

In addition to Joost de Valk and Karim Maruki, the accounts of Se Reed, Heather Burns, and Morten Rand-Hendriksen were also deactivated. Reed leads the WP Community Collective, and Burns and Rand-Hendriksen, former participants, expressed surprise, denying any involvement in any fork.

Rand-Hendriksen accused Mullenweg of using fork accusations as a means to silence critics.

Recently, a serious scandal erupted in the [WordPress](#) community, related to a conflict between the platform's creator Matt Mullenweg and hosting provider WP Engine, and everything happening is a consequence of this scandal.