

Semtech LoRa Developers Forum Code of Conduct

The forum in Semtech's LoRa Developers Portal should be a positive environment for you to discuss LoRa Technology.

To this end, we ask that all members of the forum follow a set of guidelines known as the Semtech LoRa Developers Portal Code of Conduct; or CoC for short.

Please remember that all forum users should always be treated with respect, without exception. If you take anything away from reading the CoC, it should be this point.

We won't always agree with each other, and that's okay, but we must respect each other and have a level of decorum on these forums.

Respecting Your Fellow Forum Users

Discrimination and Slurs based on Race, Ethnicity, Sexuality, Gender, or Gender Identity

We want these developer forums to be a welcoming place for everyone, this means that discriminatory slurs both clear and masked in words or images are not appropriate, ever.

Harassing or Defamatory Content

For the same reason, harassing, bullying or defamatory content is not allowed. There is absolutely no reason to harass or bully, period. Harassment takes many forms; if we believe that there is an intent to bully other forum users or make them feel uncomfortable in this environment, the ban hammer will come out.

Obscene, Vulgar or Inappropriate Language and/or Images

Some people are comfortable with all kinds of "interesting" language and images, others are not. We want all members to feel welcome, and ask that you act in a manner that is accommodating to everyone. Remember, what is acceptable to you may not be to someone else; please respect that. If you can't make your point without using vulgar language, you probably don't have a point at all.

Politics, Religion and Sexual Content

Politics, religion and sex can be fascinating subjects to discuss and debate, but not on the Semtech Developer forums. If you wish to engage on those topics, find an appropriate forum to do so somewhere else.

Spamming and Trolling

These forums are meant to help answer issues that are important to the community. Things such as spamming and trolling are not conducive to foster a great community, and they will not be allowed.

Respecting The Forum Environment

Community Managers and Other Semtech Staff

The most frequent staff members you will see posting on the forums are the community managers and moderators. We enforce the CoC and respond to threads and posts, whether it is to address an issue or simply having fun.

If you don't see us responding, it isn't because we are ignoring you. Sometimes we don't have a good answer, or we are looking for an answer or we cannot comment on the issue at the time.

We also have other work we have to do that isn't on the forums so if you don't see us around, we are working on something else that will hopefully benefit you, the developers.

Impersonating a Semtech Staff Member

Forum members who are found to be impersonating a Semtech staff member will be banned.

Circumventing a Suspension or Ban

To maintain the environment of the forums, it's absolutely necessary that the moderators can do their jobs effectively. To facilitate this, any discussion of disciplinary action or moderation is not allowed, and circumventing suspensions by posting on another account or having another user post on your behalf is also not allowed.

In addition, abusing the report feature makes it more difficult for moderators to maintain the environment of the forums and as such will result in disciplinary action.

Creating Duplicate Threads

Forums can be a great platform for open discussions, and we want all the people interested in a topic to be able to engage with it in a meaningful way. One way to facilitate this is to use the search feature before creating a new thread. You can imagine what would happen to the forums if everyone created their own thread for every popular topic.

If all comments about a particular issue are in one place, it makes it much easier for the community to organize and act on any feedback. Creating multiple threads on the same topic does not make it more likely that your post will be seen, but it does make it more likely you will irritate and confuse your fellow forum users. If a user creates multiple threads with the intention of drawing attention away from other threads, disciplinary action will be taken.

This general rule also applies to abuse of formatting options, or any other manner of attempt to artificially draw attention to any post.

Be Smart

Distribution of Real-Life Personal Information

The developer forums are meant to foster discussions around LoRa Technology, not your life. As such the release or distribution of any personal information is not allowed (even your own).

Illegal Activities

The forums are not a place for discussing illegal activity, and you may not violate any local, state, national, or international laws or regulations. We recommend you don't violate these laws anywhere at all, ever.

Advertising

The Semtech LoRa Developers Portal forum is not to be used for advertising non LoRa-based Technologies related businesses, organizations, or websites.

Small print

Underlying all of the CoC is the Semtech LoRa Developers Portal Terms of Use, which can be found [here](#). Please read them. By posting on these forums, you are agreeing to all of these terms.

Thank you for your time

Thank you for taking the time to read the CoC. These forums should always be treated as environments where everyone can feel comfortable. This CoC is intended to be a set of guidelines that help create and maintain those environments, not a definitive list of every eventuality we may need to take action on.