

# Anonymous moderators are manipulating the sage-devel discussions

19 messages

Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

To: sage-conduct <sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Sat, Jun 1, 2024 at 10:23 AM

I have to report severe misconduct by unknown parties: sage-devel discussions are being manipulated by deleting my sage-devel posts.

This needs to be fixed.

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Dr. Matthias Koeppe . . . . . . . http://www.math.ucdavis.edu/~mkoeppe Professor of Mathematics

Nils Bruin <br/>
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bruin.nils@gmail.com>

Sat, Jun 1, 2024 at 11:04 AM

To: Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>, sage-conduct <sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Dear Matthias,

Can you give coordinates for where the messages disappeared? I can see the traces of one deleted message in the thread https://groups.google.com/g/sage-devel/c/IPLoA7zaoyg, between a message from you dated 31 May 2024, 10:27:41 and a message from Dima dated 31 May 2024, 12:27:52. We don't know whose message that was and we don't know how it disappeared. People can delete their own messages. Is that the message you are referring to? Are there other messages from you that have disappeared without you taking action for it to happen?

Please continue to follow up with sage-conduct, since I will be in infrequent email contact in the coming weeks. Other committee members will be able to follow up with you.

On behalf of the sage code of conduct committee,

Nils Bruin

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[regarding message to sage-conduct:]

Date: Sat, 1 Jun 2024 10:23:48 -0700

Subject: Anonymous moderators are manipulating the sage-devel discussions

To: sage-conduct <sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

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Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

To: Nils Bruin <br/> struin.nils@gmail.com>

Cc: sage-conduct <sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Dear Nils,

Many thanks for the speedy response.

I'm missing two or three messages from yesterday (May 31), all in that

thread https://groups.google.com/g/sage-devel/c/IPLoA7zaoyg

I haven't deleted any messages myself. I have been using Google Groups on the web, so unfortunately I don't have message ids or other records.

Best.

Matthias

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Sat, Jun 1, 2024 at 11:12 AM

To: Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu> Cc: sage-conduct <sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Dear Matthias,

I checked the moderation queue. There is now one message from you in the queue awaiting a moderation decision, to together with the just-released message that would account for two messages that you wrote to the thread but hadn't appeared when you wrote your message. That meets the lower bound you mention. Do you think the one deleted message mentioned in that thread is yours? If it is then that would be really concerning because it would indicate the google groups administrative privileges may be compromised.

On behalf of the sage code of conduct committee,

Nils Bruin

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#### Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

Cc: sage-conduct < sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Dear Nils,

Thanks, I can confirm that the now-posted <a href="https://groups.google.com/g/sage-devel/c/IPLoA7zaoyg/m/fFmq-gVgEgAJ">https://groups.google.com/g/sage-devel/c/IPLoA7zaoyg/m/fFmq-gVgEgAJ</a> is one of the messages that was missing. I am not sure if I am missing one or two more.

In a future discussion on project governance, I will suggest a review of the admin privileges for the Google groups (by the way, also for the GitHub organization); and also mandatory training for all who are elevated to such privileges. In particular, that training would ensure that moderators have basic training to recognize information warfare techniques.

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Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

Cc: sage-conduct < sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

At least one message is also missing from the thread https://groups.google.com/g/sage-devel/c/JiSryImYGe0 "Current status of possibility of integrating libraries written in Rust into Sage".

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David Roe <roed.math@gmail.com>

To: Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

Cc: Nils Bruin <bruin.nils@gmail.com>, sage-conduct <sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

I just approved a message on that thread; thanks for pointing out that it was still missing.

I believe that the only other message of yours that has been moderated over the past few days is the one below (from May 31), which we are not going to approve. David

On Friday, May 31, 2024 at 9:38:30AM UTC-7 Dima Pasechnik wrote:
it's just pure bloat [...] their peripheral role [...] pytest might get a part which needs Rust [...] Have another fight [...]

All of the above are "fear, uncertainty, and doubt" markers; I will not respond to such.

Sat, Jun 1, 2024 at 11:47 AM

Sat, Jun 1, 2024 at 11:27 AM

Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 12:09 PM

Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 12:19 PM

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For more options, visit https://groups.google.com/d/optout.

## Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 12:22 PM

To: David Roe <roed.math@gmail.com>

Because, of course, using information warfare techniques is fine, and calling it out is not, got it!

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#### Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

To: sage-conduct < sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 12:35 PM

Meanwhile Pasechnik has taken to posting denunciations to the unmoderated sage-release.

https://groups.google.com/g/sage-release/c/FEB5VD\_vHgs/m/R0RTysD2CQAJ [Quoted text hidden]

#### David Roe <roed.math@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 12:50 PM

To: Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu> Cc: sage-conduct <sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

On Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 3:35 PM Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu> wrote:

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Thanks for bringing this to our attention; I had not seen the message to sage-release (though we had prevented it from going through on sage-devel). We are looking into the situation. David

On Sat, Jun 1, 2024 at 10:23 AM Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu> wrote:

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Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

To: David Roe <roed.math@gmail.com>

Cc: sage-conduct < sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

He also crossposted his denunciations to

https://groups.google.com/g/sage-support/c/mCOgB481Tm4

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David Roe < roed.math@gmail.com >

To: Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

Cc: sage-conduct < sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Both of these crossposted messages have been deleted. Thanks again for informing us.

David

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Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

To: David Roe <roed.math@gmail.com>

Cc: sage-conduct < sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Reflection time.

Could this possibly be enough?

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Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

To: sage-conduct < sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Also at least one message in

https://groups.google.com/g/sage-devel/c/JiSryImYGe0 is missing.

On Sat, Jun 1, 2024 at 10:23 AM Matthias Koeppe

<mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu> wrote:

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Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

To: sage-conduct <sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Committee,

I forgot to say this today, but this whole moderation business is obviously not working.

Kindly reinstate me as admin of the sage-devel, today.

Thanks

Matthias

----- Forwarded message ------

From: Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

Date: Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 10:12 AM

Subject: Re: Anonymous moderators are manipulating the sage-devel discussions

To: sage-conduct <sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 1:10 PM

Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 1:55 PM

Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 8:11 PM

Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 10:12 AM

Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 2:21 PM

#### David Roe <roed.math@gmail.com>

To: Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

Cc: sage-conduct < sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 6:16 PM

We've received your request, and are discussing it with the committee. I very much doubt that any action will happen today.

David, on behalf of the Code of Conduct Committee

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### David Roe <roed.math@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 2:38 PM

To: Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu> Cc: sage-conduct <sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Dear Matthias,

Given that there have been several messages that we rejected in the last week, we are not prepared to remove you from moderation at this time. Moreover, since most of the moderation at the moment consists of messages sent by you and Dima, we do not believe that it would be appropriate for you to be a moderator on the google group.

Is there a specific reason you want to become an admin for the google group? The SageMath Code of Conduct Committee

On Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 5:21 PM Matthias Koeppe <a href="mailto:mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu">mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu</a> wrote:

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Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

To: David Roe <roed.math@gmail.com>

Cc: sage-conduct < sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

People, you're still bothsidesing. Fix it or step down.

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Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 2:50 PM

Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

To: David Roe <roed.math@gmail.com>

Cc: sage-conduct < sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

On Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 2:38 PM David Roe < roed.math@gmail.com > wrote: > Is there a specific reason you want to become an admin for the google group?

Yes, so that there is one person in the admin role who is able to take responsible action.

What's happening right now is wildly misguided, manipulation, abuse of power, etc.

Unacceptable.

Just hand it over.

Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 2:53 PM



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