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Thread: [Official End of Custom User Groups](#)

Omniscient - September 15, 2012, 3:22 pm

I'm no longer selling or adding new custom user groups for members.

Don't PM me asking me either. I'll turn down your money no matter what you offer.

We have enough custom user groups here I think. So you can mark this the end of an era. HF no longer sells custom user groups.

Existing groups will remain and can still be transferred to a new owner for a \$250 fee.

Years ago I added groups free for members so they can have a sense of pride in being part of something with fellow members and allow private forum discussions. I think in total about 6-8 free groups were created. But as HF group resources did become a problem and the requests for groups increased. I was very stingy about adding them. I was offered payment to start groups and felt it was appropriate given the resources needed to deal with them. I set a high price but groups still sold. I eventually closed or converted all the legacy free groups into paid groups. I then raised price again. More groups sold.

New groups imho have almost no relevance in adding quality to the site. The existing groups are more than enough to fulfill the original goal of groups..."so they can have a sense of pride in being part of something with fellow members and allow private forum discussions".

Just like the awards I feel if they lose their rarity they lose their value to the community. So no more custom user groups.

Thank you.

Lady Deathstroke - September 15, 2012, 3:22 pm

Thanks for this post omni now lets end all the cross posting across the forum.

SuaveSalmon - September 15, 2012, 3:23 pm

Oh wow. Well I can see where this is coming from. Gonna be a big step for HF :O

Creed is just LQ and some of them are turning into them.

Hexicidal - September 15, 2012, 3:23 pm

One of the best features of HF while it lasted. Thank you for the opportunity you gave me when I purchased Coders.

Much appreciation.

St. Jiberish - September 15, 2012, 3:24 pm

Can owners still promote and demote other co-leaders still, just wondering.

Ne?ro? - September 15, 2012, 3:24 pm

Dang.

Well, I guess this is for the better.

Will WiFi still be able to sell Eminence? And will Viral (potential buyer) be able to change the name and all? Or can you no longer change a group entirely (name,userbar)

Soulmate - September 15, 2012, 3:25 pm

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?????s? - September 15, 2012, 3:25 pm

Ohhh now watch all the shitty groups raise price on entry. Ha!

Good decision tho.

bad - September 15, 2012, 3:26 pm

Glad to hear that as it was very rare to see new things coming in new groups.

h?cker22 - September 15, 2012, 3:26 pm

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He stated in OP, groups can still be sold/renamed. (250\$ fee)

KernelMode - September 15, 2012, 3:27 pm

Good thing. I feel like we have enough groups as well.

Albert - September 15, 2012, 3:27 pm

Thanks for the information Omniscient.

Ne?ro? - September 15, 2012, 3:27 pm

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Cyber-Security - September 15, 2012, 3:29 pm

Thank you for this Omni, I`m so glad you made this choice. Hopefully, things will get better from here on out.

?cid - September 15, 2012, 3:29 pm

Good idea, groups nowadays are just to have a group no intentions on making it HQ etc

Desiderius - September 15, 2012, 3:29 pm

Thanks for the update.

I kindly agree with your actions.

Tonight - September 15, 2012, 3:30 pm

Finally. We needed this, Omni. Thank you!

Mullet - September 15, 2012, 3:30 pm

There is already enough anyway, people who own groups now will be happier though because they can raise the price on getting into their groups.

pubmaster - September 15, 2012, 3:30 pm

Old groups were best... Which were free....

Good choice Omni!

Thanks.

Tangy - September 15, 2012, 3:30 pm

Thank god! Now there wont be any scams occuring relating to group fundings.

Retribute - September 15, 2012, 3:30 pm

Thank god you finally took some action, Omniscient ?

Well, good things don't last forever I suppose.

Hexicidal - September 15, 2012, 3:30 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 03:27 PM)Ne?ro? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I know, but does this just transfer leaders, or can you change the name/userbar of a group that is being sold by the owner?

You can change everything if you wanted to.

Omniscient - September 15, 2012, 3:31 pm

Quote:Thanks for the information Omni, Hopefully WiFi. is still able to sell his Group.

I think I just made his day with this change. He should easily be able to sell it now.

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?Rhythm - September 15, 2012, 3:32 pm

Damn, I was going to buy one in a few months. =/

VirusTotal - September 15, 2012, 3:32 pm

Thanks for this post Omni ;)

Great news!!!

Desiderius - September 15, 2012, 3:33 pm

I can't wait to see how much Wifi is going to make ?

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Lucky WiFi.

If we bought his group, would we have to keep the paid members in?

I've been wondering that. :3

Control Panel - September 15, 2012, 3:33 pm

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Stifler™ - September 15, 2012, 3:33 pm

Yeah everyone has been going out of their way to purchase groups and they don't even know what the group is for.

SkyGuy - September 15, 2012, 3:34 pm

Cool, a lot of the new groups are utter shit now.

This was always coming, glad to finally see it. :)

?Mind_?Control™ - September 15, 2012, 3:34 pm

Damnit. We just decided today to buy a user group -__-

Anarchy - September 15, 2012, 3:35 pm

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h?cker22 - September 15, 2012, 3:35 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 03:34 PM)?Mind ?Control™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Damnit. We just decided today to buy a user group -__-

In most cases, you must be Ub3r to own a group.

You can still buy one (if you really were ?), just not off Omni.

WiFi. is selling his.

Douchebag # 145 - September 15, 2012, 3:36 pm

Sucks to be anyone who was planning on buying one soon.

tdog0403 - September 15, 2012, 3:37 pm

I knew this was coming and I was quite happy it came so fast.

Ne?ro? - September 15, 2012, 3:38 pm

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Thankyou. ?

Viral is probably going to be pissed, considering WiFi will definitely raise prices.

Jason. - September 15, 2012, 3:38 pm

Good choice Omni, there is plenty enough groups.

Retribute - September 15, 2012, 3:38 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 03:35 PM)Anarchy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) But what if let's say a person deleted the usergroup he owned? Would a spot to buy a new one be open?Well in his tweet, Omniscient said:

Quote:That's it. No more custom user groups being opened or sold. I'm done with them. Existing groups are all that's left.

McFlurry - September 15, 2012, 3:39 pm

Overall I think this is a good decision and I also feel that there is way to many groups.

Hopsin - September 15, 2012, 3:39 pm

Very nice decision you made there omni. There were already too many groups :(

Kyle FYI™ - September 15, 2012, 3:40 pm

That's a real shame, I was going to buy one tomorrow. Oh well. I might just donate some money to hf instead then :)

Hopsin - September 15, 2012, 3:42 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 03:40 PM)Kyle FYI™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's a real shame, I was going to buy one tomorrow. Oh well. I might just donate some money to hf instead then :)

Bad luck huh? You can always keep your money for something useful IRL :)

?ire - September 15, 2012, 3:42 pm

This just made group owners a lot happier, groups will know be going for loads.

USMC Chris - September 15, 2012, 3:42 pm

I was thinking of maybe in a few months me and a few buds chipping in like a grand each to start a group, this is really just a shame.

I see where you are coming from though, omni.

Dan. - September 15, 2012, 3:43 pm

Wow, I'm thrilled for obvious reasons.

Thanks for the announcement.

Fossil - September 15, 2012, 3:44 pm

Awww, this is pretty sad news for all of those who wanted to buy a group.

But you can still donate to HF, and receive the Ruby Donator award.

Sir - September 15, 2012, 3:45 pm

I'm actually pretty glad to see this being announced. I was just talking to people the other day about how there were too many usergroups already and that half of them are pointless.

NieR - September 15, 2012, 3:47 pm

I have been awaiting this announcement, and it is true, the latest groups have no relevance, quality, or need.

NaDe - September 15, 2012, 3:51 pm

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It is okay NaDe, I understand your condition.

SuaveSalmon - September 15, 2012, 3:52 pm

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Did you read the thread? Or just wana get your post count and epenis size up?

Strokes? - September 15, 2012, 3:53 pm

Glad you're doing this. New groups are just starting to become redundant.

Just another way for someone to enlarge their epenis.

Zain - September 15, 2012, 3:53 pm

I'm glad this change was made before we end up with multiple groups with no real purpose, it's already starting to happen. Groups are meaningless if there's loads of them. I'm sure a lot of group owners are very pleased with this announcement as well.

This should also help quiet the critics who believe you put money before anything, user groups were obviously very profitable to you yet you made your decision based on increasing the quality of HF. Much respect for that.

Qwazz - September 15, 2012, 4:00 pm

No real loss here, hopefully te newer groups will be able to fully pay off their outstanding balances.

Nickelodeon - September 15, 2012, 4:08 pm

All the existing groups are really really rare now.

Nostre - September 15, 2012, 4:15 pm

Sort of a good decision. I can't see another user group being purchase and having that originality.

Omniscient - September 15, 2012, 4:15 pm

Quote:Will you ever Change you mind in the future when Group start to be LQ
Extremely unlikely. I'd be more likely to code out something fresh and innovative.

Quote:But what if let's say a person deleted the usergroup he owned? Would a spot to buy a new one be open?
Nope.

Quote:Are group owners still allowed to sell their group to another member?
Yes but new owners must be approved by me and \$250 transfer fee will apply. I've rejected plenty of members to own groups.

Wolves - September 15, 2012, 4:18 pm

Thank you for this. Hopefully now the current groups will step up their game because of this.

Groups went from being part of a family and a purpose, to being almost exclusively a place to socialize.

There have always been a few groups in which have continued their ways and shall be respected for that.

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Mr. Anderson - September 15, 2012, 4:20 pm

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Agreed. The majority of groups I notice are dedicated to helping people, or at least it is the groups purpose. I don't see a lot of people helping others though. They need a game change.

(?°?)? ERM?HGeRD - September 15, 2012, 4:20 pm

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Ne?ro? - September 15, 2012, 4:20 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 04:15 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) hi im omni

Ok, so:

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Some groups are already like that. -cough.

Will you take it upon yourselves to change the leader/owner?

Or would you just delete the group?

OR would you not do anything because refunding that person would be a pain in the ass?

Cloudy - September 15, 2012, 4:21 pm

Wow, I can honestly say I didn't see that coming. I think it's a good idea though, there were to many groups coming up all at once.

Cryptic™ - September 15, 2012, 4:21 pm

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Unless the forums get filled with trash. like threads like

Quote:Title: SLADNAKLSDNALKSDNAKLNIOATRAIONR

Content: ASDOAINRWEA09HJ20QH5025H0AR5HDFSIDNAOISDNAIONDFAOSDNI

I don't see that happening

Dan. - September 15, 2012, 4:23 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 04:20 PM)Gonorrhea Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) WOW this will help Eminence sell no problem for \$3,000.

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Not that easy. 3k is still a lot of money and since it's not officially purchase from Omni, the money has a huge chance of being fraudulent.

Cubs - September 15, 2012, 4:23 pm

This is a sad day for HF, even though I do agree that most groups here have almost no to little point.

Makaveli The Don - September 15, 2012, 4:24 pm

This just goes to show that really the Members of this forum are who actually run the forum.

They fucked up in the Social Engineering section, got a second chance, fucked up again and it will no longer open.

Then People fucked up in purchasing LQ groups and look what happens.

Next time guys, before you do a mass gang rape on a HF feature, think twice.

not gay - September 15, 2012, 4:25 pm

That sucks.

You're right though. It would be for the better.

Glassy - September 15, 2012, 4:26 pm

I believed this was bound to happen.

Dan. - September 15, 2012, 4:26 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 04:23 PM)Genuine Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Not that easy. 3k is still a lot of money and since it's not officially purchase from Omni, the money has a huge chance of being fraudulent.

As long as the money is coming from a secure payment method it doesn't matter.

Omniscient - September 15, 2012, 4:26 pm

Quote:Will you take it upon yourselves to change the leader/owner?
Not for the reason you stated.

Quote:Or would you just delete the group?
Wouldn't do that either.

Quote:OR would you not do anything because refunding that person would be a pain in the ass?
Whaaa???? Refund who? Whaaa????

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Dan. - September 15, 2012, 4:27 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 04:24 PM)Makaveli The Don Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Then People fucked up in purchasing LQ groups and look what happens.I don't think that the reason for this at all. There is just too many of them. They aren't special anymore.

D??M! - September 15, 2012, 4:29 pm

Selling Valor usergroup for... \$5000.

(jk)

Wolves - September 15, 2012, 4:30 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 04:29 PM)BV1 ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Selling Valor usergroup for... \$5000.

(jk)

That'd buy you a lot of RSGP to resell. ;)

Dan. - September 15, 2012, 4:32 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 04:29 PM)BV1 ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Selling Valor usergroup for... \$5000.

(jk)In a couple of months it will be worth that easily.

Zain - September 15, 2012, 4:34 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 04:23 PM)Dan. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) He would be an idiot to sell it for \$3,000.
Yet he is, and he's having trouble selling it. I would hold on to a group at this point since its value is only going to go up but I guess WiFi. wants to be done with it.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2838688>

Lemur - September 15, 2012, 4:36 pm

Great idea, there is more then enough already.

Happeh - September 15, 2012, 4:36 pm

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tdog0403 - September 15, 2012, 4:37 pm

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Mr. Anderson - September 15, 2012, 4:39 pm

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Because a lot of teenagers don't have 3k to drop just like that. I was planning on buying it, but I had to give the money away to someone else.

J. McCarthy - September 15, 2012, 4:40 pm

I think it's sad there is no hacking groups

Hopefully me and eknoz work something out :)

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?cid - September 15, 2012, 4:42 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 04:37 PM)BI?????f all Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't know why nobody has even bought the group yet. Im not really im actually surprised people would spend so much they could basically make their own forum and pay that much for ads etc to get it out there if you think about it.

Infinit? - September 15, 2012, 4:42 pm

Totally agree with this.

Eventually it was getting to a stage where there were just too many groups. And not only that, they will eventually begin to repeat themselves, losing all point.

Tangy - September 15, 2012, 4:43 pm

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It would only become a scam i would think if the owner knew he was going to sell and still offered paid entries then sold it i would say aswell.

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They weren't?

Looks like I just learned something new today.

Dan. - September 15, 2012, 4:50 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 04:36 PM)Happeh Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It lost it's sense of pride ever since Leaders started selling membership spots. Then it became about who had the money in their pocket.

When prices for groups are so high you should expect nothing less.

K?ala - September 15, 2012, 4:50 pm

I think this is a great change. Now groups will surely up/add an entrance fee.

Omniscient - September 15, 2012, 4:51 pm

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group would lose credibility and be worthless. New owner basically paid for shit. I don't see why I need an official policy when I think good ole common sense would rule. Pretty much what Wifi. is doing though. He sold memberships clear up till the day he let anyone join... Now he is letting the new owner kick everyone? ?

GodlikeGuy - September 15, 2012, 4:55 pm

Well that sucks, will you ever re-allow group sales? maybe when a lot of the existing ones leader(s) turn inactive.

Omniscient - September 15, 2012, 4:56 pm

Fuck..might be one more group. :(

Talking with a member now that showed strong interest the past couple weeks and I feel as if I made a commitment to them. Enough so that I may have to allow them the last final group purchased on HF.

Wolves - September 15, 2012, 4:57 pm

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You'd be surprised how forgetful a chunk of this community is.

Not to mention the members who don't notice group drama.

If members can't even take the time to research a user they are doing deals with half the time, I doubt they can do research on groups. ?

Most of the larger members do stay up to date on information with groups, announcements, and so on.

Thus, they (the group) is losing out on the "notoriety" that most groups tend to want to attract and have in their group.

So in the end, I think the community does just a fine job with the groups that are out there.

People also need to remember, if you don't like a group or a member, simply ignore them rather than fighting all the time.

Fighting on the internet is like wrestling each other naked.

Sure, one of you will come out on top, but at the end of the day you are going to have a lot of people just laughing at you and calling you both gay.

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Awwwww.

Omni has a heart. =3

Chief - September 15, 2012, 4:58 pm

I don't think groups are for a purpose now. They are for the name and popularity.

Rage™ - September 15, 2012, 4:58 pm

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That's nice of you Omni. ?

OT: I think that this was inevitable more and more groups started to be made/bought. And it was becoming something not special.

Tangy - September 15, 2012, 5:00 pm

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Haha well that lucky bastard.

and to your previous response:

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CRT - September 15, 2012, 5:01 pm

Good to know there won't be any usergroups. I'm glad in a way. ?

Now WiFi's group should sell with ease.

Omniscient - September 15, 2012, 5:02 pm

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CGŠŠ - September 15, 2012, 5:02 pm

This is the most amazing thing I have ever seen you post. Thank you.

Infinit? - September 15, 2012, 5:02 pm

And I agree with the part of letting the community decide. If a user buys a group, then that group (and forum) should be treated as their own forum, and their Leaders should be treated as their own admins. If it all falls apart, then it shows bad leadership as well as effecting the way the community feels towards the group.

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Wow that's actually really kind of you.

Dan. - September 15, 2012, 5:03 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 04:55 PM)GodlikeGuy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Well that sucks, will you ever re-allow group sales? maybe when a lot of the existing ones leader(s) turn inactive.He has not said for certain he will not, but he has no plans too.

Cryptic™ - September 15, 2012, 5:05 pm

And thus comes the end of the Group Era on HackForums.

YouCracked - September 15, 2012, 5:06 pm

Yeah it has too much groups now
good idea man :)

Infinit? - September 15, 2012, 5:07 pm

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Okay, but with that.

If a user buys into a group, they are buying into it for a period of time that's set by the group rules. So, let's say they're kicked due to inactivity, flaming, not participating in an activity OR breaking a one of the guidelines...then that's fine.

But if they are kicked, because the owner needed money and decided to sell the group, then wouldn't that seem unfair (kind of like HEV when the Coders members were allowed access to join when Hex bought it). As they're not getting what they asked for.

Just an opinion ?

mrnapolean1 - September 15, 2012, 5:09 pm

I hate to say but this is a good thing. We need to maintain the rarity of custom user groups.

Revenge - September 15, 2012, 5:09 pm

Huh well I guess there's still plenty to choose from anyway and we all knew this was going to happen soon.

Hot Cakes - September 15, 2012, 5:10 pm

It's a sad day in the Riley community.

Clique - September 15, 2012, 5:12 pm

This is for the greater good, I suppose. ?

Scar . - September 15, 2012, 5:15 pm

I agree with this. I don't really any of the new groups around the forums much.

mrnapolean1 - September 15, 2012, 5:16 pm

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It also marks the end of another chapter and the Beginning of another one.

?cid - September 15, 2012, 5:18 pm

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Cryptic™ - September 15, 2012, 5:20 pm

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Starfall - September 15, 2012, 5:24 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 04:50 PM)K?ala Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think this is a great change. Now groups will surely up/add an entrance fee.

It's a good change, but root will never have an entrance fee. Ever.

Clique - September 15, 2012, 5:27 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 05:24 PM)Aur0ra Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's a good change, but root will never have an entrance fee. Ever.

Isn't Root an invite only group? So there is no entrance fee? ?

mrnapolean1 - September 15, 2012, 5:28 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 05:20 PM)Cryptic™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Next up is the POW3R Era. Where HackForum members can get new POWERs.

As this guy said.

The Pow3r Chapter.

Maghbool - September 15, 2012, 5:29 pm

Good thing Omniscient, glad to show you don't care about money, even though you could of been making 10k+ per month from these groups since more people are buying them.

I already thought it was getting quite cluttered. I also remember Haunter Gang, best fucking group ever LOL. Can't believe that idiot did pay 1k and made it a trolling group hahaha.

Buzzle - September 15, 2012, 5:29 pm

Ahh. I guess, if you think it's the best. That's good enough ! :P

?ades - September 15, 2012, 5:29 pm

This just proves that omniscient isnt a moneyhungry bastard :)

Goodjob omni.

Red. - September 15, 2012, 5:32 pm

I honestly think this is a great choice. Since the most popular topics have been taken, any groups beyond this point would have pretty much meaningless, now groups should be taken more seriously.

Dan. - September 15, 2012, 5:32 pm

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Goodjob omni.

I think the ub3r usergroup proves that Omni is not a money hungry bastard.

Baked - September 15, 2012, 5:33 pm

I really like this decision Omni, I agree with it, there might be some group trading going on now.

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Infinit? - September 15, 2012, 5:35 pm

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Could be a new group coming in soon, as they discussed with with Omni before he made this thread.

But I do agree, that it's a good number to end on.

Zimton - September 15, 2012, 5:35 pm

Thank god! I was tired of seeing new usergroups around so much, and there shitty userbars degraded the forum so much.

Blazin - September 15, 2012, 5:36 pm

Thanks for the update omni I agree so many groups now as it is good decision. :)

Makaveli The Don - September 15, 2012, 5:41 pm

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Valid counter point. It's hard to really come down on any LQ / Inactive group, as they have paid for their rights/group. However, I believe this will really help out with groups and limit more and more sprouting up just so someone feels special that they are in charge of something. Now we can focus on what we got and perfecting it.

Keep up the great work Omni!

Tutelary - September 15, 2012, 6:01 pm

This'll really cut back on more of the duplicate groups (Groups that do the exact same thing.) being created. Thanks Omni.

Hexicidal - September 15, 2012, 6:04 pm

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And btw Hex, I know you, you're an amazing group leader. Keep up the good work. ?

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Nickelodeon - September 15, 2012, 6:25 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 04:51 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I tend to try and let the community police itself on this. I'd be really pissed off if a new group owner kicked me. I'd leave them a nasty rep. I'd make sure everyone knew I was scammed. I assume the group would lose credibility and be worthless. New owner basically paid for shit. I don't see why I need an official policy when I think good ole common sense would rule.

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That's because there are only like a dozen members in that group.

Nickelodeon - September 15, 2012, 6:44 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 06:34 PM)Hexicidal Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I kicked you after weeks of inactivity. If you feel scammed by me, please make a scam report. You kicked me for inactivity?

Wow, don't lie bro.

This is what happened :

First-off : Everyone was welcome in "Coders". (<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2679157>)

One of your leaders "Lust." made a thread, he said you have to PM Hexical with your transaction ID to stay in Logic (Coders was changing).

This was only for the members that PAID YOU, however he didn't state that in the thread. (<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2865329&pid=26449200#pid26449200>)

Well, I paid HEV to join, I PM'd "Lust" for info if I may stay in Logic even though I paid to HEV.

He said : "No sorry, only the users who paid Hex may stay, we have nothing to do with HEV" '

An then you started kicking all the members who didn't pay.

It was not for activity.

No, I won't do anything yet.

- terrible grammar, i'm on phone now.

Mag1c-Pot - September 15, 2012, 6:50 pm

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Being a member though, I think this will not improve HF. In my opinion more groups weren't decreasing the value of the feature. On the contrary. They were increasing the interest. It was always fun to check out the Groups section for new groups, new speculation, new interesting projects. It kinda reminded me of the anticipation there is for a new iPhone or Samsung Galaxy or a new video game. There was also a high competition with each group trying to be the best. Now the section will die out and people will eventually lose interest in the groups.

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Lemur - September 15, 2012, 6:52 pm

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they pick, so there would be no more groups for LQ members. For example, in the group of Coders the leader would have to be very careful to pick the 10 best coders on HF.

This could actually work. Omni, if you are to bring back groups, this would be a great idea, and would protect the rarity of groups.

Androctonus - September 15, 2012, 6:55 pm

Would you sell a new Custom User Group for a Scooby Snack? Not sure what happened to set you off about this but I'm cool with it. Last couple groups have seemed rather low quality but all striving for "HQ". It's odd.

Makaveli The Don - September 15, 2012, 6:56 pm

Mysteries, I already suggested that in my post check page 14. :)

Disy - September 15, 2012, 6:56 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 03:22 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Don't PM me asking me either. I'll turn down your money no matter what you offer.

Wait, so Not even If someone offered you 1 Million Dollars?

La Manifesto - September 15, 2012, 6:58 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 06:56 PM)Disy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wait, so Not even If someone offered you 1 Million Dollars?

If someone was paying that much then they need to get a life. Just saying.

Makaveli The Don - September 15, 2012, 7:01 pm

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Lol really 1 million dollars?

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Buy a building and make people work Everyday on the website, hire SE's and promoters, pay for ads, and in a month it would be the next big thing.

Lol IMHO buying a group is useless if you want to buy it for the lulz.

Omni likes creative and farseeing people. Not people who gets money from daddy and mommy to grow their penis on a website.

Disy - September 15, 2012, 7:02 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 06:58 PM)Adherence Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If someone was paying that much then they need to get a life. Just saying.

Very true, But why'd Omniscient care anyways? He'd be getting A million Dollars.

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Androctonus - September 15, 2012, 7:03 pm

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If I had dollars out the ass I'd gladly donate 1M to HF. That likely wont ever happen but I do have a huge list of places to donate to if I'm ever a rich bastard.

Makaveli The Don - September 15, 2012, 7:04 pm

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Lol you're talking as if that happens.

And besides, Omni isn't a 13 years old teen, he's a 42 years old bearded business man with Kids and a Wife. Lives in a cool villa and have a badass mustang. ?

(?°?)? **ERM?HGeRD** - September 15, 2012, 7:07 pm

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(Sep 15, 2012 07:07 PM)Gonorrhea Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) *Facepalm* why is there always one person who brings up something like this. "You wouldn't do it for a million dollars??"

Curiosity, mainly.

Omniscient stated that he wouldn't for any amount of money, Just checking to see how far he'd go.

SIM-888979 - September 15, 2012, 8:35 pm

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?cid - September 15, 2012, 8:43 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 08:35 PM)Pirate™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Any chance of free groups popping out again?

:xHe has already answered that i think he said as of right now no and it will most likely stay that way.

He also had said he will most likely let 1 new group in that hes been talking to over the previous weeks and that would be the last

If you meant free groups like free free, im 100% sure that will never happen

Mr Kewl - September 15, 2012, 8:49 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 08:35 PM)Pirate™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Any chance of free groups popping out again?

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Free group? I highly doubt, Omni stated any that any group created will have some site purpose and will be created by himself, unless you're buying a group.

So no free groups, would be a like a scam to members who bought groups.

iNviZ - September 15, 2012, 9:01 pm

Would be very interesting if we were to make some group competitions, it would be very unique.

NieR - September 15, 2012, 9:19 pm

(Sep 15, 2012 08:35 PM)Pirate™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Any chance of free groups popping out again?

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Unless it is something that is solely meant for the site's benefit, such as Writers or Reviewers, it won't happen.

Omniscient - September 15, 2012, 9:34 pm

Hmm..never considered this a concept but selling groups with X max slots has an appeal imho. I could alter the scheme so that groups could be priced based on their member slots...like 10 or 25

max members. To be honest I wish I had thought of doing that years ago. I don't think things would have gotten so far out of hand.

Quote:Being a member though, I think this will not improve HF. In my opinion more groups weren't decreasing the value of the feature. On the contrary. They were increasing the interest. It was always fun to check out the Groups section for new groups, new speculation, new interesting projects. It kinda reminded me of the anticipation there is for a new iPhone or Samsung Galaxy or a new video game. There was also a high competition with each group trying to be the best.

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Startups pay tens of millions of dollars and don't get as big as HF. And no...for a million dollars I wouldn't sell a group. My integrity trumps my wallet.

Quote:Any chance of free groups popping out again?

Things have to change around here. Gonna shake things up and see what falls out of the tree.

In any case this has been discussed enough. I do believe one more group will be formed next month but only because the deal was in-motion and I stated I'd sell them a group. Not 100% sure the deal will go through but if it does they'll be the last Official Paid Custom User Group on HF.

Makaveli The Don - September 15, 2012, 9:39 pm

So why not Omni, why don't you code a new plugin, and give current groups as for exemple a max of 100 members, since now every group would profit of the situation to sell spots. I mean 100 spots sounds reasonable. And they could pay Like 500\$ for additional spots or something.

Walter White - September 15, 2012, 9:59 pm

This is a great thing. All these new groups are popping up and the old ones keep going. It's sad and needed to stop.

Good work Omni.

Dan. - September 15, 2012, 10:03 pm

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Makaveli The Don - September 15, 2012, 10:18 pm

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Well it's his forum you know. If he wants and sees a solution to stop LQ buyins he'll do it. But I

don't know about that.

DaFreak - *September 15, 2012, 10:46 pm*

Then WiFi. should sell his group for more higher

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2838688>

Finally no more custom groups :)

Puzzels - *September 15, 2012, 10:50 pm*

Well finally this decision is taken .

I appreciate it .