

The 4chan v5 Bible

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Introduction

In order to make 4chan stick around this time everything must run like a proverbial well-oiled machine. To this end it is important that we have an agreed upon framework for running the site and we all understand our roles. Furthermore, this document should be consulted if you find yourself in an unexpected situation and you're not sure how to deal with it. Consult the "Tips for Moderators" section for info if such circumstances should arise.

1. Hierarchy

There are three arms to the new 4chan. They are: Administration, Programming and Moderation.

1a. Administration

The administration at 4chan oversees the site as whole. The administration runs the servers and serves as the link between 4chan and the rest of the world. The chief administrator (Moot) maintains highest authority over issues pertaining to 4chan. His word is absolute, essentially a rule-zero.

earl, DJ Lucid and Zabadab are the site administrators. If you have a technical problem with 4chan, or a user mentions one to you, direct the issue to one of these three individuals.

Shii is the discussion board administrator. The discussion boards operate differently from the image boards so Shii reports to Moot directly.

Man Of Wax is the business and PR director. Inquiries about advertising and promotion should be directed to him.

1b. Programming

[NPH], NegativeZero, Zabadab, and W.T. Snacks are responsible for the code that runs 4chan. Legitimate feature requests and bugs should be directed to any of these four people. They will fix problems and determine what is technically feasible for the site.

1c. Moderation

Individual boards will have *Moderators* and *Board Leaders*. In charge of both of these groups will be the two *Mod Leaders*, Archo and Shut. Archo is Mod Leader for boards on the img.4chan subdomain while Shut is Mod Leader for zip.4chan. The Mod leader must be aware of everything important happening in all of the boards under his charge. Floods, drama, rule breaking, banned users and all other users must be brought to their attention. A Board Leader should contact his or her respective Mod Leader if there is an issue that s/he cannot resolve. The Mod Leader interprets the rules and makes most of the final decisions regarding

individual goings on within the board. As in all cases, Moot or the team as a whole may overrule a Mod Leader. Mod Leaders may nominate individuals to serve as moderators within their subdomain. Mod Leaders may ban users for infractions within their subdomain

Board Leaders control a given board with the same authority that a Mod Leader does a subdomain. A Board Leader can recommend that individuals fulfill moderator positions on his or her board and may delete anything on that board (or any other, but should focus on his or her own). Board Leaders should report disciplinary issues to the appropriate Mod Leader. A Board Leader can only ban a user for inappropriate behavior on his or her own board. A Board Leader should communicate with users who are being problematic in his or her board.

Moderators clean up the boards under their control. They should be mainly behind the scenes deleting posts. Posting with mod status is fine, but it shouldn't be waved around. If there are problems on a board that a mod is unsure about s/he should consult the Board Leader. Communicating with troublesome users should be the job of the Board Leader, not the moderator.

1d. List of Moderation Personnel

/a/ - Anime

BL: Seem

/b/ - Random

BL: Spork

/c/ - Anime/Cute

BL: MrSpooky

/cm/ - Cute/Male

BL: Favor

/d/ - Hentai/Alternative

BL: Shingo

/g/ - Guro

BL: Port

/h/ - Hentai

BL: Zanak

M: Moot

/l/ - Lolikon

BL: Censored Vagina

M: Saber

/p/ - Photo

BL: W.T. Snacks

/r/ - Request

BL: TBA

/t/ - Torrents

BL: Man Of Wax

/u/ - Yuri

BL: Roobar

/w/ - Anime/Wallpapers

BL: Jeff Fury

/y/ - Yaoi

BL: Bad Luck

M: DDP

2. Rules

All of the rules are posted on 4chan.

3. Tips For Personnel (FAQ)

Q: How do I access the moderator forum?

A: The team4chan forum is located at <http://team.4chan.org>. U: mod, PW: 4ROOBA

Q: This poster is constantly being a douchebag and breaking rules. What do I do?

A: First, tell the user what the problem is. If it persists, ban or recommend that your BL ban.

Q: Is this a flood? What do I do?

A: We are still working on the official definition of a flood. For now, if you find that a user is posting an excessive number of images on a given topic tell the user that s/he should stop. If a user has a great deal of images then s/he should be encouraged to make a torrent and post it in /t/. Posting a link to the torrent on an appropriate board is acceptable.

Q: When is it appropriate to delete a post?

A: When it breaks the stated rules of the board. Also, delete duplicate posts. You may always delete trolls and flamewars, except in /b/.

Q: What do I do if a user asks why s/he's been banned?

A: Such questions should be handled by the BL or ML who performed the banning. Direct all such inquiries to the MLs if you are not the person who banned the user.

Q: This one poster is really getting on my nerves, but s/he's not breaking any rules. What do I do?

A: Suck it up. We'll call this the "Lain" effect. You may really dislike a person's style, but if they aren't doing anything wrong then there is little to be done. If a user is trolling or generally an asshole, bring it to the attention of the BL who will then sort it out.

Q: I think that a rule should be changed. What do I do?

A: If you are a moderator then ask the BL for that board first. The BL can decide if the suggestion warrants further consideration based on his or her views on the board at that time. If you are a BL or ML then go directly to Moot. Moot must eventually be consulted before any rule changes.

Q: How do I ban someone?

A: Go to manager mode and click the "more" button for the user whom you wish to ban. The ban options are on that page.

Q: When do I ban someone?

A: If you are a moderator, never. You may, however, recommend a ban to your BL. You should only ban after informing a user of his or her infractions. If a user breaks a rule once, that is probably not grounds for a ban. The offending post can, and should, be deleted and the user notified. If a user continually breaks rules, trolls or otherwise causes problems then ban or recommend a ban. If you ban a user you must post an explanation here: <http://team.4chan.org/viewtopic.php?t=6>. It is also wise to inform the user of the reason for and duration of the ban.

Q: How long does a ban last?

A: The duration of a ban is up to the BL or ML who performs the ban. A good rule of thumb is one day for a minor infraction, a week for repeated minor infractions and an indefinite period for a major infraction. As previously mentioned, a banned user should be informed if and when s/he will be allowed to return.

Q: This poster thinks I wrongfully deleted his or her post. What should I do?

A: You don't need to justify your actions to the user. If you get hassled by a user tell him or her to fuck off or ask someone higher up the chain. The powers-that-be trust the moderators a lot more than the users so they will be on your side.

Q: This poster thinks I wrongfully banned him or her. What should I do?

A: If an ML bans a user then that is the end of the story. Only Moot can intervene and he probably won't. If a BL bans a user and receives a complaint about it s/he must decide if the situation warrants an ML's attention. If you as a BL are certain about the validity of a ban then leave it at that. If you feel that a second opinion is in order then you should contact your ML.

Q: How do I pick new moderators?

A: The procedure for assigning a new moderator is not fully established at this time. However, in order to be selected as a moderator a user must first be recommended by either the BL of the board in question or the ML in charge of the subdomain that contains the board.

Q: What is Manager Mode and how do I use it?

A: Manager Mode can be accessed by going to the following URLs - <http://img.4chan.org/x/admin.php> or <http://zip.4chan.org/x/admin.php>. In each case the letter associated with the board in question replaces the 'x'. The PW is 4ROOBA. Using the Management Panel you can find the IP of a poster and more easily delete large numbers of posts. Do not select the "Management Post" option. You won't ever need it because it is completely useless.