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Thread: [Broken Site Navigation and Tabs](#)

Omniscient - July 28, 2022, 1:43 pm

Please note I'm working on fixing the issues.

Nachfolger - July 28, 2022, 1:44 pm

[mention=2774521] said it's working for him on the red theme. Is it theme based?

Nachfolger - July 28, 2022, 1:46 pm

(Jul 28, 2022 01:45 PM)-Scrub Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) working fine for me on normal theme
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Zero - July 28, 2022, 1:49 pm

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Default is "Use default". Still broken on my end though.

Yin Yang - July 28, 2022, 1:51 pm

Oh thought it was old cache or something for a sec ?

Happeh - July 28, 2022, 1:53 pm

Looking forward to seeing the new layout. Fun little change after all these years.

Skorp - July 28, 2022, 1:54 pm

Ah okay got me by surprise.

The nav bar doesn't work for me and site response is slow when trying to click them. Only other minor issue I see atm which i'm sure you'll fix is the highlighted tab not working when selected.

EDIT: Everything is working fully again now.

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Rionxee - July 28, 2022, 2:04 pm

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Omniscient - July 28, 2022, 2:27 pm

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Agree with you 100%, and looking at the mobile version now it's a lot more streamlined whereas the stacked tabs looked like shit. However, the graphics section feels like the middle child in the sense it doesn't get the attention it deserves. I feel like the posts that do get made in it don't ever get seen unless you're looking at [New Posts](#) because the section itself isn't in much of a "spotlight" compared to the others. With more exposure, it could get used more, there are a lot of developers and designers on the forum. I feel like it'd be more popular but its position on the board and its subforums just suck, period. Looking forward to seeing what you do with it in hopes of bettering it.

Happeh - July 28, 2022, 3:25 pm

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SIM-3970461 - July 28, 2022, 4:22 pm

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Pretty much my thoughts. The overall motivation for less tabs was mostly to appeal to mobile users so the reduced scrolling should be somewhat at the forefront of the argument. Also, with that tab I feel there's less visability for the sections near the bottom, they will recieve little to no love and I wouldn't be surprised if people didn't know they were there.

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No. You have to imagine you're a new member. You either searched for Hacking Forum or you typed "hackforums". First thing you should see, is hacking categories.

And that's why the Social tab is the #2 tab, because indeed there is a lot of activity there. But with just 5 tabs, I don't think the order really matters as much anymore. Personally enjoying the cleaner look.

Omniscient - July 30, 2022, 1:13 pm

(Jul 30, 2022 12:58 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Same. It makes a lot more sense when it comes to finding subforums now.

Still plan to refactor Coding?

Yes, but it's so important that I want to really think it over.

I'm considering doing category forums in Coding based on language type. Such as Machine Languages, Internet Languages, and OS Languages. Bad examples but I hope you get the idea. Then I'd add Thread Prefixes to each category to fix those languages.

What's your opinion about that idea? Maybe you have an idea on the naming scheme for the categories. btw, similar to how Gaming got redone instead of specific games, I went to the different game niches.

Omniscient - July 31, 2022, 11:34 am

Quote:Is it possible to add Forum descriptions, but the descriptions only show at the parent level? I opted to remove forum descriptions for a more streamlined look. I don't see them returning.

iNviZ - July 31, 2022, 4:31 pm

Wish Xerotic was still around to help you on this.