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Even more abuse

13 messages

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Tue, Feb 27, 2024 at 2:18 PM

Like I said months ago, the committee needs to have a serious word with Dima and tell him, with authority, what the rules are.

These abuses will not go away with saying "Please stop" to him.

Is anything like this part of the plan discussed in the committee?
I really need to know.

Matthias

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David Roe <roed.math@gmail.com>
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Tue, Feb 27, 2024 at 2:33 PM

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There was at least one long discussion with him since then plus some shorter interactions, but the current action is ratcheted up a few levels from what the committee has previously done. I am not comfortable providing more details.

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When and if it's appropriate, we will try to provide them.

Regards,

John

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John H. Palmieri

Matthias Koeppe <mkoeppe@math.ucdavis.edu>

Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 10:48 AM

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

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Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 12:05 PM

Hi Matthias,

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I think David's question is a good one, one which has been on the committee's radar. It deserves an answer, even if asking it at that moment was less than ideal.

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I also want to know your answer to David's question.

-- William Stein

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Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 12:57 PM

I meant to send this message to Matthias and sage-abuse, but I left sage-abuse off accidentally.

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Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 3:40 PM

Hi John and all:

1) Yes, I have blocked Dima because of his repeated severe public misconduct. And because of the fact that his past public denunciations are still there for everyone to see on PRs and Google Groups, etc.
etc.

2) I agree that it would not have been appropriate for the committee to speculate publicly on my actions, good call.

3) I strongly object to the proposed addition to the CoC in "Blocking GitHub users is discouraged because it can obstruct effective collaboration. If a user blocks someone, they should also alert the Sage Code of Conduct Committee, which may follow up with questions." (<https://github.com/sagemath/sage/pull/37501#issuecomment-1977495866>)

(a) There are many ways how various actions can "obstruct" --- and the obstruction that has been done by the bad-faith commenters posing as PR reviewers etc. is at the very center of the "disputed tickets" crisis. Singling out this one mode of possible "obstruction" is a problematic distraction.

That Tobias has been blocking me on GitHub for weeks now is basically a curiosity -- it's merely a continuation of his long standing conduct on his PRs, where he would systematically ignore or dismiss my review comments and demand that his PR be merged as is.

(b) Without proper qualification, blocking should not be "discouraged" and it must not be said that it can "obstruct". Both would be incongruent with the additions done in #37501 that point to the handling of abuse and harassment by the relevant project platforms. Giving the impression that we are blaming the targets of abuse for their methods of defense must be avoided at all cost!

4) I would suggest to address it as follows in the CoC: Present it as an option that the platform makes available as an immediate response to harassment and abuse. Then say that the Sage CoC committee intends to respond swiftly to any reports so that use of this option will not be necessary in most cases. Ask that the blocking of any GitHub users should be shared with the committee, and likewise that "content reports" to the platforms be shared as well with the Sage CoC committee so that it is in the loop "for coordinating the response."

5) If you agree with this addition to the CoC, that can also be the basis for the necessary public response to Dima's playing the victim of blocking. This approach makes it unnecessary to divulge my motivation for blocking him.

6) Affirmative steps are necessary before I'll discuss the possibility of unblocking Dima.

Matthias

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Fri, Mar 8, 2024 at 12:47 PM

More abuse:

In <https://github.com/sagemath/sage/issues/37533#issuecomment-1986002492>,
Dima is harassing Marc Culler, in the same way as he did in the Nov
2023 thread <https://groups.google.com/g/sage-devel/c/rBvXdVKC4nw/m/GVJUaGglAgAJ>

And in <https://groups.google.com/g/sage-devel/c/XDvKkMRoDk4/m/gKCCgZxtAAAJ>,
Dima continues to play the victim about being blocked

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Fri, Mar 8, 2024 at 1:09 PM

Thanks. We've been discussing how to respond to the <https://groups.google.com/g/sage-devel/c/XDvKkMRoDk4/m/gKCCgZxtAAAJ> thread already, and will do so today. We'll take a look at #37533.
David

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