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Thread: [Editing Threads](#)

Baba Yaga - April 14, 2018, 11:49 am

So I know that there is a limit on the amount of attempts you can edit a thread (which is currently set at 15) which was put in place to reduce the attempts by scammers to edit their thread to destroy evidence of their scams. However, it poses as somewhat of an inconvenience, for example currency exchangers, who constantly edit their threads to reflect their current inventory. As of now, I tried to edit my currency exchange thread to update my new stock only to find out that I have hit the limit on the number of times I can edit my thread. I know I can just post a new reply with my new inventory, but a majority of users just read the main thread post and assume that the post shows current stock (speaking from experience when dealing with several people). I honestly do not know what the best policy is, because I see the benefit of enacting a limit. Yet at the same time, it does cause an inconvenience to those who are trying to do so for business purposes. Any thoughts or suggestions on how to fix this?

Charger - April 14, 2018, 11:50 am

1. It has nothing to do with scammers and everything to do with destroying the content of the site.
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Cool! I'll try and see if I can have a staff member just edit my thread to say "check last post" in the OP or implement the link as you mentioned

Thank you for providing feedback, much appreciated

Eagle 95 - April 14, 2018, 1:02 pm

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Better implement that link. Don't PM us as that's unfair to others.

Quote:Can I PM Staff to ask them to change my username, edit my post, junk my threads or other similar tasks?

No you may not. Being able to do things such as change your username, or edit old posts, is a subscriber-only privilege. It is unfair if non-paying members get these abilities too, through asking Staff; so we make it our policy to ignore all requests related to this. Please read the help doc Upgrading to l33t or ub3r for any further information regarding upgrading to a subscriber account.

Xerotic - April 14, 2018, 1:04 pm

Also keep in mind that Sales Tags will have double the amount of edits allowed and paid stickies will have unlimited edits.

webdev77 - April 15, 2018, 8:14 am

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wit - April 15, 2018, 8:17 am

(Apr 15, 2018 08:14 AM)webdev77 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If editing is that big of an issue just setup your own site with images that you can replace. That way, the images embedded in your post will change without you actually editing the post.

That is actually an amazing idea.

Zexi - April 15, 2018, 8:19 am

Upload your image to your site. (Image that you can just edit all the time)

Put the image in your thread.

Just edit it whenever you want something edited.

Great way to save your edits and threads with images always look better.

Nachfolger - April 15, 2018, 8:27 am

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Biggy - April 15, 2018, 8:29 am

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2073436 - April 15, 2018, 8:39 am

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How does it destroy content from the site?

When people edit their threads, they're doing it to remove all the content from their threads. That was the whole reason for the plugin.

When they use an image, they are simply changing what the text says in their threads.

It would work the same way if they decided in the long run to completely remove the image, or edit the text to say "thread removed", or any other lingo to remove the thread contents. That would still be considered removing content and against the rules.

(Apr 15, 2018 08:39 AM)Skilo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is what I was just about to post but I don't think Omniscient will like people bypassing this rule.

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Once again, Omniscient has already suggested that people actually use that method in a previous thread of his.

(Mar 9, 2018 12:57 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Or use an image you control and embed it with your changes.

2073436 - April 15, 2018, 8:46 am

(Apr 15, 2018 08:42 AM)Biggy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Once again, Omniscient has already suggested that people actually use that method in a previous thread of his.

Issue solved then I guess.

(Apr 15, 2018 08:42 AM)Biggy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How does it destroy content from the site?

Just to get back on this

If the 15-edit rule was implemented to enforce the content rule then it means that people weren't following it.

Posting an image instead of text is much worse because try to imagine the amount of visitors that get on HF because of SEO and keywords - all these posts won't show up if the thread includes an image solely

The 15 edit rule becomes literally useless if people start adapting to using images

Omniscient - April 15, 2018, 2:22 pm

Note that by having content in a thread which is an off-site image which changes is just fine to me.

This is under the assumption that the thread has some content which will be search indexed otherwise the thread won't come up in searches.

One big issue is content being on HF which is then indexed by search engine crawlers and later altered to be crap. Imagine you're at Google and you search for something and an HF result comes up and you go to the page and it says "CLOSED" or "DELETED" that's not how we're going to attract members and it's an easy way to annoy Googlebot.

So I'm fine with SOME of the content in a thread being an image which is updated.

And as Xerotic noted we'll be updating the plugin shortly to include special limits based on certain criteria.

Baba Yaga - April 18, 2018, 4:14 pm

(Apr 14, 2018 01:02 PM)Eagle 95 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Better implement that link. Don't PM us as that's unfair to others.

So I finally made a site which I can upload images and just implement the link in my original thread to reflect my current inventory. I tested this with a test thread using the preview feature and it works fantastically!

I know you said not to PM staff, but I was really hoping that my thread could be edited just this one last time to implement the new link. I have not sent any staff members any PMs for fear of getting a warning (or worse the ban hammer). So I thought it would be a safer alternative to just quote you and see if this small request could be fulfilled. Thank you and sorry if I am breaking any rules ahead of time, I just need to implement this small feature into my thread