

Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [what features are most important to you on a forum?](#)

JustAnotherRandomDude - November 13, 2017, 12:02 pm

I'm developing a forum (not going to promote or allow registration until it's fully developed) on MyBB and was wondering what features are most important to you on a forum. I'll be developing all features on my own to ensure stability and security on the site. thoughts?

rtist - November 14, 2017, 1:19 pm

Depending on what kind of forum you're building.... What will be the content on the forum.

In general the most important one for me would be User ranking (Having badges) I just like to have a hierarchy.

User competitions. \$20 for the last guy to reply by Jan 1 of 2018 on a specific thread.
kind of deal

Constant update and upkeep with user's letting them know the site isn't dead.

Up to date discussions.

Ganja - November 14, 2017, 1:38 pm

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???????????? - November 14, 2017, 1:39 pm

(Nov 14, 2017 02:38 PM)El Pusstolero Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) overall: simplicity (ease-of-use) and website speed.

+1 and it needs a Dark mode or theme. I Hate the sun...

Pixie Interactive - November 15, 2017, 1:50 am

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Your topic (why does nobody start with this?) and the user experience.

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JustAnotherRandomDude - November 15, 2017, 5:49 am

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