

Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [India Serving Problems](#)

Omniscient - August 11, 2012, 3:04 pm

Seems the past couple days a few complaints are floating around that India is blocked.

I have not blocked India. I'm suspicious that we're blocked from the country's firewall.

If you are in India and HF doesn't work for you I need you to PM me your originating IP. If possible I'd like to see a traceroute as well.

For those who are in India and can access HF can you also please post along with what ISP you're using. It might help me narrow down who is blocking us.

But as far as I can tell from my end India is not blocked.

Creamy - August 11, 2012, 3:05 pm

Only seen a couple of reports - Probably because they can't get on :L

Keeping us updated ^.^

Crash-Override - August 11, 2012, 3:06 pm

I am from India and there were no blocking except the normal downtime HF had. I am using Airtel ISP.

Existence - August 11, 2012, 3:07 pm

A lot of members said they were only blocked for a day, or at least the 2 Indian HF members I know.

Skorp - August 11, 2012, 3:08 pm

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Omniscient - August 11, 2012, 3:13 pm

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Revenge - August 11, 2012, 3:14 pm

Hmm this is strange. Hope you guys can get this resolved asap.

St. Jiberish - August 11, 2012, 3:14 pm

Hopefully we can clear this up, a few members I know can't even get on HF to post.

adampelletgun - August 11, 2012, 3:15 pm

Hopefully a solution can be found for this problem.

Fossil - August 11, 2012, 3:16 pm

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ariton - August 11, 2012, 3:17 pm

There's a solution for everything. GL on fixing this one!

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One of my friend's can connect to VPN.

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Vinnie - August 11, 2012, 3:22 pm

I got a few people in Illuminati blocked on HF because of this issue, I'll get them to PM me the info so I can send you it.

Crash-Override - August 11, 2012, 3:22 pm

List of ISP's in India.

Airmesh,Airtel,Skynet Broadband,Aircel,Hathway,Idea,MTS India,O-Zone Networks, Reliance Communications,D-Vois , Metro-Ethernet, GPON, ADSL,Sify,Spectranet,Tata DoCoMo,Tata Indicom,Tikona Digital Networks,Vodafone,YOU Broadband, Asianet Data Line,Kappa Internet Services,Beam Telecom,Fivenet,Honesty Net Solutions ,IOL Netcom,Railwire,Vasai Cable Pvt. Ltd,Alliance Broadband, Wishnet Broadband Service Ltd,Siti Cable Pvt. Ltd,Meghbela Broadband Pvt. Ltd,Touch Net-High Speed Broadband, BSNL broadband.

My best guess is "Reliance broadband" might have blocked HF.

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Seriously if my ISP blocks HF, I would be the one going to say "fuck off to them". I will change my ISP ! simple as that.

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Skorp - August 11, 2012, 3:27 pm

Shh, dont tell them that you access this website at all. Keep it private, dont let them know.

Mises - August 11, 2012, 3:29 pm

I've heard some members complaining that it was blocked in India, but it seemed to be resolved the next day.

adampelletgun - August 11, 2012, 3:31 pm

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null_username - August 11, 2012, 3:33 pm

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Remote Administration Tools can be used for legal purposes.

Demi Lovato - August 11, 2012, 3:37 pm

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Stev - August 11, 2012, 3:37 pm

I pmed you like 2 days ago, I have a friend from Mumbai who is having difficulties connecting to HF, this is the info he gave me:

<http://just-ping.com/index.php?vh=hackforums.net&c=&s=ping%21>

St. Jiberish - August 11, 2012, 3:38 pm

(Aug 11, 2012 03:31 PM)adampelletgun Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hackforums is 100% whitehat and legal ?
I think he is trying to say, that it does get a bad rep for malware. My security said it is malware.

adampelletgun - August 11, 2012, 3:39 pm

(Aug 11, 2012 03:37 PM)Buyars Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wasnt Hackforums down for the last 12 hours anyway?
Hackforums was down due to a firewall error for 9 hours.

Skorp - August 11, 2012, 3:43 pm

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It is blocked for a reason, i am just saying if someone else complains about Hackforums being blocked, the "people" that are experiencing issues might contact the ISP in a way that seems if this website is blackhat in connection to illegal activities. I said that because of the website name Hack Forums. I just recommend a more safer way to contact their ISP because i dont think the blocked "people" will word it out correctly. That is all.

SpooKy - August 11, 2012, 3:43 pm

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No, they will triple block it. Which means that attempting to access the website will block you from ever using your internet again. Shortly after, they send in a group of "IT technicians" (A hit squad in disguise).

adampelletgun - August 11, 2012, 3:48 pm

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kray - August 11, 2012, 3:52 pm

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This post made me deviously chuckle.

I couldn't imagine the ISP unblocking a website unless a whole crap load of people complained,

though I have nothing supporting my feeling.

Omniscient - August 11, 2012, 3:53 pm

Stay on topic please.

Quote:I know for a fact that at least 30% of HF is from India

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Read through the Computers Fraud and Abuse Act (US) or the Computers Misuse Act (UK) if you want to see where I'm coming from. Also, the other various cyber crime laws that countries have adapted.

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Really? I could of swore I read somewhere that it was more. Oh well.

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h3llscream - August 11, 2012, 3:59 pm

its working for me now .. i was blocked before but not now using reliance isp

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Yes, until now the ISP remains unknown.

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Spooky - August 11, 2012, 4:44 pm

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Yea? Well you thought wrong. Big surprise there.

bugga - August 11, 2012, 4:56 pm

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My friend had a lot of trouble from Mumbai India yesterday, he had no access at all. And nothing for India comes up on just ping at all.

Glassy - August 11, 2012, 6:30 pm

Don't see a reason as to why it would be necessary for an ISP to block Hack Forums. Although, one my buddies were online at that time and had HF blocked, but now the issue is not occurring for him anymore.

Nickelodeon - August 11, 2012, 6:40 pm

I think Factor8 can't acces HF aswell.

His last visit was on 10 august.

Mr Liberty Reserve - August 11, 2012, 7:08 pm

ohh ATM my HF is working fine but if I face problem again i will PM u My IP :)

Fossil - August 11, 2012, 7:10 pm

(Aug 11, 2012 06:40 PM)Nickelodeon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think Factor8 can't acces HF aswell.

His last visit was on 10 august. Factor8 would probably use a VPN if he couldn't access HF.

Falconw0w - August 11, 2012, 7:34 pm

I've PMed you the details Omni. Hope they come to some help.

Brownie - August 11, 2012, 7:46 pm

Email the Indian Members and see Omni.

Draw - August 11, 2012, 7:48 pm

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If they've never heard of it though, they might think otherwise. We all know its legal, but people won't feel like saying the name Hack Forums to the public or to the bigger authorities.

Most of them here are underage and won't take the consequences from their parents by telling about HF

and will be scared to say this to someone else, including the ISP's.

Evulant - August 11, 2012, 8:17 pm

Are the people blocked even active on here? Imagine if you're going through all this work for people who never come on.

Arkelnd??! - August 11, 2012, 8:23 pm

yup no issue for me now

had the issue only when the firewall was blocking all

now am all cool

thx omni ??

Brilliant™ - August 11, 2012, 8:28 pm

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HackForums!

The GRim - August 11, 2012, 9:06 pm

Everything's fine now, i was also not able to visit HF from the last 2 days.

Prince™ - August 11, 2012, 9:08 pm

Everything is fine right now, got to finish doing the Tech News quickly.

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Im from India and im using BSNL asn my ISP! It didnt work for the past 2 days! Now everything seems fine! :)

Rulerzz - August 11, 2012, 9:23 pm

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If I am getting Omni's message right, neither he has blocked anything nor he has corrected anything yet....

This is the reason he is asking for some details from the blocked members. So that he can get to the root of the exact issue.

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It was not ISP issue that's what I believe.

Mr Kewl - August 11, 2012, 9:34 pm

I can access HF with ISP MTS, going to check with other dongles too.

Many people complained about Omni blocking India in [HF's group on Facebook](#). but it was just them.

zobino - August 11, 2012, 9:35 pm

by the sound of this thread it looks like the issue is resolved by most indian users or?

Omniscient - August 11, 2012, 9:46 pm

Jeez...false alarm. Indians just thought they were blocked when site was just offline.