Subject: Do we need some restriction for new users due to...?
Posted by fudadmin on Fri, 28 Jan 2011 17:11:33 GMT
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I have noticed recently that there cases when spammers register to our forum and put links related to the places we all hate. Then someone bans them (my guess - honza?).
But that wastes time and creates bogus users.
This reminded me some ideas which other forums have:
1. restrict users with 0 messages not to be allowed to put www links? Does anyone know how technically to do this with fudforum?
And/or
2 force users with 0 messages to post at least one introductory message into a special "say hello" forum section which e.g could be restricted to viewing for logged users only. And only after that allow to post to other sections.
And/or
3 require to answer a simple poll/questionnaire in that "say hello" section.
This way we could also gather some statistics how they had found us, what they expect, and maybe make them feel more welcome etc.
What do you think?

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Posted by dolik.rce on Fri, 28 Jan 2011 17:31:17 GMT
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Posted by fudadmin on Fri, 28 Jan 2011 17:45:08 GMT
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You deserve to have admin rights, I think.
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Can someone with domain root privileges upgrade the forum?
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EDIT: I could press the buttons myself but I dont know how long it would put the forum off-line and what to do if something goes wrong. I used to do that long time ago when I had root access.

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I never had a problem with message search... but if there is one, Google is already indexing the forum, just use the search button on the left side

And concerning the upgrade - there should be a backup made first How to do that is described in one of the links I posted above, not sure if you need to access the server directly or if it is possible from the forum UI.

Honza

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Posted by mr_ped on Fri, 28 Jan 2011 19:24:28 GMT
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Posted by koldo on Fri, 28 Jan 2011 21:14:24 GMT
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Hello all

I agree with Ped.

It is good to improve but, for now, all spam is removed quickly.

Spammers are banned and after some weeks, deleted.

No spammer has answered until now , so the banning criteria seems to be right.

I do not want to be aggressive: for example, more than one user declares in the occupation to be spammer, and it seems we have not received spam from them .

Anyway, the spam we receive is low: for example, the Google Tutoring Plan group receive more spam than U++ Forum and, considering that Google has anti spam filters, it seems we are right now.

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Posted by sergeynikitin on Sat, 29 Jan 2011 04:08:36 GMT
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In addition, new users should not take too strong control. It will scare them.

On the other hand, hundreds of people come every day and read ALL new messages. Pass through this filter is unrealistic.
