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Soooo, apparently Discord had a glitch and blocked me from “talking” in any WaS channels right about the time WaS tried to be honest and open by posting screenshots of my chat with their representative (user “was” with tagline “Message me for support!”). Bloody Discord...

Soooo, let’s help out here by outlining what happened. And while we’re at it, we’ll let you know why Corrade is so awesome and why you should definitely use it. If you’re not good at detecting sarcasm, read the following more carefully than usual 😊

Anyways, so we started using Corrade – WaS’ bot controller software – a little over a year ago when we realised that SL doesn’t allow for scripts inviting users to non-open groups. We needed this for our rental platform. Once we discovered Corrade, we started using it for a bunch of other stuffs too.

I like to know everything I can about the stuff I work with – it’s just how I’m built, I guess. To that end, I joined all of the useful-looking SL groups related to Corrade, and their Discord “server”.

I also created an account on their MantisBT issue tracker. And noticed right away that I couldn’t see **any** content there. Just an empty framework.

Anyways, a week or so ago they posted in their Discord that they were shutting down the Corrade channel due to “low traffic”, which is odd as that channel generated, by far, the most discussion of any of their other methods of contact. They said we should start using other discussion channels or just submit tickets to their issue tracking system.

As we no longer use SL, and can’t see any issues being tracked in their Mantis, this meant I was now completely in the dark about Corrade stuffs. And note that Corrade is not open source, so I also can’t just read the source code for any enlightenment.

So I contacted “was” in Discord to ask about their Mantis appearing empty to me. Since they apparently think that posting screenshots of a discussion is the way to disclose stuff (they literally posted them to their new “disclosures” Discord channel), we’re just gonna do the same here...
















At least they left these screenshots intact – the only other post to the same “disclosures” channel is an exchange they apparently had with Linden Lab, but those are heavily redacted (perhaps WaS aren’t terribly familiar with the meaning of the word “disclosure?”).

While we’re at it, might as well also attach the text file (that WaS themselves posted in their Discord) of an “office hour” meeting. It’s a long read, so here’s the key takeaways: at one point, Corrade wouldn’t run if the WaS website was down; Corrade has historically “phoned home” with data that was being run through it (including IM chat content); they removed that code... so they say... and it’s closed source so we gotta take their word for that; they’d prefer to keep it all easier to run for unskilled users (despite that corrade is a pain in the ass to code, etc, for to begin with) than to introduce any basic security mechanisms; they’d love you to connect corrade to IoT so you can, for instance, say “Alexa: restart my region” (if you don’t get the irony here, re-read this entire paragraph until you do); if you even remotely speak out to challenge them, they’ll silence you any way they can.

Pretty sure ‘nuff said. We’ve dumped Corrade. Strongly suggest you do same (or stay

away from it / them if you're not already unfortunate enough to have invested anything in it).

The screenshot shows a Discord direct message history. At the top is a profile for 'Mattt' with a circular avatar. Below the name, it says 'This is the beginning of your direct message history with Mattt.' There are three buttons: '1 Mutual Server', 'Add Friend', 'Block', and 'Report Spam'. A date separator for 'April 24, 2023' is visible. The first message is from 'Mattt' at 10:53 PM on 04/24/2023, stating 'Hey... the bug tracker is (and has always been, for me) completely empty...'. A second date separator for 'April 25, 2023' follows. The next message is from 'was' at 7:26 PM on 04/25/2023, featuring a blue cartoon robot with a green leaf on its head and the text 'Hi! ok, well you can create a new bug report'. This is followed by a message from 'Mattt' at 9:13 PM asking if the user can create a report to indicate they can't see anything in the tracker. 'was' replies at 9:14 PM asking for more details. 'Mattt' responds at 9:16 PM explaining the issue with the Discord channel for Corrade. 'was' asks at 9:17 PM if the user is bored. 'Mattt' replies at 9:21 PM with a laugh and a wish to be far from it. 'was' asks at 9:24 PM if the user is scared. Finally, 'Mattt' replies at 9:25 PM with 'Of?'.

-  **was** 04/25/2023 9:31 PM
life, in general
I am just chit-chatting.
nice motorcycle, is it yours?
-  **Mattt** 04/25/2023 9:33 PM
Fair enough 😊 Yeah, in some ways. Life's a bitch (and then you die) 😊
-  **was** 04/25/2023 9:33 PM
or did you just like the picture?
-  **Mattt** 04/25/2023 9:34 PM
Nah, I had it's kinda older brother a whiles back - a GSX100ef. I'd sure dig a Hayabusa.
Errr... GSX1100ef*
-  @Mattt Fair enough 😊 Yeah, in some ways. Life's a bitch (and then you die) 😊
-  **was** 04/25/2023 9:35 PM
are you threatening us? it does look like a threat to me
-  **Mattt** 04/25/2023 9:35 PM
LoL... nooo....
It's an old expression.
-  **was** 04/25/2023 9:35 PM
I can send these threats to the police, I do not mind doing that. Certainly not under these circumstances.
do you have anything else to share?
-  **Mattt** 04/25/2023 9:38 PM
Nope 😊 Was just wondering about the issue tracker..
-  **was** 04/25/2023 9:38 PM
are you located in Romania?
-  **Mattt** 04/25/2023 9:39 PM
Nope, Australia.
-  **was** 04/25/2023 9:39 PM
Since when are you located in Australia?
-  **Mattt** 04/25/2023 9:39 PM
Since my whole life. A little over 50 years now.
-  **was** 04/25/2023 9:40 PM
I'll let her know.
Any other message except your death threat that you wish me to relay to the police?
-  **Mattt** 04/25/2023 9:41 PM
Death threat? Oh my...



was 04/25/2023 9:42 PM



It is, did you know that?

Surely, you must be well informed about the circumstances.



Mattt 04/25/2023 9:42 PM

Not really. I've seen a few mentions of some sorta problems, but never any specific details.



was 04/25/2023 9:43 PM

What problems?



Mattt 04/25/2023 9:44 PM

Dunno. Seems sorta commercial, but mentions of of govt(/s) involvement and some level of harassment? Neither would surprise me. The world is full of assholes. Mostly greedy ones 😞



was 04/25/2023 9:44 PM

Look, if someone is coercing you to send this crap to me, please speak up. It works fine for me. I do not mind much. If I follow up on sending this to the police, they might see that you are in trouble. I do not care much, I just run a public website. 😊



Mattt 04/25/2023 9:48 PM

No, not at all. I'm sorry you feel uncomfortable - we just run a grid (os), and a web site. Software developers, etc, for many decades 😊



was 04/25/2023 9:48 PM

Keep talking.



Mattt 04/25/2023 9:50 PM

Started using corrade in sl (until we "saw the light" with sl and ll) 'cause of lsl deficiencies, and wound up bringing some bots across to os for general "duties". I know os has good npc support, but I've already invested a lot of time (and some code) into developing corrade to help us out.



was 04/25/2023 9:52 PM

You are not a Corrade developer. I would know about it. 😊



Mattt 04/25/2023 9:53 PM

Noooo, not a corrade dev (of course). I mean developed code to manage / process corrade stuffs.













We use mqtt and a python service to process stuff and (usually) generate commands through the http interface.




was 04/25/2023 9:54 PM

I do not care, personally speaking.

Why would that interest me?

-  **Mattt** 04/25/2023 9:55 PM
I realised just after I sent that, that "developing corrade" was likely missing at least a word 😞
I can't see why it would. Just explaining who we are, and you said "keep talking" 😞
-  **was** 04/25/2023 9:57 PM
If I may, I would like to ask again. Are you being coerced to do this?
If someone is threatening your life, you should really go to the police, or seek actual legal help.
All I can do is pass this message on to whomever I can. 😞
-  **Mattt** 04/25/2023 9:58 PM
To do what? I was merely asking about the bug tracker...
-  **was** 04/25/2023 9:59 PM
That is up to you to judge. Do you want to keep talking?
-  **Mattt** 04/25/2023 10:02 PM
I guess not - you're clearly very paranoid. I get that some folk have reason to be. But I'm just a guy who's trying to get by, and build a grid with my (soon to be) wife. And rebuild our lives. Etc 😞
-  **was** 04/25/2023 10:02 PM
Not sure what advice you want me to give you?
-  **@Mattt Dunno.** Seems sorta commercial, but mentions of of govt/(s) involvement and some level of haras
-  **was** 04/25/2023 10:03 PM
this is all mixed up, please speak clearly
-  **Mattt** 04/25/2023 10:03 PM
I'm trying to 😞
-  **was** 04/25/2023 10:04 PM
Take your time. 😞 I'm not rushing.
-  **Mattt** 04/25/2023 10:05 PM
In the message you just quoted, I simply meant I know nothing about your woes - have just seen a couple of mentions here in discord (and maybe something on the was site? I can't remember...).
-  **was** 04/25/2023 10:06 PM





I have seen this a few times now.
Is there anything else you wish to share?

Mattt 04/25/2023 10:10 PM
LoL... I'm not much of a sharer any more... Have built a lot of walls myself 🤔

was 04/25/2023 10:11 PM
Ok.
And?

Mattt 04/25/2023 10:12 PM
And what?

👤 @Mattt LoL... I'm not much of a sharer any more... Have built a lot of walls myself 🤔

was 04/25/2023 10:12 PM
I mean, you said this, and it is completely inconsequential to me.
Is there anything more?

👤 @was Is there anything else you wish to share?

Mattt 04/25/2023 10:13 PM
Nope 😊

was 04/25/2023 10:13 PM
Ok.
Do you work for any surveillance agency? Or, are you coerced by anyone to write this mess to me?

Mattt 04/25/2023 10:17 PM
LoL. After the covid (or, more likely, govt) bullshit, I barely even work for myself any more 🤔

was 04/25/2023 10:19 PM
Why?
Do you feel bereaved?

Mattt 04/25/2023 10:21 PM
Haha. Doesn't (almost) everyone?

was 04/25/2023 10:21 PM
I was asking why you are not working after whatever that is that you typed.
There are some motorcycles where I live, and it is a public issue right now, quite a problem, it so seems.



Mattt 04/25/2023 10:23 PM

Same as just pretty much everywhere else, I guess. Screwed up (heh... more than usual) economies, etc.

Oh? How so?



was 04/25/2023 10:24 PM

You screwed up or the economies screwed up? Who is to blame?



Mattt 04/25/2023 10:25 PM

Economies. And I'm calling it the govt (since they direct them anyways). I feel like they were rubbing their hands together with glee when this "pandemic" hit, but mostly(?) fucked it all up.



was 04/25/2023 10:26 PM

Do you work for the police?



Mattt 04/25/2023 10:26 PM

Haha. No.

Thought we'd established that? I don't work for anyone. Not being "coerced" by anyone. Barely ever talk to anyone any more. Basically don't like people any more (for the most part).



was 04/25/2023 10:28 PM

So why did you write all this stuff to me? As I said, I just run a public website. Death threats are not too uncommon, but we do have to report them.

You might be something else.

I was hoping that someone was messing you up, did stuff to you and you were acting out of whatever feelings you might have had.

Then, when I send this stuff, who knows, it might not be that bad for you.



Mattt 04/25/2023 10:30 PM

Hmmm... Think I'd better leave you to it. Hope you have a better day (or whatever time it is in your part of the world) 😊



was 04/25/2023 10:31 PM

Why better? I mean mine is alright so far. You meant yours?

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