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Thread: [Make your Hackforums account almost unhackable!](#)

Mag1c-Pot - June 22, 2012, 6:17 pm

So I had originally posted a brief explanation of this in [Black Shadow's advice thread](#) but it died and I don't think anyone saw it. His advice was based on changing privacy settings and making a different email for HF, but there is a way to make your account nearly hacker proof.

One of the greatest things Microsoft came up with was a Hotmail feature called email Alias. With it you can create 5 different mirrors of your real email (when you waste these 5, you have to wait A FULL YEAR before making a new one, even if you delete the ones you made - I learned this the hard way). It basically works like a mask, it has EVERY function you need in an email EXCEPT the ones that hackers can exploit to steal it. The reason why it makes your email practically unhackable is due to the fact you can't sign in hotmail with it. Although you CAN sign in any webpage you register in.

Why it makes your email externally unhackable:

A hacker won't be able to know if it's a real email or an alias.

If he phishes you, it will be useless because an alias email can't be used for login.

He can't dox it because it's only a mirror of the real thing.

He can't bruteforce it.

If he email bombs it, you can just delete the alias folder on hotmail and make a new folder.

If he tries to SE you via "I forgot my password", he will be angry once he introduces your alias email in the text box and receives an "invalid email" error message.

Other advantages of using an alias for HF and other webpages:

You can create a folder for Hackforums in your hotmail and every message sent to the alias will go into that folder.

It doesn't just forward messages to your real email, you can send emails from it.

You can prevent spam using it for registrations in websites that require an account to view/download something (alias can be deleted at any time).

If you have some business going on like sales on different forums or different products, you can use various alias instead of having several different emails for different things.

How to create an alias (tutorial by Microsoft):

In the left pane next to Inbox, click the Tools icon, and then click Create a Hotmail alias.

[img]http://res1.windows.microsoft.com/resbox/en/Live%20Explore/main/77783fe2-068b-488c-8768-6826a83d3030_25.jpg[/img]

In the dialog box, type an email address for the alias you want to create. On the next screen, decide where you want to put email sent to this alias—either into your inbox or into a new folder.

[img]http://res2.windows.microsoft.com/resbox/en/Live%20Explore/main/27654c9a-400e-4349-9775-d64301cb2da5_19.jpg[/img]

Now you're ready to send messages from your new alias. Click New to create a message, click the arrow next to the Hotmail address, and then select the alias you want to use.

Of course it's still possible to hack your email via a RAT or a Stealer, but those are under YOUR control, you just have to be careful what you run on your computer. The biggest threat to getting hacked is the exposure of your email and this is a perfect shield for it.

Trick 2:

Here's another trick I use as a secondary security measure to buy some time in case my email gets hacked somehow: In your email, set a rule to block every password reset message from HF (or Paypal, etc.). You can do this by requesting a password reset and then delete that email + blocking the sender. OR create a rule [like this](#) that blocks any message that contains "Password reset" in the subject.

How will this trick protect your account?

When your email gets hacked, the hacker will have to go to the website he wants to use your account on, and because the password will be different than the email one he stole (make sure of that), he will have to request a password reset but he won't receive it because your email is set to block it. It will VERY UNLIKELY occur to him to check the block list and remove the rule that prevents the email from getting the password reset request. Because why would anyone block something like that? ?

If you need one yourself, just remove the block and re-add it later.

NOTE: NEVER delete an alias after using it for a registration. If you register on HF with, say, alias@hotmail.com and then delete it, the email name will become available again and then someone else can recreate it and snatch your HF account (unless you change the email here). Again, I have learned this from self experience.

Thanks for reading. Good luck. :)

Glassy - June 22, 2012, 6:18 pm

This can come in handy for many. :)

bugga - June 22, 2012, 6:22 pm

This is a nice handy thread for member's, easy to understand and detailed. Good job :).

BotnetLocker - June 22, 2012, 6:24 pm

That alias thing is pretty cool, I never knew you could do that

? Mark I. Mcclam ? - June 22, 2012, 6:26 pm

Microsoft Emails Are Easy To Hack Possibly

Grumpy - June 22, 2012, 6:27 pm

Actually very very helpful. I knew of the Alias feature but I never thought of using it for security purposes like this. Great idea, very well thought out and explained. Thanks.

Douchebag # 145 - June 22, 2012, 6:28 pm

Amazingly detailed and very organized. It looks great. Thank you very much for posting this!

(° ? °) - June 22, 2012, 6:39 pm

Wow, this is awesome! I never knew about this.

Sol Yurick - June 22, 2012, 6:42 pm

Very detailed and easy to understand thread you posted here. Nice job.

prodigyhf - June 22, 2012, 6:45 pm

You should add a part two for Gmail users like myself. Other than that, great job!

Glassy - June 22, 2012, 6:55 pm

(Jun 22, 2012 06:26 PM)Mark I. Mcclam Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Microsoft Emails Are Easy To Hack Possibly
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Also, why do you capitalize each word with one letter being capitalized. It's quite annoying, don't you think?

h4kr! - June 22, 2012, 6:55 pm

I think gmail does this too. i have not used it, though so i don't know the functionality and limits of this feature.

Mr Undoubtable - June 22, 2012, 7:02 pm

One of the time's I wish I could +rep on here. Very nice post.

Prince™ - June 22, 2012, 7:04 pm

Looks good. Thanks for the advise. :)

Dan. - June 22, 2012, 8:54 pm

Nice job. Hopefully some members will listen to this. :)

Mr Kewl - June 22, 2012, 8:56 pm

Really good thread, I'll make one now. My methods hasn't been posted yet.

Cristano Ronaldo - June 22, 2012, 9:21 pm

This is amazing, very detailed. Well done, I'll try this soon,

AUB187 - June 22, 2012, 10:29 pm

Since I registered today, this thread will come in handy. Thank you very much for this tutorial. Much appreciated.

bugga - June 23, 2012, 1:34 am

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If you are that easily annoyed over a simple text then avoid any costumer related jobs ? ?.

Hotmail also makes your email address valid to other people if you haven't signed in for ninety plus days. It has been known to create major issues and makes it surprisingly easy to hack multiple websites, addresses and impersonate as other people apparently.

GreenPanda - June 23, 2012, 1:52 am

Eww, hotmail emails get hacked all the time. Technically, the most secure email, would be your own custom email.

mayboz127 - June 23, 2012, 1:54 am

This can come in handy for many. :) thanks for posting this HQ thread.

redpois0n - June 23, 2012, 1:54 am

Very nice thread. Deserves sticky lol.

Nice job.

McFlurry - June 23, 2012, 8:33 am

This is a very good thread. This will be very helpful for me and other Hotmail users.

Vexna - June 23, 2012, 8:53 am

Well explained, well done. Thanks for sharing.

Jordy - June 23, 2012, 8:56 am

Very cool, Thank you for explaining this to us.

Welfare - June 23, 2012, 9:01 am

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(Jun 23, 2012 01:52 AM)GreenPanda Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Eww, hotmail emails get hacked all the time. Technically, the most secure email, would be your own custom email.

Not really... what about when someone hacks your box.

More importantly. Why is a forum that's based on hacking concerned about email security? This should be the easiest concept to grasp for anyone.

>Don't use old outdated email services.

>Don't reuse passwords.

>Always have alternate emails.

Vexna - June 23, 2012, 9:14 am

(Jun 23, 2012 09:01 AM)Welfare Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) LOL... No they're not. They've become one of the most secure services after their upgrades unless you use Hotmail+, then not. Nothing is 100% secure anyway, that is why engineers are constantly working on the security.

Mag1c-Pot - June 23, 2012, 9:28 am

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Vexna - June 23, 2012, 9:31 am

(Jun 23, 2012 09:28 AM)Mysteries Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yahoo and especially AOL emails were the easiest to hack though. Especially AOL. When the target had an AOL email, I would almost always get it. Their security steps are a joke lol. I agree that this is not their specialty. ?

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Yahoo just added their own 2-step verification system.

?Cooldude? - June 23, 2012, 10:27 am

I wasn't even aware that alias emails existed. This thread contains some brilliant advice. Thanks for sharing it with us.

Gardenhose - June 23, 2012, 11:38 am

I didnt know this. Thanks alot! Id plus rep you if i could :(So heres a virtual + rep ! lol

thesnipair.24 - June 23, 2012, 11:50 am

You know that's a good way but there are many ways to get hacked also!

you only protected his email but what about his computer if it gets hacked and got key logged ..

that's only a way so there are many ways to hack a hf account and it's still hackable but good thinking :D

Thanks.

Zumoto - June 23, 2012, 11:53 am

Wow I don't think many people knew about this feature.

Thanks for the share OP very insightful.

Mag1c-Pot - June 23, 2012, 2:30 pm

(Jun 23, 2012 11:50 AM)ame_g Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You know that's a good way but there are many ways to get hacked also!

you only protected his email but what about his computer if it gets hacked and got key logged .. that's only a way so there are many ways to hack a hf account and it's still hackable but good thinking :D

Thanks.Well like I said in the OP, you can still get hacked through a RAT or a Keylogger but for that you need to be careful what you run on your computer. The biggest threat is the exposure of your details online. I know that's how most people get hacked. They think there's nothing they can do to prevent getting hacked once they put their details out there and that is not true.

Since I've had only great feedback, I will write an extension to this thread with tricks to prevent getting hacked with other methods including Keyloggers and RATs. ?