User Manual: Publishing

This document contains all the information necessary to create and manage topics.

Create a Topic

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To create a topic, from the main menu go to Manage Topics -> Create Topic. Once you have selected to create a topic, it will ask you for a name for the topic. Enter anything you like. If the name is invalid, it will let you know.

Cancel the Creation

Once a topic is created, it cannot be deleted, so if you change your mind about creating a topic, you can always type 'cancel' and no topic will be created.

Topic Settings

Getting to the Settings

To get to a topics settings from the main menu, go to Manage Topics -> Manage Topic -> Topic Name -> Topic Settings. Here you will be presented with the options to toggle auto run, manage default messages, or change the welcome message.

Toggle Auto Run

Selecting this option will toggle whether or not the topic automatically publishes messages to its subscribers without having to manually publish them. However, the auto run feature can only be toggled on if the topic has some default messages to pull from. Attempting to toggle it on when the topic has no default messages, it will tell you that you cannot turn it on until you add some default messages.

Manage Default Messages

Selecting this option will take you to a menu where you can view, add, or delete default messages. What is a default message? The default messages are what are pulled from when auto run is enabled. When the auto run publishes a message, it will randomly choose one of these messages to send. They are the messages that get sent by default if you're too lazy to send any yourself.

Change Welcome Message

Every topic has a welcome message that is displayed to a user when they first subscribe to the topic. Select this option and it will tell you what the welcome message currently is, and then it will ask you for a new one. Enter

anything you like. If what you enter is invalid, it will tell you.

Publishing Messages

Manual Publishing

To manually publish a message, from the main menu go to Manage Topics -> Manage Topic -> Topic Name -> Publish Message. You will then be asked to enter a message to publish. Enter anything you like. If what you enter is invalid, it will tell you. Once your message has been accepted, every subscriber will receive a notification saying there is a new message on that topic, and the message will be added to the topic's message history.

Automatic Publishing

If you don't want to manually publish things, you can go into the topic settings and toggle auto run on. Once you do, your topic will begin automatically publishing messages that are on your topic's default messages list while your profile is loaded and being used. As soon as you quit, messages will stop being sent until you log in with this profile again. If there are no messages on your default messages list, you will not be able to turn auto run on until you add at least one. While auto run is on, you can still publish messages manually.