

Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [HF Theme Issue: An actual fix for you. Updated 10-2-13](#)

Viral Dragon - September 28, 2013, 3:02 pm

HF Users,

First and foremost this is NOT Connected's thread, he is only linking to this thread. If you feel your problem IS a DNS issue, then by all means, please do go back to his thread and switch your DNS to 8.8.8.8 or 8.8.4.4.

Second, This thread so far only includes Browsers, Chrome, Firefox, IE, Safari. And the Firewalls/AV's, ez*, Norton, Personal, Zone alarm and McAfee. This does NOT include any phones yet as I haven't found where to enable it on a iOS or Android yet. Apologies

Third: IF YOU CANNOT ACCESS IT STILL, I NEED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SO I CAN BETTER HELP YOU:

- > Browser
- > Firewall/AV installed.
- > Extensions/Addons installed
- > OS (Windows, nix* or Mac)

To determine whether or not you don't have a referrer field set, click the following link. If you get a 403 your referrers are disabled or not working correctly. If you see the link properly, it has nothing to do with your referrers and therefor this thread will do you nothing. <http://x.hackforums.net/cache/themes/theme3/global.css> <-- Click that and read the paragraph you just read.

For a while now I've been having this issue. Much like many of you here. Now a lot of people here have tried a shit ton of things I'm sure, whether it be clicking random links, making threads, replying to threads, switching browsers etc etc. Hell even changing your DNS server. Well, it might make you feel like shit to know, that's not going to help (for the most part). After thinking about the problem for a long while I was reading one of Omni's posts where he announces some of the theme changes. That being, you can't access any of the scripts directly anymore without an HF referrer. I had forgotten that a long time ago, I had disabled my referrers. Lol.

Changing your DNS will do nothing. For those of you who clicked on random links and what not, that reset your referrer field to HF so you could access all those scripts again.

Literally guys, just re-enable referrers. If you have FF and are using web developer, you can just go to "Tools -> Web Developer Extension -> Disable -> Referrers".

I'm sorry to say I didn't really make some long, picture using, in depth tutorial on how to fix it, but if you have your referrers disabled you should know how to re-enable them on your own. or, use Google. Either way.

This should undoubtedly, 100%, fix all issues.

(Sep 28, 2013 04:53 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I got so much going on that maybe I should have mentioned this change. I forgot that some people disable referrers. Which is a bad idea obviously since many sites use referrers for hotlink protection.

Update: If you are using a firewall/AV like Zone Alarm or what not, those too also interfere with your referrers.

IF THE BROWSER FIX DOESN'T WORK, THEN TRY THE FIREWALL/AV FIX AS WELL.

Browsers [\(Click to View\)](#)

Chrome/Chromium Browser

Sadly, I haven't found the option within the browser itself yet. But the following extensions have been reported to work

by multiple people. Simply install ONE of them. Not all of them.

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/referer-control/hnkcfpcejkafcihlgbojoidoihckciin?hl=en>

FireFoxType about:config in the URL address bar.

Click the warning acknowledgement button.

A long list of information will appear in alphabetical order.

In the box labeled Filter at the top of the page, type network.http.sendRefererHeader. This should filter the results down to a single item.

The number in the Value column should be 2. If the value is 0, double-click the value and change it to 2.

If changing the value to 2 does not work, repeat the procedure, but change the value to 1.

If you have RefControl (a plugin) for FF: In the bottom left corner of the browser window, double-click the RefControl icon. (It appears as two small documents linked by a thin black line.)

Click Add Site.

In the box labeled Site, type hackforums.net

Select the Normal Action setting.

Click Ok.

Click Ok again to close the RefControl window.

Internet ExplorerOpen the Tools menu. (In IE9, this looks like a small gear icon in the upper right corner of the browser.)

Click Security.

Click Trusted Sites.

Click Sites, then type <https://hackforums.net> in the box provided.

Uncheck the box that requires https verification.

Click Add.

Click the Privacy tab. Make sure slider is set to Medium.

Click Sites and enter <https://hackforums.net> in the box provided.

Click Allow.

Click Apply.

SafariStand for Safari (Mac)Select Settings, then General.

Uncheck the box labeled Block referrer from local host.

Restart Safari.

OperaSending referrers is enabled by default.

If you have disabled it, go to Tools > Preferences > Privacy and re-enable it.

K-MelonSending referrers is enabled by default.

If you have disabled it, go to Tools > Privacy > Block referrers (if already checked)

Firewalls/AVs [\(Click to View\)](#)

Norton Internet SecurityOpen the program.

Click Privacy Control.

Click Configure.
Click Advanced.
Type <https://hackforums.net> in the box provided.
Click Ok.
Under the Global Settings tab, make sure permit is checked for each option
Norton Personal FirewallOpen the program.
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Zone Alarm ProOpen Zone Alarm Pro.
Click Privacy from the options on the left.
Select the Site List tab.
Click Add, then type <https://hackforums.net> in the box provided.
Select <https://hackforums.net>, and click Options.
Select the Cookies tab.
Uncheck the boxes labeled Persistent Cookies, 3rd Party Cookies, and Remove Private Header Information.
Click Apply.
Click Ok.
McAfee Internet SecurityIn the system tray in the lower right corner, click the McAfee icon. (It will appear as a stylized M.)
Click Privacy Service.
Click Open Privacy Service.
Under the I want to heading on the right side, click Control Access to Cookies.
Find Cookies from third-party sites. The default setting should be reject. Change it to accept.
Click the clean slate tab in the upper right.
At the bottom of the screen, uncheck the option marked Prevent 'referrer' information from being shared.
Click Apply.
Click Okay.
Close any McAfee windows that are still open.
eTrust EZ Firewall/EZ ArmorFrom your Start Menu, select Programs, and then select eTrust EZ Firewall or EZ Armor Security Suite to open the program.
Click Privacy from the options on the left.
In the section titled Cookie Control, click Custom.
Select the Cookies tab.
In the section titled 3rd Party Cookies, uncheck the boxes labeled Remove private header information and Block 3rd party cookies.
Click Apply.
Click Ok.
Close the program.
NetBarrierGo to Privacy > Surf > Information Hiding, and uncheck the "Last Web site visited" box.
Kerio Firewall 4Turn ON the HTTP referrer under the privacy tab of web filtering.

[spoiler="Temporary Fixes"]Adding www to the beginning of the URL has been reported to work but only temporarily.
e.g.: <https://hackforums.net>
<https://userscripts.org/scripts/show/178517> Is a userscript made by Xerotic. And with the exception of 2 or 3 bugs, it works perfectly fine.

Clear your cache and cookies. Click on random links until the referrer is reset.
Change your DNS to Google's servers (8.8.8.8 and 8.8.4.4) please refer to Connected's thread for that.
Using a different browser.
Changing your IP.

These are temporary fixes.

If your website browsing/security is controlled by your Firewall/AV,
Tell me which one it is so I can update the thread with a fix.

-Viral.

Pentatonix - September 28, 2013, 3:07 pm

This should work. Thanks for the share, Viral. I'll do this right now.

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Edit: What about all the members that are not using FireFox? Considering this is happening across multiple browsers.

Viral Dragon - September 28, 2013, 3:09 pm

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Edit: What about all the members that are not using FireFox? Considering this is happening across multiple browsers. I don't use other browsers that much, except for web development. So I wouldn't know. I did

suggest using Google though. I would imagine though that the option is within the options/tools/etc portion.

If you wanna reply to this thread with pictures on how to re-enable them, feel free. I'll add them to the OP as well. I've been junking crap all day, no real time to go making tutorials.

-Viral.

Yardstick - September 28, 2013, 3:31 pm

This is a nice method that works, very helpful.

Thanks Viral!

Im gone brah - September 28, 2013, 4:19 pm

I thought connected did something like this too. But thanks for sharing I guess.

Viral Dragon - September 28, 2013, 4:23 pm

(Sep 28, 2013 04:19 PM)Zayne Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I thought connected did something like this too. But thanks for sharing I guess.

Nope. His fix is to change your DNS to Google's. Which won't work since it has nothing to do with referrers.

-Viral.

iceybunneh - September 28, 2013, 4:24 pm

(Sep 28, 2013 04:23 PM)Viral Dragon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nope. His fix is to change your DNS to Google's. Which won't work since it has nothing to do with referrers.

-Viral.This might also explain why my computer and phone load HF perfectly fine and yours don't, whenever we're on the same network. I didn't think it was a network problem but no one answered my message in Connected's thread (last I checked)

Reborn. - September 28, 2013, 4:41 pm

So what would I do on Chrome to fix the issue?

Loomaanaatii - September 28, 2013, 4:45 pm

You should add a tutorial for chrome. Most people use that browser.

iceybunneh - September 28, 2013, 4:49 pm

(Sep 28, 2013 04:45 PM)Emerald™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You should add a tutorial for chrome. Most people use that browser.

It's been stated in the OP:

Quote:This has been reported to work for a user on Chrome in regards to referrers.

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail...ciin?hl=en> I don't know if it works myself though. I'm on Chrome and it didn't break for me :/

Ynne - September 28, 2013, 4:49 pm

Worked for me on Chrome by using that Referer Control add-on.

Omniscient - September 28, 2013, 4:53 pm

I got so much going on that maybe I should have mentioned this change. I forgot that some people disable referrers. Which is a bad idea obviously since many sites use referrers for hotlink protection.

Viral Dragon - September 28, 2013, 4:56 pm

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-Viral.

Staff Member - September 28, 2013, 6:27 pm

Thanks so much for this worked for me thanks in advance

Douchebag # 145 - September 28, 2013, 6:28 pm

If I don't post here again, consider the fix to be working.
Thanks.

SIM-964740 - September 29, 2013, 12:41 am

Working with these settings:

Just in-case people don't know what to select and whatnot. Note: You must have 'http://' before Hackforums.net (<https://hackforums.net>).

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/referer-control/hnkcfpcejkafcihlgbojoidoihckciin>

SoldierX - September 29, 2013, 12:56 am

I don't know that if this add-on worked or not, But now the website is fine for me though it was fine for me before also. But NVM, great support offered by a member like Viral Dragon, is always appreciated.

Regards
-SoldierX

Clique - September 29, 2013, 1:03 am

Installed the chrome extension and configured it.

Seems to be working.

Cathal - September 29, 2013, 3:53 am

I just had to post this - <https://puu.sh/4D4UU.png>

SIM-884033 - September 29, 2013, 4:31 am

Well it has seemed to work for me on Firefox using that plugin. No more errors in the layout, thanks for helping us.[/align]

SIM-1179501 - September 29, 2013, 5:06 am

Do you know how I can enable it on android using chrome.

Cha0 - September 29, 2013, 5:38 am

Thanks a lot, VD. The Firefox fix seems to work for me.

Yeah, changing the DNS has nothing to do with this issue, don't know what made people think it did.

WoopdyDo - September 29, 2013, 6:15 am

The link for chrome works. Just added both hackforums.net and hackforums.net to the addresses with the custom referrer setting set to the URL.

Just if anybody needed some help with it.

<https://gyazo.com/13633385ff1957d881d0c8f724efad1e> (Pic of my Settings)

Chill.Out - September 29, 2013, 6:17 am

I just added www. and the website loaded fine for me. If I do hackforums.net it's all fucked up

Echoz - September 29, 2013, 6:27 am

It worked! Thanks so much Viral Dragon!

Jeremy Mckinnon - September 29, 2013, 8:02 am

Didn't work for me on Chrome. The website was working fine, I went for dinner and came back an hour later, refreshed the page and it didn't work.

Edit: Turning it off then on again and posting seems to of fixed it.

Impulse - September 29, 2013, 8:09 am

I'll do this now as I am still having this issue, thanks Viral.

Sajon - September 29, 2013, 8:13 am

i try this for firefox but its not working need help

Viral Dragon - September 29, 2013, 9:10 am

(Sep 29, 2013 08:13 AM)Sajon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) i try this for firefox but its not working need help Which particular option for FF did you try? The RefControl one? That's an addon.

-Viral.

-Dartz - September 29, 2013, 9:13 am

Used the Chrome addon, I have the same settings as the guy who posted the pic, doesn't seem to be working for me.

Viral Dragon - September 29, 2013, 9:25 am

(Sep 29, 2013 09:13 AM)-Dartz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Used the Chrome addon, I have the same settings as the guy who posted the pic, doesn't seem to be working for me.Can you take a pic of the settings real fast and I'll help you.

-Viral.

The Don - September 29, 2013, 9:49 am

None of the other methods worked hopefully this 1 will.

KING - September 29, 2013, 9:52 am

Good job Connected. This will not only make HF theme work but also will increase bit more internet speed.

Clique - September 29, 2013, 10:09 am

Well, it worked for a bit.

Still using the extension for chrome, and it appears to not be working.

iceybunneh - September 29, 2013, 10:12 am

(Sep 29, 2013 09:52 AM)KING Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Good job Connected. This will not only make HF theme work but also will increase bit more internet speed.

You may want to check the OP. Connected linked to this thread, but this thread is by Viral Dragon, lol.

Viral Dragon - September 29, 2013, 10:13 am

(Sep 29, 2013 09:52 AM)KING Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Good job Connected. This will not only make HF theme work but also will increase bit more internet speed.o_o You realizeI made this thread, right? Lol. Not

Connected. This isn't the DNS change thread.

(Sep 29, 2013 10:09 AM)Clique Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Well, it worked for a bit.

Still using the extension for chrome, and it appears to not be working.
What settings are you using, do you have a pic?

Update: If you are using a firewall/AV like Zone Alarm or what not, those too also interfere with your referrers.

-Viral.

Clique - September 29, 2013, 10:15 am

I was using these as settings. Saw someone else using it, and it worked for them.

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

Viral Dragon - September 29, 2013, 10:45 am

(Sep 29, 2013 10:15 AM)Clique Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I was using these as settings. Saw someone else using it, and it worked for them.

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#) You can also try adding these sites here:

<https://hackforums.net>

<http://x.hackforums.net>

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hackforums.net

x.hackforums.net

^ Sometimes, it helps to add all different type of variations to catch them all.
Thread has also been updated. Please re-read the OP for the updated info.

-Viral.

-Dartz - September 29, 2013, 1:12 pm

Those are the settings I'm using.

Viral Dragon - September 29, 2013, 1:29 pm

(Sep 29, 2013 01:12 PM)-Dartz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

Those are the settings I'm using. Are you able to visit this link, or do you get a 403 error?

<http://x.hackforums.net/cache/themes/theme3/global.css>

-Viral.

-Dartz - September 29, 2013, 5:18 pm

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-Viral.

I'm able to visit it, it's just a wall of text if that's what I'm supposed to see.

Viral Dragon - September 29, 2013, 5:50 pm

(Sep 29, 2013 05:18 PM)-Dartz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm able to visit it, it's just a wall of text if that's what I'm supposed to see.

If you're able to view the CSS code then it's not a referrer issue you are having. o.o
It's a completely different problem. This thread really only addresses that issue. But, I can offer the advice of clearing cache and cookies. You could also go to CMD, and type in
"ipconfig /flushdns"

-Viral.

Clique - September 29, 2013, 10:58 pm

Thanks for the extra links.

Seems to be fixed.

Jeremy Mckinnon - September 30, 2013, 10:02 am

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That would explain why mine is still messing up randomly then. Hopefully someone will work out how to fix it soon.

darkkid9000 - September 30, 2013, 2:57 pm

Thanks for this. Hopefully you find a fix for my android phone.

He B TeMy - September 30, 2013, 4:35 pm

But the thing is, on that url's if we type www. before it works just fine...

SoulZeh - September 30, 2013, 4:57 pm

Thanks for this viral, I done this and it worked fine, Thanks again bud.

Polymatical - September 30, 2013, 5:28 pm

(Sep 30, 2013 04:35 PM)HeBTeMy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) But the thing is, on that url's if we type www. before it works just fine...

Works perfectly for me, thanks. Almost bashed my head in when the extension thing wasn't working for me in chrome.

Viral Dragon - September 30, 2013, 5:52 pm

(Sep 30, 2013 02:57 PM)darkkid9000 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for this. Hopefully you find a fix for my android phone.o_o It may or may not. I don't own an android and haven't found the time to find a fix for it.

(Sep 30, 2013 04:35 PM)HeBTeMy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) But the thing is, on that url's if we type www.

before it works just fine...Some browsers are just like that, sometimes you just need to force the www.* part.

-Viral.

LiquidSystem - September 30, 2013, 6:32 pm

Still having issues after doing the method for Chrome

Picture:

EDIT: after posting fixed? wth? It did it before, but went back to the weird formatting with no HTML base and whatnot

QuackzMcDuck - September 30, 2013, 7:30 pm

Nothing works at all for me.

OS: Windows 8 64 bit

Browser: Chrome

Extensions: RES(Reddit Enhancement Suite), Adblock, The extension you linked in the OP

Firewall/AV: Whatever Windows 8 uses by default. I have not installed anything regarding AV or a firewall.

In the extension you posted I have tried both of these settings:Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

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I've cleared cache and flushed DNS.

Help would be appreciated. Thanks.

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Viral Dragon - September 30, 2013, 9:19 pm

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Did you visit the link directly or click the link while viewing the thread? If you go to it directly you have no referrer field. It's empty.

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Win 8 comes with Windows Defender. That's M\$'s default AV/Firewall. Lol.

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The referrer field probably reset itself after having made an active post. Do you know how to view your headers? If so, we can do a couple more steps here to see whats up. If you do reload, some times that breaks the referrer field for whatever reason.

-Viral.

Pa??ter of bl??d?fa?th - September 30, 2013, 10:25 pm

There is no need to do so much hassle. Just add subdomain www. before the hackforums and your off the horse :) It is just wrongly setup CDN and subdomain usage and redirect :)

Once again when you go to private messages it adds www. before the hackforums so thats why you get part of it but if you do it manually it fixes it self out :)

Try it hackforums.net not hackforums.net.

Eventhough I do not know why firefox does not work because it pushes www. everytime!

Viral Dragon - September 30, 2013, 10:51 pm

(Sep 30, 2013 10:25 PM)Macronus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Try it hackforums.net not hackforums.net.

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If it were this/that simple almost no one would be having problems. But alas, it is not. It literally is because you cannot reach the .js and .css files (or images) directly anymore and you need the hackforums.net referrer in your referrer field. Much like this:

Referer: <https://hackforums.net/>

Code <https://hackforums.net/usercp.php>

GET /usercp.php HTTP/1.1

Host: hackforums.net

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

[b]Referer: <https://hackforums.net/>[/b]

Cookie: moo

Connection: keep-alive

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Server: cloudflare-nginx

Date: Tue, 01 Oct 2013 05:40:09 GMT

Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8

Transfer-Encoding: chunked

Connection: keep-alive

Vary: User-Agent

Content-Encoding: gzip

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There is no difference between www. and no www., it's more or less a convention. If it was as simple as just adding a www. to beginning of every URL, Omni could have gone to his .htaccess file and put:

Code Options +FollowSymLinks

RewriteEngine on

RewriteCond %{HTTP_HOST} ^hackforums.net [NC]

RewriteRule ^(.*)\$ https://hackforums.net/\$1 [L,R=301]

Back in the 90's www was just a way to distinguish a web server from its mail server, ftp server,

whatever server, etc etc...But like I said, just try to visit a css file on HF without a referrer.

Get a 403? That's because of the permissions Omni has amended. Go to the CSS file WITH a HF referrer, and you can see the css? There you go then. Clicking on any link, making a post/thread, all that crap. When you click a link you automatically set the referrer field to hackforums.net

because

that was the previous page you were on.

I'm not trying to rant here guys, but I've said the same thing like 100,000 times now. I almost want to make some grand tutorial on browsers, http headers, and how servers interact with them. ._.

-Viral.

Pa??ter of bl??d?fa?th - October 1, 2013, 9:15 am

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Cookie: moo

Connection: keep-alive

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Server: cloudflare-nginx

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Charaoh - October 1, 2013, 4:55 pm

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Clique - October 1, 2013, 5:01 pm

I'm actually still getting this issue today.

Hmph.

Thanks for your help though, Viral. ?

D?ath - October 1, 2013, 5:14 pm

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Devising - October 1, 2013, 10:16 pm

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www.

Viral Dragon - October 1, 2013, 11:07 pm

(Oct 1, 2013 09:15 AM)Macronus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) There is no need for much hassle if such a simple temporary fix works :)Yeah, but it's just that. Temporary. (or so I've seen thus far from a fair bit of users).

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basically
rendering the addition of www. useless. Lol.

(Oct 1, 2013 05:01 PM)Clique Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm actually still getting this issue today.
Hmph.

Thanks for your help though, Viral. ?o.o Sorry, would you mind filling out the OP info request so I can better help you. If you're using the www subdomain, it's only been reported as a temporary fix.

(Oct 1, 2013 05:14 PM)?Death Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why is this not stickied? I believe until Omni is done updating the site it should be. Prob because Omni doesn't have enough time to do so or doesn't think it needs to be stickied.

I am trying my best to keep it at the top though. Lol.

(Oct 1, 2013 10:16 PM)Devising Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The theme worked once i added the subdomain to it. www.It's a temporary fix, but I'll add it to the OP anyway I suppose. . _.

-Viral.

Pred?tor - October 2, 2013, 9:12 pm

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Viral Dragon - October 2, 2013, 9:30 pm

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-Viral.

Melting Tires - October 2, 2013, 9:32 pm

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Viral Dragon - October 2, 2013, 9:41 pm

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Did you at any point in time, add HF to the block list (even if by accident?).

-Viral.

stupid liar - October 2, 2013, 9:46 pm

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Melting Tires - October 2, 2013, 9:48 pm

(Oct 2, 2013 09:41 PM)Viral Dragon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Did you at any point in time, add HF to the block list (even if by accident?).

-Viral.

Pretty sure it was defaulted as Ad block was on.

All I know is I logged on a couple days ago, noticed the css wasn't loading properly and adblocker

was the first thing that I checked. It worked. I moved on and haven't thought about it until now.

Viral Dragon - October 2, 2013, 9:50 pm

(Oct 2, 2013 09:46 PM)Shavit Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) An actual fix is to just use hackforums.net instead of hackforums.net, fixes the issue for me.

Yes, for you. Not for everyone else, but as stated by me and hell even Omni, it's a referrer issue. If you can't access the scripts directly, it's because you do not have your referrer field filled with HF's data.

-Viral.

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--> Firewall/AV installed. None.

--> Extensions/Addons installed XKit, Crisp text, Adblock, Referrer control

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Hope this helps ya'.

Loomaanaatii - October 2, 2013, 10:38 pm

--> Browser Chrome

--> Firewall/AV installed. None

--> Extensions/Addons installed None

--> OS (Windows, nix* or Mac) Mac

Still looks fucked up

Tesseract - October 2, 2013, 10:56 pm

For me, an easy fix is usually clicking [THIS LINK](#) a.k.a. , it is not that challenging people - at all for that matter. You seem like your making it more difficult than it should be. Alternative method to restoring the interface is through typing the entire URL... hackforums.net

I can confirm this works for me in Google Chrome and Google Chrome on the App Store on iPhone and both my laptops, and iMac running Google Chrome at school too.

Easy as that. Don't over-think it.

Someone with the ability to - PLEASE junk this thread.

Tyvm in advance! :D

/dev/net/tun - October 2, 2013, 11:03 pm

I've got a solution to all the people who tried the above solutions and failed.

Press CTRL+F5

Viral Dragon - October 2, 2013, 11:49 pm

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Hope this helps ya'. What are the settings for your Adblock and Ref control?

(Oct 2, 2013 10:38 PM)Emerald™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) --> Browser Chrome
--> Firewall/AV installed. None
--> Extensions/Addons installed None
--> OS (Windows, nix* or Mac) Mac

Still looks fucked up You literally have no AV or add-ons? None what so ever? Positive? In this case, Clear your DNS (flush it), then click on usercp/home twice to set the referrers. If it doesn't work, can I ask for your header info when you visit HF? Better yet, can you see any of the .js files directly?

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Tyvm in advance! :D. _.

- 1) It works for you not others. Otherwise I wouldn't have posted this thread.
- 2) You're only displaying a fix for Google Chrome. What of other browsers? Exactly.
- 3) I'm a Mentor and owner of this thread, either way I could junk it. If it broke rules or was un-needed another staff member or Mentor would have junked it by now. Hell, even Omni commented in the thread, he would have junked it if it needed to be.
- 4) Literally, I do not know how else to say it's a referral problem except in Omni's own words. _.

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That doesn't work for everyone, that and you need to be able to reset the referrer field for all browsers.

-Viral.

/dev/net/tun - October 3, 2013, 12:36 am

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-Viral.

The point just went over your head. If they've tried everything, then the ctrl+f5 will work, because you've enabled referrers but haven't cleared out your cache.

Clique - October 3, 2013, 12:43 am

(Oct 2, 2013 11:49 PM)Viral Dragon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What are the settings for your Adblock and Ref control?

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

Added all the sites that you've listed.

g0han - October 3, 2013, 1:12 am

Not sure if its already been posted or whatever, but I set x.hackforums.net to Forge as what OP suggested did nt work for me and this worked :)

Chief Keef SOSA - October 3, 2013, 1:16 am

Surprising this worked for me! Thanks dude.

Pred?tor - October 3, 2013, 5:21 am

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wyn10 - October 3, 2013, 5:37 am

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lhatewindows - October 3, 2013, 6:12 am

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Viral Dragon - October 3, 2013, 6:55 am

(Oct 3, 2013 12:36 AM)/dev/net/tun Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The point just went over your head. If they've tried everything, then the ctrl+f5 will work, because you've enabled referrers but haven't cleared out your cache.No, it didn't. I'm saying it doesn't work from personal experience. Hell, I never re-enabled referrers

on IE, so I'd be more than happy to make a video for you?

(Oct 3, 2013 12:43 AM)Clique Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Added all the sites that you've listed.Send me a PM, I'd like to do a TeamView session. I live in EST timezone, I'll be home around 4PM.

(Oct 3, 2013 05:21 AM)Pred?tor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Well, it's no theme or formatting, error loading all images, etc. Weird.That'd be a referrer problem. Can you visit this link by clicking it from this post?
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<https://hackforums.net/jscripits/general.js?ver=1603>

Images can't be seen directly anymore without a referrer from HF. Refer to my earlier post about headers.

-Viral.

Trojan Squid - October 3, 2013, 6:58 am

Type hackforums.net instead of hackforums.net.. that works for me

ALO - October 3, 2013, 2:31 pm

If you literally click through the distorted pages in the following order it's self-resolving: Index -> Topic -> User's Profile -> User's Reputation . It usually resolves by the time I reach a User's Profile and doesn't occur again until the next time I open my browser and load the forum again.

darry - October 3, 2013, 2:31 pm

Just go to WWW.hackforums.net and it'll work just fine.

wyn10 - October 3, 2013, 3:52 pm

(Oct 3, 2013 06:55 AM)Viral Dragon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's because clicking links sets your referrer field. When you visit a link from one page and you go to another page, you're telling the second page you came from the first page via a referrer field. I know what it does, I'm just saying what works for me ;).

Dragosthethird - October 3, 2013, 4:41 pm

If it doesn't work automatically on your computer. Browse through a page or click the search button and home button repeatedly. This has worked on all my test computers with the common web browsers.

Blizzard - October 3, 2013, 11:36 pm

Thanks and this should clear it up!

Viral Dragon - October 5, 2013, 6:49 am

(Oct 3, 2013 04:41 PM)Dragosthethird Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If it doesn't work automatically on your computer. Browse through a page or click the search button and home button repeatedly. This has worked on all my test computers with the common web browsers. That's only somewhat works because you're forcing the referrers to set. I've listed that as a temporary fix though so because to most people who have done that it only works for a little bit.

(Oct 3, 2013 11:36 PM)Blizzard Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks and this should clear it up!
Your welcome.

-Viral.

muzzy. - *October 10, 2013, 3:33 am*

Alternatively, make sure you're not on the <https://> version of the site: that causes the CSS and JS to go away for me, also.