorry, I need both quotes for my next sig.

So now, the ones moving all those reported threads back into the right sections are all done currently by staffs not mentors?

Ronaldo. - January 24, 2016, 11:56 pm

(Jan 24, 2016 02:31 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Omni, why not just limit the number of threads we can move an hour to 10? ?I think this idea is good and will also help the members if by mistake they made a thread in wrong forum .And also it will not effect the security .

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Cryptic™ - January 25, 2016, 12:17 am

Kinda sucks for group owners. :(

My group SF has 2 more SF's within it. I can't move threads amongst them anymore.

Guess I'll be giving Roger a shout when I need something done now. xD

Edit: Can't view Thread Notes anymore either. ?

Autopost_temp - January 25, 2016, 12:34 am

I can see why it's done, but it was sad that it had too be.

James Burnham - January 25, 2016, 2:08 am

What if the ability of moving threads in the correct section (limited to two moves) was moved to the user that posted them? And if he would misuse that ability he would get a warning.

James Burnham - January 25, 2016, 3:45 am

(Jan 25, 2016 03:25 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The amount of shit this would cause is terrifying man haha.

Probably. I don't interact much with hf members so I can't really say if they are responsible enough to use that ability well. Maybe if it was an uber feature?

Cryptic™ - January 25, 2016, 5:07 am

(Jan 25, 2016 03:08 AM)Darth Burnham Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What if the ability of moving threads in the correct section (limited to two moves) was moved to the user that posted them? And if he would misuse that ability he would get a warning.

Not a good idea to give everyone the ability to move threads.

Too much room for error.

SkullTraill - January 25, 2016, 5:38 am

(Jan 24, 2016 07:19 PM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If you see a Mentor JUNKing a thread that should simply just be moved, you should report that behavior to Omniscient. Mentors can use the report button for Wrong Forum like all other users. They are regular members and should not be considered moderators like Staff/Admin.

Will do if and when that happens next. Also, sup Xerotic.

BITW - January 25, 2016, 6:54 am

(Jan 24, 2016 11:20 AM)\$uicide Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thank you for adding this update, now Roger can no longer move my threads to the junk section.

:^)

LOL. hehe.

Thanks Admin for the update. ?

Red Sand - Sasori - January 25, 2016, 7:06 am

(Jan 25, 2016 04:45 AM)Darth Burnham Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Probably. I don't interact much with hf members so I can't really say if they are responsible enough to use that ability well. Maybe if it was an uber feature?

Let's make the whole forum an ub3r feature while we're at it.

SIM-1166170 - January 25, 2016, 2:28 pm

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if not.

OP clearly says "sectional mods". So these people can no longer move threads ->

<https://hackforums.net/showmods.php>

Qwazz - January 25, 2016, 3:40 pm

I'm still a.. ?

Froggy - January 25, 2016, 7:49 pm

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Edit: Can't view Thread Notes anymore either. ?

Oh shoot. I hadn't even thought of how it would affect group owners. Ouch. ?

Canon - January 25, 2016, 7:55 pm

Probably should be enabled for group members to move their threads only within their subforum, for convenience.

Cryptic™ - January 25, 2016, 8:52 pm

(Jan 25, 2016 08:55 PM)Canon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Probably should be enabled for group members to move their threads only within their subforum, for convenience.

That would be awesome.

Cryptic™ - January 25, 2016, 10:21 pm

(Jan 25, 2016 10:02 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) To my knowledge, group owners could only move threads within their group.

They couldn't move them publicly or they'd get a permissions denied error.

I tried it a few times a while back.

Yep.

We used to be able to move threads to any forum on HF until Tibit got hacked, which was when those permissions were removed.

After that we only had access to "Lounge Move" which lets us move threads to the lounge.

After all the Morchid drama happened, we are no longer able to move threads anywhere.

Tommy - January 25, 2016, 10:49 pm

I guess this was justified with the recent issue.

Doctor Blue - January 26, 2016, 7:52 am

(Jan 26, 2016 06:05 AM)Zombified7x60 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why doesn't Omni just pay people to moderate?

I don't get it

Like actually have to know these people, payroll and all. We all know Omni makes enough Because people are willing to do it for free. Also staff members are paid, I just don't think it's a very formal payment.

It's still relatively easy to revert what happened, and if he's making it easier yet, then it shouldn't be an issue if someone does it again.

Obli - January 26, 2016, 7:54 am

Good going, boss. Will definitely put a limit to the whole mod rampancy thing!

Ricky™ - January 26, 2016, 7:55 am

I see no problems with this, just as long as people can start posting in the right section.

samsepi01 - January 26, 2016, 8:03 am

(Jan 26, 2016 08:52 AM)Doctor Blue Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Also staff members are paid, I just don't think it's a very formal payment.

Quote:Are staff paid?

Staff are not paid on HF. Each staff member is a volunteer.

[Becoming Staff Help Document](#) ?

Prince™ - January 26, 2016, 8:37 am

Wait what? But this means only you can move threads now because you're the only admin at the moment. Don't you think it's only going to add up to your daily works?

I personally think atleast Site Staffs should have the power to move threads.

Hash G. - January 26, 2016, 8:50 am

(Jan 26, 2016 09:03 AM)zer0w1re Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) [Becoming Staff Help Document](#) ?F8 stated they were paid I believe.

(Jan 26, 2016 09:37 AM)Prince™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wait what? But this means only you can move threads now because you're the only admin at the moment. Don't you think it's only going to add up to your daily works?

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Sakuto - January 26, 2016, 9:36 am

(Jan 26, 2016 09:50 AM)Hash G. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) F8 stated they were paid I believe.Only admin were paid I think.

Doctor Blue - January 26, 2016, 9:50 am

(Jan 26, 2016 10:36 AM)Sakuto Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Only admin were paid I think.

No. Staff members are also paid now.

Omniscient - January 26, 2016, 10:58 am

Quote:Probably should be enabled for group members to move their threads only within their subforum, for convenience.

Actually this is more possible since group owners do not have moderator permissions in the public forum areas. So they can't really do the same amount of damage that is possible from a Mentor who might have access to multiple sections.

Quote:I personally think atleast Site Staffs should have the power to move threads.

Staff permissions were not changed.

King of Clubs - January 26, 2016, 10:58 am

Great change. Just what we need. Well done!

Omniscient - January 26, 2016, 11:15 am

Okay, I've altered all permissions so that group owners have the needed permissions to move threads between their subforums.

Since none of the group owners are in the Mentor group that will be fine.

Prince™ - January 26, 2016, 5:46 pm

(Jan 26, 2016 09:50 AM)Hash G. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Staff are not mentors or sections moderators, staff can still move threads. :)

Oh I see. That's good then. I was confused between moderators and staffs.

Cryptic™ - January 26, 2016, 6:42 pm

(Jan 26, 2016 06:46 PM)Prince™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Oh I see. That's good then. I was confused between moderators and staffs.

Simple breakdown if anyone else is confused:

Staff = Access to all subforums.

Mentors = Are moderators with access to a handful of subforums

Moderators = Usually only access to only 1 subforum (Also known as Section Moderators, and are basically what Group owners are)

You can view all Moderators here <https://hackforums.net/showmods.php>