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Thread: [Online Status...](#)

King - April 14, 2020, 12:25 am

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Yes. This is what annoys me the most. ?

flavoral - April 14, 2020, 12:29 am

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King - April 14, 2020, 12:31 am

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I know... But the main purpose (I assume) of extending the duration from 5 minutes to 30 minutes was to make that list look larger when it was available on the main page but since it's not available anymore, I don't think there is a reason for this extension anymore.

Xerotic - April 14, 2020, 9:59 am

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funtela - April 14, 2020, 11:06 am

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Demize - April 14, 2020, 11:17 am

I definitely get annoyed waiting for a reply back to a PM just to notice they were offline 30 minutes later

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Quen - April 14, 2020, 11:22 am

Will there be a system in HF where we will see how many people will be online?

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It won't update after 30 minutes or 5 minutes regardless unless you refresh the page. Almost all of HF you need to refresh the page to see new content. The exception to that are new features (convo and notify).

EDIT: And you are absolutely correct... the time won't change. So if it is 12:30 and the time you see is 12:10... guess how long they haven't been active? 20 minutes.

King - April 14, 2020, 11:24 am

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King - April 14, 2020, 11:26 am

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It's not a major problem but it really annoys me and apparently it annoys others as well. If he's away for more than 5 mins, technically he's offline.

SecureOp - April 14, 2020, 11:26 am

While we're on the activity subject, was the 'Hidden' activity option removed?

Xerotic - April 14, 2020, 11:28 am

Let me display.

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Let's fast forward 20 minutes. Let's pretend it is 11:46. Well if it is 11:46 now and they were last active at 11:24, that is 22 minutes ago.

The "last active" time is all you need to determine if somebody was recently active. In fact, it is even MORE accurate than a simple offline/online icon. We are providing you down to the exact minute that a member is active. What more could you need?

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Omniscient - April 14, 2020, 12:09 pm

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Don't see why this is a problem.

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DrDoof - April 14, 2020, 12:16 pm

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The point is that when you get a PM or thread reply and see this

you assume that the person will be online and ready to reply if you reply to him fast- if it's green when he is inactive the green dot really has zero purpose...

If the dot is green for only 5 minutes after the last activity it's way more likely that he is still there than if it was 30 minutes ago

Why should it be necessary to go to their profile to make sure they are online instead of just changing the status indicator so that it's actually not useless?

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Thank you for understanding. :)

Cooligan - April 14, 2020, 1:48 pm

I genuinely cannot see the problem even if it was a 5 hour online status.. Once you see that someone has been inactive for say past 20 or 25 minutes it's pretty safe to assume that they're either away at the time or just offline. Either way, all you have to do is subtract the time.

It's 2:00PM and the person I want to get in contact with shows: "Viewing thread: @ 1:42PM" and I know that the online status runs 30 minutes. So that would make it 18 minutes ago that user showed activity, giving me a safe assumption that he might be away and to not get my hopes up of an immediate reply, which I wouldn't normally because people are busy sometimes. Point is I just don't see the huge issue whether it's 30 minutes or 5 minutes. Plus the fact that 5 minutes is a very small portion of time, someone could've been taking their dog out to pee/poop lol.

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That's a reasonable amount of time to consider someone away/offline, any less I feel like would fall into the "getting a snack/taking the dog for a wiz" category.

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[newb@HF:]

Offline

Last Seen: 27 minutes ago

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