

## CUNY Academic Commons - Feature #9224

### attachments to forum posts clutter up Files area

2018-02-16 03:45 PM - Marilyn Weber

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	2018-02-16
<b>Priority name:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>	Boone Gorges	<b>% Done:</b>	0%
<b>Category name:</b>	Group Files	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	1.13		

#### Description

User Kate Wildson writes: "I'm using the Commons site for a course. When I post notices (for HW, etc), they appear in the files section, under unrelated files. How can I configure that Forum posts stay only in forum posts, and don't clutter the files?"

Boone, Matt asked me to raise this issue with you - "I think we had attachments to forum posts show up in the files section as a way of making it easier to find any files associated with the group; I think this issue is an unintended consequence of that. Maybe we can/should have forum files automatically added to an automatically created "Forum" folder in the files section or give group admins the ability to turn off the functionality that auto-adds forum file attachments to the files section."

What do you think?

#### History

##### #1 - 2018-02-16 03:57 PM - Boone Gorges

- Subject changed from *attachments to forum posts* to *attachments to forum posts clutter up Files area*
- Status changed from *New* to *Reporter Feedback*
- Target version set to *Future release*

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Correct. See [#5732](#). I wouldn't call this "an unintended consequence" - this is the feature itself, not a consequence of the feature, and the user happens not to like the feature.

We could build a toggle, though it seems non-obvious to add this kind of admin setting, which I'd bet few would ever find and fewer would ever use. Automatically putting everything into a Forum Attachments folder or something like that - and doing it for everyone, with no setting for changing the behavior - seems better to me.

##### #2 - 2018-02-16 06:04 PM - Matt Gold

I do think that putting forum attachments in a specific "Forum Attachments" or "Forum" folder in the Files section would be a good solution for now.

##### #3 - 2018-02-16 06:07 PM - Boone Gorges

- Target version changed from *Future release* to *1.13*

OK - can you let me know how you'd like it named? This should be pretty straightforward.

##### #4 - 2018-02-16 06:12 PM - Matt Gold

"Forum Attachments" seems good to me, unless you have a better idea

##### #5 - 2018-02-16 06:13 PM - Matt Gold

(and thank you)

##### #6 - 2018-03-22 10:14 AM - Boone Gorges

- Category name set to *Group Files*
- Status changed from *Reporter Feedback* to *Assigned*
- Assignee set to *Boone Gorges*

**#7 - 2018-03-22 03:34 PM - Boone Gorges**

- File Screenshot\_2018-03-22\_14-33-03.png added
- File Screenshot\_2018-03-22\_14-32-49.png added
- Tracker changed from Support to Feature
- Status changed from Assigned to Resolved

I've made the change. Screenshots attached.

'Forum Attachments' always appears at the top of the list, except when the group doesn't have any forum attachments, in which case it doesn't appear at all.

<https://github.com/cuny-academic-commons/cac/commit/3123b456412f1d7a4f94adcf7a5d0cb43ba38a32>

**Files**

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Screenshot_2018-03-22_14-33-03.png	36.6 KB	2018-03-22	Boone Gorges
Screenshot_2018-03-22_14-32-49.png	59 KB	2018-03-22	Boone Gorges