

## Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [Is there any chance we can bring back users viewing this thread.](#)

**Mr. Robot** - September 2, 2022, 6:55 pm

As the title states - I think it did so much for driving activity on HF and keeping topics alive. It also helped track down ban evaders.

But overall I think it will drive up activity.

**Gary** - September 2, 2022, 8:11 pm

I loved this feature whenever a juicy thread was posted in the marketplace. It was great to see how a thread exposing someone can bring almost the entire community to that thread.

**Omniscient** - September 2, 2022, 8:22 pm

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I think it helped build a sense of community between users which then led to more interactions/posts.

**Omniscient** - *September 3, 2022, 5:00 pm*

I would consider "Users Viewing this Forum". Tried to enable it, I think we must have it removed in the template. I have to figure it out.