mili / February 04, 2003 08:04AM
[Be able to post Sticky posts](#)
It would be nice for admins and mods to be abe to post stickies, posts that would always stay at the top in which rules and regulations could be posted.

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rocketeer / July 04, 2003 08:59PM
[Re: Be able to post Sticky posts](#)
There's another thread here that's been talking about this for a while so apologies if this covers the same ground.

The simple trick to this is to make the modifystamp in the forum database into a value that corresponds to a date well in the future. I used 2000000000 (9 zeros) which is a date sometime in 2033!

If you can access your data tables this is easy as a bodge for the odd topic. remember to close the thread (closed=1) too or the first person to reply breaks it!

If you want to do the job better, try this:

1. hack moderators.php to include a case statement in the main switch to capture a new "make sticky" event.

go to line 126 (yes, the gap between existing case statements) and add

// hack to keep a topic on top ("sticky")

```
case "sticky":
$sSQL="Update $ForumTableName set modifystamp=2000000000, closed=1 WHERE thread=$t";
$q->query($DB, $sSQL);
header("Location: $read_page.$ext?f=$num&i=$t&t=$t$GetVars");
exit;
break;
```

2. hack read.php to include a new nav element that allows the mod(s) to make a topic sticky.

go to line 578 or so and add (as new lines)
```
<!-- hack to keep a message "sticky" -->
 | <a href="<?php echo
"$forum_url/moderator.$ext?mod=sticky&f=$ForumId&i=$rec_id&t=$thread$GetVars";?>"><FONT color='<?php
echo $ForumTableBodyFontColor1; ?>' class="PhorumNav">Make Sticky</font></a>
<!-- end of hack -->
```

3. hack include/threads.php to display a "sticky topic" warning if you so wish.

go to line 55 and check it reads $t_latest=date_format($trec["latest"]);

add these lines immediately after that line

```
if ($t_latest == "18.05.33 05:33" ) {
$t_latest = "Sticky topic";
}
```

This last part relies on a horrid bodge that depends upon the date format (set at the bottom the language template (see lang directory) and quite likely to be different for different countries - so this will EASILY break). Leave it out if you're unsure, it's purely cosmetic and just avoids displaying a date way off in the future.

If you do want to use this, then you MUST change the 18.05.33 05:33 string to exactly match the format displayed by other posts on your system. Typically this might be 05/18/33 05:33, for example, in the USA. Don't change the values - just the delimiters and order etc.

(Can someone cleverer than me figure out how to capture this BEFORE the date/time gets generated by the convfunc() call in the actual SQL command?)

Hope this helps.

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caffiend / July 14, 2003 09:01PM
[Re: Be able to post Sticky posts](#)
If you'd rather open the post up instead of deleting it when you don't want/need it sticky anymore, you can change in moderator.php

```
case "close":
$sSQL="Update $ForumTableName set closed=$closevar WHERE thread=$t";
```

- to -

```
case "close":
if($closevar == 0){
$NOW=time();
$sSQL="Update $ForumTableName set closed=$closevar, modifystamp=$NOW WHERE thread=$t";
}else{
$sSQL="Update $ForumTableName set closed=$closevar WHERE thread=$t";
}
```

Alex / September 18, 2003 10:41AM
[Re: Be able to post Sticky posts](#)
Hello!

I changed the 'modifystamp' in the forum database to 2000000000, but my topic doesn't appaer at the top :(
I'm using phorum v. 3.4... could someone help me?

Thanks