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Thread: [Bringing back users viewing this thread.](#)

**Mr. Robot** - February 14, 2019, 11:48 pm

I believe 2 things could drastically increase the forum mobility and activity.

1. Bringing back users viewing this thread. The more people viewing a thread - the more likely others are to reply as they want their response seen. You don't need to add the names, even just have a counter that shows how many people have viewed this thread in the last 5 minutes.

I think that will drastically on its own increase the activity and want - to post quality content as well as help users like myself see the activity on threads/tutorials we create.

2. Moving the "View New" button and making it slightly different (size or design - maybe give it a button style) As that I believe, isn't being used as often as it use to. Since the changes to the forum, that button is now in a different position and from the numerous discussions I have had, it was the core driving factor for a LOT of activity.

I think "View New" should be the core for the forum -

Quick - easy - accessible and bigger to be intentionally used as the main way of finding active content on HF.

A third suggestion that i'm not fully sold on, is simply "View a random thread made/active in the last 24 hours".

That would show you a thread in any section on the forum completely at random. Possible 0.1 byte bonus for replying to these threads.

>> Again these are just my suggestions/ideas and Omniscient obviously has more experience running forums and platforms than I do. I am just speaking anecdotal and not on behalf of the entire forum.

**Xerotic** - February 14, 2019, 11:54 pm

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Personally I use the forum a lot and can honestly say i've only clicked the view new button <10 times since the forum has changed. I feel like it's too squished in where it is and doesn't get the focus it deserves.

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I see what you mean! Also for the mobile layout you could add it either somewhere to the left of the ratings, or even better. Add them under the marketcp, usercp, etc. Instead of “your links”

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**Riyu** - February 15, 2019, 7:00 am

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(Nov 10, 2018 04:37 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If it comes back it has to be disabled for mobile view. It pushed the content down too much imho. You don't want to visit a page and scroll too far to see content.

This was Omnis response to a thread asking for it back.

Please bring it back.

**Elitas** - February 15, 2019, 7:47 am

(Feb 15, 2019 08:00 AM)Riyu Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This was Omnis response to a thread asking for it back.

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Could even locate it at the bottom of the thread, or even on a dropdown view.

**webdev77** - February 15, 2019, 4:50 pm

I really like using the favs button personally. I've switched over to using that more often and only after I check that will I check view new posts.

Maybe this warrants a separate thread, but on mobile it would be great if we could view the number of replies to a thread.

**Spaark** - February 15, 2019, 4:51 pm

Are there any stats about mobile usage on the forum? I second the interest in this feature.

**Bluffer** - February 15, 2019, 4:54 pm

Why not disable it on mobile if that's the issue and still allow medium and large screens to view it?

Would really enjoy having that feature back. Not just for seeing how many are viewing a thread but also for how many viewing section.

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**Eagle 95** - February 16, 2019, 4:07 am

You really want to have your stalkers present or to stalk, don't you?

**Black Hat** - February 16, 2019, 4:10 pm

I really enjoyed having real-time information on who was visiting my thread, now it feels like I'm

alone and invisible.

Omniscient - February 16, 2019, 9:46 pm

1. I don't agree. Your suggestion is denied.

2. Maybe. I'm converting a lot of HF features like that into icon based. Something like the [Quick Thread](#) icon top right would be useful.

3. No. Would waste precious mobile space on a frivolous feature.

Quote:Maybe this warrants a separate thread, but on mobile it would be great if we could view the number of replies to a thread.

No, again it's about very precious space on mobile and keeping display clean as possible.

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30% but should be higher and Google hasn't really taken enough of our pages into their index as mobile friendly even though we are 100%.

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I don't want it enabled in any form. It was abused and this is why those who use scripts want it back. So they can spam people who visit their threads. I ain't gonna have it.

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EXACTLY! You want this as a seller. NO, NO, NO!