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Omniscient - January 25, 2023, 11:26 am

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It's got no value anymore.

Thanks.

Lrrr - January 25, 2023, 11:36 am

well, rip to myfucking postcount I suppose, though it might be nice to clean up the forum a bit

Zher0 - January 25, 2023, 11:39 am

Yep... rip to the post counts. I was trying to hit 5k!

Omniscient - January 25, 2023, 11:41 am

Well looks like some choking in the pruning queries. Not fully happy with how it's going. Taking 1 minute to delete 1000 posts and doing 10,000 queries each time. To do a million posts will take 1000 minutes, which I'm guessing will take 15 hours to run.

Well, I'll just let it do the thing.

Pancake Boat - January 25, 2023, 11:42 am

How much is that storage wise? Or is this more about keeping the forum fresh?

Omniscient - January 25, 2023, 11:48 am

(Jan 25, 2023 12:42 PM)Caligio Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How much is that storage wise? Or is this more about keeping the forum fresh?

Well, old data is kept partially for SEO purposes. But eventually the content is just old and takes up resources beyond that value. Even the default search engine of HF only goes back for threads up to 1 year.

When I delete the older posts and threads. This means some ancient inactive accounts now have 0 posts. So those get deleted too. Opens up potentially some OG usernames for new and active HF members.

Dredd - January 25, 2023, 12:17 pm

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Uriel Septim - January 25, 2023, 12:49 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 01:39 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I may have to eventually do an award for Old Fag accounts 10+ years that have made it without being closed. ?

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All these years of lurking will finally pay off

Cap - January 25, 2023, 1:08 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 01:39 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I may have to eventually do an award for Old Fag accounts 10+ years that have made it without being closed. ?

You're literally just week away from 10 years.
That would be pretty cool to see actually.

DashPHP - January 25, 2023, 1:09 pm

Ooooh. 10+ Year award sounds dope!

Komodo - January 25, 2023, 1:11 pm

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Asking for a friend.

Omniscient - January 25, 2023, 1:14 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 02:11 PM)Komodo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Let's make it 9 years, 10 is too rounded of a number.

Asking for a friend.
It would be a reason for you to stay another year.

Edge - January 25, 2023, 1:18 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 01:39 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I may have to eventually do an award for Old Fag accounts 10+ years that have made it without being closed. ?

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I second this idea. Just don't close me in the next 10 months.

grady - January 25, 2023, 1:32 pm

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theDuke - January 25, 2023, 1:45 pm

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Omniscient - January 25, 2023, 1:52 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 02:45 PM)theDuke Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) My registration date was actually January 2007 I'm not sure why it shows 2013.

So you joined HF before I made it?

Eran - January 25, 2023, 1:56 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 02:52 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So you joined HF before I made it?

Glitch in the matrix has been found! ?

Omniscient - January 25, 2023, 1:58 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 02:32 PM)?Infamy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is this just because it's cascading? Confused from a DB perspective what'd cause 10 additional queries per post.

Because to delete every post it's doing it through MyBB's delete_thread in moderation class. Which HF has hooks into for things like Bytes. It is not efficient but realistically it's cleaner. Plus I don't have to recode the function. So it's either time wasted rewriting it or time wasted having it run all day.

SkullTraill - January 25, 2023, 1:59 pm

Damn, please spare me... but feel free to delete my old posts, there's so much embarrassing shit from when I was 13 :joy:

Vibe - January 25, 2023, 2:10 pm

Wonder if any good names are open now, always good to get rid of cluster.

Glad to see your back to being your self as Omni

eXceptional - January 25, 2023, 2:11 pm

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Or maybe 5,10,15,20

theDuke - January 25, 2023, 2:11 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 02:52 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So you joined HF before I made it?

yes, I was born when the first thought of a hacking forum came into your head. I joined the forum shortly after that :)

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I second this, just like RuneScape ?

grady - January 25, 2023, 2:45 pm

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Makes sense, was mostly curious. Working through MyBB logic definitely a LOT safer but ik that's not new information to you.

(Jan 25, 2023 02:58 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Plus I don't have to recode the function. So it's either time wasted rewriting it or time wasted having it run all day.
relevant xkcd

Goku - January 25, 2023, 3:05 pm

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You're literally just week away from 10 years.
And me in a year and a couple of months. Hopefully I will get it too ?

Saged - January 25, 2023, 3:09 pm

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I like this idea. How about 20 years as well? ?

Cap - January 25, 2023, 3:12 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 04:09 PM)Saged Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I like this idea. How about 20 years as well? ?
You and I are almost to 14 years, that's crazy.

newvibe - January 25, 2023, 3:14 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 02:59 PM)SkullTraill Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Damn, please spare me... but feel free to delete my old posts, there's so much embarrassing shit from when I was 13 :joy:
I second this! plus lowkey been here for over 10 years too so throw that award my way! ??

pms - January 25, 2023, 3:24 pm

Nice to have some cleaning, Will this affect peoples post count?

Envy - January 25, 2023, 3:39 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 04:24 PM)pms Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice to have some cleaning, Will this affect peoples post count?
Yes, and also your bytes.

Omniscient - January 25, 2023, 3:49 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 04:24 PM)pms Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice to have some cleaning, Will this affect peoples post count?
Yes, it will. Post counts will be recounted when I'm done pruning.

Omniscient - January 25, 2023, 3:58 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 04:57 PM)-Scrub Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Since their old ones bytes ain't gonna be affected right ?
I think it is removing the bytes.

pms - January 25, 2023, 4:04 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 04:39 PM)Envy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, and also your bytes.
Oh okey. I think i will be alright anyways. Hope people out here dont get to many posts removed.

Yin Yang - January 25, 2023, 4:26 pm

Thanks for the update! Hope it helps with the DB storage too

Vince - January 25, 2023, 4:47 pm

Lets see how many of my posts get pruned lol
I get it though, from a forum admin perspective.

wallahifam - January 25, 2023, 4:52 pm

How long will it be for accounts to be deleted that are inactive? My friend is a member and hasn't been on in a long time

Omniscient - January 25, 2023, 5:28 pm

Almost done. I just set all negative Bytes to 0, so now one is negative anymore. Post counts are being rebuilt right now and should be done shortly.

Overall a few hundred thousand threads deleted and maybe 5m+ posts all in Lounge and Gamers Lounge.

Game - January 25, 2023, 5:50 pm

If the reset is already done, I think I may have just claimed a nice username. Pretty niche, but I like it.

Bob White - January 25, 2023, 5:52 pm

Just realized I am 3 weeks away from 10 years as well! <3

Nostre - January 25, 2023, 5:57 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 06:50 PM)Game Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If the reset is already done, I think I may have just claimed a nice username. Pretty niche, but I like it.

A small part of me wants to change mine too, but it would be weird logging in with another username.

Game is OG. ?

Game - January 25, 2023, 5:59 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 06:57 PM)Genuine Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) A small part of me wants to change mine too, but it would be weird logging in with another username.

Game is OG. ?

You're right, it felt weird logging in with another username after having my last one for so long. I am happy with the change though.

Omniscient - January 25, 2023, 6:08 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 06:59 PM)Game Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You're right, it felt weird logging in with another username after having my last one for so long. I am happy with the change though.

How do you think I felt after 15+ years of Omniscient? Meh, not bad to try new things.

Walter White - January 25, 2023, 6:17 pm

Oh baby there goes 1k posts ?

I bet there some very old accounts that lost maybe up to 5,000 or ever more??

wallahifam - January 25, 2023, 6:19 pm

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from the DB.

It's got no value anymore.

Thanks.

What accounts would be pruned for inactivity? Like how long inactivity for it to be pruned im wondering this for a friend since he have not been on in a while trying to get in contact with him but have no clue where he went

Game - January 25, 2023, 6:21 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 07:08 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How do you think I felt after 15+ years of Omniscient? Meh, not bad to try new things.

Yeah, I can imagine. That's quite a long time. How do you feel now you've reverted back to Omniscient?

Do you miss being "Admin"?

Next time you change your username, you should give "Jesse" a go.

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I don't appreciate you using my real name. We are not friends. I've never asked you to call me that. It's rude. Do it again, I close your account.

KnownSyntax - January 25, 2023, 7:07 pm

Is the activity based on the last post, thread creation, or the last time signed into an account (I lurk here and there and are curious if I should post more to avoid getting pruned one day)? Thanks!

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I prune based on last active which last time you viewed an HF page while logged into the account. So lurking should be fine. The only caveat is if your post activity is so old that the posts are pruned and you turn into a 0 post member, even upgraded, you risk being pruned.

Blazin - January 25, 2023, 7:33 pm

Probably will be nice to trim down the database in size a bit. I like to do this myself once every 6 years or when I feel it's getting too big.

Carl Elias - January 25, 2023, 8:03 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 01:39 PM)dateline='1674679153' Wrote:I may have to eventually do an award for Old Fag accounts 10+ years that have made it without being closed. ?

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This would be an interesting stat just to know. Like how many users have stayed for over 10 years or even if there are still any active/lurking users from the year you started.

Lrrr - January 25, 2023, 8:23 pm

I've lost at-least 1500 posts so far :(

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all the old fags loved this post

StuffSneak - January 25, 2023, 9:01 pm

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That would be lovely. Please make it so. Maybe it can be an upgradable award.. like 10-12-15 something like that.

Also, checking my bytes and post count. Fingures crossed.

Edit: Not too bad. I guess I never was a lounge person back then.

SMMFlare - January 25, 2023, 9:07 pm

Time for me to find a new cool username I suppose

Fish - January 25, 2023, 9:32 pm

I only lost 62 posts, not that bad. I remember the last time you purged a bunch of accounts, that was when I changed my name to Fish.

Dragosthethird - January 25, 2023, 10:00 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 01:39 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I may have to eventually do an award for Old Fag accounts 10+ years that have made it without being closed. ?

You're literally just week away from 10 years.
Ill take my award for lurking the majority of nearly 12 years without getting closed

Game - January 25, 2023, 10:08 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 07:35 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't appreciate you using my real name. We are not friends. I've never asked you to call me that. It's rude. Do it again, I close your account. I didn't mean to cause any offence by it, please accept my apologies. It's public knowledge and from what I've seen you've not attempted to keep it obscured so I had assumed it wouldn't be an issue. Please excuse my naivety Omni.

No ill-will here, can I buy you a beer?

Aedan_ - January 25, 2023, 10:16 pm

I wonder how some people's post count's will change, cool though

Dredd - January 25, 2023, 10:29 pm

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That would be cool, how time flies 10 years. Let's hope 10 more.

Regulus - January 25, 2023, 10:48 pm

I hope my post count stays at least :/

Cooligan - January 25, 2023, 11:01 pm

Tfw you signed up 9.5 years ago so thankfully it's only a few threads or posts of mine potentially.

PHEW ?

OT: Though this definitely should help with storage and load times overall.

[Omniscient](#) - would it be possible to maybe archive those older threads instead of completely deleting them? Only reason I ask is because it's a lot of fun to go way back in time on HF and read all the old threads, see what topics and interests people had all those years ago, etc etc.. I've always enjoyed doing that so having an archived section to still be able to do so would be awesome. :)

OMSPK - January 25, 2023, 11:05 pm

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I'll be at that 10 year award soon! Just uhh... give me a minute.

Depending on the threads some members had back then getting removed that are still relevant or useful today, it would be cool to see a lot more informational and informative/teaching threads popping up again from the OG's. I'm sure there's a few gems floating around that were forgotten about.

Cooligan - January 25, 2023, 11:18 pm

Okay so luckily I very recently took a screenshot of my profile because I had just hit 1,000 QL's.

Total differences in stats I've seen so far is:

Threads: - 34

Posts: - 1,115

From yesterday: [\(Click to View\)](#)

Vitani's Mate - January 27, 2023, 3:14 pm

HOLY shit I just lost a fuck ton of posts and no longer the top poster on HF. (Back in 2011) lol
Oh well I guess all things come to a end.

I was at like 82k.

jcole - January 27, 2023, 3:21 pm

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Meeehhh, I was posting like I was back in the day and this type of prune happened.. Yeah I would be pretty fucking salty.

I have been barely active these past 5-6 years to care now.

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All good things come and go.. I'm still rooting for your 100k. Your posts may not be there digitally, but they are all in our hearts.

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(Jan 27, 2023 04:32 PM)theDuke Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's wild. I remember seeing you online and posting literally 24/7. I'm glad to see you're still here though lol.

I am not sure if someone has a screenshot of my past post count. lol

I would like to keep it for keepsakes, I am pretty sure I did have one but I am not sure where it went.

(Jan 27, 2023 04:32 PM)jcole Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) All good things come and go.. I'm still rooting for your 100k. Your posts may not be there digitally, but they are all in our hearts.

Yeah I was top poster for 11-12 years. lol

Sad to see it go but ehhh what you gonna do, Omni needs space and past threads and posts get pushed more and more down the line.

Agent Shark - January 27, 2023, 4:38 pm

Very sad about this.

Vince - January 27, 2023, 4:57 pm

Only lost around 800 posts, not as bad as I thought it was going to be tbh.

Nate - January 27, 2023, 5:23 pm

this is gonna suck towards my 24k award

yup just lost over 2k fucking posts.. smh this was a buzzkill :/

Eran - January 28, 2023, 3:08 am

RIP to everyone who was near that 24k award. You'll get there again <3

Pentatonix - January 28, 2023, 6:57 pm

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You should really consider this. Would be a nice addition for your older and loyal members.

Deal - January 29, 2023, 7:03 am

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Rather call it wisemen than oldfags. ?

Cooligan - January 29, 2023, 8:19 am

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This would be soo damn cool to see :D

I've always thought an award like this would be awesome for HF. I really can't wait to see what you come up with.

Diabolic - January 29, 2023, 12:31 pm

Probably was about time for a mass prune of older stuff anyway.

EDIT: I lost about a thousand posts roughly, not too much of a kick.

Walter White - January 29, 2023, 3:22 pm

(Jan 25, 2023 08:30 PM)Natha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 1700 here, no worries though, I'm not much of a "post whore" in this day and age. ?

Yeah same. I just wonder how long it'll be until all of my posts are gone ??

Omniscient - January 29, 2023, 3:29 pm

(Jan 29, 2023 04:22 PM)Walter White Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah same. I just wonder how long it'll be until all of my posts are gone ??

Stop posting today and maybe 15-20 years. You think we should hold old posts forever? Actual law in Europe requires deleting them.

Komodo - January 29, 2023, 3:34 pm

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How dare you not waste server space on posts made 10+ years ago that no one ever looks at.

You should be holding them forever, and then we'll bury the drives with you.

Walter White - January 29, 2023, 5:00 pm

(Jan 29, 2023 04:29 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Stop posting today and maybe 15-20 years. You think we should hold old posts forever? Actual law in Europe requires deleting them.

No, I'm indifferent. Just a curiosity Omni.

Black Swan - January 29, 2023, 8:40 pm

Rip to all the old users. Guess it is a must for performance, though.

Tando - January 31, 2023, 7:57 pm

Awesome glad you're doing some trimming, it's like HF is a growing tree and it needs some

branches to be cut off because they're weighing it down.

Lost 50% of my posts because I'm an oldf** as we used to say back in the day.

Starting fresh. #swag