

FORUM GUIDELINES

Forum registration

Registration to this forum is free! We do insist that you abide by the rules and policies detailed below. If you agree to the terms, please check the 'I agree' checkbox and press the 'Register' button below. If you would like to cancel the registration, click here to return to the forums index.

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Forum posting/behaviour guidelines

1) No personal attacks or bullying. If you disagree with what someone is saying, then present a mature and intelligent case to prove otherwise. Malicious intent will not be tolerated. What you do over private email is one thing, what you do on our forum is another.

2) Any content that is unlawful, harmful, harassing, threatening, defamatory, vulgar, hateful or distasteful in nature are prohibited. Sure, most of us use four letter words in normal conversation without too much thinking, but this forum is about thinking. Words are the clothes in which thought is dressed. And luckily, these threads are cheap (pun intended) so please choose language that reflects the quality of your ideas. Continued threats against a member, moderator or administrator will NOT be tolerated. If you disagree with another member, respond to the subject, not the person as the Internet has made it easy to make personal attacks, you must still exercise courtesy and self-restraint here. Please use the PM (Private Messaging) system to resolve personal issues.

3) No threadjacking. Threadjacking is the practise of stealing another's thread by posting off-topic replies such that the original topic becomes diluted or lost. Off-topic

posts, and even more importantly replies to off-topic posts, are welcome, but should also address the original thread topic.

Some of the greatest discussions have come as a result of off-topic replies. If something interesting does arise that warrants further discussion then continue your discussion privately over email, or even better start a new thread and link to it. This rule will of course be used with discretion.

4) No posting of safety endangering information without an accompanying safety-warning message that adequately explains the risks

5) Usage of multiple registrations for the same person and/or same internet access account is not permitted without prior approval of the site, and may result in a permanent ban of the individual and/or account holder. If you have forgotten your log-in details, please contact us.

6) Any form of advertising or soliciting members or commercial website linking (excluding signatures of current Business Venturing advertisers) whether publicly posted (including signatures) or sent privately (including email or PM) is strictly prohibited. This also includes, but is not limited to advertising with the intent to 'help people', or to provide 'free' products or services (e.g. 'free unlocking' posts), or links containing a referral or affiliate ID. While the forum is free for you to use, it is costly and time consuming for us to run so spam makes it harder to fund the forums. If you wish to advertise please use our contact form first.

7) Privacy of members - Revealing personal information such as full names, mailing address or other information that is invasive of other's privacy without their express consent is prohibited.

8) Cross/Double posting - Please post to the MOST relevant forum. Double or cross forum posting or other attempts at flooding the forum with posts will be removed.

9) Bumping - This refers to posting with the deliberate intention to either pad your post count or to keep a thread 'hot' so it appears at the top of the forum. These type of posts can be described as useless information, gibberish, redundant or one-liners. Please try our search tools to see if there has already been a similar discussion first.

10) Languages - All public content, including but not limited to titles, signatures or attachments MUST be in the English language. Try to make the topic wording mirror what is inside the thread. Topics like "Check this out!" and "~\You have to see this!/" only attract members to a topic they may not want to read.

11) More rules - In addition to the rules posted here, members are required to abide to any individual forum rules which may be posted at the top of specific forums in the form of 'stickys' or 'announcements'.

Violation of forum rules will result in users having their accounts suspended and/or terminated, at the discretion of the moderators. These rules will be enforced in good faith to keep the discussion quality level and the level of peer respect, high.

Forum moderation

Admins and forum moderators reserve the right to close or delete any post that does not provide a clear and purposeful topic. There are many members who still use 28.8 and 56k modems that do not have the time to wade through useless and senseless topics.

BusinessVenturing.com is a place for all members of the business start-up community to ask for help and share their knowledge. Several members of the community have been appointed as forum moderators. This is a distinctly separate role from their participation as members in the forum.

Moderators control individual forums. They can edit, delete, or prune any posts in their forums. If you have a question about a particular forum, you should direct it to your forum moderator. It is a moderators role to enforce the forum rules. As such, moderators should lead by example through intelligent posting and polite communication.

It is not a moderators role to ask users to prove the quality of their arguments through empirical evidence, that is the role of the community (and the moderators may of course still participate as members of the community). The moderators will use their best faculties to separate their own personal opinion when analysing whether posts contain worthless or irrelevant information and should be removed.

There are moderators. All over 7 feet tall. All over 17 stone. All trained athletes with bulging muscles and hair trigger reflexes. Each moderator is equipped with two low slung colt 45's, night vision glasses and armour piercing tracer shells. But they are kindly people. Anyone can call on a moderator to help out. If you have a complaint, email the webmaster. If you have a suggestion to improve the site, email the webmaster.

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