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Thread: [Thread Subscriptions Deleted](#)

Omniscient - September 23, 2017, 6:16 pm

I have deleted all thread subscriptions. Apparently we had many users who took it upon themselves to subscribe to thousands of threads. That's just not acceptable. You have zero need to be subscribe to more than few a dozen threads at most.

I have banned multiple members and emptied the table. I will have to write a plugin to block excessive subscriptions to stop the abuse.

Thank you.

B?ker - September 23, 2017, 6:17 pm

Good to know - curious is it possible to just limit the amount?

Who Soup - September 23, 2017, 6:18 pm

I didn't know people even used it. Seems like a good change.

M?xim - September 23, 2017, 6:18 pm

That guy tho.. What was it? 4700? That's just... ??

Good decision.

J?son - September 23, 2017, 6:18 pm

Thanks for the update I was wondering where it went :P

Nachfolger - September 23, 2017, 6:26 pm

Didn't realize people even used the feature.

Punisher - September 23, 2017, 6:27 pm

I wonder how long the ban was and who was abusing this? Only takes 1 idiot to ruin a feature for everyone.

Ratt - September 23, 2017, 6:28 pm

I subscribed to like 2 threads that were important rip lol. What's the point in abusing that?

Toph - September 23, 2017, 6:29 pm

I've always thought subscribing to a thread only sent an email saying you subscribed to a thread. I never knew there was an actual section in the control panel showing subscriptions, cool stuff.

Vittorio - September 23, 2017, 6:31 pm

Build a wall! We need one!

VirtualFrost - September 23, 2017, 6:31 pm

(Sep 23, 2017 06:27 PM)Error Wrote: [CITE](#) I wonder how long the ban was and who was abusing this? Only takes 1 idiot to ruin a feature for everyone.

Eh it isn't really ruined. Like Omni said if used properly you only need to be subbed to a couple dozen, and if he added a limit I assume it'd just be a little above that so no harm in the end for those

who use it normally.

The bans varied, Dean was 2 months, another user is 1 month and another one is 2 weeks. I guess the more excessive the longer it lasts.

Truth - September 23, 2017, 6:42 pm

I subscribed to maybe 4-5 threads. Even tho I been on HF for over 6 years with 10K+ posts I cant imagine subscribing to thousands of threads at a time lol crazy

Thanks for the update Omni :)

M?xim - September 23, 2017, 6:45 pm

(Sep 23, 2017 06:27 PM)Error Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I wonder how long the ban was and who was abusing this? Only takes 1 idiot to ruin a feature for everyone.

The function it self isn't removed. Only the subscribed threads has been cleared.

Carl Elias - September 23, 2017, 7:15 pm

I used to be one of those members. I had it set so that every post I made would automatically subscribe me to the thread. I liked it because I could follow on threads that I posted in in case people didn't directly quote me.

If there is a limit I do hope I can still set it like this. I like being able to see them from the user CP. I do wish that it would automatically unsubscribe me if the thread was inactive for a month etc.

-Ty

Lukas - September 23, 2017, 7:22 pm

I've only subscribed to 3 or 4 threads so this doesn't affect me much.

Omniscient - September 23, 2017, 7:24 pm

One member had 11,000 thread subscriptions.

cybr - September 23, 2017, 7:24 pm

so how many am i allowed to have now?

Lukas - September 23, 2017, 7:26 pm

(Sep 23, 2017 07:24 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) One member had 11,000 thread subscriptions. What's the damn point in being subscribed to that many? Jeez

SIM-2875347 - September 23, 2017, 7:26 pm

Wasnt there an automatic subscribe feature to threads you posted on? That mightve been why people had so many by accident.

Omniscient - September 23, 2017, 7:29 pm

(Sep 23, 2017 07:26 PM)Buildoman Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wasnt there an automatic subscribe feature to threads you posted on? That mightve been why people had so many by accident.

By default it's disabled. So those who alter it and subscribe to every thread they post on do so willingly on their own.

Mr. Robot - September 23, 2017, 7:37 pm

(Sep 23, 2017 07:24 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) One member had 11,000 thread subscriptions. Was this causing a load of emails being sent?

I mainly used it to see how many views were on a thread or keep up to date with really really old threads.

EDIT: I looked at the bans page and saw 3 sneaky bastards.

UserCP looks a lot cleaner.

Kill Joy - September 23, 2017, 7:49 pm

Thread Subscriptions aren't a necessity in my opinion, won't be missed if removed for me.

test - September 23, 2017, 7:53 pm

Why would people even do this? We already have people being banned for stuff like thread edit abuse. Just seems like they were asking for it to be honest. Not too bothered as I didn't even use the feature myself.

Vana - September 23, 2017, 7:57 pm

(Sep 23, 2017 07:53 PM)testaccountplsignore Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why would people even do this? We already have people being banned for stuff like thread edit abuse. Just seems like they were asking for it to be honest. Not too bothered as I didn't even use the feature myself.

Over time it'd be pretty easy to build up a good amount of threads with consistent use of the feature. The fault lies in never clearing out old threads, they probably just didn't think much of it.

SIM-2015410 - September 23, 2017, 7:58 pm

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If you had turned on default subscription when replying to threads, and then posted a lot, you'd end up subscribed to hundreds and thousands of them, which is what I guess happened with the members who got banned:

e.g. Dean had 4800 according to the ban, and has 9,734 posts, which assuming he subscribed to all threads he posted on, is an average of roughly 2 posts per thread, which seems right

(Sep 23, 2017 07:49 PM)Kill Joy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thread Subscriptions aren't a necessity in my opinion, won't be missed if removed for me.

Personally I really like them, I subscribe to only around 3 at a time, currently the weekly reports and a couple of threads in the API SF, but it means I can see them at the same time as seeing replies to my own threads on usercp, so I'd personally prefer if they weren't removed completely :)

test - September 23, 2017, 7:58 pm

(Sep 23, 2017 07:57 PM)Vana Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Over time it'd be pretty easy to build up a good amount of threads with consistent use of the feature. The fault lies in never clearing out old threads, they probably just didn't think much of it. There's a difference between 'slowly building up threads' and subscribing to 11,000 in what I assume was a short period of time.

Vana - September 23, 2017, 8:01 pm

(Sep 23, 2017 07:58 PM)testaccountplsignore Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) There's a difference between 'slowly building up threads' and subscribing to 11,000 in what I assume was a short period of time.

Well the user that prompted the bans (<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5721645>) has been a member since 2012, for him it could've been a slow build-up.

Hydra - September 23, 2017, 8:02 pm

Just curious, is there a performance impact on having so many thread subscriptions?

SIM-2015410 - September 23, 2017, 8:03 pm

(Sep 23, 2017 08:02 PM)iHydra Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just curious, is there a performance impact on having so many thread subscriptions?

I'd imagine larger database in general would impact performance a bit, plus usercp loading time to query the thread subscriptions table.

It was also perhaps causing this bug: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5721645>

NA Riven - September 23, 2017, 8:04 pm

Wow didnt knew this would get you banned since there was a feature that subs to a thread you've posted on. I used this a lot.

SIM-82498 - September 23, 2017, 8:05 pm

I've only just started recently using the thread subscriptions feature. It's actually pretty damn useful lol. There's just some threads where I am always interested in the latest reply/contribution.

SIM-2015410 - September 23, 2017, 8:05 pm

(Sep 23, 2017 06:16 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have banned multiple members and emptied the table. I will have to write a plugin to block excessive subscriptions to stop the abuse.

Just disabling auto-subscribe should do it right?

NA Riven - September 23, 2017, 8:06 pm

Not sure how but I just got a email? Or are we talking about another thread subscription?

Jonath198 - September 23, 2017, 8:11 pm

(Sep 23, 2017 07:29 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) By default it's disabled. So those who alter it and subscribe to every thread they post on do so willingly on their own.

So how is this abuse? They're using a built-in feature offered by the site that automatically subscribes them to all threads. Your ban spree makes little sense here.

Vince - September 23, 2017, 8:33 pm

Imfao in what world does this become a problem? Holy shit kids are that bored they take the time to do so, or write a script to do so. It's getting pathetic people abusing simple features.

VirtualFrost - September 23, 2017, 8:35 pm

(Sep 23, 2017 08:33 PM)Vince? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Imfao in what world does this become a problem? Holy shit kids are that bored they take the time to do so, or write a script to do so. It's getting pathetic people abusing simple features.

As mentioned in the thread there's an option to enable you to be subscribed to a thread when you post on it, so it isn't people making scripts. I don't believe it's necessary to keep subscribed to a thread if you're no longer discussing the topic though.

Carl Elias - September 23, 2017, 11:30 pm

Wasn't the table purged about a half year or a year ago? I feel like you did the same thing a while ago.

It maybe isn't a bad idea to do a purge like we do with PM's and account etc. But I do like this feature and like to use it. Maybe only purge inactive/closed threads or threads with a banned/closed user for the OP. I am one who really does not want to lose this feature

-Ty

ama - September 23, 2017, 11:33 pm

The only thread I subscribe to is my group threads.

But that was a good move on removing it :)

oscast - September 23, 2017, 11:36 pm

I believe I've had the feature enabled since I was registered probably. It's pretty nice seeing updates on threads, but I guess having 2600 was a little excessive.

Steve - September 24, 2017, 1:14 am

(Sep 23, 2017 07:24 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) One member had 11,000 thread subscriptions. Why do members feel the need to do this. We're going to lose features because of these imbeciles.

V3t3r4n - September 24, 2017, 1:16 am

I was one of the few who actually did subscribe to a dozen of threads and checked it from time to time :/ Not very nice to hear this.

CYB3RM4N - September 24, 2017, 1:19 am

I think some people might have auto-subscribe to replied threads/created threads on, and forget to turn it off, resulting in a mess.

Sorry to hear there might be users abusing this feature though.

Neal Caffrey - September 24, 2017, 1:25 am

It seemed I was subscribed to 1 thread, what's the purpose of subscribing?

Grim - September 24, 2017, 1:28 am

(Sep 24, 2017 01:25 AM)Neal Caffrey Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It seemed I was subscribed to 1 thread, what's the purpose of subscribing?

you can get email notifications when someone posts on the thread. and it will also appear in your profile in your "subscribed threads" section. Not even sure what the point is to abuse this system? like what is the benefit...Oh well.

Calogero' - September 24, 2017, 1:32 am

Damn, people used that feature?

VirtualFrost - September 24, 2017, 4:23 am

(Sep 24, 2017 01:25 AM)Neal Caffrey Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It seemed I was subscribed to 1 thread, what's the purpose of subscribing?

A use would probably be if you had a thread giving out something and if someone posted you could get to it straight away, same with sales threads I guess. Anything else I see it being useless.

Elitas - September 24, 2017, 4:33 am

I think the issue was a setting to subscribe to every thread you posted on or something.

That could have cause me to subscribe to a lot too..

GoFlex - September 24, 2017, 6:46 am

(Sep 24, 2017 01:19 AM)Absalon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think some people might have auto-subscribe to replied threads/created threads on, and forget to turn it off, resulting in a mess.

Sorry to hear there might be users abusing this feature though.I had this as well, didn't realise. I'll change it didn't realise it was nescience.

\$ZEUS - September 24, 2017, 8:03 am

I can see how people do it... They want thread notifications. The only way to accomplish that is through thread subscription emails. I've used it on a few of my threads to know the minute someone replies.

Will most likely keep happening until you get the notification system up.

Eagerkid - September 24, 2017, 8:06 am

I never subscribed to any so this isnt a big deal to me :p That is insane though that people had 11k threads

canine - September 24, 2017, 8:35 am

(Sep 24, 2017 01:14 AM)Steve Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why do members feel the need to do this. We're going to lose features because of these imbeciles.

Wasn't subscribing to a thread upon posting a feature? How are they imbeciles?

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>forgot to turn it off

Should they have remembered?

I'm glad I didn't get banned but it is shitty for the people that did get owned. I genuinely don't think that some of the people were consciously trying to "abuse" a feature, but it is what it is. RIP thread subscriptions and anyone who was using them too much.

Steve - September 24, 2017, 8:54 am

(Sep 24, 2017 08:35 AM)w342 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wasn't subscribing to a thread upon posting a feature? How are they imbeciles?

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5721645&pid=55896491#pid55896491>

There are users who know that they're doing this and this is clearly abuse.

Charger - September 24, 2017, 9:17 am

What is the point of subbing to thousands of threads?

oscast - September 24, 2017, 9:19 am

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You can subscribe >without< emails which is what I did

canine - September 24, 2017, 10:35 am

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<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5721645&pid=55896491#pid55896491>

There are users who know that they're doing this and this is clearly abuse.

Really? What would they gain from being subscribed to thousands of threads? I don't think those people had any intention of causing harm to the forum. But alright, if we're going to be using Dean's posts:

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5721645&pid=55916096#pid55916096>

If he was consciously trying to subscribe to as many posts as he could--as opposed to just keeping the post to subscribe feature on and going about his days like nothing is wrong--why would he be bumping his thread to show omni? Why would he even make that thread in the first place?

I'm just saying that some of these members being banned for the thread subscription abuse weren't trying to be malicious.

IAmHereOrNot - September 24, 2017, 10:50 am

What exactly is wrong with Subscribing to lots of Threads? Does it cause problems?

lwristis - September 24, 2017, 10:51 am

Don't think I've ever used this feature.

IAmHereOrNot - September 24, 2017, 11:10 am

(Sep 24, 2017 09:19 AM)oscast Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You can subscribe >without< emails which is what I did That's what I did as well. Does that create problems?

Space• - September 24, 2017, 11:13 am

I've never used the feature as I felt it was unnecessary. I was probably the only one thinking this.

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I was wondering where my subscribed threads went...

I use it sometimes to mark topics I deem important or informational or want to come back to later. Never had more than 20 I think, so don't get rid of the feature.

Vitani - September 24, 2017, 12:10 pm

Never really used the feature myself as I prefer to just keep the important threads in my browser bookmarks. Crazy that someone was actually subscribed to +10k threads.

Androctonus - September 24, 2017, 12:58 pm

I was going to ask why not remove the email function of subscribed threads instead but the general consensus here is that people weren't using the feature. I myself used it but it's not a hassle to bookmark them instead.

oscast - September 24, 2017, 2:19 pm

(Sep 24, 2017 12:58 PM)Androctonus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I was going to ask why not remove the email function of subscribed threads instead but the general consensus here is that people weren't using the feature. I myself used it but it's not a hassle to bookmark them instead.

I'm 100% okay with the email function being scraped but getting notified in usercp is so god damn helpful (for me at least) I heavily dislike chrome on my phone so I use safari. There is no way for me to bookmark stuff on chrome and keep track of it on safari. I use HF on my PC and my phone equally.

Mustys - September 24, 2017, 2:55 pm

I didn't even notice this feature, I think you know what's best for our community.
Long live HF!

VirtualFrost - September 24, 2017, 5:49 pm

(Sep 24, 2017 05:29 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have it set to subscribe when I post on a thread. It's a native feature of the forum, is it not?

It is but is there a point staying subscribed to thousands of threads is the issue

VirtualFrost - September 24, 2017, 9:31 pm

(Sep 24, 2017 06:49 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Well who posts only to go back to unsubscribe to threads? LOL

Not sure, I don't see a reason to subscribe to threads apart from the ones I stated earlier if I wanna see responses I'll just go through my posts again.

I kinda don't fully understand how it's abuse if the feature exists within the forum itself, but maybe I just don't fully understand the reason to need to subscribe to every single thread you post on.

VirtualFrost - September 24, 2017, 10:27 pm

(Sep 24, 2017 10:09 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) From my understanding, it's either all or none of them.

How else do we know if a thread we commented on gets a response? You click thread options at the top of the thread and click subscribe thread if you want to pick which threads are subscribed, rather than subscribing to every single one.

Quote: Do people actually manually check that shit? I've been using no email subscriptions for years now.

I do at least, but I don't post much every single day, most I go back is 3 pages and that takes like 20 seconds to do generally, otherwise a couple seconds to check just the first page. I don't really care enough to keep up with general discussion threads a month later, I'd rather see new discussions. I also mostly post around this section too which would be useless to sub to as it's mostly questions and then the threads dead forever.

Vana - September 24, 2017, 10:50 pm

(Sep 24, 2017 10:27 PM)VirtualFrost Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) rather than subscribing to every single one. Why is there built-in functionality to do that though, if it's so frowned upon?

KyleWTF - September 24, 2017, 10:51 pm

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I've never even used the subscription feature.

Assholes while find a way to ruin anything.., although without a limit on that feature, there will always be someone trying to fuck around with HF and use up every itty bitty resource of this website.

Pathetic.

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#Skyline - September 24, 2017, 11:09 pm

Swear you've banned users in the past for this.

Just limit the amount of threads we can subscribe too.

KyleWTF - September 24, 2017, 11:11 pm

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He already said that he's planning on it.

#Skyline - September 24, 2017, 11:15 pm

(Sep 24, 2017 11:11 PM)KyleWTF Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) He already said that he's planning on it.
Thanks, I can read. Was talking about when he writes the plugin.... If you got common sense.

VirtualFrost - September 25, 2017, 12:24 am

(Sep 24, 2017 10:50 PM)Vana Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why is there built-in functionality to do that though, if it's so frowned upon?

Dunno, gonna have to ask him yourself. Probably doesn't care if you use it as long as you eventually unsub from ones you don't need. Maybe he didn't notice it was a feature inside the forum.

Elitas - September 25, 2017, 3:12 am

IMO, I don't think the users intended to do this. They're all very active users who were banned and I'm sure they had the setting to auto-subscribe (I know I did), and had I posted loads more on (unique) threads than I have, then I'm sure I'd have subscribed to thousands of different threads.

Vitani - September 25, 2017, 4:48 am

(Sep 25, 2017 03:12 AM)Elitas Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) IMO, I don't think the users intended to do this. They're all very active users who were banned and I'm sure they had the setting to auto-subscribe (I know I did), and had I posted loads more on (unique) threads than I have, then I'm sure I'd have subscribed to thousands of different threads.

By default it's switched off. I do think they didn't know that they were causing harm in a way, even though it's still pretty dumb and unnecessary to be subscribed to thousands of threads.

KyleWTF - September 25, 2017, 7:45 am

(Sep 25, 2017 07:02 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Then how the fuck do you know when people reply to you? Or post on your threads?

There's no way you just went back and checked every single thread.

Every single time my whole HF career that's what I did.

The goal is just to assume you're really important and you probably have a reply.

Vitani - September 25, 2017, 9:20 am

(Sep 25, 2017 07:45 AM)KyleWTF Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Every single time my whole HF career that's what I did.

The goal is just to assume you're really important and you probably have a reply.

I do this as well. It never hurts to check up on threads that interest you. If you got no further interest to take part in a thread after you post in it no need to check it again @adam.

Prince™ - September 25, 2017, 10:05 am

So, you're going to bring it again?

IAmHereOrNot - September 25, 2017, 12:20 pm

(Sep 24, 2017 10:51 PM)KyleWTF Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I've been manually checking my posts to check replies, but when I was very active I recall this being very difficult.

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Jerks will find a way to ruin anything... although without a limit on that feature, there will always be someone trying to mess around with HF and use up every itty bitty resource of this website.
Pathetic.

?Maybe some of them were just curious if there was a limit...

M?xim - September 25, 2017, 1:22 pm

(Sep 25, 2017 10:05 AM)Prince™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So, you're going to bring it again?

Bring what again? The function?

It is not removed. Just cleared from existing subs.

Jonath198 - September 25, 2017, 2:07 pm

(Sep 25, 2017 04:48 AM)Vitani Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) By default it's switched off. I do think they didn't know that they were causing harm in a way, even though it's still pretty dumb and unnecessary to be subscribed to thousands of threads.

How are they causing harm? It's also pretty dumb and unnecessary to ban users over such a non-issue. If it's a native feature of the site, it cannot be abused in any harmful way. That's like saying having too many PMs is abuse of the PM system and warrants a ban.

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Vitani - September 25, 2017, 2:32 pm

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Most likely because it's using up resources unnecessarily. The bans might have been a bit much but Omniscient has his reasons. This way it does set an example for other members not to do stupid shit. Not doing stupid shit is a valuable life lesson on it's own.

???? - September 25, 2017, 2:38 pm

Just because something isn't used by everyone doesn't mean it has to be scraped... There is no benefit to hf to scrapping that now that there is a limit on the hunger of threads that you can subscribe to except making the database a little smaller, though it doesn't take up much space on the database as is. Doesn't help site speed removing it either.

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Vitani - September 25, 2017, 2:43 pm

(Sep 25, 2017 02:38 PM)???? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is an online forum/community.. I wouldn't call it a life lesson.....

I meant learning not to do stupid shit, not the actual forum ban. Rephrased it in my previous post to avoid confusion.

M?xim - September 25, 2017, 2:44 pm

(Sep 25, 2017 02:38 PM)???? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just because something isn't used by everyone doesn't mean it has to be scraped... There is no benefit to hf to scrapping that now that there is a limit on the hunger of threads that you can subscribe to except making the database a little smaller, though it doesn't take up much space on the database as is. Doesn't help site speed removing it either.

But he is not removing the function itself. Only existing thread subscrptions.

Vitani - September 25, 2017, 2:51 pm

(Sep 25, 2017 02:45 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) TBH I would expect a website to be able to handle a few hundred subscriptions.

Maybe not thousands, like members were banned for, but there's no way I could be subscribed to less than 200 threads without having an awful user experience.

Every social media site I use can handle that.

And HF has this entire time. Why is it suddenly an issue?

I think the main issue is that it was using up resources for no particular reason which pissed Omni off.

Of course you can still subscribe to threads, but not thousands or even tens of thousands of threads .

???? - September 25, 2017, 3:53 pm

(Sep 25, 2017 02:44 PM)Maxim Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) But he is not removing the function itself. Only existing thread subscriptions.

Some people in this topic were calling for the feature to be removed because they didn't use it themselves.

Armada - September 25, 2017, 5:06 pm

(Sep 23, 2017 06:18 PM)Maxim Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That guy tho.. What was it? 4700? That's just... ??

Good decision.

Lets be honest here.

That is just fucking stupid and look what it gets us all, now no one can even use the feature anymore.

Although I admit I very rarely used the feature, but I did for a few important threads..... Now I guess its book marks from now on. :-/

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Huh? The feature isn't removed.

Armada - September 25, 2017, 5:30 pm

(Sep 25, 2017 05:15 PM)Vana Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Huh? The feature isn't removed.

Still early for me here... lol Just realized its not fully removed.

My bad...

SIM-2015410 - September 26, 2017, 12:41 am

The clearing of the sub table didn't fix the weird issue of them popping back up with no posts. No posts on either of those threads, yet they're back on the list today

Carl Elias - September 26, 2017, 1:04 am

(Sep 26, 2017 12:41 AM)MeshCollider Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

The clearing of the sub table didn't fix the weird issue of them popping back up with no posts. No

posts on either of those threads, yet they're back on the list today
Same issue here.

Had the sales thread for RA4W come up. Last post was a few days ago

-Ty

Vana - September 26, 2017, 4:05 am

(Sep 26, 2017 12:41 AM)MeshCollider Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

The clearing of the sub table didn't fix the weird issue of them popping back up with no posts. No posts on either of those threads, yet they're back on the list today

Yup, same issue. Guess now the argument can't be made that thousands of subscriptions were causing that.

Carl Elias - September 26, 2017, 7:11 am

<https://github.com/mybb/mybb/issues/2041>

Wonder if this is what we all keep seeing.

-Ty

BJ?cksí-í?d?w™ - September 26, 2017, 11:56 am

Wow ,, good to know about this but sadly lost some important thread subscriptions ?

ZuGgY - September 27, 2017, 4:37 pm

Damn, well, thanks for informing us.

CPA Exposé - September 27, 2017, 5:57 pm

Some people are just plain stupid. Why the need to abuse things?

Like they say, " this is why we can't have nice things."

SawCyanic - September 29, 2017, 12:22 pm

(Sep 25, 2017 02:45 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) TBH I would expect a website to be able to handle a few hundred subscriptions.

Maybe not thousands, like members were banned for, but there's no way I could be subscribed to less than 200 threads without having an awful user experience.

Every social media site I use can handle that.

And HF has this entire time. Why is it suddenly an issue?

Sending thousands of emails per hour might get HackForums spamhaus flagged especially if the person receiving them starts flagging them as spam.

Not everyone is a web developer. There are people that have been here for years and they are still finding new "features" of the forum.

Kareem - September 30, 2017, 9:25 am

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M?xim - September 30, 2017, 10:08 am

(Sep 30, 2017 09:25 AM)Kareem Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) or you couldve made a maximum of like 10 subscribed threads for new users and like 20 for upgraded
Setting limits like that is not always as easy as it sounds.

Vana - September 30, 2017, 12:25 pm

(Sep 30, 2017 10:08 AM)Maxim Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Setting limits like that is not always as easy as it sounds.

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M?xim - September 30, 2017, 12:28 pm

(Sep 30, 2017 12:25 PM)Vana Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) subscribe.php

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Yeah but i mean like, doesn't it require core edits? And it is not something that'd you would predict to have someone sub'd to 11000 threads.

Designer - September 30, 2017, 2:43 pm

In all honesty Omni, couldn't you have deleted the entries above a certain value? Sucks it's all cleared to be honest.

He B TeMy - October 1, 2017, 1:56 pm

(Sep 30, 2017 02:43 PM)Designer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) In all honesty Omni, couldn't you have deleted the entries above a certain value? Sucks it's all cleared to be honest.

It may suck but it'll take couple of minutes to subscribe to threads you want to be reminded of.

Omniscient - October 1, 2017, 2:04 pm

(Sep 30, 2017 02:43 PM)Designer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) In all honesty Omni, couldn't you have deleted the entries above a certain value? Sucks it's all cleared to be honest.

Meh, seemed easier to just truncate the entire table.

Excalibur' - October 1, 2017, 3:13 pm

I remember making a thread about this where I didn't do shit and it auto-subscribed all threads I post on since I joined, I recently deleted all of my subscriptions too. Nice move deleting it for others who didn't do it on purpose!

Danny Khalifa - October 2, 2017, 4:42 am

And I was wondering why I have no new replies on my threads when I was outside and busy to browse HF.

Anyway, can't you set a limit for thread subscriptions for every member?

Up to 15-20 thread at max should be enough I guess.

Anyway, thanks for the news.