Forum:Hack Forums

Thread: An effective way to deal with scammers | A Foolproof way to counter scammers

Sun Tzu - *July 31, 2011, 6:50 am*

We the members of this forum have seen many a scam report, Many of the scammers just get away scot free. I have come with an idea which might prove somewhat or the other good for the buyers and their protection against scamming.

Suggestion:-
1] UserBar:- If a person is found guilty of scamming he should be made to wear a user bar like "Scammers" this will prevent the further scams that he may commit in the market place.

2] Forum Blocking:- Blocking him from accessing the marketplace forum and denying him permission of posting in any of the threads there.

3]Warning wise:-A special warning should be issued if he is proved as a scammer, So that us the upgraded members would be able to view and guard ourselves from it. The expiry of that warning could be anywhere between 12 months to 8 months

4]Rep wise:- His rep page must be cancelled out further, that page must be replaced by something from the administrator as "Scammer ahead deal with caution".

I hope that this, My suggestion if not completely atleast partially be considered such that buyer protection becomes much more stronger in HackForums.

Best regards,
Heaven and Hell,

Bad Blood - *July 31, 2011, 6:52 am*
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B?ast - *July 31, 2011, 6:53 am*
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Boo. - *July 31, 2011, 6:55 am*
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Sun Tzu - *July 31, 2011, 6:59 am*
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(Jul 31, 2011 07:02 AM)B?ast Wrote: [CITE] If you can't see it yourself, im afraid you're IQ is lower then my cat.
If you can't explain or voice out your point I'm afraid your IQ is less than a house rat. Some points that i put forth i know are quite hysterical but it isn't all laughs when a person gets scammed.

Joey Tribbiani - *July 31, 2011, 7:08 am*

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rayna66684 - *July 31, 2011, 7:08 am*

i say create a new section " List of Scammers" and for every scam that has been proven and is found guilty be put on that list in bold red letters. That way when new members or people on the site can read this with the rules and all the important info first. for example

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List Of Scammers
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1. XXbeetleguiseXX
2. FaFa12
3. 45ZooPile

(*Note Be aware with caution when dealing with any sales or deals with them for they have scammed in the past. This list is just a reminder for your marketing safety.)

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Thats an example...and random names i just picked..anyways then when someone reports a scam and has proof they can post in this section as well and if proven they did indeed scam should be put on this list.

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It alright if it is taken occasionally. Point here is if one person gets caught by this and is made to wear an user bar like i mentioned it would immediately force other user who are about to scam think twice if they want to ruin their reputation here, My method I presented here has an effect on the scammer, psychologically.

kaneshackedlol - *July 31, 2011, 8:21 am*

Neither admins nor staff interfere with scam reports.

1. Do research before doing a deal with them.
2. Not all scammers did it themselves, there are many accounts stolen and used to scam.
3. No. Just no.
4. Rep means nothing, get that into your head.

PedroDJ - *July 31, 2011, 8:22 am*

Agree with point 1 and 2: users should easily know if another users was tagged as SCAMMER or involved in a Deal Dispute.

Fortezza - *July 31, 2011, 8:50 am*

Hackforums doesnt take care of things happening on Hackforums Marketplace. Simple !!!

Trihunter3 - *July 31, 2011, 9:16 am*
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Sun Tzu - *July 31, 2011, 9:39 am*
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Yes, But he has also mentioned that in the Help Docs that The staff might intervene occasionally if they feel that the scam report is 100% legitimate.

Kaleb - *July 31, 2011, 9:57 am*
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TehShrink - *August 1, 2011, 5:10 am*
This is as useful as banning, the scammer will just make a new account.

Apathy - *August 1, 2011, 5:15 am*
I like the 1st one for a time period and the 2nd one for people who do it more then once.

rayna66684 - *August 1, 2011, 9:55 am*
(Aug 1, 2011 02:36 AM)Soul Extractor Wrote: *[CITE]* As far as I know there is already a database of scammers made by Red Lions.
:o oh really? i was not aware of this.

Boxing - *August 1, 2011, 11:27 am*
I would love to have that sexy scammer userbar.

Rokakku - *August 1, 2011, 12:30 pm*
This idea is great, Especially the userbar bit.

Kosmos - *August 1, 2011, 6:26 pm*
(Jul 31, 2011 06:52 AM)BioHaza?d™ Wrote: [CITE] Only a fool would think that this is fool proof. Everything here has been suggested and denied.
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xiBotx - *August 2, 2011, 12:50 am*
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Read the post above yours.

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If they find it as an hassle then no problem let hackforums be hackforums and scammers be on the rise, I personally am not affected by the scammers since i don't do any deals what so ever. Regarding Judge dredd i can't find what's so funny about this thread that made him laugh.

S70N3R - *August 2, 2011, 4:31 am*
Dear Judge/Omni,

You really can't say "Stupidity" is rep abuse, another fine example by OP.