

Current Situation

Currently the Theia forum at <https://community.theia-ide.org> does not use categories. This is a proposal to start organizing posts into categories, and promote the usage of them.



all categories ▶

Latest

Unread (5)

Top

Categories

Category	Topics
Uncategorized	1322
Topics that don't need a category, or don't fit into any other existing category.	
	5 unread
Site Feedback	10
Discussion about this site, its organization, how it works, and how we can improve it.	
Staff	4
Private category for staff discussions. Topics are only visible to admins and moderators.	

Current Categories Section

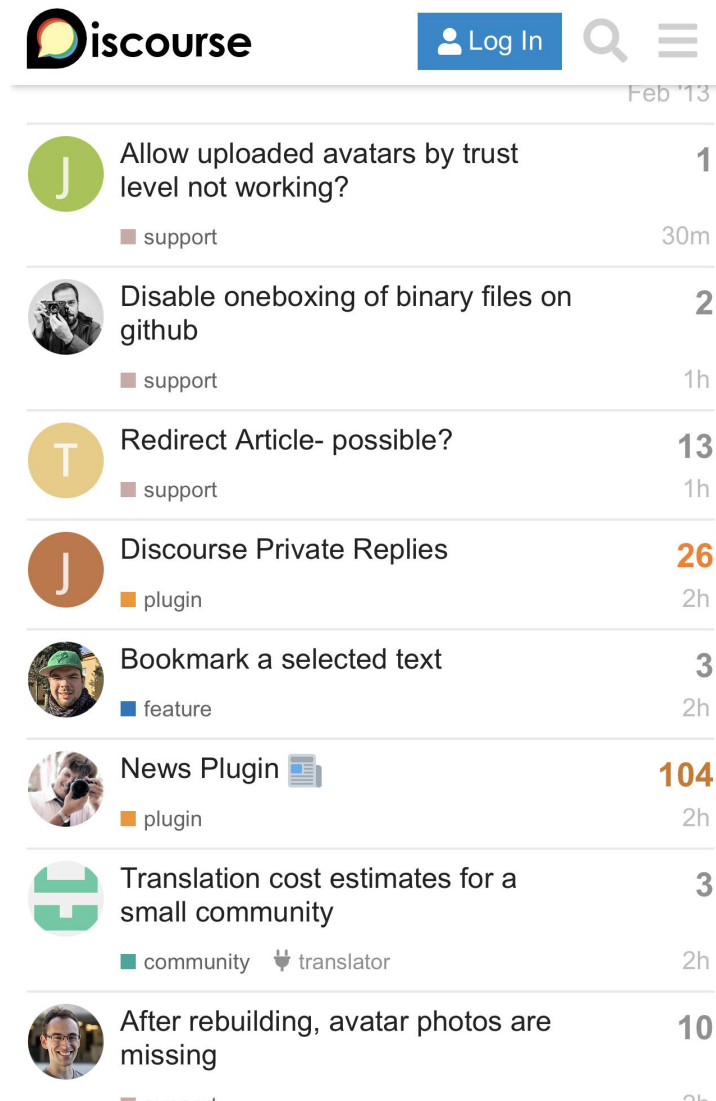
The vast majority of posts are uncategorized. The posts that are in the only other public category, 'Site Feedback', seem to have been added there by accident.

Benefits of Categories

Essentially categories enable better organization of posts. This has multiple benefits:

1. It's designed in a way to avoid the feeling of there being sub-forums, e.g. in the 'Latest' view, all posts are visible but you can see what category each post belongs to.
2. Visually it offers visitors a birds-eye view of the information that can find on the forums

3. It enables visitors to focus on a particular interest, e.g. finding tutorials to try
4. Allows for discussions around particular themes
5. Categories can be private or public, read-write or read-only



Discourse		Log In	Search	Menu
Feb '13				
	Allow uploaded avatars by trust level not working?	1	support	30m
	Disable oneboxing of binary files on github	2	support	1h
	Redirect Article- possible?	13	support	1h
	Discourse Private Replies	26	plugin	2h
	Bookmark a selected text	3	feature	2h
	News Plugin 📰	104	plugin	2h
	Translation cost estimates for a small community	3	community translator	2h
	After rebuilding, avatar photos are missing	10		

Categories visible in the All Post sections (meta.discourse.org)

Hear Jono Bacon, a long-time open source community builder, talk about Discourse categories here:

https://youtu.be/z3qp_uB46FA?t=294 (note, starting at 4:54)

Proposed Categories

What are the best categories for the Theia forums? One approach for determining this is splitting into two types of categories, non-technical and technical.

Non-Technical

These are for discussions that while they might mention technical topics, they might not necessarily delve into them in detail.

- News and Announcements - read-only for admins to post items on topics like project releases
- Adopter Stories - aka Show and Tell, discussions on projects/products that build on Theia

Technical

These categories are designed to promote discussion around more technical implementation details. Users would come to learn and ask questions.

- Member Discussion - for items that don't fit neatly in another category. It would replace Uncategorized.
- Tutorials
- Features Requests
- Theia Core
- Theia Blueprint
- Help - for those not knowing where to start
- Getting Started - tips and tricks - to funnel folks