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Thread: [icon for notify Online/Offline on HF ?](#)

Saucisson - August 4, 2016, 10:57 am

Hi everyone,

I'm just asking why not add an icon next to usernames either online or offline, so that communication between forum members can release much faster?

NOT HERE:

[img]http://zupimages.net/up/16/31/ulnk.jpg[/img]

BUT HERE:

[img]http://zupimages.net/up/16/31/c26x.jpg[/img]

Especially in the "Marketplace" where there might avoid posting in the "Buyers Bay" on threads that are useless if we have an icon that notifies if we are online or offline

Thanks if some users reply to my question, i just want know if it's a good idea, because for me, it can be good for everyone here

joepvand - August 4, 2016, 10:59 am

Next to your name. It says if you are online or not

YinYang - August 4, 2016, 11:00 am

LMAO, there is one??

Unless they are uber and have turned it off

Saucisson - August 4, 2016, 11:04 am

No, wait i will modify my thread, I would mean this but next to usernames on Section, for exemple when you go to " The Lounge " etc, you understand ? ^^

Alex™ - August 4, 2016, 11:27 am

It might take a bit of server load to check otherwise it's a really good idea.

Sharjah - August 5, 2016, 5:49 am

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M?xim - August 5, 2016, 5:52 am

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This is a good explanation. I support this.

Birdperson - August 5, 2016, 5:53 am

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Sharjah - August 5, 2016, 5:56 am

(Aug 5, 2016 05:52 AM)- Sam - Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This wouldn't be accurate, especially for the members who have auto-refresh scripts. Also just because a member is online that doesn't necessarily mean they can do a deal because they might be on mobile for example.

You can't assume members will use such a feature appropriately, you will always have those members who will forget to change the option within the thread to say whether they are available or not. I think it's whether they are online or offline, not a selected feature. And if they're on mobile, it can show a mobile icon.

Junx - August 5, 2016, 10:19 am

Why are your arrows the wrong way around?

Also I don't see the need for this on thread listing...

Saucisson - August 5, 2016, 12:22 pm

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Yes, fast deals exactly ! ?

Bluffer - August 6, 2016, 1:16 am

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Xerotic - August 6, 2016, 10:52 am

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SoulZeh - August 6, 2016, 10:55 am

I actually think this looks pretty neat, the smallest things can be the most effective things.

minimalist - August 6, 2016, 11:01 am

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Nah I think that is way too big, the one Xerotic posted was a lot cleaner and nicer.

Xerotic - August 6, 2016, 11:50 am

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DefiantHF - August 6, 2016, 12:23 pm

I personally think it's a good idea.

Saucisson - August 6, 2016, 1:02 pm

How can i add your script for save it on firefox or google chrome ?

Xerotic - August 7, 2016, 1:20 am

(Aug 6, 2016 11:54 AM)SoulZeh Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I swear, you have a userscript that types for you man, you're really a machine. I thought xchange was bad...

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Nerdi - August 7, 2016, 9:45 am

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Well, I'm not experienced with MyBB, but I assume that there must be a query ran for every thread with something like "SELECT FROM users WHERE id=:id username" to get the username from the OP. You could easily change this to something like "SELECT FROM users WHERE id=:id username,last_seen_date". Now we still have the same amount of queries, and we know if the user is offline or not.

Power8 - August 7, 2016, 10:17 am

I support this, I hate browsing through the CE forum and I have to manually check if they are online.

Vitani - August 7, 2016, 10:20 am

Honestly if you want to see if someone is online, you can just click their thread and the first thing you will see is if they are online or not.

Not that much effort to me, i see no need for this to be added.

Xerotic - August 8, 2016, 1:32 am

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CyberneticTitan - August 8, 2016, 1:34 am

Funnily enough I suggested this before: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5092443>

Thanks Xerotic for the plugin!

Stag - August 8, 2016, 4:11 am

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This is awesome good job man

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Hey OP, would you mind editing the thread and adding the link to my plugin at top? That way if this thread is seen by others then they will see we already have an immediate solution created and ready to deploy.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5367455>

Thanks!

Travis Bickle - August 8, 2016, 10:41 am

Great idea, I support this.

Userscripts dont work on tablet which is what I am on most of the time :(

Regulus - August 8, 2016, 10:42 am

Yeah this would be something members could have use for.

I also support this!

Omniscient - *August 8, 2016, 11:07 am*

I prefer not to add more to that page. I'd rather remove stuff.