Subject: Suggestion: Auto-Lock Old Topics
Posted by Dr. Lithius on Sat, 18 Feb 2006 14:46:41 GMT
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Here's a suggestion whose time I believe has come... Why not plunk a function into the coding of these forums that makes topics which haven't had a post for over some set amount of time auto-lock so that way no one(well, none of the normal members) can revive it for no apparent reason other than to amp up their post count. Nine times out of ten, if I see a topic that has a post gap on it over two months -- and actually, it's usually a gap of a year or more! -- then it's some new person who obviously doesn't grasp the concept of "Let old topics die unless you have something intelligent to add". Thus, they find themselves the victims of a lot of "n00b-saying"; they get themselves mocked early on, and in some cases, either flare back idiotically, or just never return.

In any case, I'm tired of seeing these god damned topics that are older than most members being revived by people with nothing better to do. I emplore you... Add an auto-locking function to topics that haven't had a post in over a month or so...

Thank you for reading this.

Subject: Re: Suggestion: Auto-Lock Old Topics
Posted by Dave Anderson on Sat, 18 Feb 2006 14:57:37 GMT
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That would be pointless. Even if an old topic was bumped, it rarely ever happens. And to go through the time to implement a function like that into the forums would make for a wasted cause.

Subject: Re: Suggestion: Auto-Lock Old Topics
Posted by Goztow on Sat, 18 Feb 2006 16:52:53 GMT
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I'm pretty sure this wouldn't take such a long time to implement it. I don't know this forums system though, but for PHPbb2-forums it would be rather easy.

Subject: Re: Suggestion: Auto-Lock Old Topics
Posted by Dave Mason on Sat, 18 Feb 2006 17:18:51 GMT
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... and pointless.

If somebody aimlessly revives an old topic, let the moderators lock it.

Subject: Re: Suggestion: Auto-Lock Old Topics
Posted by Dr. Lithius on Sat, 18 Feb 2006 17:35:33 GMT
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Posted by Dave Mason on Sat, 18 Feb 2006 17:46:46 GMT
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Subject: Re: Suggestion: Auto-Lock Old Topics
Posted by Crimson on Sat, 18 Feb 2006 21:10:21 GMT
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You are wrong. When I see these old bumps I always remove the posts from the thread to un-bump it. I usually delete the messages completely to remove the post count increase.

Subject: Re: Suggestion: Auto-Lock Old Topics
Posted by Kamuix on Sat, 18 Feb 2006 21:56:00 GMT
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Cya next forum.

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Posted by xptek on Sat, 18 Feb 2006 22:57:12 GMT
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ROOFGNOMES.

Subject: Re: Suggestion: Auto-Lock Old Topics
Posted by bigejoe14 on Sun, 19 Feb 2006 00:16:00 GMT
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xptek wrote on Sat, 18 February 2006 15:57ROOFGNOMES.
I thorougly second this.

Subject: Re: Suggestion: Auto-Lock Old Topics
Posted by Kamuix on Sun, 19 Feb 2006 00:20:40 GMT
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Posted by Dave Mason on Sun, 19 Feb 2006 00:39:50 GMT
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You weren't around for the "roof gnomes phenomenon" so I wouldn't worry about it.

Subject: Re: Suggestion: Auto-Lock Old Topics
Posted by Areilius on Sun, 19 Feb 2006 02:32:14 GMT
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A better idea would be to have some warning message for when you try to post in a topic over 2 or 3 months. Old topics are usually only revived because the poster didn't realise it was so old.

Something like "This topic is 3 months old. Are you sure you want to post?" would probably solve the problem.

Auto lock equals gay.

Subject: Re: Suggestion: Auto-Lock Old Topics
Posted by exnyte on Sun, 19 Feb 2006 04:38:15 GMT
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Not to mention if a topic is auto-locked... what if someone who had something actually intelligent to add to that topic comes at a later time and isn't able to because the topic is locked. If the person decided to make a new topic with this information, they'd likely be attacked because the topic was already made before. Thus adding a new problem instead of fixing a small, almost non-existant, problem.

Subject: Re: Suggestion: Auto-Lock Old Topics
Posted by Nightma12 on Sun, 19 Feb 2006 08:56:09 GMT
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Posted by Dave Mason on Sun, 19 Feb 2006 13:26:57 GMT
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How about, who gives a shit? It's fine the way it is. If it annoys you so much, the best thing you can do is just don't reply, let it die out again.

Subject: Re: Suggestion: Auto-Lock Old Topics
Posted by Crimson on Mon, 20 Feb 2006 01:36:21 GMT
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I'm not going to mod this forum. Mod = no more upgrading.