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Thread: [\[Suggestion\]\[Idea\] Hear me out, not sure if development suggestions are allowed.](#)

ModernJS - September 23, 2019, 1:37 pm

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Cuban - September 24, 2019, 2:17 am

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SIM-1729678 - September 24, 2019, 2:18 am

On the other side of things, OP actually put effort into his suggestion. Props to you.

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That's fine. I'm not using i'd do it alone, that sounds lot of work and time which I can't spare.

There can be a team though, and a private gitlab ci/cd setup and you having access just in case you want to see the progress. Nothing serious, just a mere git repo it seems.

Anyways I very well agree with you and to your question weather thread management becoming easier, yes it does. Depends on how well you do state management. And I might not do it for free but at the same time there'd be no serious involvement of yours required to a point where we actually want the data. Originally we can start with dummy seeds for testing. But meh, I'm not sure weather you'll say yes.

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You can look at it as an unnecessary work, for me personally I can see as expanding my already gained knowledge from web development

The transition from Web 2.0 to 3.0 is real and it's happening, thanks to NodeJS for making Javascript a rich slut by taking it out of V8 lol.

Jokes aside, why do you see this as unnecessary? Sounds tedious work, yes but unnecessary?

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Hmm interesting, I really have no answer to why. But adapting to new technologies might not always help out in some cases, but ES6 is game changer let's face it. It might not be that great in the coming years, but NodeJS really did change the face of web development entirely even for Desktop and Mobile apps.

React, Ionic, Vue native, ElectronJS

It's penetrated everywhere, why not HF?

React - Facebook

ng2+ - Google

There's a lot of community support when it comes for help.

If you're concerned about How does this help the community then you need a broader vision tbh. Cause it most certainly will and a development branch can speak for itself.

(Sep 24, 2019 02:17 AM)Pegasus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What's that old saying.. "If it's not broken, don't fix it!"

You're right but we gotta adapt to the change sooner or later. We can't be stuck

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And yeah we can't disagree with the fact that Web 3.0 is powerful if utilized correctly, it offers even PWA, imagine browsing HF offline? Idk if PWA can fully be applied here but just my 2 cents.

Omniscient - September 28, 2019, 9:45 pm

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The whole idea sounds stupid and I don't know much about web dev either.

Why rewrite HF when it works optimally just the way it is?

BTC - September 28, 2019, 10:10 pm

The fact you took so much time of your day to think of and write this suggestion, makes me question your sanity. You made 2 valid points thus far, the rest were irrelevant or just completely false.

Either you are brand new to web development and just finished your first webinar on Web 3.0 or you are just a very confused, inexperienced web developer.

A good developer knows when to utilize things and not to, what is necessary and unnecessary.

Deal - September 29, 2019, 1:04 am

(Sep 28, 2019 09:45 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Another one of these smart people that doesn't know what he doesn't know.

Quote of the year.

You know when you listen to a song so good that you listen to it every day for a week and then grow tired of it because you have literally killed it. That's what I'm gonna do with this fucking quote.

??????? - September 29, 2019, 1:12 am

Some ideas just need to stay ideas and should not be made public. ?

Cooligan - September 29, 2019, 1:33 am

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I will admit that HF's speed is incredibly fast especially for just how many features it carries on a day to day basis. All the posts, threads, users, second by second page loads, the Hack Game, Contracts, the new profiles, etc.. are fast as can be also especially when compared to other forums/sites that are very basic in terms of comparison to HF.

And yes, the features you guys are releasing are genuinely coming out constantly as of late, which is amazing. HF is one of the first sites I've seen where every feature rolled out has been a positive one and also very fun to use. Many sites try implementing games, gambling systems, maybe even marketplace systems as well, however HF's implementation of all those has been far supreme to any others. I mean seeing just how many people love playing the Hack Game alone, and how detailed the "strategy threads" they make are, just shows how great these features really are at the end of the day.

I've always loved the layout of HF, how it works, just everything in general. After all these years I don't think I could get used to another forum as much as I am to HF, and I've heard many times from friends that "HF is confusing at first" that's just genuinely because this site has so much to offer to a very wide variety of people.

If what you've been using for the past 12~ years works great, then why fix it as others have said. I'm always open to new changes for HF of course as the internet is a monumentally fast growing place so it only makes sense for HF to keep up in certain aspects, and with the recent updates alone I think we've done that and more. Not to mention as you said it could be 1000 hours of work for the change alone, why spend the time and money on something like that if what you have now works great.

Long Live HF

BTC - September 29, 2019, 1:38 am

This post completely reminds me of that one quote

Quote: Don't fix things that aren't broken

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That's exactly what I think of when reading this thread.

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I'm sorry man, I didn't mean to be an a-hole or rude at all. I apologize. Yeah you're about me being a child. But I really am sorry. Cheers mate.

Life's far too important a thing to be taken seriously.

CPA Exposé - September 29, 2019, 11:22 am

In the future you'd probably get a better response by first asking and understanding their current process before making suggestions.

Omniscient - September 30, 2019, 12:35 pm

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In a nutshell that's it.

We have a new feature coming today. We have an extensive project list. Some of that does include web 3.0 features. But rewriting everything is ridiculous. It's beyond our resources and manpower and the benefit of that is very limited.

HF can change and evolve without starting over or ditching our code base.