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Omniscient - June 26, 2011, 12:07 pm

1. Lulz Sec did not compromise our DB. They only put it in their torrent which made it very popular as a download.
2. DB was compromised via a shell on Feb 19, 2011. I know who did it and I know how they did it. The exploit is fixed. The people who actually did shell us have never claimed responsibility in public and I don't name names.
3. Recent downtime from DDOS attacks are from a few parties but overall the downtimes were in part because of network problems related to changes in our setup. Not to say we can't be taken down but not all downtimes are because of significant attacks.
4. The question some ask is why didn't I do a full password reset when I found out the DB was leaked. It's a good question. At the time I felt MOST accounts were secured and I wanted to figure out some good methods to deal with a situation like this. I'm extremely busy all the time. I knew the best solution was a full scale password reset like we have now. So in the end it didn't matter if I reset all PW's then or now. Eventually it had to be done. Do I wish I did it before? Not really. I personally don't think it matters too much. In the end I had to do this anyways and accounts are not lost.
5. People are asking if their info is secured. The short answer is no. The DB contained your registration IP, last active IP (from feb 19), email, usernotes, and password hash. If any of that data being exposed represents a security risk to you then take appropriate measures.
6. Recent accounts signed up after Feb 19 are secure. They are not compromised. I believe it's around uid 687,123 (confirmed). So if you have a uid after that you're fine.
7. This is not the end or downfall of HF. It's a disruption. That's it. All upgraded accounts are secured and currently being recovered. Many inactive accounts have been placed into DEAD group. Many other passwords even on regular accounts were force changed. We get attacks, downtimes, and even get hacked every now and again. It happens. We're a huge target. My promise to you is that HF will always come back online. Activity on the site today is just as good as it was a week ago. For most it's business as usual and for others they are just waiting to regain account access.

Anyone spreading rumors or talking shit risk earning my wrath. I'm in no mood and way too busy for any crap. I have things to do but I needed to make this post because I'm getting all types of stupid PMs and emails. Just let me do my work please.

Industry - June 26, 2011, 12:09 pm

What doesn't kill us, Will only make us stronger. At least you're keeping composure through this whole thing. I know a lot of people that would have folded under this amount of pressure.

cobija - June 26, 2011, 12:10 pm

Thank you for clarifying this.

g0dspeak - June 26, 2011, 12:10 pm

Thanks for the information, I already changed all my info.
uid=141210 D:

Ghost? - June 26, 2011, 12:12 pm

Thanks for all your hard work Omni!

Ui Hirasawa - June 26, 2011, 12:12 pm

Good news, now go take a break and cook yourself some Spam.

The Resistance - June 26, 2011, 12:12 pm

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That's wrong. HF is NOT so famous than the FBI. They also compromised FBI docs, so do you now say that "Oh FBI? that's a pokemon site, HF is the new craze !" ?? WTF

iNk. - June 26, 2011, 12:14 pm

good thing my IP is changed from feb. TY MY ISP

Follow the White Rabbit - June 26, 2011, 12:14 pm

I registered on the 26th. Very lucky. I will now proceed to create a new email just for the use of HF.

Omniscient - June 26, 2011, 12:15 pm

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No you moron. I'm saying Lulz Sec made our DB download popular. Fuck off. This is the kind of shit talking I'm talking about.

Bye.

Justified - June 26, 2011, 12:15 pm

We appreciate your work to keep this great forums up.

Chris - June 26, 2011, 12:16 pm

uid=656453

Damn I was close to being safe.

Google.com - June 26, 2011, 12:17 pm

good to know HF is secure and safe

Joey Tribbiani - June 26, 2011, 12:19 pm

Good job Omni. You are good at handling all this. Nicely dealt with. ?

Thanks for informing us.

Mr. Cash - June 26, 2011, 12:20 pm

Mass reset was probably the best solution. I'm glad it is getting sorted out in a professional and organized manner.

Notizen - June 26, 2011, 12:22 pm

This is why I never use my real password on sketchy sites.

Condoms - June 26, 2011, 12:22 pm

Hey Omni.

Can I apologize? I didn't know.

Matt Bomer™ - June 26, 2011, 12:25 pm

Let Hi, do his work, And don't interfere or it will make a loss to we people only.

Good going Omni..

Chris - June 26, 2011, 12:25 pm

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Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

nofear1999 - June 26, 2011, 12:26 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 12:22 PM)Wonderland Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is why I never use my real password on sketchy sites.

Sketchy? Hackforums is one of the most reputable sites ever.

Omni would never fuck you over so quit acting like it.

idonotcare - June 26, 2011, 12:27 pm

You guys should always use atleast 2 passwords

1. "master password" for your e-mail and recovery accounts
2. "normal passwords" for msn/hf and any other site where your password COULD be stolen or databases leaked

So you can always recover it with the email.

By the way, why not doing this kind of password reset all 6 month's? It will help the security (I assume)

Begginer - June 26, 2011, 12:27 pm

Thanks a lot for this explain.

The MammoTh - June 26, 2011, 12:27 pm

Damn Omni when i read this line "My promise to you is that HF will always come back online. "

It makes me so damn happy. Keep it up Omni.

BaussHacker - June 26, 2011, 12:27 pm

Thank you for the great post and for letting us know, however I already knew it and I trust that you do your best. Thank you again :)

Barneyyz™ - June 26, 2011, 12:29 pm

That's very have a job!

Thanks for the update Omniscient, it's good to get this whole thing cleared up.

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Happeh - June 26, 2011, 12:31 pm

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Terence McKenna - June 26, 2011, 12:31 pm

The usernotes thing kinda scares me though o.o

Chamomile Tea - June 26, 2011, 12:33 pm

Thanks for the explanation Omni.

C??????! - June 26, 2011, 12:33 pm

Thanks For Sharing Info with us Omni...!!

But they have Our all Pm's Also in That Database ?

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(Jun 26, 2011 12:31 PM)Happeh Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I tried searching for torrent. Piratebay dont have it no more.

Wanted to see if I was in it. D:

It's on there website, it's downloadable via torrent. I don't think it would have been removed from TBP. Probably just not called "Hackforums"

TxJ0k3r - June 26, 2011, 12:34 pm

Keep up the good work Omni! I have faith in you!

Qwazz - June 26, 2011, 12:35 pm

You're doing a great job handling all this. If anything it's good practice for you and our members in combating future attacks.

Elite Hacker 69 - June 26, 2011, 12:35 pm

Lol at sending him emails. One thing for PM another for email ?

iNk. - June 26, 2011, 12:42 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 12:40 PM)Nihility Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

I rest my case.

your an idiot. Omni isn't in the mood.

Omerta - June 26, 2011, 12:42 pm

Maybe retaliation is a good thing to consider?!

Nihility - June 26, 2011, 12:48 pm

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If you are going to insult somebody's intelligence,
at least make an attempt to use proper grammar in the process.

Alternatively, you could choose a different insult, such as "bitch", or "asshole".

herestotheneyear - June 26, 2011, 12:49 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 12:42 PM)DejaVu Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Maybe retaliation is a good thing to consider?! HF isn't blackhat, any retaliation wouldn't be by HF I would believe.

Blazin - June 26, 2011, 12:53 pm

Keep up the good work Omi.. we trust you will take the right steps for the website :)

Omniscient - June 26, 2011, 12:56 pm

Quote:By the way, why not doing this kind of password reset all 6 month's? It will help the security (I assume)

When this mess is sorted out new measures will be put into place. I'll review things and come up with solutions. I was already working on account security options anyways.

Quote:I tried searching for torrent. Piratebay dont have it no more.

The torrent is about 500mb and has files from their entire 50 day endeavor. Most are speculating that Lulz Sec is about to get busted and that's why they've called it quits. My guess is that within 2-3 months they will all be arrested. Even those in different countries. You can't do what they did and not be Cyber Enemy #1 for the FBI. It's a bad place to be.

Quote:The usernotes thing kinda scares me though o.o

I agree. Overall this whole thing is scary for all involved. If HF gets compromised the data is wide open. The fact that major companies like Sony and even the FBI get compromised is proof that it's not just about my own ability (or inability). It's about a constant threat and that any hole in security will eventually be found and exploited. It's the world we live in and no one is safe. What's unfortunate imho is how big of a target we are. We're not some random site that's probed every now and then. There are teams of people dying to get HF for their own agenda.

Quote:But they have Our all Pm's Also in That Database ?

As far as I know no other DB material has been dumped. Is it possible? Yes but it's very unlikely. I do have measures in place that would make such a large dump very troublesome. It would take forever to download our entire 4GB PM table. It's one advantage of being so big.

Quote:Maybe retaliation is a good thing to consider?!

No it's not. I do not condone or encourage any retaliation. I won't even tell you who compromised the site to begin with.

fyi the spam video was before this incident.

Mr Kewl - June 26, 2011, 1:01 pm

Thanks for clarifying this.

Jiggly Puff - June 26, 2011, 1:01 pm

Do you have any plans to add more security to the website? Even something small, like scouting for exploits can go a long way.

g0dspeak - June 26, 2011, 1:02 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 12:56 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) fyi the spam video was before this incident. Make another spam video, please? :)

Yosh?i - June 26, 2011, 1:04 pm

I love hackforums even more now

Ruzlier - June 26, 2011, 1:05 pm

Thanks for clearing that up, but about the fbi thing, they have already hacked the FBI, They probably prepared to not get caught. But they will most likely will. They wont quit untill they look good.

Sleepy - June 26, 2011, 1:05 pm

I can't wait to see the wrath of omni.

nofear1999 - June 26, 2011, 1:06 pm

I actually made some of the spam for dinner with my family when you made it but I used cheese instead of onion.

MaGiK - June 26, 2011, 1:09 pm

Good news, we all appreciate you :). Keep it up.

Nihilicity - June 26, 2011, 1:11 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 12:56 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) fyi the spam video was before this incident.

Damn right you respond to my post ?

We'll let you off this time.

I am very trash - June 26, 2011, 1:17 pm

I commend you for all the hard work you do to protect your members.

iphone® - June 26, 2011, 1:17 pm

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Um did you download the torrent ? i just downloaded to see wtf is going on and i found there my username email password hash, ip adress... ect and some more infos. You are on the first list there. So how come that they didn't compromise hf db when they got whole sql db ?

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Unreal. You quoted the reason moron.

Air - June 26, 2011, 1:19 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 01:19 PM)-skynet190- Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) hey omni, is our PP emails leaked? Does DB contains any info related to payments for upgrade?

No, that goes another process. I remember him mentioning it the other day. It's all safe and I think it will always be.

Quiet. - June 26, 2011, 1:20 pm

Will you ever release how they got in? Is it a security hole in a plugin, in MyBB in general or just the server?

Grammar Rays - June 26, 2011, 1:23 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 01:19 PM)-skynet190- Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) hey omni, are our PP emails leaked? Does DB contains any info related to payments for upgrade?

Nope. Those details are in the payment processor which isn't hosted on Hack Forums.

g0dspeak - June 26, 2011, 1:24 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 01:19 PM)-skynet190- Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) hey omni, are our PP emails leaked? Does DB contains any info related to payments for upgrade?

No. The HF database contains no paypal or credit card information.

Da Loser - June 26, 2011, 1:25 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 01:19 PM)-skynet190- Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) hey omni, are our PP emails leaked? Does DB contains any info related to payments for upgrade?

Are you fucking retarded? I take it you can't read.

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Does it say paypal address there? No.

xDowwdeen - June 26, 2011, 1:27 pm

Thanks for clarifying all of this. I had seen the HF database online before so i had a feeling that [censored] didnt get it.

-xDowwdeen

ScRogLiN - June 26, 2011, 1:29 pm

Huge target, indeed. Superior patience, intelligence, and maturity will always prevail. The situation seems to have been handled beautifully.

Jiggly Puff - June 26, 2011, 1:33 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 01:19 PM)-skynet190- Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) hey omni, are our PP emails leaked? Does DB contains any info related to payments for upgrade?

Probably not, considering the payments are made on Witza.

D T N - June 26, 2011, 1:34 pm

I remember I changed my password and stuff after you made the announcement HF was shelled. So I should be good correct?

Bad Blood - June 26, 2011, 1:34 pm

Omniscient, I have one question for you. How did you manage to pinpoint the accounts that had their passwords cracked so you could put them in the dead group?

xDowwdeen - June 26, 2011, 1:36 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 01:34 PM)BioHaza?d™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Omniscient, I have one question for you. How did you manage to pinpoint the accounts that had their passwords cracked so you could put them in the dead group?

There was a list of the users on pastebin. That i had seen.

-xDowwdeen

Joey Tribbiani - June 26, 2011, 1:38 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 01:34 PM)D T N Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I remember I changed my password and stuff after you made the announcement HF was shelled. So I should be good correct?

Didn't you change your pass after today's forced logout and the announcement on the top? Just to

be on a more secure side.

Burnzy - June 26, 2011, 1:40 pm

if i had a DB big as this i'd upload it to shitcash lol

Omniscient - June 26, 2011, 1:40 pm

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Quote:Will you ever release how they got in? Is it a security hole in a plugin, in MyBB in general or just the server?

Well...considering a MyBB security fix was released 3 days after our shelling. :)

<http://blog.mybb.com/2011/02/22/mybb-1-6-2-and-1-4-15-security-update/>

Stuff happens on my end that most of the time I'm not going to discuss. Things are always happening on the backend in the server. It's a constant fight. I got scared many months ago when I realized the server was root shelled. Within minutes I was able to plug it and prevent more serious damage.

I'm aware that at any moment we can get rooted. The good news is that I have plans within plans to keep us online. We might get shelled. We might get rooted. We might get DDOS'd. But we will return.

iphone® - June 26, 2011, 1:41 pm

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Frank Underwood - June 26, 2011, 1:41 pm

Hey omniscient you are a great person, always have helped us, and always has get us out of situations like this. thanks bro ? ? ? I know you are seeing my comment :P

Quiet. - June 26, 2011, 1:42 pm

So it was a MyBB vulnerability? Great, now I should probably upgrade my forums shit.

C??????? - June 26, 2011, 1:43 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 01:40 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) We might get rooted. We might get DDOS'd. But we will return.

Now This is what we call " Great Attitude".. I love you Omni (No Homo) xD

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SIM-648359 - June 26, 2011, 1:44 pm

Thank you for posting this. Glad to hear the exploits are fixed. Hope it doesnt happen again.

S70N3R - June 26, 2011, 1:44 pm

Can we get rid of the big green bar now? I woke up to find 3 this morning.

Omniscient - June 26, 2011, 1:45 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 01:44 PM)S70N3R Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can we get rid of the big green bar now? I woke up to find 3 this morning.

Need to keep it there for a while longer. I know it's annoying but very necessary.

Dawncore - June 26, 2011, 1:45 pm

Out of all the accounts they go for leet and ub3rs.

Was your account in the DB Omni?

Happeh - June 26, 2011, 1:47 pm

Got the DB, I'm on there. Infact I'm on there around 5 times, in peoples sigs and with my own pass etc.

Anyway, everything's been sorted, which I expected it to be. So ya know.

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Every single members was in the DB.

?Cooldude? - June 26, 2011, 1:51 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 01:47 PM)Happeh Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Quick question, I didn't check, but was staff in the DB as well as everyone else?

Yes, the entire users table from February was taken. I hope that they've all got secure passwords.

Grammar Rays - June 26, 2011, 1:53 pm

Downloading the database as we speak, I'd love to see what my account details look like.

And to see if Omniscient has added any user notes onto me.

Inb4 "Grammar Rays is a shit user, don't take any crap from him. Stalk him and issue warnings for even the minor mistakes he makes." - Omniscient

Nihility - June 26, 2011, 1:54 pm

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I fucking can't belive that such a people exist and + you are an owner...

Hilarious how mad you are right now.

Probably more happy with Omni right now then I have been in weeks.

Ruzlier - June 26, 2011, 2:00 pm

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Just because you paid doesn't mean shit. Hosting and everything cost a lot of money, actually, being a regular member could be paid and still reasonable.

Hodgy Beats - June 26, 2011, 2:01 pm

When you say they have our email address, you mean like only the ones we signed up with right?

Omniscient - June 26, 2011, 2:02 pm

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That's actually the type of notes I leave. :) ?

coolnessQ - June 26, 2011, 2:02 pm

it would not be that big problem if my account where hacked because im more busy in my real life?

Arkansas - June 26, 2011, 2:02 pm

Thanks for this. I appreciate you're work omni.

Moralitas - June 26, 2011, 2:02 pm

I don't want to seem like a douche saying completely different, but what has been done has been done, let's move on.

First of all although this was a big issue, a lot has been learned. We have a better security system which is going to help HF, and other websites such as mine that learn from these incidents.

The amount popularity HF has gotten from Lulz should be considered as a good thing. Ever since they started mentioning HF on twitter, the amount of new members coming is incredible, and it can be noticed in the introduction area.

Move on.

Un-Named - June 26, 2011, 2:03 pm

sigh

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Grammar Rays - June 26, 2011, 2:08 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:02 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's actually the type of notes I leave. :) ?
? I want to see my notes now! Pfft, I can ask my inside contact.
What's Judge Dredd's profile link anyway?

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FUCK! I'll go and write about him in my diary again.

Sincerely,
Omniscient"

Haha, but seriously, my fucking personal notepad is on this database...

I wanted those to be secret, now every mother fucker knows my goals and what I want to achieve here at Hack Forums.

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Move on.Are you being serious? You're acting like we need this sort of publicity. Hack Forums was doing great with traffic before we were mentioned by [censored]. All this does(like said above) is bring in more trolls, scammers, etc; Only a few members with high potential come in. The more known we become the more risk we are at getting hacked again.

Moralitas - June 26, 2011, 2:10 pm

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How could you possibly think that people that came from the Lulzfag tweet are actually here for the greater good?>Assuming current members are not trolls.

Trolls will and do get banned once reported, same will be done. HF is a business, more people coming in is more profit.

Da Loser - June 26, 2011, 2:10 pm

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Starburst - June 26, 2011, 2:11 pm

Just asking, did the personal notepads get leaked?

Hodgy Beats - June 26, 2011, 2:12 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:11 PM)Starburst Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just asking, did the personal notepads get leaked? Yes, he said in the original post.

Starburst - June 26, 2011, 2:12 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:12 PM)Memory Lane Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, he said in the original post. Ahh, that's usernotes? I thought that meant staff written memos on users.

Grammar Rays - June 26, 2011, 2:13 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:10 PM)SkidSec Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do you always act like you have down-syndrome or is this just a phase? Either way, what has it got to do with you?

Don't go off-topic, this is the time to celebrate that Omniscent has taken the correct actions in order to secure a massive forum, he has lots of work still ahead of him to prevent this in the future.

This isn't the first time Hack Forums has been exploited, and it will not be the last, but each time Omniscent will learn from his mistakes and do a better job the time after.

Bravo Zulu Omniscent!

Un-Named - June 26, 2011, 2:14 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:10 PM)Peter Chao Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) >Assuming current members are not trolls. Trolls will and do get banned once reported, same will be done. HF is a business, more people coming in is more profit.

-claps-

Give this guy an award, please

[img]<http://i8.photobucket.com/albums/a4/sirenofchaos432/dumbbitch.jpg>[/img]

Seriously though, that means more pressure/work for staff, even more bans, more scammers, more money lost, more GOOD members lost because of scamming

chain of events, etc etc.

If I had a forum, and it got hacked, and somebody replied "meh, just more views and members, i'm happy about that! 100% good thing, nothing wrong with that"
I'd personally shove their balls down a blender.

Grammar Rays - June 26, 2011, 2:15 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:12 PM)Starburst Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ahh, that's usernotes? I thought that meant staff written memos on users.

User notes are what staff and administrators can add to your account which you cannot see. So if you have a multiple account WITH PERMISSION under special circumstances or you have a brother and it needs to be made aware that you'll both me on the same IP, a staff or administrator will add it to your user notes for future reference.

It is different from your personal notepad.

Da Loser - June 26, 2011, 2:15 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:13 PM)Grammar Rays Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Either way, what has it got to do with you?

Don't go off-topic, this is the time to celebrate that Omniscient has taken the correct actions in order to secure a massive forum, he has lots of work still ahead of him to prevent this in the future.

This isn't the first time Hack Forums has been exploited, and it will not be the last, but each time Omniscient will learn from his mistakes and do a better job the time after.

Bravo Zulu Omniscient! It seems you've got a bit of brown, on the tip of your nose.

Starburst - June 26, 2011, 2:16 pm

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Alright, thanks for clearing that up. :)

Grammar Rays - June 26, 2011, 2:19 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:16 PM)Starburst Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Alright, thanks for clearing that up. :)

You are very welcome Starburst! It was my pleasure.

Moralitas - June 26, 2011, 2:20 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:14 PM)Skrill?x Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

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Seriously though, that means more pressure/work for staff, even more bans, more scammers, more money lost, more GOOD members lost because of scamming! It's the risk people take when they trade with new members. If that member upgraded, that's \$18 for Omni. Staffs are not dumb, once they realize someone is not learning from warnings, they will ban, and they do it already.

Members that judge a whole community based on few shouldn't even be considered good, so them going is just perfect.

Grammar Rays - June 26, 2011, 2:20 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:15 PM)SkidSec Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It seems you've got a bit of brown, on the tip of your nose.

I eat chocolate through my nostrils, got a problem?

You seem to just go so off-topic it is unreal. I'd ban yo' ass right now.

alfonzo1955 - June 26, 2011, 2:28 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 12:09 PM)Industrialized™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What doesn't kill us, Will only make us stronger.

What does not kill you can also cripple you.

Moralitas - June 26, 2011, 2:33 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:28 PM)alfonzo1955 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What does not kill you can also cripple you. That's a good analysis, lol, but for this case, I doubt this would have a negative impact in the future.

Omniscient - June 26, 2011, 2:34 pm

Quote:This isn't the first time Hack Forums has been exploited, and it will not be the last, but each time Omniscient will learn from his mistakes and do a better job the time after.

Umm..technically I didn't make a mistake. An exploit was found and used. My only mistake is simply having a website that attracts constant attention from hackers. :)

Jeimuzu - June 26, 2011, 2:36 pm

Not sure why all these attacks are happening.

We just have to remember to be prepared in the future (we are, but for this to happen again.)

KaNe - June 26, 2011, 2:37 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:34 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Umm..technically I didn't make a mistake. An exploit was found and used. My only mistake is simply having a website that attracts constant attention from hackers. :)

Omni, will any action be taken against who caused this, and will any action be taken upon the [censored] leak?

Ramsay448 - June 26, 2011, 2:39 pm

I wish this was Braco, it would give me a great reason to Swat him ?

Ah well, it's good that the worst is over and this is being cleared up ?

Grammar Rays - June 26, 2011, 2:44 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:34 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Umm..technically I didn't make a mistake. An exploit was found and used. My only mistake is simply having a website that attracts constant attention from hackers. :)

I was referring to the mistakes you could have made instead of doing a mass password reset.

Some less experienced administrators could have freaked out and fucked it up. That wasn't the case here though, you did what you had to, even if it causes you a few head aches for a few days.

We're all behind you, don't forget that.

I cannot offer much, I am not a rich kid, heck I'm not even able to donate much money or any for that matter. However you will have my back, I'll work with you, and all the other members to

maintain a great forum.

Omni, while I am talking to you, please encrypt the personal notepads in future, I know my goals are not considered important however when it comes to goals and achieving something, I like to do it alone without help from other members.

For instance one of my goals was to get the Grammar Nazi award, I did it! (Even if I did piss you off on the way, which I apologise for.)

I have all but 2 goals to achieve and my time here will have been an ultimate success. They have been in my personal notepad for about a year, and I think I have achieved a lot.

(Blah blah blah, I'm blabbing on now.)

But yeah, I forgot the main purpose of this post...

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Happeh - June 26, 2011, 2:47 pm

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I think you're enjoying the community bonding together.

Grammar Rays - June 26, 2011, 2:49 pm

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Come on Omni, you can tell Uncle Grammar/Rays/Phil LOL ;).

Un-Named - June 26, 2011, 2:57 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:49 PM)Grammar Rays Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I noticed that also, seems like he is happy about something?

Come on Omni, you can tell Uncle Grammar/Rays/Phil LOL ;).

He probably just had sex.

Sing along omni before your 30 minutes are up!

Reputation - June 26, 2011, 5:23 pm

Oh shit, you have logs of usernotes? Fuck I thought they were personal!

/removes personal notes

Black Shadow - June 26, 2011, 5:33 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 02:47 PM)Happeh Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Lol @ Omniscient and all the smilies in the posts.

I think you're enjoying the community bonding together. I think he is happy that this mess is finally getting sorted out, I can only imagine the stress

he has been under, I remember the first time we got hacked and defaced (no data was stolen then) he was that pissed over it the site nearly got sold, I am so glad he stayed, he is the best Admin

on any forum on the entire internet, the shit he has to put up with, anyone else would have folded by now, I wish I could give him an award for all his hard work, maybe I will make one for him it would be called The Black Shadow Appreciation Award ?

iWhizKid - June 26, 2011, 6:56 pm

Finally a good post, thanks for informing us about it.

B??mer - June 26, 2011, 7:07 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 12:07 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) My promise to you is that HF will always come back online.

Last time you promised the vouch system would be done by the end of February (I think it was February) or you would shut down HF. Not looking for your wrath, I'm just saying.

Oak - June 26, 2011, 7:07 pm

So many asskissers in this thread xD

Guys, it happened, it will probably happen again, Omni is just doing his job. He makes money off this too you know, it's not all charity. The guy works for it, gets payed, we enjoy the fruits of his labor. Wiping his ass with our lips is not the way to repay him. Learn to be respectful, respectfully.

-Sir

EDIT: Not putting his work down, just being truthful to all of the asskissers.

Daily - June 26, 2011, 7:14 pm

How did we get shelled?..

miketh2005 - June 26, 2011, 7:19 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 12:07 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 1. Lulz Sec did not compromise our DB. They only put it in their torrent which made it very popular as a download.

2. DB was compromised via a shell on Feb 19, 2011. I know who did it and I know how they did it. The exploit is fixed. The people who actually did shell us have never claimed responsibility in public and I don't name names.

3. Recent downtime from DDOS attacks are from a few parties but overall the downtimes were in part because of network problems related to changes in our setup. Not to say we can't be taken down but not all downtimes are because of significant attacks.

4. The question some ask is why didn't I do a full password reset when I found out the DB was leaked. It's a good question. At the time I felt MOST accounts were secured and I wanted to figure out some good methods to deal with a situation like this. I'm extremely busy all the time. I knew the best solution was a full scale password reset like we have now. So in the end it didn't matter if I reset all PW's then or now. Eventually it had to be done. Do I wish I did it before? Not really. I personally don't think it matters too much. In the end I had to do this anyways and accounts are not lost.

5. People are asking if their info is secured. The short answer is no. The DB contained your registration IP, last active IP (from Feb 19), email, usernotes, and password hash. If any of that data being exposed represents a security risk to you then take appropriate measures.

6. Recent accounts signed up after Feb 19 are secure. They are not compromised. I believe it's

around uid 687,123 (confirmed). So if you have a uid after that you're fine.

7. This is not the end or downfall of HF. It's a disruption. That's it. All upgraded accounts are secured and currently being recovered. Many inactive accounts have been placed into DEAD group. Many other passwords even on regular accounts were force changed. We get attacks, downtimes, and even get hacked every now and again. It happens. We're a huge target. My promise to you is that HF will always come back online. Activity on the site today is just as good as it was a week ago. For most it's business as usual and for others they are just waiting to regain account access.

Anyone spreading rumors or talking shit risk earning my wrath. I'm in no mood and way too busy for any crap. I have things to do but I needed to make this post because I'm getting all types of stupid PMs and emails. Just let me do my work please.

Does this mean we need to change our password on other sites we used for signing up here? That sucks. But I think I used the password I used here was my unsecure password that's already been hacked at another forum. I only use it for sites that are not important to me.

Black Shadow - June 26, 2011, 7:31 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 07:07 PM)Sir Wrote: [CITE](#) So many asskissers in this thread xD

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TickTack - June 26, 2011, 7:38 pm

My, my, I found my entry in the database dump :(

Arruke - June 26, 2011, 8:02 pm

That's what I've told everyone who posts shit about Lulz being the one's who compromised our DB, it was done a long time ago and through an exploit that Omni didn't catch, shit happens. I hate it when people give credit to people who didn't even do shit, they just put it on that torrent which most of it, they didn't even get, ie our DB drop, AOL, and the "random gaming forums" list. Lulz wasn't as good as everyone believed they were, the 9 people, now supposedly 6 (b/c three got canned) got shut down by bascially one man, and web ninjas. That's why they quit, their boat had a leak that they couldn't fix this time so they abandoned ship. We'll probably see one if not more of them end up on the news sooner rather than later.

Good work Omni, I feel that the full scale pw reset was needed and timed pretty well, and thank you for dispelling the stupid rumors -_-

Baller12 - June 26, 2011, 8:07 pm

Thanks Omni, what a great forum, and I guess since it's a hacking one we ironically get hacked and have enemies and rivalries and competitors.

Chocothunda - June 26, 2011, 8:18 pm

Thanks for the notification and clearing this up.

Omniscient - June 26, 2011, 9:05 pm

Quote:I cannot offer much, I am not a rich kid, heck I'm not even able to donate much money or any for that matter. However you will have my back, I'll work with you, and all the other members to maintain a great forum.

All I ask is that members provide the best quality membership that they can. Lots of members already financially support HF.

Quote:please encrypt the personal notepads in future
You can't do that. How would you know what it says?

Quote:I noticed that also, seems like he is happy about something?
I guess it's pleasing to see the support of members.

Quote:I think he is happy that this mess is finally getting sorted out
I have many tough days ahead. This is not even close to being sorted out.

Quote:Last time you promised the vouch system would be done by the end of February (I think it was February) or you would shut down HF.
I was being facetious. Look it up.

[Preservation] - June 26, 2011, 9:16 pm

Well I'm a brand new member so I don't know too much about what's going on (only what I've read in the thread), but I love to see a forum where the members support the administration like this.

Also, I'm going to go buy some SPAM tomorrow, that shit looked delicious.

Dermot! - June 26, 2011, 10:02 pm

How easy is it for someone else to un-hash my password?

Neato - June 26, 2011, 10:10 pm

why wud a lelz people hack HF im pretty sure they wud want to hack something bigger people are just dum for thinking that

Siltho - June 26, 2011, 11:11 pm

(Jun 26, 2011 10:02 PM)Dermot! Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How easy is it for someone else to un-hash my password? Fairly easy, there's many tuts around here.

[[R9]] - June 26, 2011, 11:17 pm

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and password hash. If any of
that data being exposed
represents a security risk to you
then take appropriate measures. By user notes you meant personal notepad contents?
Now i am worried, please take some action against person responsible for this.

Oak - June 27, 2011, 1:59 am

(Jun 26, 2011 11:17 PM)Sir Optimus Prime Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) By user notes you meant personal notepad contents?

Now i am worried, please take some action against person responsible for this.

A) It's quite hard to take action against someone you can't find.

B) Don't you think he's tried?

C) You probably shouldn't keep sensitive information on a hacking site, in a place admins could read.

[[R9]] - June 27, 2011, 3:30 am

(Jun 27, 2011 01:59 AM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) A) It's quite hard to take action against someone you can't find.

B) Don't you think he's tried?

C) You probably shouldn't keep sensitive information on a hacking site, in a place admins could read.

Omni knows who did all this i guess.

And about that notepad suggestion, that was my mistake I know.

warlord - June 27, 2011, 5:33 am

Thanks for being honest, I don't really have any security risks other than getting a lot of spam in my inbox now which I already do. :P

Crayo - June 27, 2011, 6:02 am

Thanks for clarifying what I tell the idiots daily.

Enlighten - June 27, 2011, 6:18 am

(Jun 26, 2011 09:16 PM)iSector Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Also, I'm going to go buy some SPAM tomorrow, that shit looked delicious.

Sorry for being offtopic, but brother you have made the word "shit" so cliché that you actually substituted it for food.

Shit instead of Food, you went full retard on that one man. How could shit be delicious?