

Forum: [Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [MyBB Update 1.8.4](#)

Omniscient - June 9, 2026, 2:19 pm

MyBB 1.8.4 was released nearly 2 weeks ago. I only noticed late last week.

<https://blog.mybb.com/2026/05/28/mybb-1-8-40-released-security-maintenance-release/>

Because HF is not branch I have to manually go through each file that's edited and make the alterations necessary for security updates. Some of them I don't even have to apply because they don't effect HF. Example would be Calendar Feature which is disabled on HF entirely.

Took me a few hours but it's all done, we're patched up and ready to go.

btw, weird thing is for a couple months the MyBB forum and Extend (plugins/themes) sections were disabled and redirected you to the home page. Unsure if they were upgrading or doing an AI Audit. I thought maybe they were finally calling it quits. Strange that I don't see any threads about it in the MyBB forums. Their project is really dead.

Riggs - June 9, 2026, 2:22 pm

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Natha - June 9, 2026, 2:30 pm

Interesting that the project is nearly dead, or though I guess new forums aren't as popular as they once were, definitely my favorite forum engine.

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Damn that's dedication man...i don't care what anyone says about you, your a good dude.

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Excellent step in the right direction. Thanks for the link.

_VOX - June 11, 2026, 6:07 pm

Last time I had anything to do with forums there was a debate between MyBB and Xenforo, i think there's a clear winner there.

Raijin - June 14, 2026, 2:42 pm

That sounds tedious. I also noticed the 1.8.4 update for my personal installations.

Prepper - June 14, 2026, 5:46 pm

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Hopsin - June 15, 2026, 10:31 am

What will happen to HF if MyBB dies? Are there any plans?

Jamika - June 15, 2026, 10:48 am

I always wish the very best for the forum. I know you've put a lot of effort into it, and it's worth it.

Oxycodone - June 15, 2026, 3:25 pm

As Omni stated, I don't think the fate of MyBB really matters when it comes to HF staying alive.

As he's already proven and stated, this isn't really "MyBB" anymore. It's more like "OmniBB" — a heavily customized variant of MyBB. That's why he mentioned having to manually go through every file that was changed or updated, review the security fixes and updates that were made, compare them against the current project, and implement them himself.

The main thing MyBB becoming a dead project would affect is future patches, security updates, and overall community support. As we all know, the community is what helps keep everyone informed and aware. If there is no active community using MyBB, a threat actor could discover a 0-day vulnerability that affects many sites. Without a community, it would be much harder to warn others about it, coordinate disclosure, or get a fix developed and deployed quickly enough.

Although HF could theoretically be affected by a vulnerability like that, it's pretty obvious that HF has been forked and modified in ways that likely make many exploits targeting stock MyBB installations less applicable. That doesn't mean it's immune to vulnerabilities, but it does mean that what affects a standard MyBB forum may not necessarily affect HF in the same way.

Just look at the number of systems HF has in place to mitigate DDoS attacks—attacks that most of us don't even notice anymore because those protections have been running for so long. He's literally banned entire countries from accessing HF, lol.

Not to mention the amount of scanning and monitoring that likely takes place behind the scenes. I wouldn't be surprised if he's implemented some form of automation or AI to detect more natural-looking scans or users poking around where they shouldn't be. It honestly wouldn't surprise me if Stanley serves as a sort of Jarvis. To us, Stanley is just a helpful forum bot, but for Omni, it could be something far more sophisticated when it comes to monitoring, analytics, and internal security operations.

In regard to my comments about "OmniBB," "Stanley as Jarvis," and HF potentially not being vulnerable to a 0-day that affects standard MyBB installations—those are obviously exaggerated a bit for comedic effect and to simplify the point I'm trying to make. The reality is that only the people with access to the code know the full extent of what has been changed or what systems are currently in place.

My point is that Omni appears to actively maintain and improve the platform. If he notices a vulnerability, he's likely going to fix it. The difference is that he may not even consider it a major update worthy of an announcement. At this point, it probably looks more like a normal day's work than a formal software release.

There's a tremendous amount of time and effort invested into this place that many people don't recognize, even though it's all around us.

Everywhere you look, you can find features that don't exist in a typical MyBB installation. Whether it's the media upload functionality, embedded content, the PM/chat sidebar, Bytes, "Cite This Thread," or countless other additions, the forum has clearly evolved far beyond what most people would consider a stock MyBB deployment.

I'm not a MyBB expert, and I may be wrong on some of the technical details. Maybe I'm completely talking out of my ass. This is simply how I see things. Maybe I'm even giving him more credit than he deserves.

That said, even if some of my assumptions are wrong, there's still plenty of evidence that Omni deserves a lot of credit—not just for HF, but for the many communities, forums, and projects he's operated, owned, or contributed to over the years.

I'll end it here before it starts sounding like I'm trying to polish the guy's trophy.

The point remains: I don't think the future of MyBB is what determines the future of HF.

Throughout history, successful organizations, communities, and businesses have survived by adapting. Times change, technology changes, and user behavior changes. Blockbuster had opportunities to adapt and didn't. Netflix did. AIM Messenger was once dominant, and now it's a memory. The internet itself looks nothing like it did twenty years ago.

At the end of the day, it's about the people and where they choose to invest their time and attention.

Sadly, the generation that grew up with dial-up internet, AIM Messenger, IRC, forums, and early internet culture is no longer the majority online. The landscape has changed dramatically.

If anything, HF's longevity demonstrates the importance of adaptation. The forum has survived this long not because it depended on MyBB, but because it evolved beyond it.

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I don't screw around, I'm usually on any exploit within a day or two.

The MyBB team has always been iffy on disclosure.

xadamxk - June 20, 2026, 2:53 pm

The new Father's Day banner is pretty cool. Big fan

Tha Sneak - July 14, 2026, 4:32 pm

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It's interesting you stated the intent was to attract programmers and modders. A majority of the major forum players in programming, modding (especially video games), etc. are dying down or closing. One of the largest repositories of video game mod tools, game saves, tutorials, etc. closed their forum last year I believe, which was TheTechGame.

GeeksToGo a computer help website the owner has been AWOL for years and the activity is nearly non existent aside from a select few malware removal helpers. It used to be neck and neck with BleepingComputer.

FlipperZero could become a massive piece here with tutorials, information, custom plugins, etc. it just requires someone to do it. Motor vehicle forums are dying and a lot of them came with tutorials and information on reprogramming motor vehicle components.

The common denominator in all of these sites I found looking for guides, tutorials, and downloadable tools. Lastly, that is exactly how I found HF when I was researching a potentially malicious file via Google I found HF and I loved it when I began going through the content.

In my opinion, with the closure of targeted sites to these niches some of those can find a home here at HF. Not too long ago I thought to myself why are a lot of forums failing now. My thought process led me to consider Reddit, which has everything. Reddit is not a community for me and I know there are many likeminded in that respect, but those niches have guides, tutorials, wiki links, etc. amongst any content you can imagine for the most part.

However, the structure of Reddit is terrible and limited in my opinion. I say this because HF while it targets "hackers" it like you said isn't limited and there is tons of diversity here on the aspect of why they are here.

One of the most important ideas I have on top of building general content is to build on bringing programmers and utilizing their skillset to build tools that can be exclusive to HackForums, which everything above once had overflowing. If there was a strong community of programmers working together just imagine the possibilities. (Not vibe coders, but they can learn how to program correctly and utilize AI as a tool not a crutch too I've personally taught several)

If you're open to it I would like to build you a list of thoughts and ideas (it absolutely will not be AI generated) and get your feedback, thoughts, and/or improvements to them.

Building this community is meaningful to me because like many others here we spent a lot of time here, learned a lot of things here, had a lot of fun here, and the current community has the secret sauce to do a lot more it just requires coming together to do so.

Omniscient - July 15, 2026, 11:39 am

Don't really pay attention to other forums but I remember thetechgame.com (TTG).

Reddit is a partial competitor but I think Discord is really what's killed many communities. I recognized this early on and it's why nobody can advertise Discord Channels on HF. All it does it take people away. I can't stop it but I'm also not going to help it.

AI is really how everyone is going to get their information. One advantage of HF is that some of the content AI won't help you with.

If I wanted Flipper Zero help, I would just use AI. That's just reality now.

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