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Thread: [The Philosophy of Reputation](#)

Oak - April 30, 2013, 12:11 am

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Welcome

Philosophy. Noun. The study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence. Throughout our daily lives, we acquire an intangible, incalculable reputation from the thoughts and opinions of our peers. We are judged by the mistakes we make, the color of our skin, and the opinions we take. We. Are. Judged. From the moment of our conception, to our last breath and conclusion, the world has an opinion of us. An opinion that is difficult to alter and impossible to erase, especially when including current technological advances and social media's continued globalization. Only by starting anew, among a torrent of peers just like ourselves, are we able to be as we truly are. To be ourselves. Outside of closed and anonymous communities, we are at the mercy of stereotypes and misconceptions; however, when the physical world has melted away, leaving only the reality of a person, the mind, are we able to move beyond such petty and orthodox views.

This Doesn't Seem Like It Belongs Here?

Believe me, it does. The Lounge is not a reasonable location for the Philosophy of our Reputation System. I am not telling Omniscient that doing this is a bad idea, yet, rather, philosophically examining the possible outcomes of movements towards this choice. Namely by explaining how the reputation system is important, what gives it meaning, and how continuing with these plans could destroy an integral component of Hack Forums. Please take the time to fully read and understand what I have written below, as this issue is near and dear to my heart.

The Value of Online Communities

Ever since self-awareness awakened within humanity, self-image and self-esteem have developed and become integral components to life. While we often judge ourselves by our intentions, others judge us by our actions. Thus is the meaning of our appearance, both physically and mentally. Jokes told within a circle of friends are not told for the humor, yet rather for strengthening a positive opinion of said comedian. We all want to be accepted, yet actions made during our youth and mistakes revealed within confidence, all affect our self-image and self-esteem. During times of self-conscious thought, we take self-image to a whole new level: instead of defining ourselves by our own thoughts, we define ourselves by the supposed thoughts of others. Do you see the possibilities for error? I hope so. When trying to decipher unknown thoughts, we view ourselves from the same destructive, judgmental standpoint that should never be present, especially within internal thought. Online communities solve many of these issues. Provided an individual is true to their character and opinions, free from the fear of a physical presence, true feedback can be achieved on who he or she really is. Said process works for both parties involved, people are able to give their thoughts on others, freely, as well as receive criticism or compliments on the content of their character. While it is true that such as system can be abused, such is the nature of freedom and choice.

The Meaning of Reputation

I will agree with anyone at any time that the real number of one's reputation is insignificant and arbitrary, yet that is not the whole construction and meaning of the reputation system. The reputation system allows for feedback and original opinions on another's character. Regardless of the actual wording of the short message, the inherent meaning is what counts on a personal level.

One who gives to the community, shows their true character--good or bad--and cares about the community itself, will receive substantial returns. True, the reputation system is not always used in such a way, but there are other key elements to its proper use. Even if the message is not specific feedback about oneself, there are other substantial and essential components to the reputation system. Such as, a short note or message relating to experiences shared with an individual or group, likely reminding them of times of acceptance and moments shared with peers. Every message, no matter how simple or short, has an underlying meaning for both sides of the exchange.

Flaunting and Abusing Reputation

Flipping the switch between physical life and cyber life can often create holes in the stability of one's mind. Where in physical life, no measurable form of reputation and public appearance is readily available, online communities advocate the anonymous utilization of free speech. The effects of these instabilities can follow one of two courses, either to flaunt one's reputation--to feel secure in his or her self-image--or to abuse the reputation system--so as to feel as if they don't need it. Each and every human being is self-conscious and cares about their appearance, there are no exceptions; as aforementioned, it is an integral component to self-aware life. Essentially, one will either fully embrace the reputation system for its true merits, flaunt it for personal security, or completely disgrace the system--denying it as a feasible access to feedback and interpersonal connections.

Reputation and Hack Forums

Reputation must be taken for both the good and bad, as removing a calculable and meaningful form of connection to and feedback from peers will inhibit the luster of online communities. No longer will actions be publicly replied to through both a number and message, yet rather an unoriginal, stock reply. Hack Forums has truly had success with the reputation system, as long as it is watched, so as to remove the meaningless abuse. Real, tangible benefits can be made to one's self-image/esteem/actualization with the correct implementation and moderation. Hack Forums has its own hierarchy of importance, and as long as the foundation of the reputation system is left on reasonable grounds, the abuse of the reputation system will minimize. What do I mean by reasonable grounds? I mean that the current state of regulations for reputation should remain the same and continued to be monitored with care. Each member should be given an available amount of reputation, as they are now, and no more. Having a number tied to the meaningful message allows for the building of a calculable image by reasonable increments, while tying it to a beneficial message through either criticism or commendation.

Reputation's Supposed Salvation

Removing the ability for directed feedback completely corrupts the foundation and meaning of the reputation system. More often and than not, the issues revolving around reputation are due to the number involved, rather than the message conveyed. Just as I mentioned before, the potential for abuse creates the complications involved with reputation. When one is worried about either flaunting their reputation or partakes in its abuse, the number is the target, not the message. No positive outcome will come from the removal of the message, aside from the lack of need for its monitoring. While that may sound wonderful, the true meaning of reputation is what gives this online community substance. Removing it will not only destroy the benefits of an online community, but also cause a downgrade into caveman-like perceptions.

Other Benefits of the Reputation System

As was somewhat touched upon during the section "The Meaning of Reputation," the message within a reputation allows one to remember the connections he or she had with the peer leaving the reputation. If maintained correctly, one could have a full history of their account just by starting from the first reputation and climbing to the last. Having these stock, impersonal messages removes the personal connection with the account itself and the ability to remember members from times long ago. Repfucks are examples of how this history can be wiped out, yet to be left without any meaning

to the reputation system from the beginning, leaves this online community with a useless accessory that no longer carries importance. The reputation system will just become baggage.

TL;DR

While I wish you would read the thread, as I have put a lot of effort and thought into its creation, I will provide a short summary:

Reputation only carries meaning within the accompanied message. Removing said message destroys the foundation and benefits of reputation, both in the possibilities of truthful, anonymous feedback from peers, and the removal of physical misconceptions. Reputation allows for calculable, meaningful feedback on the content of one's character and connections between anonymous people from across staggering physical barriers. The message accompanying the reputation is not the issue. The only issue with reputation is its potential for abuse, which can be solved with minimal support. The benefits of a fully-working reputation system far outweigh the negatives. Continuing with the plans to remove the message literally demolishes any importance whatsoever to the reputation system.

Why Do I Care?

One of the only reasons I am still around today is because I care about the community. Sure, I run my business on the side and utilize the multitude of opportunities on Hack Forums, it's the community that has kept me around and enthralled me from the beginning. While it may not seem like much, every time I read a positive or negative reputation that has meaning, I take it to heart and recognize how others view the real me. Hack Forums has had a heavy hand in controlling who I am today. This community has allowed me to mature and evolve to a state that would never have been possible in the physical world. Here, the physical composition of one does not control how others perceive an anonymous member, unless said member abuses their physical composition for stereotypes present within the physical world. This has made a monumental difference in who I am today, as I am able to associate with like-minded people and develop my own opinions. My real age comes as a surprise to many, as the truth surrounding me, is that all I want is to be free and achieve the acceptance of others. I can be bull-headed and stubborn, as well as enjoy a joke or two, but my real personality is shown in the pages of Hack Forums. Reputation has meaning to me in the message, not the number. With reputation, I can see what people truly think of me.

Jay???? - April 30, 2013, 12:12 am

Great looking article, I'm going to read through it now.

Lads - April 30, 2013, 12:13 am

Always high quality Sir. Still reading however.

iDuL - April 30, 2013, 12:13 am

Very nice quality thread you got here Sir.

Stay Plural - April 30, 2013, 12:14 am

I agree, I won't like the new reputation options where we can't write our own feelings.

Huskers - April 30, 2013, 12:15 am

Great article, some users take rep too seriously. & think it is everything. But honestly having a nice productive community is what matters! But every one scams now a days :/

Terry A. Davis - April 30, 2013, 12:16 am

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personality or choice in the matter. I look forward to reading some more replies from this.

Wonders - April 30, 2013, 12:17 am

Awesome read, you've put a lot of effort into this and it shows.

Oak - April 30, 2013, 12:20 am

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DaFreak - April 30, 2013, 12:30 am

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Cryptography - April 30, 2013, 12:33 am

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Indeed, I would expect the same thing for all my help in the Beginner Hacking Section I ever get repfucked. It is nice to know people take the time to craft responses that define how they feel about you.

AntiProverb - April 30, 2013, 12:59 am

Reputation in the midst of being ruined? Let me disable the Reputation Abuse forum and approve JD's vacation so that people can do whatever they want with it for a while.

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Snow - April 30, 2013, 1:00 am

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Very true Sir. You look at things in different ways I don't. All I can say is I hope it says the same.

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Premortal - April 30, 2013, 1:08 am

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I'm starting to get tired and I'll probably say something stupid if I haven't already, so I'll just stop this post right now.

Codevade - April 30, 2013, 2:07 am

About time you finally published this. Thank you for this, no I didn't actually read it but I trust in you.

AntiProverb - April 30, 2013, 2:24 am

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Premortal - April 30, 2013, 2:28 am

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You act as if by me saying it implied that I hadn't done it myself, as I had already stated in the post that I had. Not going to list excuses.

Flying Dutchman - April 30, 2013, 2:28 am

(Apr 30, 2013 12:11 AM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The benefits of a fully-working reputation system far outweigh the negatives. Continuing with the plans to remove the message literally demolishes any importance whatsoever to the reputation system.

Isn't this what Omni strives for? Making it less important to eventually remove it. Not sure but it seems this way.

Nonetheless, great thread with a lot of effort put in it, well done.

LandonMB - April 30, 2013, 2:47 am

Good article, this pretty much summed it all up!

G??n - April 30, 2013, 2:56 am

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Lante - April 30, 2013, 3:19 am

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Did you even read the thread?

"and this is my way of giving feedback to the recent movement towards impersonal reputation."

Jeppe K - April 30, 2013, 3:40 am

Another extremely high quality post by the beloved Sir.

-3Me - April 30, 2013, 5:16 am

You missed the key parts of reputations philosophy..

Secrets - April 30, 2013, 5:18 am

Great article and I agree with your point on the reputation comments/restrictions.

Curtains313 - April 30, 2013, 6:33 am

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Nickelodeon - April 30, 2013, 7:38 am

Just amazing. I couldn't agree more with your points. Great article.

Gary - April 30, 2013, 7:48 am

For me Rep is just Rep but it's also a good way to tell apart from bad users and good users. Unless you got repfucked :c that's a whole new story_^

Cubs - April 30, 2013, 8:02 am

I agree with this, switching to the new rep system will take our true opinions away, which really matter.

CPA Exposé - April 30, 2013, 8:36 am

I agree, but it's a shame members can't handle the current system without causing drama.

It's funny how everyone acts like they don't care about reputation, but when it's facing change or removal, the community is shaken. Why? I thought rep was just a number. The same members who claim to not care about rep are the same ones I see complaining about the new change.

New York - April 30, 2013, 9:17 am

Great thread. I applause you lad!

Thank you for your kind endeavor in trying to help out the community, Sir!

Have a grate day ;) and remember kids We recommend you take the time to read the [HF Help Documents](#) section. The answer to your questions should be contained in there.

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I plan on replying to everything I've seen when I return home.

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It may as well be the heart of Hack Forums. Custom reputation gives HF soul.

Zeon - April 30, 2013, 12:03 pm

Well someone has way too much spare time on their hands. Think of all that you could do if you invested that time into something productive.

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and you've now developed a positive opinion of this person and start referring your friends to this person. I fail to see the connection. If anything, this supports my position. Reputation allows you to see how the public views you. If you act true to your character, you'll see responses. If you act how you want to be, you'll see responses.

EDIT: I just thought of this: If someone found out that said person was a sadistic murder-rapist, they wouldn't be able to publicly state their knowledge through canned responses. Customized, however...

(Apr 30, 2013 01:08 AM)Premortal Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm starting to get tired and I'll probably say something stupid if I haven't already, so I'll just stop this post right now. I'm overjoyed to have someone with the mental capacity to attack some of my philosophy on this subject. Check your reputation and define its meaning ;D

ovac - April 30, 2013, 3:22 pm

Great read, thanks for writing it, Sir.

Qwazz - April 30, 2013, 4:59 pm

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Oak - April 30, 2013, 5:02 pm

(Apr 30, 2013 04:59 PM)Qwazz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I agree to an extent, though I do believe if/when the vouch system is implemented it should be comprised of pre-made responses. I fully agree with you on the vouch system. Seeing as the vouch system only pertains to one's product or service, customized responses aren't necessary--as long as there are enough options to cover a wide range of possibilities.

Phobix - April 30, 2013, 5:51 pm

Is this in retaliation to Omni's new rep plan OP?

I enjoyed reading this immensely.

Morchid - April 30, 2013, 6:00 pm

Thanks for posting this, it had to eventually be posted.

Some examples would be nice ?

Grin - April 30, 2013, 8:26 pm

Quote: Jokes told within a circle of friends are not told for the humor, yet rather for strengthening a positive opinion of said comedian.

How are we fully aware of the intentions underlying words? You seem to view it as a strength, when others may interpret it as otherwise. Can it not hold true that jokes may also take form of masking one's mental state and can therefore be used as a scapegoat if such statements were unappreciated?

Quote: We all want to be accepted, yet actions made during our youth and mistakes revealed within confidence, all affect our self-image and self-esteem. During times of self-conscious thought, we take self-image to a whole new level: instead of defining ourselves by our own thoughts, we define ourselves by the supposed thoughts of others. Do you see the possibilities for error? I hope so. When trying to decipher unknown thoughts, we view ourselves from the same destructive, judgmental standpoint that should never be present, especially within internal thought. Online communities solve many of these issues. Provided an individual is true to their character and

opinions, free from the fear of a physical presence, true feedback can be achieved on who he or she really is. Said process works for both parties involved, people are able to give their thoughts on others, freely, as well as receive criticism or compliments on the content of their character. While it is true that such as system can be abused, such is the nature of freedom and choice.

You have suggested that all individuals wish to be accepted. One might imagine various scenarios where and when this does not particularly hold true. A nihilist would not care. Are we really nothing more than mere thoughts and biologically a "complex system of neurons with electricity passing through them"?

The fundamental question is: Why is what we say relevant?

You say we aren't free,

I say we are...

So?

Aren't these conversations but mere lines on a screen?

How can reality be absolute if different experiences and perspectives of it are operational? One individual may deny the existence of choice, another may assert it, is anyone really correct?

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Perhaps a reminder to bring back the significance of numbers. Are we not represented by age, GPA, wealth, scores, and marks? Would you not agree that we are but characters of a mathematical arrangement? Reciprocity may be interpreted as substantial and valuable by one individual, or it may be alternatively be interpreted as purportless and aimless and that determinism is a psychological reaction to the recognition of this, which attempts to deny the clear reality of human choice.

Oak - April 30, 2013, 8:52 pm

(Apr 30, 2013 08:26 PM)Grin Wrote: [CITE](#) How are we fully aware of the intentions underlying words? You seem to view it as a strength, when others may interpret it as otherwise. Can it not hold true that jokes may also take form of masking one's mental state and can therefore be used as a scapegoat if such statements were unappreciated?I will agree with you on this statement. My apologies for speaking in terms of the entirety of all comedy, it was the only example I could come up with at the time, as I was quite tired. As I meant to say, human interaction is often for the goal of positive relations and an uplifted opinion of oneself. While there are always exceptions to philosophical rules, my own experiences have taught me that generally, we, as humanity, crave acceptance. Reputation allows for a specific outlet of feedback either feeding or controlling this craving.

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Aren't these conversations but mere lines on a screen? Oh, I have no doubt that there is no true meaning of life. We are all just "complex system[s] of neurons." In my humble opinion, what gives life meaning, is what we, ourselves, decide is its meaning. However, that's another philosophy for another time. What I am saying, however, is that for the general public, acceptance is the goal of life. Acting the way we do, is often to acquire acceptance by either peers or oneself. While my philosophy spoke more about the craving of peer-based acceptance and review, I am not discounting the ability to crave self-acceptance and review. The reason that what anonymous peers say is relevant, is because there is an outspoken criticism or compliment based on the noted individual's apparent behavior. Thus feeding this craving for feedback on his or her outward appearance.

I would also disagree with denying the meaning of these "lines on a screen," as communication is communication. Each and every form of communication can have meaning to an individual.

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The original comment on your quoted section was my own personal opinion on the numbers involved with reputation. That section was essentially explaining the meaning of the comment. During another section, "Flaunting and Abusing Reputation," I spoke of the possible importance of numbers as a form of public acceptance.

The bottom line, is that having a combination of both numbers and customized messages allows for the individual to pick which side retains meaning. Leaving only the number and canned responses, locks the individual into the mentality that only the number is important. This removes all choice and individual thought.

Noted:

Thank you, Grin. This was wonderful! I am not sure I've completely answered all of your thoughts,

as some of them were confusing to me, but I hope you'll understand where I'm coming from.

?Havoc - April 30, 2013, 8:57 pm

Reputation is a fine sytem.

Prove your worth and trust-- get some out of it.

Of course with every system there's going to be flaws.

Baghead - April 30, 2013, 9:06 pm

Oh look, Sir actually wrote a post exceeding 35 characters!

Jokes aside, outstanding thread. While steps can certainly be made to improve the reputation system, the new plan is a step backwards. Hopefully Omni reads through this.

Grin - April 30, 2013, 9:07 pm

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Cryptic™ - April 30, 2013, 9:10 pm

You are an amazing writer, I just read through the whole thing and I agree with you.

Oak - April 30, 2013, 9:13 pm

(Apr 30, 2013 09:07 PM)Grin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) May it?

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one instance proves truth. Seeing as I do not know the full extent of another's mind, I can prove anything true that is true to myself. However, I can only prove the truth of the truth to myself, as another individual may not hold the same truth as I do.

In other words, philosophy can be a bitch. Let's not get too far off subject.

(Apr 30, 2013 09:07 PM)Grin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can it not take form into whatever we wish for it to, and interpret it as? Simplicity may hold complexity, even in language. It may; however, to do these changes would remove the possibilities of complex language, which holds even more complexity and possibilities.

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Grin - April 30, 2013, 9:19 pm

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+Fox - April 30, 2013, 9:22 pm

Just read it took a while but was well worth the read! Thanks Sir!

Oak - April 30, 2013, 9:26 pm

(Apr 30, 2013 09:19 PM)Grin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Some other time, perhaps... Most certainly.

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Grin - April 30, 2013, 9:46 pm

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I have enjoyed our discussion, although, the outcome cannot be determined. I was only inserting a joke so-as to achieve a positive opinion from you. Acceptance.

Grin - April 30, 2013, 9:51 pm

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That does seem to be the case, doesn't it?

Oak - April 30, 2013, 9:52 pm

(Apr 30, 2013 09:51 PM)Grin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That does seem to be the case, doesn't it?Unless one were to determine that the outcome was undetermined. Thus giving the undetermined outcome a determination.

Grin - April 30, 2013, 9:58 pm

(Apr 30, 2013 09:52 PM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Unless one were to determine that the outcome was undetermined. Thus giving the undetermined outcome a determination.
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Oak - April 30, 2013, 9:59 pm

(Apr 30, 2013 09:58 PM)Grin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is that what you sincerely believe?We should end this now, before it strays from the topic.

Thank you for your two cents. If you have any other thoughts, I'd love to see them :)

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Oak - April 30, 2013, 10:18 pm

(Apr 30, 2013 10:03 PM)Autopost Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Couldn't agree more, and I respect you for speaking out after the last guy got rep-fucked ?I wasn't really aware of the circumstances involving him.

Oh well, if I must be repfucked for this, so be it. I've changed to object of this thread from feedback to a third-person philosophical analysis--as that's more of what it is. I am not saying that the changes would necessarily be a bad idea, rather explaining the full potential of implementing these changes along with a real analysis of the reputation system.

If anything, it was a beneficial experience. I've never had the outlet to draft and defend my own philosophy before. I guess I could try the SRPP forum, but this is really an issue I care about.While this thread is related to these movements toward uniform reputation, that's not its specific role. I wanted to give an analysis of the reputation system as a whole, which, now, includes these upcoming changes.

This thread has been one of the most refreshing experiences I've had in a long time. I'm hoping that my search for positive discussion doesn't cause backlash to anyone involved.

12Chainz - April 30, 2013, 10:42 pm

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the actual wording of the short message, the inherent meaning is what counts on a personal level. One who gives to the community, shows their true character--good or bad--and cares about the community itself, will receive substantial returns.

I'm on my phone I'll get around to giving you my opinion on this matter but for now. Excuse any mistakes.

I'm willing to bet you that if a girl signed up at the same time as a guy. Received the same amount of attention. Posted the same material as a guy, and had as many conversations as a guy, they girl would have a higher rep. The rep system can be manipulated. And the HF community can be manipulated.

Take a look: <https://hackforums.net/reputation.php?uid=1660312>

If I make a user name like: "Damn Skid Noobs". And follow his formula of trolling I'd be willing to bet I would do just as well. Also there is the matter of people who make accounts get them to high reps and then sell them to Primal Rage. Or some other dude who wants to use the account to scam.

Lante - May 1, 2013, 3:33 am

(Apr 30, 2013 03:24 AM)G??n Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Did you even read the thread?

"and this is my way of giving feedback to the recent movement towards impersonal reputation." Perhaps take a screenshot because I was unable to find that line.

#Fry - May 1, 2013, 4:20 am

Another great read from you Sir, you seriously put a lot of effort into this ! Greatly appreciated!

muzzy. - May 1, 2013, 4:39 am

And this, kiddies, is why we choose Sir's writing service over any other.

Cyaddd - May 1, 2013, 7:12 am

Another great explanation from Sir!

Great job!

moron #543 - May 1, 2013, 12:22 pm

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Cryptic™ - May 1, 2013, 12:27 pm

(May 1, 2013 12:22 PM)?Darren Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) In no way does currency drive people to do good

I'm not saying rep is a currency like the other guy, but in general, currency is just a type of money. If people want more money, they'll do what it takes?

Scooter - May 5, 2013, 11:58 am

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Lt.General - May 5, 2013, 12:04 pm

Nice article you got here, I couldn't be bothered to read it. Also, great advertisement for your essay writing service:):):)

Grin - May 5, 2013, 12:05 pm

(May 5, 2013 12:02 PM)Mark ! Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) JD was properly Handling the Reputation system though, wasn't he?

I'm not sure who repfucked Scooter, but it may have been the Judge. Of course he's not going to be happy about it. Then he criticizes that other people did not perform proper conduct because he was repfucked.

It's a self fulfilling prophecy.

Featherr - May 5, 2013, 12:06 pm

Crazy stuff man and nice read, thanks, learnt a lot.

l????l??? - May 5, 2013, 8:25 pm

Shit 1am and I gotta

Read this. Lol ill read it tommorow

Doctor Blue - August 16, 2014, 2:28 pm

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Sadly, a large portion of my initial reps (~700) were lost in a repfuck a while ago. Although I no longer have the more intimate reputations that I once had, reputation still carries great value to me.

Grin - August 16, 2014, 2:33 pm

(Apr 30, 2013 10:03 PM)Grin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do you perhaps find that to be the conceived truth? I'm interested in all the evidence you may possess.

What kind of drugs were you on?! LSD?!

Oak - August 16, 2014, 2:52 pm

Although this thread is older, I wouldn't mind hearing from anyone who gives it a read.

I'm slowly putting together and fleshing out the second thread in this series. It'll be a real hum-dinger.

IpSiety - August 16, 2014, 3:18 pm

(Apr 30, 2013 12:11 AM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

[img]http://img802.imageshack.us/img802/3216/72790879ed9891cm3.jpg[/img]

Welcome

Philosophy. Noun. The study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence. Throughout our daily lives, we acquire an intangible, incalculable reputation from the thoughts and opinions of our peers. We are judged by the mistakes we make, the color of our skin, and the opinions we take. We. Are. Judged. From the moment of our conception, to our last breath and conclusion, the world has an opinion of us. An opinion that is difficult to alter and impossible to erase, especially when including current technological advances and social media's continued globalization. Only by starting anew, among a torrent of peers just alike ourselves, are we able to be as we truly are. To be ourselves. Outside of closed and anonymous communities, we are at the mercy of stereotypes and misconceptions; however, when the physical world has melted away, leaving only the reality of a person, the mind, are we able to move beyond such petty and orthodox views.

I don't know if reputation itself warrants the term "philosophy." You said your self that the fundamental nature of philosophy is knowledge, reality, and existence. Reputation is just a system for people to give their opinions and the occasion scammer rep. Nothing philosophical about, "User is retarded skid kid, get off hackforums noob, lol."

(Apr 30, 2013 12:11 AM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This Doesn't Seem Like It Belongs Here?

Believe me, it does. The Lounge is not a reasonable location for the Philosophy of our Reputation System. I am not telling Omniscient that doing this is a bad idea, yet, rather, philosophically examining the possible outcomes of movements towards this choice. Namely by explaining how the reputation system is important, what gives it meaning, and how continuing with these plans could destroy an integral component of Hack Forums. Please take the time to fully read and understand what I have written below, as this issue is near and dear to my heart.

Rep probably is an integral component but most of the time it is low quality and unproductive. Omniscient has to even update the definitions and rules sometimes, and several times he has to close accounts over something like rep. Not only that but it has been shown several times when rep was regarded as nothing. Such as people going around giving reps on random people they didn't know. Other times it has cause controversy among members such as the case of froggy. It seems like the members here don't know if they do or if they don't care about rep.....

(Apr 30, 2013 12:11 AM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The Value of Online Communities

Ever since self-awareness awakened within humanity, self-image and self-esteem have developed and become integral components to life. While we often judge ourselves by our intentions, others judge us by our actions. Thus is the meaning of our appearance, both physically and mentally. Jokes told within a circle of friends are not told for the humor, yet rather for strengthening a positive opinion of said comedian. We all want to be accepted, yet actions made during our youth and mistakes revealed within confidence, all affect our self-image and self-esteem. During times of self-conscious thought, we take self-image to a whole new level: instead of defining ourselves by our own thoughts, we define ourselves by the supposed thoughts of others. Do you see the possibilities for error? I hope so. When trying to decipher unknown thoughts, we view ourselves from the same destructive, judgmental standpoint that should never be present, especially within internal thought. Online communities solve many of these issues. Provided an individual is true to their character and opinions, free from the fear of a physical presence, true feedback can be achieved on who he or she really is. Said process works for both parties involved, people are able to give their thoughts on others, freely, as well as receive criticism or compliments on the content of their character. While it is true that such a system can be abused, such is the nature of freedom and choice. Your premise that we define ourselves on supposed thoughts of others isn't generally true. Some if not most members wouldn't give two shits about other people's opinions. In fact, Omniscient the admin of the site is a testament to this most of the time. Other people shouldn't define your character. YOU should.

(Apr 30, 2013 12:11 AM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The Meaning of Reputation

I will agree with anyone at any time that the real number of one's reputation is insignificant and arbitrary, yet that is not the whole construction and meaning of the reputation system. The reputation system allows for feedback and original opinions on another's character. Regardless of the actual wording of the short message, the inherent meaning is what counts on a personal level. One who gives to the community, shows their true character--good or bad--and cares about the community itself, will receive substantial returns. True, the reputation system is not always used in such a way, but there are other key elements to its proper use. Even if the message is not specific feedback about oneself, there are other substantial and essential components to the reputation system. Such as, a short note or message relating to experiences shared with an individual or group, likely reminding them of times of acceptance and moments shared with peers. Every message, no matter how simple or short, has an underlying meaning for both sides of the exchange. This is only true in the best circumstances. However you have people with over 1k rep scamming and people with under 3 who can output some really high quality threads. I have a rep from some random user I don't know that says, "Gooba goobe do." Every message doesn't have an underlying meaning. Some of them are just for trolling reasons.

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Flipping the switch between physical life and cyber life can often create holes in the stability of one's mind. Where in physical life, no measurable form of reputation and public appearance is readily available, online communities advocate the anonymous utilization of free speech. The effects of these instabilities can follow one of two courses, either to flaunt one's reputation--to feel secure in his or her self-image--or to abuse the reputation system--so as to feel as if they don't need it. Each and every human being is self-conscious and cares about their appearance, there are no exceptions; as aforementioned, it is an integral component to self-aware life. Essentially, one will either fully embrace the reputation system for its true merits, flaunt it for personal security, or completely disgrace the system--denying it as a feasible access to feedback and interpersonal connections.

I see no problems with these statements.

(Apr 30, 2013 12:11 AM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Reputation and Hack Forums

Reputation must be taken for both the good and bad, as removing a calculable and meaningful form

of connection to and feedback from peers will inhibit the luster of online communities. No longer will actions be publicly replied to through both a number and message, yet rather an unoriginal, stock reply. Hack Forums has truly had success with the reputation system, as long as it is watched, so as to remove the meaningless abuse. Real, tangible benefits can be made to one's self-image/esteem/actualization with the correct implementation and moderation. Hack Forums has its own hierarchy of importance, and as long as the foundation of the reputation system is left on reasonable grounds, the abuse of the reputation system will minimize. What do I mean by reasonable grounds? I mean that the current state of regulations for reputation should remain the same and continued to be monitored with care. Each member should be given an available amount of reputation, as they are now, and no more. Having a number tied to the meaningful message allows for the building of a calculable image by reasonable increments, while tying it to a beneficial message through either criticism or commendation.

It's a subjective issue really, so I won't go into it.

(Apr 30, 2013 12:11 AM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Reputation's Supposed Salvation

Removing the ability for directed feedback completely corrupts the foundation and meaning of the reputation system. More often and than not, the issues revolving around reputation are due to the number involved, rather than the message conveyed. Just as I mentioned before, the potential for abuse creates the complications involved with reputation. When one is worried about either flaunting their reputation or partakes in its abuse, the number is the target, not the message. No positive outcome will come from the removal of the message, aside from the lack of need for its monitoring. While that may sound wonderful, the true meaning of reputation is what gives this online community substance. Removing it will not only destroy the benefits of an online community, but also cause a downgrade into caveman-like perceptions.

I have to completely disagree with the bolded. A couple of neutral scammer reps are potentially harmful to business, which is why omniscient closed many accoutns over it.

(Apr 30, 2013 12:11 AM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Other Benefits of the Reputation System

As was somewhat touched upon during the section "The Meaning of Reputation," the message within a reputation allows one to remember the connections he or she had with the peer leaving the reputation. If maintained correctly, one could have a full history of their account just by starting from the first reputation and climbing to the last. Having these stock, impersonal messages removes the personal connection with the account itself and the ability to remember members from times long ago. Refucks are examples of how this history can be wiped out, yet to be left without any meaning to the reputation system from the beginning, leaves this online community with a useless accessory that no longer carries importance. The reputation system will just become baggage.

I see no problem with this statement except repfucks. I think repfucks are a useful form of negative reinforcement that keeps some members in line. It has the potential to be abused in the wrong instances, but so far it seems to be fine. Not to mention this actually improves the hackforum economy. Think about, more repfucks, more high quality threads, and more giveaways. Members do not directly hint for rep, "Thanks have a lovely day. I wish you well." is a clear indicaton that they are hoping to get something back. They are trying to get people to like and hopefully rep them.

(Apr 30, 2013 12:11 AM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) TL;DR

While I wish you would read the thread, as I have put a lot of effort and thought into its creation, I will provide a short summary:

Reputation only carries meaning within the accompanied message. Removing said message destroys the foundation and benefits of reputation, both in the possibilities of truthful, anonymous feedback from peers, and the removal of physical misconceptions. Reputation allows for calculable, meaningful feedback on the content of one's character and connections between anonymous people from across staggering physical barriers. The message accompanying the reputation is not the issue. The only issue with reputation is its potential for abuse, which can be solved with minimal support. The benefits of a fully-working reputation system far outweigh the negatives. Continuing with the plans to remove the message literally demolishes any importance whatsoever to the reputation system. I have to disagree with removing reputations as per earlier arguments.

(Apr 30, 2013 12:11 AM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why Do I Care?

One of the only reasons I am still around today is because I care about the community. Sure, I run my business on the side and utilize the multitude of opportunities on Hack Forums, it's the community that has kept me around and enthralled me from the beginning. While it may not seem like much, every time I read a positive or negative reputation that has meaning, I take it to heart and recognize how others view the real me. Hack Forums has had a heavy hand in controlling who I am today. This community has allowed me to mature and evolve to a state that would never have been possible in the physical world. Here, the physical composition of one does not control how others perceive an anonymous member, unless said member abuses their physical composition for stereotypes present within the physical world. This has made a monumental difference in who I am today, as I am able to associate with like-minded people and develop my own opinions. My real age comes as a surprise to many, as the truth surrounding me, is that all I want is to be free and achieve the acceptance of others. I can be bull-headed and stubborn, as well as enjoy a joke or two, but my real personality is shown in the pages of Hack Forums. Reputation has meaning to me in the message, not the number. With reputation, I can see what people truly think of me.

I think you are a great addition to the community. I am glad that you are here, and your team makes some great articles :)

Just Some Random - August 16, 2014, 10:08 pm

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?ash - August 16, 2014, 11:36 pm

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I related my experiences as did some other people. The guy who runs it has also featured articles on Encyclopedia Dramatica. It's not newsworthy as it would just give the asshats who's been harassing me more attention. Which is what they want. Some have even said to me directly how my rep page is full of the butthurt from them.

I just finally had enough. Last year the scammer they're defening was banned and his friendly little scumbucket. Because I am friends with The Pact, and helped her, I've been targeted. Since then I've more or less avoided HF because of them. When I came to simply ask for help on some lyrics, BAM! The one asshole came after me and started going all batshit on my thread. I reported his LQ posts and then he repped me with his flame.

Then comes along the loudest one. Who edits his rep to fit whatever lie he thinks sounds good at the time. He attacked me out of nowhere, and for no other reason other than he is actively harassing anyone who was involved in getting his scammer friend banned.

420 Blaze It - August 16, 2014, 11:45 pm

Best article ever yet Sir, love all your HQ Threads!

Callmehellor - August 16, 2014, 11:49 pm

Another great article. This is my opinion on this matter: I don't think the reputation system is very valid on the matter of "reputation" of a person. It is mostly used by people to show that they don't like them for whatever reason, not their actual personality. Have a look at my short history of reps and see how many of them are actually legit. I have to say that some of them are outrageous, and some are pointless; even some of the positive ones. Right now upgraded members are the only people who can give or lower rep, which isn't very logical. Just because one has the money to upgrade doesn't mean that they are judgementally liable to decide where someone's rep goes.

However, thanks for the article and I am looking forward for more from you soon.

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Thank you! Well said, sir, well said! Bullies and other such losers have used it as a way to make people's time here as miserable as they are. This whole "deal with caution" thing is also a blatant abuse tactic when it's basically implying someone is a scammer.

It's hilarious when a known troll goes after anyone giving legit info. The person the troll (who shall remain nameless) is currently harassing is someone who's never even spoke with him on anything

and he's asking people to PM him for skype logs. LOL! The user being harassed, I know her. She doesn't have skype nor has EVER talked with him personally. Also the staff can verify there'd be no way she could have skype.

Same story with me. He's never treated any long term regular member with any respect or fairness. But he is a friend to scammers...so. He just attacks and is well known in other circles for what he is.

Shiroe - August 17, 2014, 12:56 am

great job OP shame In my view Rep will never be the same with other websites trying to copy it

Blackbird ? - August 17, 2014, 9:15 am

I have never really cared about the reputation system because It never really seemed relevant to me. The system really needs a makeover. Most of good rep is from the user doing something good so why not just call rep "Thanks". You know, thanks for contributing to hackforums.

Negative rep is usually to express how one user either disagrees with ones post or they simply don't like it and finally because or scam reports which like users said above is a problem.

Just change rep to "thanks" and take out negative rep, then add a scam report section for users.

Onnza - August 17, 2014, 4:50 pm

I agree with this man.. Very nice thread!!

Rote - August 17, 2014, 5:18 pm

Very well done. Made me think more on what really rep means overall and how it is given to other members.

AnswerMeThis - August 17, 2014, 8:49 pm

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Was replying to Grin. My thoughts on the matter is that it's a flawed system because of those kinds of people, thusly why I gave the link to the SB site.

Talu - August 18, 2014, 7:21 am

Great thread, I found this very interesting.

Just Some Random - August 19, 2014, 10:34 pm

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Wow. I'm not egging them on, and yeah I'm at a loss because my only crime was asking for lyrics loooong after I helped The Pact report that scammer a year ago! He's already been banned but his little buddies sure can't let that go. And they were using your thread with all the thumbs up and crap for doing that. Not me.

FYI: I never met or had anything to do with the prick. He just started flaming me out of the blue. The friends I made here are still my friends. I'm very reserved and careful with who I interact with. And anyone getting so fucked up over his name being mentioned to play online shrink in a very defensive and whining avalanche of flaming reps is the nutcase. Anger issues much?

You told me in a PM that you once had bad rep. How did you get it removed? Are there special privileges? My conclusion is if there's no recourse against abuse (which is very real in the rep system) that it is a flawed system. People are broken as you say to do that shit to others, but the system itself lends itself to abuse.

AnswerMeThis - August 20, 2014, 2:57 am

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It's not worth it if this is all you can expect here and the creep has got minion followers who love to bully as well. It's not something I want to have hanging over my head wondering what new edit will say (that's his M.O.) and he's obviously going to keep on until we are gone.

He stalks our profiles. Just like the original flamer who attacked JSR for asking for lyrics and got flamed in rep for it.

Edit: Oh and look he goes and repeats what someone else said for me on my rep and flings it at that user. Original material isn't his fort  . Fucking immature skid.

Oak - March 18, 2015, 2:56 am

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IpSiety - March 18, 2015, 10:54 am

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As people come and go, the site will continue to grow.

Sorry, but it's over.