

Lunarys History

The **Lunarys history** is a retelling of the events that lead to the creation of the community, followed by a timeline of major events that occurred within the community, as a matter of posterity.

For full disclosure, this recollection is maintained by the leadership team, and thus will - intentionally or not - possess biases towards written events.

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Origin

The community's founders originally came from another community called Hydra Gaming.

Hydra Structure

The staff team structure of the community is shown with the below table. Positions listed that include who filled them reflect who was there in December 2019. These positions, aside from the executive director, were filled by various people during the course of Hydra's existence. This is presented so that context can be gleaned for the later sections.

Community Owner			
Executive Director			
Blizzard			
Community Leadership			
Director of Community Affairs	Director of Operations	Director of Development	Director of Infrastructure
Vacant	The_Rekoning	BlueNova	Sushiloid/RoflcopterV22
Director's Assistant			
Sirdog			
Community Management			
Administrator			
<i>Responsible for their division and maintaining it to their specifications with overhead from the director of operations.</i>			
Lead Moderator			
<i>Responsible for the day-to-day disciplining, oversight, recruitment, and managing of a division's staff team.</i>			
Community Development			
Developer			
Community Staff			
Senior Moderator			
Moderator			
Trial Moderator			

Frustration Boils

In Q3 2019 the community management team had become substantially upset with Blizzard. He had a history of abusing his position and continually did so. He also partook in other behavior and humor unbecoming of his position.

The directors and Sirdog staged an intervention with Blizzard about this behavior on August 18th. The topic of this discussion was to make Blizzard aware of the offending behavior. Blizzard's reaction was confrontational and the result of the discussion left the participants dissatisfied. This did not change Blizzard's behavior, even for a short period of time.

Pre-Exodus

Shortly after the intervention's failure the leadership team and others got together and decided that leaving Hydra Gaming was the proper choice. This discussion included what would happen to the group as a result. The options boiled down to: casually hanging out privately, migrating to another community, or creating a new community from scratch. The 3rd option was chosen.

A very long discussion followed going over what the name should be. The group settled on Lunarys (*loo-nar-hiss*) after having decided that the community's theme should be space-related.

The general rank structure of the community was also set. It was decided that it would be a simple 3-step ladder. Super administrator, administrator, and moderator. Super administrators would act as the owners, but there would always be more than 1, and they would share power and access to community resources equally to avoid another Blizzard-like situation. Administrators were designed to be a global-management rank and moderators were unchanged. The original directors were decided to be the super administrators with all others within the group, with a few exceptions, being made administrators. Sirdog would later ask to become a super administrator which was approved unanimously.

Another topic discussed during this time period was how the leaving of Hydra should occur. The consensus was that everyone in the group would leave Hydra simultaneously. The reason for this varied from person to person. Some felt so burned that they wished to watch Hydra perish spectacularly for catharsis. Others simply wanted to ensure that when it happened no one else had to deal with him.

With that, the rest of this time period was the technical work of ironing out other miscellaneous details, such as figuring out how the community would be hosted, and so on.

Exodus

The simultaneous leaving of the group occurred on December 23rd with the term exodus being coined to refer to that day. This group included the entire leadership team, a vast majority of management, and various public figures in the community.

Blizzard's response to this, in the end, was the shutting down of Hydra Gaming.

Post-Exodus

Lunarys was unprepared for just how soon Hydra had shutdown. It was anticipated to either not occur at all or occur well into 2020, but not within days of the exodus. This necessitated that plans and preparation move much faster. The community Discord was opened well before being fully vetted, Sirdog rushed to push out a staff application form, and Discord moderators were appointed on the spot out of need rather than qualification.

For a couple of days following the exodus the server degraded in speaking about how poorly Hydra was run or how dreadful Blizzard was. This discussion included personally-made memes that were personal attacks against Blizzard's character. The leadership team of Lunarys decided against intervening in those days as attempting to moderate such unbridled feelings was deemed to most likely backfire. This isn't to say that is was good reason, nor did it justify just how aggressive certain community members acted, but it was simply the reasoning at the time.

Some time after that Lunarys became settled and formally began it's tenure as an SCP:SL community.

Timeline

2019

Month	Events
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exodus occurs in Hydra Gaming. ▪ Lunarys launches. ▪ Hydra Gaming shuts down. ▪ The role Legendary Member is introduced. ▪ Staff applications are rolled out. ▪ Minecraft division launches.

2020

Month	Events
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The #edgy-memes channel is role-locked. SCP:SL division launches. The Events Squad role is introduced so that event organizers can ping it. TTT division launches. The staff handbook is officially released. The default trial period globally is made 2 weeks instead of 1. Staff mentors are introduced. EMP Fingers is elevated to SCP:SL administrator.
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The senior administrator rank is introduced to the core rank ladder. The playercount bots are made by BlueNova and are launched. Minecraft division shifts to modded instead of vanilla. SCP:SL division moves from SMOD to EXILED for it's plugin framework. A poll is sent to staff to determine if the administrator rank should remain global or become specialized. The result was to make them specialized.
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various categories in the Discord are role-locked for organizational purposes. Channel #get-roles made. Sirdog releases public statement regarding how COVID-19 is affecting leadership and staff overall. Patreon launches. Laram Fox is elevated to SCP:SL administrator.
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forums are launched. Minecraft division shutdown. The staff strike system is changed from a 3-strike termination system to making strikes result in probation and introducing kudos and coachings.
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patreon is changed to charge a patron immediately rather than allowing subscription and paying later due to abuse. The network partnership program is launched. The senior administrator rank is removed in favor of operators. ParadoxSolutions is elevated to Discord administrator.
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The_Rekoning is terminated from leadership. A community meeting is held for the general public to inquire as to what happened. The Discord rules channel is completely re-designed. The tracking of staff time requirements is automated. Glectole is elevated to TTT administrator.
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The senior moderator rank is introduced to the core rank ladder. The Discord administrator rank is formally introduced. The practice of mandating staff meetings is stopped. Fawn steps down from management.
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 3rd SCP server is introduced. TTT division is placed in stasis due to operational and development concerns.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patreon tiers Supernova and Galactic are removed. Glectole steps down from management.
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burbs is accepted into the game host program for vanilla Minecraft. TTT division is formally shutdown. A majority of the topic-specific voice channels are removed in favor of a bot that permits users to create their own temporary channels. The staff wiki is launched. Rose steps down from management.
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discord server is massively re-organized.
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The #edgy-memes channel is removed in favor of #dark-memes, meant to be a middle-ground between regular and edgy memes.

2021

Month	Events
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The #scp-help and #discord-help channels are deprecated in favor of 2 separate <u>modmail</u> bots. Michael is elevated to SCP:SL administrator. Crimson is elevated to SCP:SL administrator. EMP Fingers steps down from management. Community member JoeMama sabotages a fairly popular Minecraft hardcore event causing significant discourse in the community for 12-24 hours.
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slude is accepted into the game host program for Space Station 13. Burbs' game host program shuts down.
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The modmail bots are deprecated in favor of <u>ticket tool</u>. The #dark-memes channel is removed. Cloud is elevated to Discord administrator.
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slude's game host program shuts down. Laram Fox steps down from management. Sirdog almost deletes the community by making an error on the backend.
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garry's Mod division, starting with TTT, is launched.
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Garry's Mod division is shutdown and shifted to game host-level status.
July	<i>Uneventful.</i>
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The staff wiki is transitioned to simply being a community wiki. 3 additional SCP:SL servers are launched to partake in the Parabellum (https://store.steampowered.com/news/app/700330/view/2959412581536658873) beta. EMP Fingers becomes temporary SCP:SL administrator to fill vacancy left by both administrators being on LOA. A group of random SCP:SL players join the Discord to harass an SCP:SL moderator with slurs and death threats. They are promptly banned by Discord staff.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMP Fingers becomes temporary super administrator to fill vacancy left by Sirdog being on LOA. ParadoxSolutions steps down from management.
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The management team holds a community meeting to go over a policy relating to maintaining contact and disclosure with JoeMama for transparency. Management moves to remove strikes and coachings from the discipline escalation system in favor of simply noting internal poor behavior.
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BlueNova is terminated from leadership. The Garry's Mod game host service is terminated by a management vote of 5-1-0. EMP Fingers steps down from leadership.
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anniversary activities announced by Sirdog on the 10th. Pineapple is elevated to SCP:SL administrator. Most all community messages in the main Discord are replaced with embeds (https://discordjs.guide/popular-topics/embeds.html#embed-preview) rather than user messages.

2022

Month	Events
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper Plate Title winners announced. Crimson steps down from management.
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident report <u>The XK-Class Incident</u> declassified by Sirdog for public review. Lunarys talent show takes place.
March	<i>Future.</i>
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