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Thread: [To UB3Rs & L33ts misusing their powers](#)

Arrogance - January 28, 2013, 11:13 am

Dear community,

This thread is addressed to the UB3Rs and L33ts that are constantly abusing their power over new members.

Why is it that whenever a new member makes a thread about how he gets repped unfairly, you have to jump all over him and give him neutrals and neg reps. Do you guys even realize how disheartening it could be to a new member who's trying to be legit and friendly being repped negatively for just simply stating his opinion in an open community.

This attitude has to seriously change and we have to become more responsible with what we choose to do with our repping power, we all were normal members at some point of time and we know how painful it is when ub3rs abuse their power over regulars. And now when we are ub3rs we simply neg rep a person because he mentioned the word rep in his thread, that's just pathetic.

It has come to the point that new members who could potentially benefit this site are leaving because of this fact. We all know how hard it would be for someone to start their small business in this forum with negative reputations, it is beyond depressing to see how members with powers to do this are acting this way.

And you may ask yourself: why are they doing this? Sadly enough, this toxic behaviour doesn't break any rule. It is certainly true that you can state your opinion -repping someone but, now it's not about that, it's about humanity. And the main point is that they are not punished back in any way, like they don't lose anything, because the members they usually go against have no power to rep back (coincidence?).

The reason I am creating this thread is to acknowledge the upgraded community about how unethical this behaviour is, because in the end it doesn't break any rules (because you are theoretically stating your opinion on the user). With this, you are doing nothing but stopping the community from growing.

Thanks for reading.

Credits to [Hercules](#). for helping out with the thread and ideas regarding this matter.

Cryptic™ - January 28, 2013, 11:14 am

Similar messages have been posted in the past, the problem is people don't read them, or they do read them but do not act accordingly.

Most of these "HF Bullies" or random neg reppers just have problems IRL. So they get their emotions out by bullying people online, to "let it all out", as they are helpless victims of bullying IRL.

It's a shame.

tweety - January 28, 2013, 11:16 am

Well from the current rules that HF has, we can freely rep anyone we want unless it violates the rules set out. I really think the rep system and rules for it needs an upgrade and be more specific.

Max ?? - January 28, 2013, 11:16 am

It's a shame to see members misuse their abilities, and thing's they've earned through loyalty, and respect from other members, then to mis-use it on members. Honestly reputation is the most pointless thing I've ever seen, a vouch system ,or feedback would work, where there isn't positive, or negative, just feedback.

Good post, thanks for sharing.

Armen - January 28, 2013, 11:17 am

Like the idiot on top with all of those negative.

It's funny, cause when I joined this community. L33t and ub3r judge others from rep. Even other forums too, it's just really sad to see that. Judging others by rep. ?

Chuck Norris . - January 28, 2013, 11:18 am

Here you go, I'm abusing my power over you. Fuck me, right?

Mohatu - January 28, 2013, 11:18 am

Nice thread, I agree to a certain extent. The real reason people continue to diminish the reputation of new members is because they know the member can do nothing to retaliate, and the typical age group on this forum will still get personal enjoyment from the misfortune of others. Seeing someone post a long angry thread about a single negative, followed by a complete rage quit when additional red marks join the first one simply gives pleasure to some members. Your points are well put, but I doubt it will initiate any change.

Ove?lo?d - January 28, 2013, 11:18 am

I honestly hate when people post "Reps a number, get over it" rep could mean your business here not working because some revenge repper put "deal with caution".

I agree man.

Phobix - January 28, 2013, 11:19 am

You have your opinion, we have ours. If you wish us to respect your opinion; you must also respect ours.

With this, I use the reputation system as it is. If somebody can't take the time out of their day to read the help documents, letting them know it's not acceptable to skip over these rules saves our asses in the future. Not only that, but if they cant even read help documents, you want them in our marketplace?

Now I'm very lenient when I give out rep. If somebody asks in a mature, educated matter and let's us know that despite his searching he is still confused, then I give the benefit of the doubt. But when the person asking is very obviously asking for rep and/or whining about it, then action must be taken.

I assume you are pointing out what happened in the recent thread made a couple of minutes ago. If so, that user wasn't even given a single neg or neutral, it's just tweety updating his rep.

Natas - January 28, 2013, 11:20 am

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"Its so hard to get rep I want to go into the market place"

I seen members make a thread like that with there first post ever made.

I also have seen multi accounters who have scammed, spammed infected links make threads like that.

For more info visit my thread - <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=3196730>

Positive - January 28, 2013, 11:20 am

Not saying I'm against what you say, but if they didn't post some of the most idiotic things for attention, they probably wouldn't be getting repped.

I have noticed this myself.

Also, this thread is basically bringing nothing but attention to the reputation system. Hopefully it doesn't mess it up.

William Costigan - January 28, 2013, 11:21 am

Good views OP.

Sad, but true. The worst part is that it won't stop. People think it's funny to negative rep anyone or to let it be known that their opinion is the only thing that matters.

It's hard to get a +1, kinda achievement to have and and soo damn easy to get a -3. Ignorant kids.

I'm sure someone will - rep me for this post coz' they enjoy the fact that I can't - rep them back.

Hercules. - January 28, 2013, 11:21 am

Quote: Well from the current rules that HF has, we can freely rep anyone we want unless it violates the rules set out. I really think the rep system and rules for it needs an upgrade and be more specific.

But we can still be compassionate about how the rep will affect the person, it might be even force him to leave the site which happens in most of the cases.

We decide a lot of this and we should always encourage other members to be legit and friendly opposed to trashing them.

Feather? - January 28, 2013, 11:22 am

Well you have a really good point but on the other side I see plenty of users who abuses their green powers on new users. If a user asks for some rep to post in marketplace, plenty users give it to him and this is just wrong and is also against the rules.

I've try to not give red or grey apples but when I do I remove them after a while.

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Websync - January 28, 2013, 11:23 am

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=3214282>

There is always the other side of the coin...

Accident - January 28, 2013, 11:24 am

Listen. We pay for this shit, thus meaning we can do whatever we want?

No rules are being broken when using the reputation, so what's the problem.

tweety - January 28, 2013, 11:25 am

(Jan 28, 2013 12:21 PM)Hercules. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) But we can still be compassionate about how the rep will affect the person, it might be even force him to leave the site which happens in most of the cases.

I agree as well. A member needs to understand that a certain standard must be followed to become respectable. As stated in the rules, don't type like a retard and act mature.

It's not so hard to use some nice grammar and common sense is it? New members need to understand this, being harsh with rep will allow them to see that and hopefully improve. Speaking from experience here, I was a Skid with like -14 rep until I tried my best to be HQ and type like a human. Now look at me, I type like this all the time out of habit, my posts are more or less HQ and I am some what respected in the .NET section with the occasional trolling to morons who always post 'i wantz cryfter'.

?ntei - January 28, 2013, 11:25 am

I agree with you, I think it's sad that some Ub3rs and L33ts do this. I myself have never done it just for the fact that it can be disheartening. But on some level, the user might deserve the negatives, take in to account the users the SE us just to get rep or the ones that say "It's so hard to get rep. Any tips?" Sure the reputation is flawed, and sure some users abuse their power, but sadly, there's nothing much we can do.

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Liquified™ - January 28, 2013, 11:25 am

Thanks for posting, we really needed this.

The amount of hate thrown at genuinely nice new members is abhorrent.

Accident - January 28, 2013, 11:27 am

(Jan 28, 2013 12:25 PM)Armen Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wouldn't you hate if over 5 users negative repped you? Yea that's the problem.

No. I wouldn't care too be honest G.

I understand the point, the reputation is unfair, but it's breaking no rules.

so it's not a problem.

Senior Sherlock - January 28, 2013, 11:28 am

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Jobi Won - January 28, 2013, 11:28 am

This is really true, thank god somebody had the balls to point this out. Now the only thing is who's gonna have the balls to treat new members with respect

Vedo_ - January 28, 2013, 11:29 am

Well it happened to me just a loads of times i was like " Da faq ?! I didn't do anything to get (-ve) repped Why ?! " But nothing i was thinking of can't just you guys remove the rep shit or make it only allowed once in the topic ? and only one point or such ?.

Phobix - January 28, 2013, 11:30 am

It's just rep guys. It's not the end of the world.

Hercules. - January 28, 2013, 11:31 am

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So If it was hard for you, you want it to be hard for ever-body?

Change has to come, we have to become more responsible and compassionate, this forum can become the best in the world If we act responsibly and in a mature manner.

FroFro - January 28, 2013, 11:32 am

Why do I need to know this? I don't.

A rep is someone's opinion on someone, people are allowed opinions.

Arrogance - January 28, 2013, 11:34 am

I think that I'm complaining because "it is against the rules." No, you are wrong. I'm making a public statement to let the community know that such actions do not help the forum progress. I can understand those who are against this thread because I guess you are identified with the kind of member that would naturally do this (the one I mention in the main post).

webdev77 - January 28, 2013, 11:34 am

The first problem is the people making the threads. No rep complaining threads = no chance for a user to be neg rep'd many times. I don't neg people in those threads because I know others will anyways, but I can see why people do it. The threads are annoying and don't add anything useful/valuable to the community. It's just a complaint thread, and nobody really likes whining people.

This is a decent thread, but honestly won't solve anything imo.

?n??d?o?? - January 28, 2013, 11:41 am

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Lante - January 28, 2013, 12:34 pm

I agree with the OP. The reputation system which is merely used to give an opinion or to 'rate' that individual, is being abused quite a lot in terms of spreading lies, rumors or flaming at the person. I've seen some randomly giving others neutral or negative reputation for no reason as well, quite sad tbh.

CPA Exposé - January 28, 2013, 12:57 pm

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Goodies - January 28, 2013, 12:59 pm

Thanks for posting this. I read the whole thing. Lots of new members have a lot they can teach us.

Xerif - January 28, 2013, 1:01 pm

When I first joined HF I didnt read the [Help Docs](#) like I should have and then I went around asking for rep and I got it, but it was negative.

One of the people who negged me told me to read the [Help Docs](#), and so I did after I read them I asked the ub3rs who negged me to remove it and they kindly did.

The point of that story is new members should read the rules. :D

Exact - January 28, 2013, 1:04 pm

I completely agree. Whenever someone posts legitimate proof that they got a false rep, all the ub3rs come and -rep the OP and say "Stop whining about rep".

Here is a perfect example: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=3211598>

The user was falsely repped, and everyone in the thread is telling him to stop whining and being rude to him when he is just asking for help.

Also, whenever a user says something that they don't like, they feel that it's necessary to -rep them

For example, in this thread: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=3037561>

OP was selling a Twitter. I simply stated my opinion on it, and it wasn't rude at all:

(Nov 21, 2012 09:32 AM)Exactly Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It would probably be more popular if it was deaththreat, not deathreat.

Good luck though. I then get -repped for "I dont need your opinion. That is a selling thread. Dont post if u dont buy."

Lots of ub3rs feel that they own the community with their -repping power.

Makaveli The Don - January 28, 2013, 1:11 pm

I see that everyone who think they're powerful over some pixels is mentally challenged. Seriously guys, chill the fuck out and respekt everyone like you want to be respected.

Phobix - January 28, 2013, 1:13 pm

(Jan 28, 2013 01:57 PM)?lue Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You're the first person I've seen who doesn't care about rep (it seems), but can actually acknowledge that it has a purpose to some degree.

I care about it only because its in the public eye of the forum. If I was in the negatives, clearly people don't like me here and I'm not being a good member. (excluding those who get repfucked/new here)

The opinions of my fellow members mean something to me, but a couple of red apples isn't going to make me upset. You're going to make friends and you're going to make enemies here at HF. Omni just allows us to do it in a way that keeps it somewhat more on a personal record and not outright flame and harassment on the public forum.

Pinkie Pie - January 28, 2013, 1:14 pm

I saw this happen to a new member recently and it really annoyed me how he made an innocent mistake yet people pounced on him.

Hercules. - January 28, 2013, 2:04 pm

Quote:I don't understand how you think people are "misusing" their power here. You guys accuse and throw around the word "abuse" here more than the idiots that cry about "police brutality" in real life.

Grow up. It's not the end of the world.

It might not be the end of the world but many members are forced to leave the forums, primarily because they are being a victim of someone's anger or hate which they don't definitely deserve.

Wires - January 28, 2013, 2:06 pm

You've hit the nail right on the head Arrogance.
Reliance.

'An0ny - January 28, 2013, 2:09 pm

(Jan 28, 2013 12:18 PM)Chuck Norris . Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Here you go, I'm abusing my power over you. Fuck me, right?

Oh my god, grow the fuck up. When your first going to neg him, give it a valid reason.

Hercules. - January 28, 2013, 2:15 pm

(Jan 28, 2013 03:09 PM)Panik Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) In most of these cases whether anyone wants to admit it or not, these users with 25 posts that are making these types of threads are ban evaders on new accounts. Even if they aren't, when they are "forced to leave" they will just make a fresh account and start over anyway.

Not everyone is a ban evader, there might be plenty of them that do that sort of stuff but there are genuinely new legit members here which can add and contribute lot to the forums and they get frustrated over a neg rep/rep which can also ruin their business.

For example OP in this [thread](#) was neg repped for no reason, he was just putting forward a point as he's a legit member and was participating an upgrade contest and ub3rs repped him unfairly over some stupid reasons.

Hercules. - January 28, 2013, 2:35 pm

(Jan 28, 2013 03:26 PM)Panik Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Personally I think that kid deserved to get negged for making a thread complaining about rep. It's happened to everyone that makes a thread of that nature since I've been a member here.

He could have taken it up with the person who gave him the original neg or just fucking sucked it up. What's the point of even being able to give out negative reps if everytime you do, someone makes a thread to bitch, and gets 50 positive reps from it?

It's bullshit.

He tried doing that but as you can see that ub3r had put him on the ignore list so he had no option.

Also helping new members to become better is not BS.

Showing them the right way forward for the betterment of the community as a whole is not BS.

Being compassionate to others is also definitely NOT BS.

The real BS is those members who spam the Request in Hacking section with useless "We are not your personal army" posts, the members which keep breaking the rules which they are already aware of, the members which rep4rep and go on a spamming spree later. But the only time UB3RS choose to use their negative rep feature is when they see a word Reputation in a thread which a non upgraded members makes.

Phobix - January 28, 2013, 3:09 pm

(Jan 28, 2013 04:05 PM)Panik Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If the user put him on ignore, then obviously he didn't want to talk to him. He should have just sucked it up and moved on. Why does it have to be the end of the world?

And I usually neg anybody that makes threads like that, regardless of their user status. It's just stupid. For anyone. Not just regular members.

I've had my Ub3r taken away, and people gave me plenty of negs because they knew I couldn't give them one back. Did I bitch about it? No. Some people are just too gratified about their reputation.

I completely agree with you here. It's the internet, sheesh. ???

0fd52785afa06f3192e876cd1 - January 28, 2013, 3:40 pm

When I notice such members I usually give them negative/natural rep right away.

It's pretty fun to see how you get a PM/revenge rep from them in 5 minutes top.

Whispa - January 28, 2013, 3:42 pm

I'm one of the nicer UB3Rs. I don't jump on members doing threads like that.

But OP, I agree.

People do always do that.

Positive - January 28, 2013, 5:15 pm

Some of the members I - rep do things constantly, so I remind them.

If I close a thread/junk a thread for violating a rule, I can't warn them; I PM them and if they decide to ignore it, a - reputation is placed to make sure the user knows.

Grin - January 28, 2013, 5:16 pm

Thanks for calling out every single upgraded member as an abuser.

Marcus Aurelius - January 28, 2013, 5:20 pm

(Jan 28, 2013 06:16 PM)Grin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for calling out every single upgraded member as an abuser.This.

Also, it is a method for multiaccounts and new people to say that they are being rep abused or don't know what rep is, and then they get like 30 rep from one post.

Also, people rep for legitimate reasons, it is their power, as long as it does not violate anything in the [Help Docs](#), i am fine with it, even if it is on me ?

Fernandez - January 28, 2013, 5:23 pm

(Jan 28, 2013 04:09 PM)Phobix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I completely agree with you here. It's the internet, sheesh. ???

Well, YOU would agree on that, wouldn't you? ?

Kotei - January 28, 2013, 5:23 pm

Your username sums up the "why" question of it all.

Tyzq - January 28, 2013, 5:26 pm

This has happened to me, I had to basically lose out on sales because of my want to keep a clean rep record, people can be dicks, usually there is reason, but sometimes not.

Most people care about rep, I am one who can say I care about my rep, I couldn't really tell you why, but I just do.

When people can tell you care about something, they will harm that to harm you, because it's the way a humans mind works.

After all, all you can do is try be your nicest to everyone, but even in being nice to everyone there is always some pure dickheads out there, but hey.

rant over?

Username Unknown - January 28, 2013, 5:29 pm

Red your rep and saw your negative from mr douchebag Chuck Norris . I have negative from him for reporting his virus filled program that he publicly released.

carter9898 - January 28, 2013, 5:31 pm

I agree. I have seen this happened, and it needs to stop. Sadly, though, I don't think this can be stopped as it has been allowed to go on for so long.

Grin - January 28, 2013, 5:32 pm

The concept is simple.

Unfair reputation? Report to Judge Dredd.

Post breaking rule? Report post.

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If it is not breaking the rules, wait, infact, don't even bitch about rep, it's what JD and staff are here for.

We can't do anything for you.

Everyone is just going to make some sob story and start bitching about rep and all ub3rs and how horrible they are ruining their precious rep.

kingkelvin135 - January 28, 2013, 5:47 pm

If you got rep fuck just report to JD and action will be taken.

Positive - January 28, 2013, 5:49 pm

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Exactly.

OP, thank you for your feedback. ?