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Omniscient - December 23, 2018, 3:21 pm

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Thank you.

Smexy - December 23, 2018, 3:22 pm

Thank you for another amazing feature :3

reBELLYus - December 23, 2018, 3:33 pm

A great feature that will make it to where threads will be dedicated to their proper section. Nice work.

PerfectStorm - December 23, 2018, 3:43 pm

Cool gave it a quick try and it seems pretty smooth.

Good job

Omniscient - December 23, 2018, 3:46 pm

Added the icon top right and also you'll see it in header for the mobile view too.

Cyam - December 23, 2018, 3:47 pm

Tried it with 'ebook'

Seems pretty accurate. Really nice addition. :)

Zack Fair - December 23, 2018, 3:49 pm

Looks great, hopefully it's actually used by the new members.

Onireves - December 23, 2018, 3:49 pm

I noticed it, but it looks kinda bugged in the navbar

PerfectStorm - December 23, 2018, 3:51 pm

(Dec 23, 2018 04:46 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Added the icon top right and also you'll see it in header for the mobile view too.

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SUI-3183372 - December 23, 2018, 3:52 pm

(Dec 23, 2018 04:51 PM)PerfectStorm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I noticed it on the top left am I blind
Yeah mines sitting top left and is incredibly hard to notice.

I'm sure it's being worked on, though.

Kill Joy - December 23, 2018, 3:57 pm

(Dec 23, 2018 04:52 PM)Previously Known As.... Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah mines sitting top left and is incredibly hard to notice.

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Bacardi Cola Lime - December 23, 2018, 3:58 pm

Great addition. Now we need to see how new members react and do with it.

Dax - December 23, 2018, 3:59 pm

Haha seen it a minute after you updated site, was like wtf is this. But also it's in the left side of nav bar, not very good fitted. You'll work it out in a mean time, I'm sure.

no\$fer7u - December 23, 2018, 4:01 pm

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<https://i.imgur.com/QNQ78Sj.png>

It may be my screen size/resolution, but for it being such a discrete button I feel like it's sitting a bit far out in left field. However. if I shrink my browser window down to half my screen's width, it is definitely more noticeable.

Dax - December 23, 2018, 4:03 pm

(Dec 23, 2018 05:01 PM)pokemane Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why is it in such a weird spot? idk like the angle of it doesn't line my ocd

Just put you finger on the screen and problem solved. Can't see it.

PerfectStorm - December 23, 2018, 4:04 pm

(Dec 23, 2018 05:03 PM)Mr. damca Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just put you finger on the screen and problem solved. Can't see it.

Yeah keep your finger there the whole time you won't even notice. ?

no\$fer7u - December 23, 2018, 4:05 pm

Omni somewhre like here would be good please & thank you

Arizonalce - December 23, 2018, 4:07 pm

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Omniscient - December 23, 2018, 4:07 pm

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Refresh the CSS.

no\$fer7u - December 23, 2018, 4:08 pm

(Dec 23, 2018 05:07 PM)Arizonalce Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) First thing I thought, should go under the the User CP bar.

Same haha or like under "Your Threads" ya know

Nachfolger - December 23, 2018, 4:09 pm

This is so dope. I can't tell you how many marketplace threads are placed in development sections (web, php, etc) by new members. Perhaps this feature could be extended to check the thread title before members post a thread and make recommendations if it is not already in the suggested forum.

Omniscient - December 23, 2018, 4:11 pm

Should also refresh this for the mobile view.

<https://hackforums.net/cache/themes/theme12/response.css>

Zexi - December 23, 2018, 4:15 pm

This is a dope feature i reported so many people in the secondary sellers posting CE related threads these past few weeks. Hopefully they learn they cant post them outside of Currency Exchange section.

Michael - December 23, 2018, 4:17 pm

(Dec 23, 2018 05:07 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

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Ah that's a better spot.

At first I wasn't to sure if the previous spot would be good, but know its better.

Nice feature too, I like it.

Xerotic - December 23, 2018, 4:18 pm

If you notice any search terms that might not bring accurate results for a forum suggestion then feel free to post them here. We want to try and fine-tune this as well as we can so that threads are mostly posted in the correct section on the first try. This might even save some old-school members some time too. ?

PerfectStorm - December 23, 2018, 4:37 pm

This is visible in the top right in mobile version.

Zher0 - December 23, 2018, 4:48 pm

Awesome, will hopefully clean up the forums and stop every thread from being thrown into the lounge.

TCP - December 23, 2018, 5:00 pm

(Dec 23, 2018 05:07 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)
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Maybe add some text around it like this

<https://i.gyazo.com/886cdd921af8e341e9043412d82b2ff8.png>

At least for desktop, the icon alone kinda looks empty

sh4moon - December 23, 2018, 5:08 pm

when it's too hard to just look around and decide which section is the best for your thread...

kids these days.

Bluffer - December 23, 2018, 5:14 pm

Wow this is yet another great addition to the site.

GenericSkid - December 23, 2018, 6:28 pm

"Describe your thread" may not immediately imply keywords to some users, especially non native english speakers. Perhaps being explicit and saying something like "What keywords apply to your thread?" would serve better.

Disease - December 23, 2018, 7:25 pm

I'm certainly not the intended audience, based on what I've read in here. But some thoughts anyway:

1. The icon itself isn't exactly indicative of its purpose. At least not to the intended audience: new people who are unaware of where to post, or not seeing the option to post. Maybe add some descriptive text to the button? "Start a Conversation", "Ask a Question", "Create a New Topic"... something to that effect, alongside the icon.

2. How extensive are the suggestions meant to be? Just a couple tries and results:
Introduction to DatabasesNothing found.

Learn PHPReturned way more forums than it probably should. Far more irrelevant than relevant. But, it at least sorted them in a meaningful ways (listed below are the results I received, in the order received).

PHP/Website Construcion/Coding and Programming (all three acceptable in my opinion)

Also returned: Website and Forum Hacking/JavaScript/Beginner Hacking/Group & Crews/Query Languages/SQL Injection Attacks/Java Language/Lounge/C++

MySQL HelpReturned very similar results to the previous query.

Query languages forum is returned as #7 in the results list.

Help with databaseQuery languages forum doesn't even make the list.

A lot of irrelevant results with Website & Forum Hacking and Request for Hacking being #1 and #2.

PHP comes in at #3... marginally more relevant than the hacking forums, but not really.

CyberError - December 23, 2018, 7:41 pm

Great feature , surely help newbie

~[DogiD]~ - December 23, 2018, 9:00 pm

Wow, works actually pretty well. Nicely done Omni ;)

~ DogiD

Omniscient - December 23, 2018, 9:34 pm

Quote:"Describe your thread" may not immediately imply keywords to some users, especially non native english speakers. Perhaps being explicit and saying something like "What keywords apply to your thread?" would serve better.

Try a few descriptions and see what you get....

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Quote:when it's too hard to just look around and decide which section is the best for your thread... You'd be shocked at the number of new members who contact me asking how to make a thread. That's because MyBB hides the Post Thread button on forums they don't have access to and imho even when visible it's not the most obvious button.

This feature is to help new members more than anything else. When they get the PM on registration I will introduce them to the feature.

Almonds - December 23, 2018, 9:50 pm

Nice addition, I thought this was a little confusing- but it is quite useful!

Gen1e - December 24, 2018, 12:18 am

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Xerotic - December 24, 2018, 12:21 am

(Dec 24, 2018 01:18 AM)Gen1e Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I really hope you will move this button somewhere else...

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(Dec 24, 2018 01:21 AM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What's wrong with the location?

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(Dec 24, 2018 01:24 AM)CyberError Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) well its good on mobile view , but its on corner side on computer screen hardly noticeable

I think it would be more noticeable if it were CSS "position: fixed;". That could cause it to move as you scroll. Since it hovers over black space anyway it probably wouldn't be too obtrusive that way while still being easy to notice.

Gen1e - December 24, 2018, 12:31 am

(Dec 24, 2018 01:21 AM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What's wrong with the location?

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Reload your CSS and it'll be in the top right where it belongs.

Gen1e - December 24, 2018, 12:37 am

Oops :)

Thanks! ?

lol - December 24, 2018, 1:54 am

LOL took me like 10 seconds to find it ? ? ?

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full size:

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Omniscient - December 24, 2018, 1:58 am

(Dec 24, 2018 02:54 AM)2SUS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) LOL took me like 10 seconds to find it ? ? ?

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I think this will really help new users post in the right places!!!

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I use the same sort of aspect ratio on a 60" TV. I can understand ?

Terry A. Davis - December 24, 2018, 2:23 am

Instead of redirecting to a page saying it's required, make the checkbox asking if it's market place or not a radio box instead of a checkbox?

Mix - December 24, 2018, 8:32 am

I noticed this the other day, and thought what on earth is it!?!?!?

But honestly reading about it if its here to help new members find the right section to post in Im happy to see it, Not gonna hate on where its placed as its a beta

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Nor am I suggesting you develop search capabilities to the extent as Google. But rather, I think my results demonstrate that better keyword parsing is needed. The "introduction to databases" example may be worded differently than your typical newbie is to do, but you'd think "databases" would produce a result for the query languages forum regardless. If I simply search for "database" or "database help" results are returned; though the order of the results is odd (better than nothing though, as you said). However, in neither example does the query language forum return as a result.

If you're parsing keywords then I'd think, in this example, "database" would produce the query language forum in the result set.

Pikachu - December 24, 2018, 12:12 pm

That was the first thing i noticed when i got on today. I think this will definitely help out alot of new people, i personally haven't tried it out yet though.

Omniscient - December 24, 2018, 2:04 pm

Quote: But rather, I think my results demonstrate that better keyword parsing is needed.

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If you were to expand to posts, I'd think the first post would be most beneficial rather than the entire thread. But yeah, it gets expensive at that point. And does the increase in keywords improve the results to a point where it outweighs the cost? Not sure it would.

You hit on what I had going through my mind on how this could operate: keywords assigned based

on forum. This system, though with added complexity, could also be weighted. Sticking with the current example of "database", you might assign that to Query Languages, PHP, SQL Injection, Coding and Programming, and Website Construction. The last two being far vaguer, but there for a, hopefully relevant, catchall. In a weighted solution, Query Languages and SQL Injection would rise above PHP, which would rise above the remaining. Of course, without referencing the forums list, my example is very rudimentary and not extensive.

Either way, please don't take my feedback as just being negative for the sake of negativity. Simply considering the results overall. I can see this as being beneficial regardless for newer users to the forum. Though I still think the button needs text to better explain what it's there for. :P

DENIZ - December 25, 2018, 9:23 am

Thank you for the new feature. I'm sure this will help a lot of new members.

Winds - December 25, 2018, 9:37 am

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TCP - December 25, 2018, 9:49 am

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Icon should be on top-right refresh <https://hackforums.net/cache/themes/theme12/global.css>

Winds - December 25, 2018, 9:51 am

(Dec 25, 2018 10:49 AM)Exp500 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Icon should be on top-right refresh

<https://hackforums.net/cache/themes/theme12/global.css>It works now, thanks for the help!

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HOMODIN - December 25, 2018, 9:55 am

That's actually a really nice feature. One thing that could be added is some note or something that states that only upgraded members can post on a few things in the market place ?

Omniscient - December 25, 2018, 7:42 pm

Quote:One thing that could be added is some note or something that states that only upgraded members can post on a few things in the market place

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HOMODIN - December 26, 2018, 12:56 am

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Omniscient - December 26, 2018, 1:27 am

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We already plan for that.

iNviZ - December 26, 2018, 10:58 am

This is a great addition and I like where the icon was placed. Really stands out.

Xerotic - December 26, 2018, 7:02 pm

Update:

Now if you do not have permission to post in a forum the suggestions page will have text letting you know which upgrade you need to post (L33t or r00t) along with a link to

<https://hackforums.net/upgrade.php>.

NurSpec - December 26, 2018, 8:23 pm

Another great new addition that has been implemented since I last visited. Keep it up, HF will live forever!