

Fosstodon Moderator Training: 20 scenario's

Scenario 1

Report:

A user posts a misleading health claim about a vaccine causing severe side effects, stating "This vaccine is dangerous and causes long-term harm," without citing any credible sources. Several community members express concern that this could spread fear and misinformation.

CoC reference:**Action:****Message:**

Scenario 2 (Appeal Follow-up to Scenario 1)

Report:

The same user appeals the moderation decision, arguing that they have "done their own research" and that removing their post is limiting their freedom of speech. In their appeal, they restate the original claim and accuse moderators of censorship, showing no willingness to reconsider or provide credible sources.

CoC reference:**Action:****Message:**

Scenario 3

Report:

User repeatedly posts unsolicited direct messages to multiple users promoting a commercial product, despite being warned previously.

CoC reference:**Action:****Message:**

Scenario 4

Report:

During a discussion about open-source software, User A disagrees with User B's opinion and replies, "Only an idiot would think that closed-source software is better. You clearly don't know what you're talking about." User B reports this as a personal attack.

CoC reference:**Action:****Message:**

Scenario 5

Report:

User posts a thread containing explicit adult content without marking it as sensitive, making it visible in public timelines and to all ages.

CoC reference:**Action:****Message:**

Scenario 6

Report:

User repeatedly posts links to phishing websites disguised as legitimate content, attempting to trick users into giving up personal information.

CoC reference:**Action:****Message:**

Scenario 7

Report:

User shares screenshots of a private conversation to publicly mock someone, revealing usernames and personal details without consent.

CoC reference:**Action:****Message:**

Scenario 8

Report:

User jokes about suicide, making light of mental health struggles. Several users express concern in replies, noting that such jokes can be triggering and harmful to those experiencing mental health challenges.

CoC reference:**Action:****Message:**

Scenario 9

Report:

User posts a sarcastic meme about 'pronoun people' being too sensitive, clearly mocking non-binary and trans users.

CoC reference:

Action:

Message:

Scenario 10

Report:

User shares a detailed how-to for bypassing paywalls, encouraging others to use the method to access paid content for free.

CoC reference:

Action:

Message:

Scenario 11

Report:

User repeatedly posts “debate me” challenges in threads about marginalized groups, insisting that others justify their existence or rights.

CoC reference:

Action:

Message:

Scenario 12

Report:

User posts a thread with conspiracy theories about a recent disaster, blaming specific ethnic groups without evidence.

CoC reference:

Action:

Message:

Scenario 13

Report:

User replies to a new member’s introduction with “Go back to Twitter, we don’t want you here,” after the newcomer mentions being from another platform.

CoC reference:

Action:

Message:

Scenario 14

Report:

A user reports another user for posting a photo of their dinner, which includes meat. The reporting user states that seeing meat-based meals is upsetting to them as a vegan and asks for the post to be removed.

CoC reference:

Action:

Message:

Scenario 15

Report:

User posts a “joke” using a common dog whistle phrase associated with hate groups, and several users report feeling unsafe.

CoC reference:

Action:

Message:

Scenario 16

Report:

User shares a screenshot of another user’s profile from a different instance to ridicule their appearance and bio.

CoC reference:

Action:

Message:

Scenario 17

Report:

User posts a thread about “why women shouldn’t work in tech,” using pseudo-scientific arguments.

CoC reference:

Action:

Message:

Scenario 18

Report:

User posts a “callout” thread naming another user as a “known troll” based on rumors, encouraging others to block them.

CoC reference:

Action:

Message:

Scenario 19

Report:

User posts a string of off-topic posts about unrelated celebrity gossip, flooding the local timeline and disrupting regular conversation.

CoC reference:

Action:

Message:

Scenario 20

Report:

User creates multiple accounts to evade a previous suspension and resumes posting similar violating content.

CoC reference:

Action:

Message:
