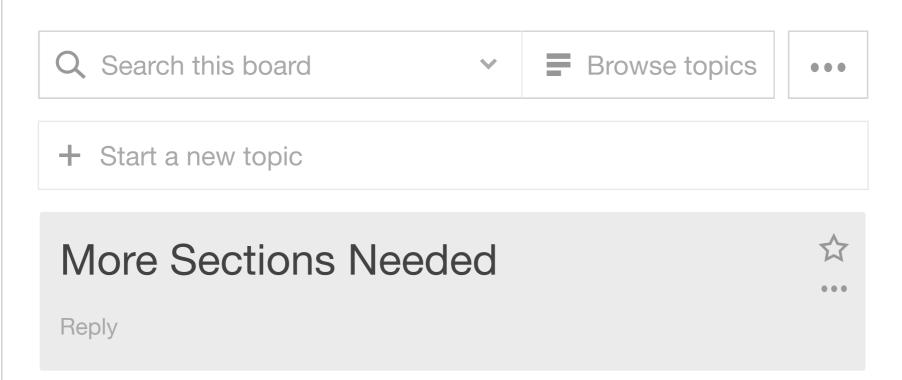
Finding conversations in Flow

Browse, search, sort and filters



Talk: Easter Island



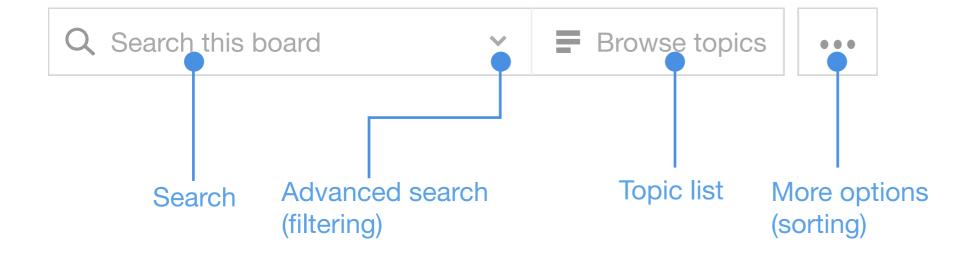
Cronipio

Trying to learn more about the modern island leaves a big gap in my knowledge. The photograph currently in the article suggests there is tourism and the article mentions immigration from mainland Chile. How is the economy structured? How do the citizens support themselves? What is the food source on such an isolated place? Thanks.

Incoherent Jumble

Reply

Overview



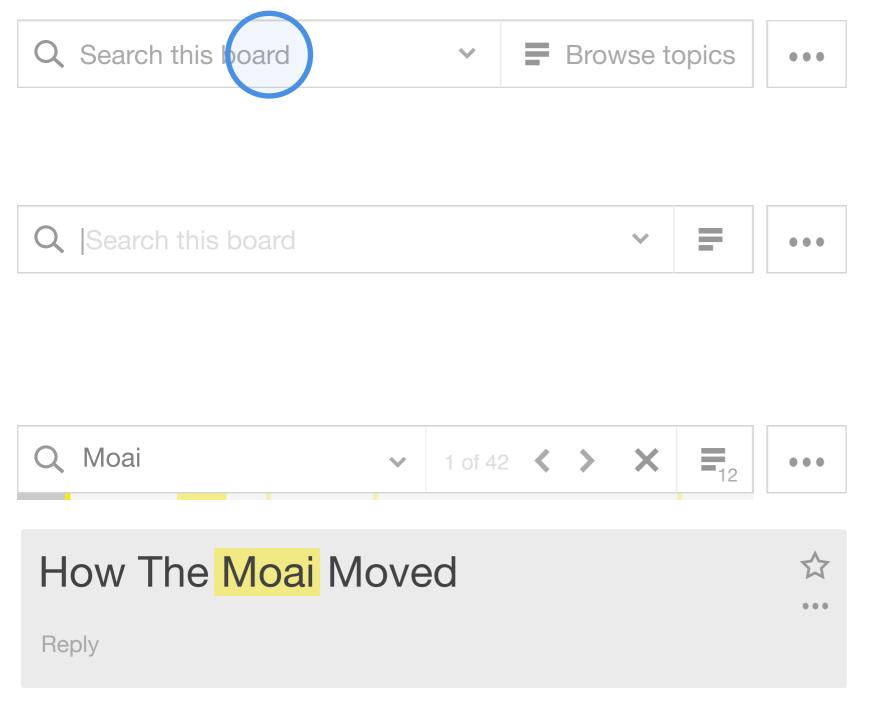
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Sticky header

When the user scrolls, the search bar becomes attached to the top of the viewport.

The browser part becomes dominant to display the current section name. Search is still accessible as an icon.

Search



Cronopio

There has not been a fresh idea on how this worked since like '98. Luckily, TRUtv has shown the way Moai moved.

Long story short, the core investigation that needs to place is this: Did the inhabitants of Easter Island use sails to move the Moai from central

Neutral state

Initially, search is the main entry point.

Focus on search

Once the user clicks on search, browsing becomes icon-only to leave more room to search.

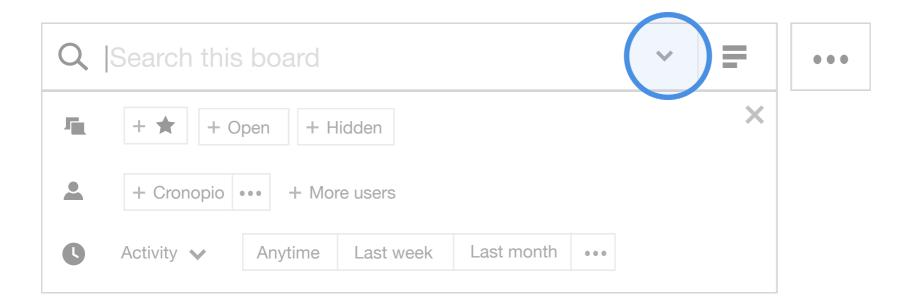
Searching

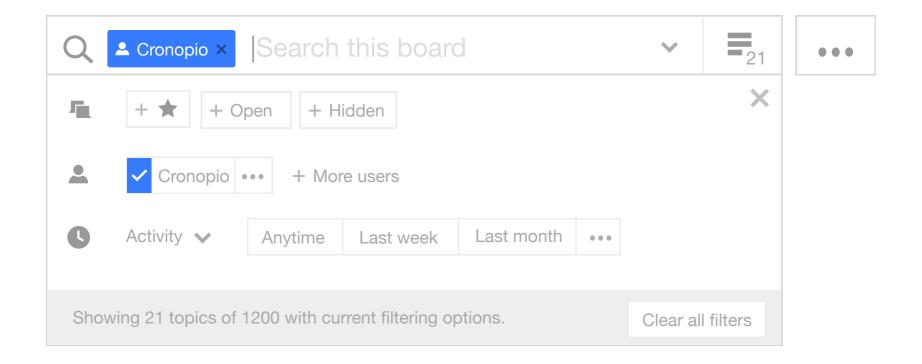
Once the user starts typing, matches are highlighted over the current flow board.

The viewport scrolls to the first match and additional navigation controls are provided to provide an overview of the matches and allow moving through them.

When searching is active and the bar becomes sticky, search will still keep the main prominence (i.e., the ToC entry point won't expand as indicated before)

Advanced search (Filtering)





Filtering options

The search drop-down provides additional filtering options.
Options are provided in categories (status, participants, and activity) and common cases are anticipated (e.g., "Cronopio" is the current user).

In case we want to make it more prominent, we may consider opening filtering options when focusing the search field, or suggest a keyboard shortcut.

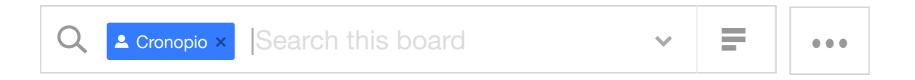
Adding filters

Filters can be added by taping on them. Those get added to the search bar. The category icon is used in the tag.

When filters are enabled, the bottom of the panel shows the effects of filtering and a quick way to remove them.

Searching and filters

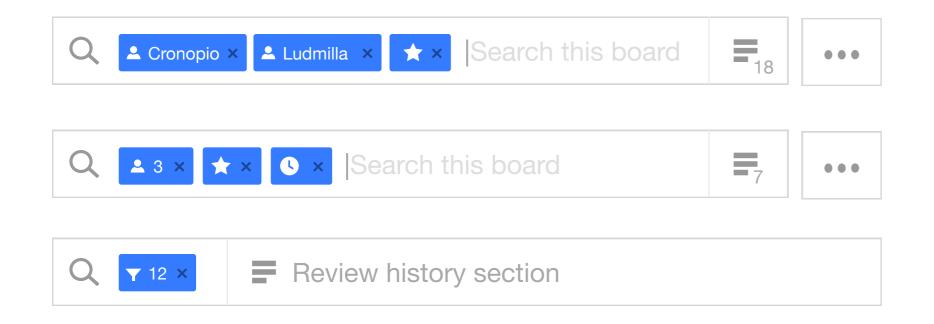
Search will work as usual, but those topics not matching the filtering criteria will not be visible.





Refining filters

Some filters such those for people could be refined. While initially filtering any kind of participation from a given user, the "..." menu allows (on hover or tap) to define a more specific kind of participation (e.g., being mentioned or being the author).

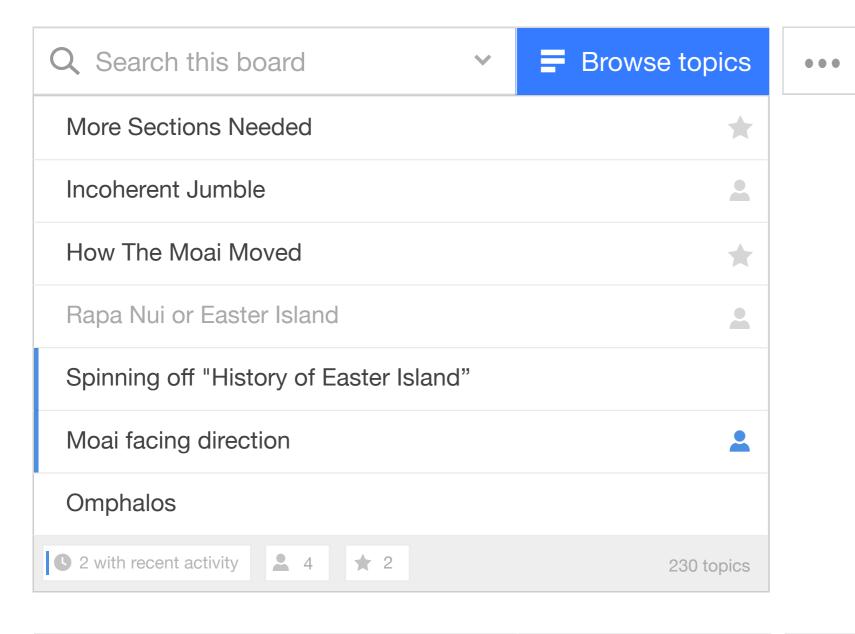


Compacting filters

When several filters are added, those can get compacted into a single elemnt representing the whole categor. Clicking on any filtering tag will open the filtering panel which will allow to view and tweak the filtering in detail.

Filters can be represented by a single element in situations where a more compact representation is needed.

Browsing (ToC)



Browsing

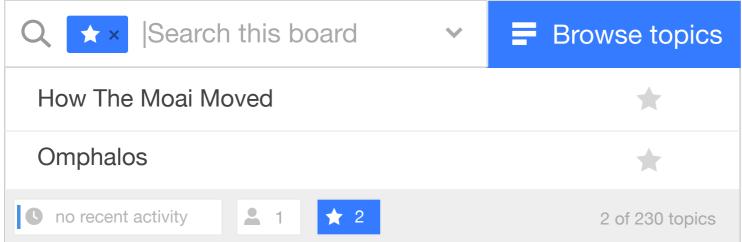
All topics are shown in a list when opening the table of contents.

If the user has scrolled down, the list is positioned so that the next topics are cisible and the current one is shown in bold.

Closed topics will appear in grey text.

Topics in which the user has participated or has starred have an icon on the right side.

Topics with recent activity will have a blue line on the left side and in the case they have an icon as described above, the icon will be blue too.

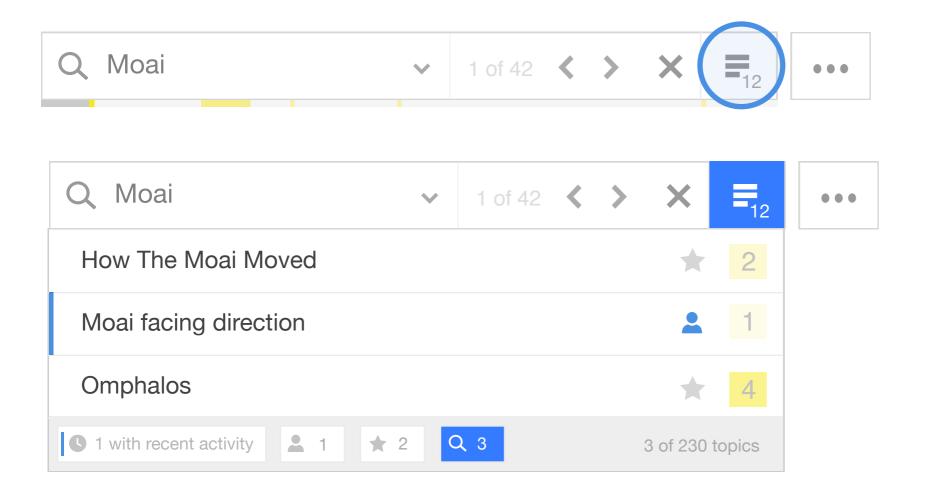


Filtering the table of contents

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At the bottom of the panel, a summary of the topics with activity, participated and starred are shown as well as the total of topics. Those indicators will also act as a shortcuts for filtering.

Browsing and searching (ToC + search)



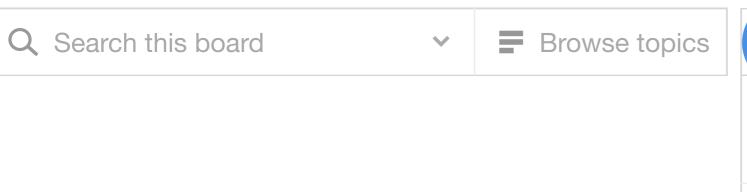
Search and the table of contents

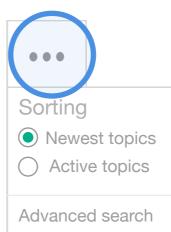
When the user searches, it acts as a filter for the table of contents (only topics with matches are shown). Other filters can be added.

The total topics matched are shown as part of the table of contents icon.

For each topic, the matches found in its messages are indicated (a higher color intensity is used depending on the number of matches),

More options





Additional navigation

A menu provides access to the less common navigation options.

Sorting criteria can be adjusted.

A secondary entry for advanced search can be provided for those users not discovering the drop-down.