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Thread: [Quick Loves should bump threads](#)

xadamxk - June 15, 2026, 5:15 pm

I'm not saying every Quick Love should trigger a post bump, but if a thread hasn't had a post in x hours (24?) then receiving a QL should bump it. Exclude the marketplace to prevent abuse, but as a contributor this has been driving me crazy.

I've created multiple threads contributing to the site (many others have as well) and users Quick Love to show appreciation but do not post.

I think QL adds value and don't wish for them to be removed, but it seems to cause members not to post, which helps the contribution stay relevant.

Look at the HF News or any tutorials being made - it happens everywhere.

_VOX - June 15, 2026, 5:43 pm

Would love to see more topics that involve general conversation take priority over some of the tutorials, could possibly apply it to lounge posts to try contribute more growth and contributions on more general threads.

JoshAllen - June 15, 2026, 6:26 pm

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xadamxk - June 15, 2026, 7:21 pm

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My threads get replies because I ask people to post or I post after a while when no one else has, so they aren't the best example.

Even then, I'm not saying they get more QL than posts, but the QLs come without posting, which buries the content.

More along the lines of:

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6326750>

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6326766>

5chn4pp - June 15, 2026, 7:23 pm

I do sometimes leave a QL instead of a reply because I like the thread but have nothing to add.

So I support this, even though I don't think it's gonna be added.

Jamika - June 16, 2026, 12:01 am

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xadamxk - June 16, 2026, 6:11 am

(Jun 16, 2026 12:01 AM)Jamika Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I know some will abuse this
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Jamika - June 16, 2026, 10:45 am

(Jun 16, 2026 06:11 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How's that?
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xadamxk - June 16, 2026, 11:39 am

(Jun 16, 2026 10:45 AM)Jamika Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Telling a friend to ql you daily , and u can send him 20 bytes as a gift ?

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xadamxk - June 16, 2026, 11:59 am

(Jun 16, 2026 11:52 AM)Jamika Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) But why don't they just post again instead of u pumping it in first place ?

That's my point - people QL rather than post on contributing threads.

Omniscient - June 17, 2026, 3:35 pm

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Quote:and users Quick Love to show appreciation but do not post.

Yes, that. But it's really not a good reason to bump a thread over it.

I'll think more on this for you, but I don't see the benefit.

xadamxk - June 17, 2026, 4:20 pm

(Jun 17, 2026 03:35 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) We have Bumps for Bytes. Why should a QL have the same function?

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What you're proposing is basically an automated post whenever someone does a QL. It would make more sense the post came from the member giving the QL than from Stanley.

But this would just create a ton of low quality, exactly the same posts, all over the forums.

What you want is more activity on the forums. A bunch of bump posts are not that.

Stop expecting activity on HF. I've literally done contests to give out thousands of dollars and it barely matters.

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xadamxk - June 18, 2026, 1:21 pm

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Can I also add that so much of what we see on Social Media isn't even real human activity. Tons of fake engagement posts. Bots will create fake content then other bots will reply to it. Just a bunch of engagement farming now. It's starting to feel like 90% of the internet is completely fake.

Meanwhile, HF disallows bots and we close AI accounts. We require real humans and the results are less activity.

I don't know what it takes anymore to get people to communicate with more than an emoji click or a like button.

I gave AI my post and asked for a reply.

AI Quote: AI Perspective:

The irony is that AI is actually exposing a problem humans already created.

For years the internet has been moving away from genuine discussion and toward algorithms rewarding reactions. A thoughtful 5 paragraph reply gets ignored while a 5 second rage post gets 100,000 views. Platforms trained people to scroll, react, and move on.

Now AI and bots are accelerating that. Entire ecosystems exist where AI writes the post, bots inflate the engagement, other bots reply, and humans are left arguing with content that may have never represented a real person's thoughts in the first place. The internet is starting to have an authenticity problem.

The strange part is that a forum with less activity today might actually represent something more valuable: real people.

HF banning bots and closing AI accounts means the numbers are lower, but the conversations that remain are human. There isn't a farm of automated accounts creating fake drama just to boost engagement metrics.

The future challenge probably won't be "who has the most activity?" It will be "how much of that activity is real?"

A forum post written by a person with a history, reputation, and identity might end up becoming more valuable than millions of anonymous AI-generated comments.

Maybe the next evolution of communities isn't bigger numbers. Maybe it's proving there is still a human behind the keyboard.