

moderation team for osmf-talk / talk OSM mailing lists and forum

May 3

Etiquette violation by user Marc_marc talk

Outcome



By Allan Mustard · 2 minutes ago

The moderators voted unanimously to suspend user Marc_marc from the talk@ list for 7 days.



Details

Proposal by Allan Mustard · Closed Sat 6 May 2023 5:10PM

On 30 Apr 2023 at 19:11:04 +0200, user Marc_marc used the contraction "wtf", an obscenity, in a message posted to the OpenStreetMap talk@ list. Further, user Marc_marc engaged in *ad hominem* disparagement of another community member, accusing her of "lack of sensitivity" when in fact the alleged offense was using a commonly used online tool toward which user Marc_marc apparently harbored negative feelings.

Moderator Mustard, in accord with the Process for Moderation, issued a private admonishment to Marc_marc by electronic mail, advising him to avoid use of obscenities and *ad hominem* attacks.

Marc_marc's response was as follows:

BEGIN QUOTE:

On 5/3/2023 3:21 AM, Marc_marc wrote:

Hello, Le 03.05.23 à 03:27, Allan Mustard a écrit :

Marc_marc, I write to you as one of the moderators of the talk list. You wrote the following in a post to the talk list:

*Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2023 19:11:04 +0200 From: Marc_marc<marc_marc@mailo.com>
To: talk@openstreetmap.org Subject: Re: [OSM-talk] Survey about OSM communication behaviors
Message-ID: <12054371-7659-32e5-e61c-4f4602a89a33@mailo.com> Content-Type: text/plain;
charset=UTF-8; format=flowed Le 30.04.23 ? 18:29, Courtney a ?crit?:*

It will be interesting to get a sense of how many within the community have principled objections to proprietary software compared to members of the community who are looking at useability,

localization, and/or accessibility as well as open sourcing in their choices of software.

wtf, with such biased questions, I wonder what point there is in answering, the only thing that is proven is your lack of sensitivity in this point it is not one or the other it's useability with no respect for privacy or useability with privacy or useability without any knowledge that you are offering your personal data to the company hosting the service

This post appears to violate two etiquette guidelines.[1]

Behavior, speech or jokes that are sexist, racist, homophobic, transphobic, xenophobic, ableist or otherwise discriminatory or offensive.

Disrespect towards individuals, such as bullying, retaliation, personal insults, innuendo, edit shaming, or deliberate use of rejected name (deadnaming).

First of all, "wtf" is a code for an obscenity. The "f" in "wtf" stands for a four-letter Anglo-Saxon obscenity referring to sexual intercourse. That is not acceptable. Second, you attack another OSM community member personally, accusing of "lack of sensitivity" when in fact the alleged offense is using a commonly used online tool. Your ideological take on Google notwithstanding, ad hominem attacks on other OSM community members are not acceptable. It would be more appropriate to explain why alternatives to Google would be better, without attacking another user personally. Please moderate your speech in this mail list. If you do not, the OSMF moderators will take appropriate action.

I have the impression that you have only taken into account this message, by alerting on wtf, without taking into account the context (the previous and following messages) I proposed alternatives, I talked about ideas, when the person replies that it's a good choice and that it was impossible to do better (before installing linesurvey a few days later...as if the impossible was possible), is it a personal attack to say that I think there is a lack of sensitivity? PS: in my circle, wtf is not insulting, it's more the expression that "but what the hell is this story" (in relation to the impossibility becoming possible 2 days later). I take note that it shocks you. personally what shocks me is to receive such a warning with direct threats for the only time in 10 years that I receive a moderation message. moderation is also a matter of dosage, i think it would have been normal to receive a first message without threats

You have the right to appeal this admonition to the OSMF Board of Directors.

what does this sentence mean in concrete terms? that you have a recorder who has sent me an email and that I can contest this recorder if I find it disproportionate/inappropriate? and that it is the board that will process it? Regards, Marc

END QUOTE.

It appears to the moderators that user Marc_marc does not take either the Etiquette Guidelines or the Process of Moderation seriously. The moderators offered a response to Marc_marc's questions, thus:

BEGIN QUOTE

Marc_marc, This is a response on behalf of the moderators appointed by the OSMF Board of Directors on 23 May 2022.

I have the impression that you have only taken into account this message, by alerting on wtf, without taking into account the context (the previous and following messages)

The context is not relevant. What is relevant is your violation of the Etiquette Guidelines.[1]

PS: in my circle, wtf is not insulting, it's more the expression that "but what the hell is this story" (in relation to the impossibility becoming possible 2 days later). I take note that it shocks you.

Use of profane or obscene language violates the Etiquette Guidelines. That it is "not insulting" in your "circle" is irrelevant. The Etiquette Guidelines apply to all communications on this mail list.

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Moderation went into effect on this list in June 2022, so any inaction prior to that is irrelevant. Further, the admonition is not a threat. It is a warning, in accordance with the Process for Moderation published on the OSM Wiki.[2]

> You have the right to appeal this admonition to the OSMF Board of Directors. what does this sentence mean in concrete terms? that you have a recorder who has sent me an email and that I can contest this recorder if I find it disproportionate/inappropriate? and that it is the board that will process it?

It means exactly what it states. You have the right to appeal this admonition to the Board in accordance with the Process for Moderation/Reconsideration Requests.[3] The moderators suggest that you become familiar with the Etiquette Guidelines and its associated documents, links to which may be found at https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Moderation_team_for_talk_and_osmf-talk_mailing_lists. The Etiquette Guidelines were adopted in December 2021, and it is your responsibility to be familiar with them. They will be enforced. Best regards,

Allan Mustard

Moderator

[1] https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Etiquette/Etiquette_Guidelines

[2] https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Etiquette/Process_for_Moderation

[3] https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Etiquette/Process_for_Moderation#Reconsideration_Requests

The moderators remain concerned that, absent a sanctioning action, Marc_marc will disregard the warning.

Therefore, the moderators resolve to suspend Marc_marc from the talk@ list for a period of 7 days to reinforce the warning to refrain from use of obscenity and *ad hominem* attacks.

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Results

	Option	% of points	Voters
	Agree	100%	5
	Abstain	0%	0
	Disagree	0%	0
	Undecided	0%	0

5 of 5 people have voted (100%)

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Votes

- Angela Teyvi May 5
- Rubaina Adam May 4
- Radmila May 4
- LM Logan McGovern May 3



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His response indicates a lack of respect for the Etiquette Guidelines and lack of awareness that what is acceptable in his "circle" is not necessarily acceptable in the broader community.



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