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Thread: [Best Response Tweak](#)

SUI-3183372 - October 14, 2019, 11:17 am

Best response feature is an awesome feature, but currently only mentor and staff can mark a post as 'best response.'

Going through the RANF section, mainly focusing on Policy Q tagged threads, and going through various question based threads in some hacking sections, it does not seem like the feature is really being utilized as much as some of us may like.

My proposal is to let OP's (maybe just V3ndor+Ub3r, or Vendor+Ub3r+L33t) mark a response as the best response in their own threads. This lets people know what response helped the OP the most, and it increases the usage of this feature.

There is abuse to look out for. Best response generates 10 bytes and progress towards an award, so people would abuse this. My proposal to combat this:

Allow OP's to only mark 1 best response per day (or 3+ days, how many questions does one really ask?)

Increased details in bytes log. If a non mentor/staff gives out best response, log their name in the bytes log too. That way we can see if BV1 has given Orgy best response 19 times in a row, for example.

(Maybe) Take the bytes directly from non staff/mentors who give out best response, that way we don't have members generating too many new bytes out of thin air.

MavenGradle - October 14, 2019, 11:19 am

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duplex - October 14, 2019, 11:21 am

I agree, I haven't seen one since launch

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(Oct 14, 2019 11:19 AM)MavenGradle Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Similar to how Stack Overflow does things? I like that idea.

Yes, that's closer to what I had in mind, just with restrictions to prevent abuse so people can't cheat their way to the award or generate an excessive amount of bytes with it.

Claw - October 14, 2019, 12:34 pm

+1 for this, it would be great, i liked the idea that the bytes goes from OP or who mark it as best answer, but then we will have an issue, no one mark it as best answer so they don't lose bytes lol.

Supreme Kai - October 14, 2019, 12:39 pm

I like the idea, I also think it will result in more HQ posts!

Omniscient - October 14, 2019, 6:20 pm

Pretty good suggestion. I have to think about execution more. Also timing if we do decide to take on the suggestion.

MaxiPads889 - October 14, 2019, 6:26 pm

I support this as long as it isn't in the marketplace.

ludmila.sulcova - October 15, 2019, 8:27 am

I like this. Juicy idea. Please, I want to see it live!

Texasarsenal - October 15, 2019, 4:43 pm

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SUI-3183372 - October 15, 2019, 5:10 pm

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Try posting constructively.

Sir - October 16, 2019, 9:11 pm

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SUI-3183372 - October 16, 2019, 10:48 pm

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I agree that there will always be people who are asking questions that are far beyond their comprehension to begin with, but I feel like generally people know what they're looking for, and what does and doesn't help them achieve their end goal.

You guys (staff) definitely have a better vantage point on making that determination though, your eyes hit far more topics than mine ever will.

Silkroad - October 17, 2019, 6:33 pm

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Xerotic - October 17, 2019, 8:06 pm

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When you mark a BR a shiny (color rotating) bullseye is added at the top of the thread. Click it to take you directly to the post that was marked as "Best Response".

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This this and more this.

Sometimes it's not even the members fault either, it's just that they're so new that everything is genuinely a little confusing and/or a lot to take in at once.

I know when I first signed up I was asking Positive all the time about certain aspects and features lol.

Skorp - October 18, 2019, 1:06 am

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