

Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [Community-driven blog/news site](#)

False King - December 28, 2021, 5:52 pm

So this idea popped up in my head. It's sad to see blogs aren't that much used, even though it's a great addition that took time to make. The issue might be that it feels contradicting on a forum site to have blogs.

Maybe the code behind the blog can be created to use a separate, new site. HF members can still publish blogs and require moderation, but they'll be published on this stand-alone sister site.

This sister site could maybe bring in extra traffic or income with ads. There's so much blog sites everywhere. They are constantly on Facebook feeds, get shared, and news push apps pick them on quite easily.

This could also open up people to see the quality content from the members of HF. As the forum itself requires registration before viewing content, this might make the forums itself more appealing before joining for those doubters.

This could also be expanded in like a satellite setup to appeal to different groups of interest. By choosing some kind of category or adding a certain tag, it could be published on either satellite.

False King - December 28, 2021, 5:59 pm

(Dec 28, 2021 06:57 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why bring it offsite?

IMO the blogs just need to be revamped.
Site activity is already scarce, so I don't see this idea succeeding.

Just get a group to make content on HF, right?

The reason for making it off-site is explained in the thread. It could add extra value when doing so. It doesn't mean all blogs can't be accessed from HF itself.

Charger - December 28, 2021, 6:02 pm

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False King - December 28, 2021, 6:13 pm

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False King - December 29, 2021, 7:52 am

(Dec 28, 2021 07:22 PM)James Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If you want to share blogs, go for it. You don't need an HF account to view them. A separate site doesn't really make much sense considering this. If you care about HF having a blog that has lots of content on and is being shared every where, you are more than welcome to create blog posts and share them.

Anyway, the problem with blogs is their current implementation and design. Most people I interact

with on HF don't realise it exists until someone tells them, and the UI could do with a re-design that gives off more of a news site built with WordPress feel.

There is a bunch of feedback here that could do with looking at too - <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6139026>

From my experience with using blogs, it feels like they were created and then left part-way through without being finished.

I'm aware they can be shared. I do not see how this has anything to do with the idea here. Satellite sites actually make a lot of sense if you properly look through all my arguments.

(Dec 28, 2021 07:43 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It makes more sense to enhance on-site blogs, right?

In my opinion, not really. We're a forum. Feels a bit like adding something for which the forum sections are meant? They need improvement nonetheless.

neightworks. - December 29, 2021, 8:32 am

Heh, you all must have forgotten what happened last time.

False King - December 29, 2021, 9:07 am

(Dec 29, 2021 09:27 AM)-Scrub Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) In my opinion making a sister site just means even less people or traffic for hf which we need more then ever. I agree with what someone else put I think the blogs just need to be revamped. Keep everything on site.

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Dehyped | ?? - December 29, 2021, 9:55 am

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You're just saying stuff without backing it up. How is it faster, easier, and more effective on-site? It would require more development to get it set up, but that's all there is.

(Dec 29, 2021 11:37 AM)Dehyped Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Seems like you just want to start a blog, go start a blog.

Seems like you're talking shit. Go to the toilet and keep your crap in there.