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**From**

**carnuke**  Sent: 2007/1/29 11:29:28

**Re: You may be interested in this :-()**

Hi Herko, an update on this. Indeed the xoops groups was cleaned up. David Ledbury confirmed this and has now reinstated my access here. Regarding the xoops.managment site, it looks a bit less promising. I heard from Marco last night after he returned from a business trip. He confirmed that it was Skalpa's decision to ban me from the management site, although Marco has not agreed with this decision.

I sent a detailed email back to him explaining my thoughts on this. Just so that you are aware of what is happening, Ill enclose the email I sent him.

Quote:

Hello Marco

Thanks for you email explaining what has happened. I am not suprised that Skalpa has done this. I'm afraid that Skalpa and

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I do not see life in the same way; I have always maintained that he is a good programmer, but a poor manager of people. He sees life as either black or white according to his view of the world. I find him intolerant and disrespectful of other peoples efforts and opinions if they do not agree with his own views. Back in the days when I was on the core team and we communicated through the mailing list I made it clear that his rude and arrogant opinions were destructive and hurtful to other core leaders such as Herko, Mithrandir and Horacio. He openly attacked their characters on the mailing list leaving a very 'bad atmosphere' on the group. I was shocked and outraged to see my friends and long standing contributors of xoops degraded in such a humiliating way and I strongly objected to Skalpas' posts on the mailing list. You might say, 'we are not the best of friends' Eventually his attitude contributed directly to their resignation and departure from the core team and xoops. Yes, I have transcripts and personal emails that make this statement absolutely clear. This is a disgraceful way to treat other members, especially those that have given so much to the life of xoops.

I guess my comments on the management site brought back old

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memories for him and it was easier to 'get me out of the way' Maybe he is right. I will NOT stand by and see my friends and fellow co-workers insulted and yes, I will correct anyone who tries to put down someone else's genuine efforts to contribute.

We are not always right in what we say, but what matters is that in our hearts try to give something positive and life giving to the community. When that good will is attacked I feel the spirit of xoops is also under attack and that deeply concerns me. Skalpa may well be a good programmer, single minded and enthusiastic, but his vision is too narrow to accept the efforts of others who genuinely have a small part to offer. We are all in a team and as such every player has a vital part to play to contribute to the whole movement of xoops. I doubt that Skalpa is a good team player and the conflicts and insults from his mouth clearly indicate that he can not tolerate a different opinion.

Ok, that's my view. and some background that may explain his actions to me. When I joined the management site I had every hope to contribute my small part and work in harmony with my fellow workers, without argument and conflict. I am not known to be a

contentious person. I was suprised at how my simple question about the links section on xoops.org was used to point out my fault at posting in the wrong forum, rather than focussing on the issue raised. A more mature approach would have been to have moved the post to the correct location and sent me a polite PM telling me my mistake rather than making a large converstaion about my mistake on the forum. It was my second post, surely it was not so serious?

Do we see our cup half empty or do we see it half full?? It's an important question, I believe.

If I am not welcome on the management site because Skalpa feels threatened that I might cause trouble, that's fine. He is right to be worried, because as I said before, I will not take any abuse from him or let him abuse my friends as he has done in the past. I respect you guys too much to stand by and watch your hearts become unhappy when you work so hard . Management is a tough game and sometimes we have to say tough things to each other, but we should never want to insult the character of a person, or cause them pain.

You must find a way to work with him, but I caution you not to let him dominate your contributions. Xoops

does not belong to Skalpa, it belongs to the community of people who care for it and add to its future in any way that is positive.

Thank-you for giving me access to the site with your login. I will NOT be using this as I feel it is inappropriate to appear online under your name.

My good wishes to you and the management team. No hard feelings to you or the other members of the team. I wish you well and hope your are creative and fruitful for the sake of xoops.

I have sent DavidL some comments regarding the FAQ section and groups which he is welcome to post on the site for your consideration.

Regards, Richard Strauss.

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Desrousseaux Marc wrote:  
> hello carnuke,  
>  
> i'm back from business trips, this situation is skalpa's decision, and i do not agree with it  
> you can use my account : marco / pass:herve to that purpose.  
> for me, such a situation is the best way to lose valuable members like you  
> speak to you soon (my msn account is [marcd@nordnet.fr](mailto:marcd@nordnet.fr))  
> marco  
>

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> ----- Original
Message ----- From:
"Richard Strauss"
<richard@
houseofstrauss.co.uk>
> To: <marcd@
nordnet.fr>
> Sent: Thursday,
January 04, 2007 9:43
AM
> Subject: problem with
xoops management site
permissions
>
>
> | Hello Marco 😊
> |
> | For some reason, I
am unable to get
access to the forums
on the xoops
> | management site.
After logging in, I am
shown a xoops denied
permission
> | screen when
selecting 'Forums'.
This happened sometime
after my second
> | post on the
forums.
> |
> | I suspect this is
a technical fault with
permissions.
> |
> | Regards, Richard
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**Quote:**

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Herko wrote:
My guess: David
accidently locked you
out (skalpa had the
same problem not long
ago) of the management
site. So don't worry
about that too much.
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As for the
administrators group
and documentation rank,
I know that there have
been plans to
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restructure the groups and ranks that go with them, but I agree that you should have access and a corresponding rank.

Also, I agree with you that communication here is key. DOing this without prior notice is rude indeed, and the sad thing is that we get used to being treated like this.

So, you're in your right to send this e-mail, but my advice is not to look too deep into the shadows for conspriacies and egotistical powerhungry maniacs. It's probably not meant to alienate anyone.

Herko

Quote:

carnuke wrote:  
Just sent to  
David

Hello David.

I write to you because, really have no idea who is running the xoops website at the moment. I was invited to be a member of xoops management website and after 3 posts, I was locked out of using the forums. Despite emailing Marco about this on th 4th Jan this year, I have heard

nothing by  
reply and  
still am  
unable to get  
access to the  
management  
site. I can  
only assume I  
have been  
banned for  
some strange  
reason.

Today, I when  
I logged on to  
xoops.org, I  
see that I  
have been  
removed from  
the  
administrators  
group and my  
documentation  
tag has been  
removed.

I interpret  
this means that  
another move  
has been taken  
to remove my  
continued  
activity to  
contribute to  
FAQs  
moderation,  
without any  
communication  
to me.

Considering  
all I have  
ever done is  
add positive  
input into the  
xoops  
community for  
over 3 years,  
I find this  
action not  
only  
disrespectful,  
but counter-  
productive to  
the work of  
xoops.

Not only that,  
but a short PM  
or email



communicating  
the intention  
to bar me  
would be at  
least polite  
and  
respectful. I  
do not think  
for a moment  
these actions  
are a mistake,  
but a further  
indication that  
xoops  
leadership is  
loosing its  
integrity and  
backbone to  
drive the  
project  
forward and  
appreciate  
those that have  
committed  
their skills  
and time to  
the project.

I refer not  
only to this  
incident  
regarding  
myself, but  
those that  
precede this,  
such as with  
Herko,  
Hsalazar and  
Mithrandir, to  
name a few.

Ok, you may  
think it's ok  
to lose a few  
casualties and  
stand that  
cost, but my  
experience (as  
director of a  
large company)  
suggests that  
there are in  
fact a very  
few people  
that can stand  
the pace of  
continued  
commitment and  
those people  
are worth

respecting and honoring in their work.

Enough said. Except if I really have been 'frozen out' without so much as a simple word from the chiefs, I can only surmise that xoops is on a slippery slope into disorganisation and mediocrity.

I ask that you, or whoever is responsible for my change in xoops has the decency to reply to this PM to clarify the situation.

Richard Strauss.

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