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Thread: Responsive Theme

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Special thanks to iHydra for taking on this mission. In case you don't know who iHydra is....
https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=561239

Thank you.

Smile? - *July 20, 2018, 1:55 pm*
Looks decent , waiting for it.

TB12 - *July 20, 2018, 1:56 pm*
This is fantastic news! Thank you all for your hard work, excited to finally see the theme soon.

iNuke - *July 20, 2018, 1:59 pm*
Man I can not wait! What a time to be alive! Thanks for all the major updates that previously released and that are coming soon.

Meow - *July 20, 2018, 2:08 pm*
It looks awesome, very minimalistic & modern.

Would it be possible to make a few color options for the theme or let members input their own color

#? Maybe it's too much to ask but I think that members would love to set their own color for the theme, instead of using purple one.

Vitani - *July 20, 2018, 2:12 pm*
This is going to be awesome. I'm glad it's now the top priority to get this done. Hopefully after this is fully completed and implemented we'll see some increase in new users, due to google classifying HF as mobile friendly.

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Frankey - *July 20, 2018, 2:20 pm*
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Edit: Ignore everything above(Except of the looks awesome part.), I clearly can't read any text in English.

?Saadi - *July 20, 2018, 2:23 pm*
(Jul 20, 2018 02:12 PM)Vitani Wrote: *[CITE]* I never used classic postbit on HF, I much prefer the horizontal postbit and I think most users do. If it's not possible we'll just have to adjust, but if there's a possibility I hope it stays in one way or another.
Ditto. Never liked Classic postbit, but I guess many of us will have to manage, in case, horizontal postbits doesn't get implemented.

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?Saadi - *July 20, 2018, 2:45 pm*
By the way, the purple customized scroll bar is sexy with the theme. ?

V For Vendetta. - *July 20, 2018, 2:48 pm*
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kawaii - *July 20, 2018, 2:52 pm*
(Jul 20, 2018 02:27 PM)Wires Wrote: [CITE] Has this got anything to do with Phixel being banned? ?
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(Jul 20, 2018 02:52 PM)Escrow Wrote: [CITE] That looks to be a vacation ban if I had to guess.
Nah, can confirm he's been banned (or closed) for a year.

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Reisk - *July 20, 2018, 3:11 pm*
Can you at least change the background to: #202020 - I don't think you should ever use 'black' for web design.

Omniscient - *July 20, 2018, 3:40 pm*
Quote:Would it be possible to make a few color options for the theme or let members input their own color

I don't like giving members theme control.

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Well just make sure when you work on it that it looks great ?

Chief - *July 20, 2018, 5:40 pm*
Classic postbit is so nice. I've been using it for years now and will never change.

Theme looks awesome. Good job

ETH - *July 20, 2018, 5:43 pm*
Amazing theme.I'm waiting for this theme very soon

Evil - *July 20, 2018, 6:18 pm*
Very good looking theme. It's a lot more inviting! Definitely excited for this change.

Pronouncer - *July 20, 2018, 6:24 pm*
(Jul 20, 2018 01:54 PM)Omniscient Wrote: *[CITE]* iHydra, Xerotic, and myself will be working on the responsive theme for HF over the next few weeks.

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Thank you.
Does HF also use VESTACP like KnotBB? Just curiousi kinda expect HF to be server hosted and not using a control panel. Just curious to see your personal fav

Omniscient - *July 20, 2018, 8:41 pm*
(Jul 20, 2018 07:50 PM)xadamxk Wrote: *[CITE]* I'm ready for the theme to be done so API V2.0 drops <3
Well, I hope to get APIv2 on the new server. That's 3 months behind but I think in August I will have time to finally move us. There are some complications.

Likely we'll have the mobile theme within 2-3 weeks.

Progress is good overall.

Pikachu - *July 20, 2018, 8:49 pm*
Sweet! Looking forward for the new theme, that knotbb theme looks pretty clean. Are you going to keep the same purple color scheme for it? or is that going to change?

Omniscient - *July 20, 2018, 9:07 pm*
Quote:Would you be against a userstyle that brought back the old theme?

How much old stuff do you feel I've been bringing back lately?

SIM-3051398 - *July 20, 2018, 9:36 pm*
Cant wait for this update, good stuff Omni cant wait to see HF grow :)

PerfectStorm - *July 20, 2018, 9:37 pm*
Great work.

Thank you all for all your hard work lately.

Hydra - *July 20, 2018, 9:48 pm*
(Jul 20, 2018 09:32 PM)xadamxk Wrote: *[CITE]* I mean post the responsive theme release.
For the current theme.
Sounds like a lot of work. You'd probably have to redo most of the CSS. The HTML skeleton has been modified as well for some pages so you'll have that common rush of lag when things change after 'document-ready' because you'll have to jS that too. Won't be an ideal experience tbh.

Brendan - *July 20, 2018, 11:54 pm*

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(Jul 20, 2018 03:40 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [CITE] Have you tried classic postbit lately? It looks better. I find threads much easier to read and profiles have their info all in one place.
I've been using it since I read this thread yesterday, to try it out. It takes some getting used to but I don't hate it. I still prefer the horizontal one but if needed I think people can/will adjust.

Vamure - *July 21, 2018, 1:39 am*

Its looking fire ! Super glad you guys are working on an updated theme.

The purple looks dark and mysterious af; I love it. The purple fading scroll bar is another insane touch.

webdev77 - *July 21, 2018, 11:55 am*

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If it's a bother you can disable signatures.

Designer - *July 21, 2018, 1:57 pm*

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Nachfolger - *July 21, 2018, 2:14 pm*

(Jul 20, 2018 11:54 PM)Proctor Wrote: [CITE] Shit, got me sold already. I wished more people would enjoy classic and now they have to use it :XSame here. I was using the horizontal postbit and had no idea that classic even existed, I just thought it was up to the MyBB theme. For the first hour I hated it, now I love it.

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DenizZ - *July 21, 2018, 2:24 pm*
I like the theme started by Pixel. It's easier to use.

Diabolic - *July 21, 2018, 2:51 pm*
I can't wait to see purple brought back.

Biggy - *July 21, 2018, 4:55 pm*
Excited for the release of the mobile theme.

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Muscleboy - *July 21, 2018, 5:20 pm*
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Right I always thought that a sidebar with a hamburger button containing the tabs (on mobile view) would be pretty neat.

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(Jul 20, 2018 01:54 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [CITE] Oh btw, one big change will be that the forum threads will display in classic postbit only. It will be easier to use that for a responsive theme than the horizontal postbit.
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Responsive designs dynamically adjust based on the width of the device's screen. For example, if you have a grid of 4 blocks in one row: on a desktop, all 4 will be in 1 row as they fit. On a phone, instead of scrolling to the right to see the 2 blocks cut off (smaller width), the design wraps/pushes the 2 blocks down to a new row below. That's a very basic example. A more advanced example is the ability to modify the layout of a page per device: mobile, tablet, desktop. Hide certain things for mobile or reduce font-size, etc.

#1 reason for this theme change is to meet Google's requirement of mobile-ready. Read this: https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5851032

Vitani - *July 22, 2018, 4:00 am*

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That aside though, it's easy enough to adjust to classic postbit. It definitely has it's advantages.

WageWolf - *August 1, 2018, 5:05 pm*

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Omniscient - *August 1, 2018, 10:14 pm*

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Likely as it is now on Knot with the purple.

ItsJigSaw - *August 1, 2018, 10:28 pm*
Imo black background with bunch of green numbers and letters is best ;)

mrnapolean1 - *August 2, 2018, 4:28 pm*
Hopefully we will not see a repeat of the last theme change.

Prepper - *August 2, 2018, 4:43 pm*
(Aug 2, 2018 04:28 PM)mrnapolean1 Wrote: [CITE] Hopefully we will not see a repeat of the last theme change.
What do you mean? people bitching about it?

If so they are going to have to get used to it.

mrnapolean1 - *August 3, 2018, 4:10 pm*
(Aug 2, 2018 04:43 PM)Prepper Wrote: [CITE] What do you mean? people bitching about it?

If so they are going to have to get used to it.
Omni was working on a new theme to replace Modern Blue and people complained about it and it drove him to the point to say fuck it. Theme was really good too. Looked a lot like HF from back in the day.

He forced everyone to use Modern Blue for awhile until he came up with the current black matte theme HF has at the time of this writing 8-3-18.

-Snow - *August 3, 2018, 5:11 pm*
Its about time. This looks way better