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Oak - December 25, 2013, 10:13 pm

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Final 2013 MOTM Competition [img]<http://x.hackforums.net/uploads/awards/7.jpg>[/img]

Another year gone by, almost twelve months since the beginning of 2013. Since then, eleven outstanding members of the Hack Forums community have received a highly prestigious award granted to them: The Member of the Month award. For those who are new to the forum or simply have never heard of it, the MOTM award is given out monthly to one member who stands out from the rest. Qualities often looked for in a potential winner are quality tutorials and threads, helping other members, respect, good manners and activity. On the 23rd of each month, a thread is posted in the [HF L33t OT Discussions](#) forum asking for members to suggest who they think deserves to win for the month in question. Nominees must have at least 500 posts and a 0% warning level. Staff, along with members who have either won the award in the past six months or were on the ballot the previous month, are not allowed to enter the competition. To nominate a member, simply post a nomination on the monthly nomination thread, which can be found [here](#). At the end of the month, the staff member [D3xus](#) reviews the entries and selects the most qualified members. Those few are placed on a ballot on the 1st of the month, allowing the entirety of Hack Forums to vote for the member they think deserves it the most. The one with the highest amount of votes on the 5th will be awarded the MOTM award. The HF News Team reminds members that asking other members to vote for them will cause said member to be permanently added to the MOTM blacklist, along with a temporary site ban.

Christmas Banner

As Christmas approaches fast, the banner of Hack Forums has seen a change. Sporting a Santa hat and a jolly snow man, the bold letters are topped off with an icy layer of frost, just in time for the big day. With changes come complaints, and since members seemed unhappy with the current banner, [Omniscient](#) has been working on a way to let members choose for themselves whether or not to wave the gallant banner atop their digital steeds. While that is in the works, he also created a thread, a contest of sorts, allowing anyone to submit their own works and ideas for the banner. Keeping in mind the constraints: 50 Kilobytes and a transparent GIF image. The forum might soon see an entirely different design welcoming you to the posting grounds. Members may view the thread [here](#).

New Award: Jailbreak Freak

The lovely pixels of achievement, the array of the combination of dots in a 25 by 25 area, digital achievements like none other: Hack Forums awards. Members may sport the ever popular Sapphire of Ub3r, they may even dig down deep in their pockets and afford the Emerald Donator. Those without money can strive for prestigious, limited awards such as the Protector, the Mad Scientist, and even the Member of the Month award. However, this week will certainly revolve around a new circle of excellence; the Jailbreak Freak. In the shape of a green sphere with a strand of DNA in the middle, the new award surrounds the topics of Android and iOS hacking, modification, jailbreaking,

rooting, and many other terms in the similar fields. In an effort to raise not only activity but also awareness of the iOS and Android sections, this new flat globe of greenly goodness is sure to cause the forth bringing of many new tutorials, guides, software releases, and other magnificent creations to the community. The discussion thread may be read [here](#).

Omnicoin

Bitcoin, Litecoin, Dogecoin, Scamcoin... each week brings forth a new variation of the original. In an effort to create something unique on Hack Forums, the members Aurora and Billym2k have decided to launch their own crypto-currency with the name "OmniCoin", of course relating to site owner [Omniscient](#). As skeptical as many members were of yet another coin, [Omniscient](#) soon began to generate interest and hype around it when he showed genuine interest on the [discussion thread](#). Some now see OmniCoin as Hack Forums' unofficial currency, some as a complete waste of time. However, there may soon be a genuine use for these digital bits following a post by [Omniscient](#) stating that he plans on incorporating it into the forum somehow. Whether this concerns an award, upgrades, or similar topics is not yet known. His post concerning the topic may be read in the coin's thread, or a [direct link](#) can be followed.

New Forum Soon: MySQL

Earlier this week the member [Kansas](#) created a new thread in the Suggestions and Ideas section concerning his promotion of a new forum, a MySQL section. He states that he finds himself answering questions pertaining to the subject daily within the PHP section, with PHP being a language closely tied to MySQL in usage. Although that isn't a problem, he states, he would like to see the new section happen because the amount of MySQL posts are very numerous in the section dedicated to PHP. After only four hours, the suggestion was accepted by site owner [Omniscient](#), stating that the new section should be implemented within fourteen days, requesting a private message if that time passes. Of course, that request only applies to Kansas, other members should refrain from doing so. The suggestion thread along with [Omniscient's](#) response can be read at the [relevant link](#).

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User News [Sigma????? ???? ?](#) has reached 1,000 reputation.

[Saged](#) has been reinstated as a Mentor.

[Froggy](#) has reached 2,000 reputation. Ribbet.

[adampelletgun](#) has reached 3,000 reputation.

[Viral Dragon](#) has reached 1,000 reputation. Weenie.

Repfucks [Blazin](#) was repfucked.

[High Elf](#) was repfucked.

[PillsFree](#) was repfucked.

[Xenon](#) was repfucked.

[vitafortis](#) was repfucked.

[MysticParadox](#) was repfucked.

[The Semi-Real Slim Shady](#) was repfucked.

[eightworks](#) was repfucked for the eighteenth time.

Active Bans* [Ramisme](#) was banned.

[Dyme?????????????](#) was banned for ban evasion.

[FairTrader](#) was banned for reputation abuse.

[? o?ol Br33zy](#) was banned indefinitely as a precautionary measure.

[I fucking hate you.](#) was banned with the reason "Read the rules when you get back."

Expired Bans* [Spyro The Dragon](#) was banned.

[Orgy2](#) was banned for harassment.

[Zanelot](#) was banned for a marketplace violation.

[Teh Afro](#) was banned for Amazon financial fraud.

Vacations [Skeetz](#) took a short vacation.

[Duhoh](#) took a one month ban.

[Infraworld](#) took a three week ban.

[awhty](#) snagged a two week vacation.

[Rayzah](#) opted in for a lengthy vacation.

[Gallows](#) scored a one month's vacation.

[~Tom~](#) requested a one month vacation.

[The Plague Doctor](#) requested a one month vacation ban.

Closures [Lo?e](#)'s account was closed.

[Emperor?](#)'s account was closed.

Awards [xadamxk](#) received Jailbreak Freak.

[#Thunder](#) received Sticky Man for [his thread](#).

[Leonard Hofstadter](#) received Sticky Man for [his thread](#).

['Snorlax](#) donated for Master Donator and subsequently was given DaBomb.

[??????](#) donated for Master Donator and subsequently was given the Dog Lover.

Group Leadership Changes [Kosmos](#) is now a leader of the group Void.

[C?aze](#) is now a leader of the group *#@?&%!.

[P?ter](#) is now a leader of the group Complexity.

[Snapchat™](#) is no longer leader of the group Void.

[Sh1eld](#) is no longer leader of the group Illuminati.

* - As of scheduled release date for the HF News edition.

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[The Republic | Official | Invite Only](#) - [KyleWTF](#) - Say hello to Hack Forums' newest group.

[\[675 votes +\] How old are you ? \[Time to settle it\]](#) - [Aur?](#) - Have you ever been curious in regard to which age groups frequent Hack Forums the most?

[300\\$ PP HOLIDAY CONTEST \[updated\]](#) - [lastbreath?](#) - Enter here for your chance to win \$300.

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Interview - [Vodge](#)

[\(Click to View\)Clark](#): Welcome to the 174th edition of The HF News. Today we're joined by Void Member, Vodge. Thanks for taking time to do this interview with us Vodge. Do you have any shoutouts you'd like to give before we proceed?

[Vodge](#): Hello, thanks for asking me for an interview. Umm shoutouts, well nobody specific, but I guess all Void and Instinct members deserve a shoutout, hey noobs undefined.

[Clark](#): Why don't you tell us about how you found your way over to HF?

[Vodge](#): I think I was looking for RATs, my search brought me here and provided me what I needed. Even though the forum wasn't quite what I was expecting, I ended up sticking around for all the various different sections here which are extremely active which is a great thing. Made a bit of money too thanks to this forum which isn't bad :)

[Clark](#): It's a hell of a forum for marketing that's for sure. Which kind of methods did you use to gain money? Or was it just the sale here and there?

[Vodge](#): Well, not sure I should reveal too much, but I started off making money using RATs, dabbled in e-whoring for a while which was really profitable (I still do it sometimes for easy cash), and something else which would come under disallowed blackhat activity so that shall remain unsaid. undefined

[Clark:](#) Uh oh :O So you've got some RAtIng experience eh? Have you picked up any other tech/hack related skills since your registration on HF?

[Vodge:](#) Well I'm pretty much a noob when it comes to "hacking" haha, I don't mind admitting it because it's true. Did pick up a few things here and there. I'm starting a forensic computing degree next year though, so I expect I shall be learning a lot more about various different aspects to hacking.

[Clark:](#) That's exciting. Are you graduating from High School this year? If not, what are you currently studying?

[Vodge:](#) Well I'm from England, I'm doing a college course at the moment. I've been to college before but dropped out (twice lol), this time I'm sticking with it. Studying Psychology, Sociology, and Law. Very interesting stuff, hard work though. I have 3 essays I need to write over Christmas and I haven't started any of them yet haha.

[Clark:](#) Nothing like a little procrastination to get the creative juices flowin'. Have you given any thought as to what you'd like to do when you're older?

[Vodge:](#) Yeah, I've only just decided the last few months. Going to be working in Forensic Computing, opens up a lot of different job opportunities.

[Clark:](#) Good for you Vodge. I noticed you're in Instinct. What has that experience been like so far?

[Vodge:](#) Thanks :). And yeah it's fun, really chilled out group, everyone is just there to talk about gaming and have a joke around with each other, no hostility or angry leaders or anything. Vinnie is a good leader who just wants us to all have fun which is great for a group.

[Clark:](#) Sounds like an awesome group to be apart of. Are there any other groups you'd like to be apart of one day?

[Vodge:](#) Well I'm not really a group whore so don't have any targets or anything, I'm happy with the two groups I'm in now. The Brotherhood and Infamous look like interesting groups, don't think I'd get into either of them though haha.

[Clark:](#) Not with that attitude. You're in Void, that's all that matters ;) Have you applied for Ub3r recently? Or at all for that matter?

[Vodge:](#) Haha yeah, Void is a great group. I applied a few months back but got permanently denied, me and Omni have had some disagreements in the past. Am I right in thinking I heard a while back that Omni had an amnesty of some sorts on those he perm denied Ub3r? If that's the case maybe I'll have to try again at some point soon. I only really want it to neg rep back people who neg repped me haha.

[Clark:](#) Lol, ahh the benefits of Ub3r. Yes, last I heard members who had been permanently denied in the past are free to apply again! Get on it. I'd like to thank you for joining us today. If you have any final thoughts you'd like to leave us with, now's the time.

[Vodge:](#) Thanks for interviewing me and Merry Christmas everyone

Interview - [KyleWTF](#)

[\(Click to View\)ClIQUE:](#) Welcome to the 174th edition of the News! This time we're interviewing KyleWTF, Leader of The Republic. How goes it, dude? Any shoutouts before we begin?

[KyleWTF:](#) I'm doing okay, just a bit of holiday stress here and there.. . Just a shoutout to my good friends Assault, Froggy, and The Republic usergroup.

[ClIQUE:](#) So, to start off. What made you join the site? Had any friends recommend you?

[KyleWTF:](#) I joined after wanting to learn more about PS3 jailbreaking.. not really the best site for this topic. Nonetheless, after exploring the forums a bit I found interest in other things, which is why I stayed. No friends recommended me, I came here randomly.

[Clique](#): Moving on, tell us about the new group. How are you liking leadership? What do you look for in a prospective member of The Republic?

[KyleWTF](#): hat's there to tell? We have a really good group of guys/girls in here, which I feel is the most important thing about a group. The subforum is great at the moment, lots of activity. Leadership is okay, of course there are duties to go along with it, but I was aware of that when I was appointed by Assault. Ooh, I can't say much about that last question, but I'll just say "respect, wisdom, and heart". Members can be added to the group much easier then they think, just follow those three ideas and I'm sure you'll get an invite one day.

[Clique](#): Sounds like some good advice. What do you do in real life? Assuming you go to school and all.

[KyleWTF](#): Depends, I spend most of my day studying, playing sports, and of course.. browsing the internet.

[Clique](#): Neat. What sports? I play Soccer pretty much all the time. Any public plans for The Republic that you announce to the readers at this time?

[KyleWTF](#): Basketball and a few others. All I can say is that our impact on the forum will be exposed soon enough, stay tuned.

[Clique](#): Sweet. So, yeah. Christmas is going up really soon. What are your plans? This weekend I'm going to go shopping for family gifts. (Late, I know)

[KyleWTF](#): Just spending time with the family really. Going to try to stay off the internet and just cherishing time with them. Oh.. Christmas is soon...presents...right.. brb.

[Clique](#): Staying off the internet for a day? Psh, impossible. If you had the chance to change one thing on the site here, what'd you choose?

[KyleWTF](#): I wouldn't really change anything.. except a few annoyances with the site and the community here and there, HF is perfect the way it is.

[Clique](#): Glad to hear. What can you see yourself doing when you're out of school and all that jazz? Dream job?

[KyleWTF](#): Not exactly sure at this point. Hopefully I'll go into business, it seems what I'd be most interested in.

[Clique](#): Planning to be a CEO some day, eh? I'm hopefully going to expand my photography career. What about the news here. What do you think?

[KyleWTF](#): CEO would be nice, yes. You guys sure do a great job, I read the news every week!

[Clique](#): Awesome! Thanks for takin' the time to do this interview. Any closing statements before we're done?

[KyleWTF](#): Nope. Thanks for having me!

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STEAM SALES!

The Christmas spirit has hit the Steam Store and the time has come to spend the last money of the year on awesome games with insane discounts. The sale will be running from December 19th until January 3rd and will offer discounts up to 80% on the games you love. Not only will there be daily discounts, but also flash sales every 8 hours with new titles. Users have the ability to vote for a new discount and will be rewarded for doing so. As always a gifting event for voting and purchasing is

going on, so head over to the Steam Store and get yourself an early Christmas gift.

Star Wars Game Announced

Disney announced that a new Star Wars game focused on dogfighting in space will be made. The game will be free to play and will focus on building and customizing a ship before taking it out in space to fight. The game will feature well known spaceships from the Star Wars universe so if you are a fan, there will be something in it for you. There is no news on when the game is scheduled for release but signups have opened for a closed beta expected to go on air next year.

Hearthstone Open Beta Delayed

Blizzard announced that the open beta for their card game Hearthstone has been delayed. It was originally meant to open up for all players this month, but Blizzard said that the game simply was not ready. Everyone who opted in before December 16th should have received an invitation to the closed beta. Didn't opt in before December 16th? Fear not, everyone who signs up before January 7th will be invited to the close beta before the open beta is being pushed out. There has been no announcement on when the open beta is planned to be out.

Video of the Week

TotalBiscuit himself presents his list of top 10 games of 2013.

You can also follow him to get a heads up on which games on the steam sale are worth getting.

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Minecraft on the PS3!

For a price of just \$19.99, Minecraft has finally been released on the PS3. In addition to the numerous trophies you can get (presumably similar to those of the achievements for the PC version), there's a four person (max) split screen, an eight person (max) co-op online, and solo play featuring Minecraft's notoriously loved gamemodes: creative and survival. "We'll have more information on popular topics including cross buy, remote play and the Playstation 4 version of Minecraft in the new year, promise," says Mojang, so don't get too comfortable with just that.

Win a PS3 with the Minecraft Skin Studio

In celebration of Christmas's arrival, [57digital](#) is holding a competition to see who can create the best "Christmasy skin," so they say. Create the skin, share it in the app before December 26th, and then you're very-easily entered in the competition for a chance to win one of the following prizes:

First prize – a Playstation 3 and some signed swag

Second prize – a \$100 J!NX voucher and some signed swag

Third prize – a \$50 J!NX voucher and some signed swag

Gifting Minecraft During the Holidays?

In acknowledgement of the amount of people buying or gifting Minecraft during the holiday season, Mojang has added the option to print a "gift card-type thing" upon purchase of a gift code. It's an optional feature, of course, but surely their efforts are appreciated in making such a thing. Additionally (and if you're lost), Mojang has made a sheet with folding and presentation instructions available when printing as well.

Minecraft Realms Beta-- Only in Sweden

For those who don't know what Minecraft Realms is as of now, it's very simply-put a Minecraft server (in which you can buy) that allows a maximum of twenty people to log on and ten to be on at a time. The service allows you to load maps, start from fresh, and overall just have a good time with other people with maintenance only needed from inside the client. As the prices are still being

worked out, only Swedish users and Minecon attendees have access to the early feature. "Realms subscriptions currently come with seven pre-made maps, including Blocks vs Zombies by SethBling, Dash of Doom by Dragnoz, and Spellbound Caves by Vechs," says Mojang, making it clear that they have an interest in the community.

HackerCraft News

The server's news has still been further postponed due to a lack of activity. Omniscient has stated that he has plans for the near future, though, so don't be discouraged as the HackerCraft news will definitely see another day.

Featured Server of the Week: Crewniverse

Ever hear of KYR SP33DY? If so, attending his Minecraft server may be heaps of fun! Nevertheless, the server is packed with fun gamemodes such as creative, survival, and factions, making it a cool place for everyone. Even if you haven't heard of him, check the server out today at crewniverse.com!

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Hacker does Time for Botnet

A hacker accused of masterminding one of the biggest ever botnets has been sentenced to just under 5 years in jail. Skorjanc was also ordered to pay a 4,000 euro (\$4,100; £2,510) fine and give up a flat and car he was alleged to have bought with money he had received from a Spanish criminal syndicate. The botnet got its name because it was created with software called ButterFly Flooder that was alleged to have been written by Skorjanc and advertised on the net as a way to "stress test" computer networks and remotely control Windows and Linux PCs. Officials said the botnet had been used to send spam emails, stage distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks to overwhelm targets' servers with traffic, and harvest information including credit card details and log-ins. "It reflects that authorities have realised the damage that can be wrought by a piece of code, and are now starting to equate it to physical theft. The 'wild west' days of cybercrime are over, even in smaller countries."

Pope vs. Religious Perception of Atheists

The Pope has called on atheists to unite with believers of all religions and work for "a homemade peace" that can spread across the world. Speaking to about 70,000 people from the central balcony of St Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis also made another appeal for the environment to be saved from "human greed and rapacity". The Pope also called for dialogue to end the conflicts in Syria, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo and Iraq, and prayed for a "favourable outcome" to the peace process between Israelis and Palestinians. Pilgrims came from all over the world to experience Christmas at the Vatican.

Space Station Receives Cooling for Christmas

Two US astronauts have made a rare Christmas Eve spacewalk to repair the International Space Station's cooling system. It was the second spacewalk in four days for astronauts Rick Mastracchio and Michael Hopkins. The pair removed a faulty ammonia pump at the International Space Station during Saturday's outing. They have now installed a new pump in what is hoped will be the final fix at the system. One of two cooling systems on the US side of the space station - a \$100bn project of 15 nations - shut down on December 11 due to a faulty valve. The fault prompted the six-man crew to turn off all non-essential equipment, including experiments.

Christmas Terror en Route

At least 22 people have been killed in Christmas Day bomb attacks targeting Christians in Iraq. A car bomb went off near a church during Christmas Mass in Baghdad's southern Dora district, killing at least 15 people and wounding more than 30, a police officer said. Earlier, a bomb ripped through

an outdoor market in the nearby Christian section of Athorien, killing seven people and wounding 16, the officer added. Along with Christians, other targets for extremists include civilians in restaurants, cafes or crowded public areas, as well as Shi'ites and members of the Iraqi security forces, who are targeted in an attempt to undermine confidence in the Shi'ite-led government and stir up sectarian tensions.

The Christmas Day attacks brought the total number of people killed so far this month in Iraq to 426. According to UN estimates, more than 8,000 people have been killed since the start of the year

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NYC Bans Vaping In Public

The past week, the city council for NYC voted to ban electronic cigarettes, considering them to be just as bad as regular cigarettes. This ban will stop people from using them out in public, which may not go over well with most people. They are not completely banning the e-cigs as of yet; people can still use them in their home.

AT&T Plans To Release Transparency Reports

This news came to light just hours after Verizon claimed it would publish transparency reports; AT&T decided to mimic Verizon and do the same. These reports will be published semi-annually and it will break down law enforcement requests by type. The initial report is due in early 2014, and will summarize the 2013 data.

Google Cracks Down On Multi-Purpose Extensions

Google has just recently started limiting the extensions in the Chrome Web Store to one purpose. They did this to prevent the clutter and addition of toolbars bundled with extensions. Some developers may not really like this, but it should save people from getting things they don't want. Google is giving current developers until June 2014 to slim down or split up their current extensions.

Hulu Plus Passes 5 Million Customers

Hulu CEO Mike Hopkins released Hulu.com's yearly recap this past week, and showed us how big the service has really gotten. In 2013 alone, Hulu went past \$1 billion in revenues and 5 million paying subscribers for Hulu Plus. This is comparing it to its \$695 million and 3 million subscribers from 2012. Some consider that a pretty big win for the company, which lost its former CEO earlier this year. Hopkins claimed that in the next few years, Hulu will double the number of options they have on the site. They claim this will be what makes them able to stay ahead of other streaming providers.

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Drake is 2013's Most Tweeted-About Rapper

Drake has become the year's most tweeted about rapper, which isn't much of a surprise. Drake had huge buzz in 2013. He dropped his third retail album, went on tour and was featured on tons of rap features. According to a Twitter spokesperson, Drake was the subject of more tweets than any other hip-hop artist. Drake's Nothing Was the Same LP was tweeted about 2,942,000 times and the rapper started trends like #DrakeTaughtMe, #DrakeTwitterPassword and album-related trends like #NothingWasTheSame, Pound Cake, The Language and Wu-Tang Forever. Eminem's The Marshall Mathers LP 2 single "Rap God" brought the #1 hip-hop trend (#RapGod) and he was the second most tweeted-about rap star with 21,271,953 messages generated, according to Twitter. Lil Wayne was the third most tweeted-about rapper, putting him above MCs like Jay Z, J. Cole, Kanye West and Kendrick Lamar.

Selena Gomez Cancels Australian Tour

Singer announces she's calling off dates of her Stars Dance Tour to "spend some time on myself".

Selena Gomez made it clear to MTV News that her "Stars Dance Tour" is not just a tour, but "a giant rave." And now, it seems, she's taking a break by cancelling the Australian leg of the tour. Gomez was originally supposed to make five stops Down Under: in Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

Adele now a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Some happy news includes Adele's new award. The Grammy/Oscar/Golden Globe-winning singer added another award to her collection Thursday, December 19, when she was presented with an MBE medal by Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace. Adele's voice is not ever altered or interfered with in the studio, unlike other artists' voices are, like Katy Perry and Demi Lovato. MBE stands for Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and Adele — along with P.J. Harvey — received the honor on Thursday (December 19) for "services to music." It was created in 1917 by King George V. Adele stated, "It was an honour to be recognised and a very proud moment to be awarded alongside such wonderful and inspirational people," Adele said in a statement after the ceremony, according to People. "Very posh indeed." Good on her.

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This is basically my own little corner to type up my thoughts and some standpoints on different topics.Holy shit.

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Just finished.

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"How do you feel about the possible addition of a banner to the Modern theme?"

"Personally, I think it will be quite exciting to see the creativity of either Omniscient, or a fellow member here for our 'Modern HF theme'. I'm sure it will be great, I am also a big fan of modern art and whatnot, so the banner will be creative, if not, we're just going to get the people of HackForums getting angry, saying it looks bad, but, Omniscient should not care what other people think, if he likes it, he should release it, just because a portion of HackForums doesn't like something and Omniscient does, doesn't mean he should change it."

[-#Cyan](#)

"I personally love the idea of adding a banner back onto HackForums. To me, the site looks bland, and a header would really spruce things up. Also, I find it very exciting to see different banners on holidays, special occasions, etc. I sincerely hope one gets added in the near future."

[-Haste](#)

I like the idea of having a banner on the new themes as they pages and the header of the page with the new themes seem to cluttered and squished together not sure if this is just me but

whatever. I would also like to point out that the news didn't mention that omni will probably be adding a hide button for the banner on the top of the page I really like this idea as it seems 2/3 hf user's who have voted want the new theme and 1/3 don't so this would serve perfect for all hf users."

[-Winner](#)

"I think it would spice up HF. People have there own opinions, sure. I think its kind of bland and tacky, at the moment. For now, I'm sticking to the old school theme. If and when a banner gets added to the modern theme, I may consider switching; but until then old school is where I call home."

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The topic for next week is "How was your Christmas? What did you do?"

To send in your entries for the next edition, PM [Sir](#).

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EziNet - December 26, 2013, 5:27 am

Great edition Sir, will read whole News now :)

Evanescent - December 26, 2013, 5:30 am

Another dreadful edition and this time a little earlier.

clark.dll - December 26, 2013, 5:32 am

Just a beautiful edition.

Well done writ3rs..

redi - December 26, 2013, 5:35 am

Gonna read them now, thanks Sir! Merry Xmas.

Mohatu - December 26, 2013, 5:36 am

(Dec 26, 2013 06:30 AM)Evanescent Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Another dreadful edition and this time a little earlier.

I'm sorry you feel that way. I am glad, however, that you spent your time visiting this section, reading the content, and then taking even more time relaying your opinion!

What would you have us improve?

Miki - December 26, 2013, 5:41 am

Awesome news sir, really pleasant Christmas edition.

Para?more - December 26, 2013, 5:45 am

Thanks for the news report Sir love reading these.

Krew - December 26, 2013, 5:45 am

Awesome news edition as always. Merry Christmas everyone.

Robust - December 26, 2013, 5:47 am

(Dec 26, 2013 06:45 AM)Krew Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Awesome news edition as always. Merry Christmas everyone.

Merry Christmas to you too

Nice edition of the news, like always. A great read.

Wallet - December 26, 2013, 5:47 am

Wooo! Amazing HF News! Happy Holidays/ Merry Christmas to everyone, and a Happy New Year!

randomevilguy - December 26, 2013, 5:49 am

Another great news edition. Thanks HF News team!

Gustav. - December 26, 2013, 5:50 am

Great edition guys. I always get that warm feeling inside when reading the Comic section. Lol, best part.

Spyro The Dragon - December 26, 2013, 6:17 am

Great read!

Excellent job mate.

Damn, my ban was worthy of being in the news, I made it ma!

Sol Yurick - December 26, 2013, 6:19 am

Quote:Featured Server of the Week: Crewniverse

Ever hear of KYR SP33DY? If so, attending his Minecraft server may be heaps of fun! Nevertheless, the server is packed with fun gamemodes such as creative, survival, and factions, making it a cool place for everyone. Even if you haven't heard of him, check the server out today at crewniverse.com!

These aren't even facts. The information above is not correct.

Kangaroo?? - December 26, 2013, 6:20 am

Good Christmas News Sir! Made first page <3

D?vil - December 26, 2013, 6:20 am

Best Sir's second I have ever read.

Good job!

Diabolic - December 26, 2013, 6:22 am

Another great edition, I enjoyed the read as always.

Craze Z - December 26, 2013, 6:33 am

Another great edition! Thanks Sir! I enjoy these so much :)

Dropbox - December 26, 2013, 6:35 am

dude this edition was a great read, i found out so much stuff in less than 10 minutes due to reading this

please keep posting more

RDCA - December 26, 2013, 6:49 am

The green text can be overbearing in some places, but nevertheless quite a good edition.

Congratulations to all the Writ3rs who helped to produce it. Merry Christmas to you guys as well as everyone else. :)

Lovol - December 26, 2013, 7:30 am

(Dec 26, 2013 07:19 AM)Astonish Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) These aren't even facts. The information above is not correct.

What's not true about it? The featured sever of the week is used for an enthusiastic message about a given server. In this week's edition, I stated:The server listed is owned by KYR SP33DY - undeniably true

The server featured offers game modes such as survival, factions, and creative - true

The server is heaps of fun - subjective, I suppose, but nevertheless true in my opinion

You can join the server by connecting to its IP: crewniverse.com - again, undeniably correct

I don't see what the purpose of your post was?

King of Hearts - December 26, 2013, 7:41 am

Hey,

I always read the news, but don't post on them much. However, you didn't mention the iOS 7 jailbreak which was released on Sunday at evasi0n.com. Considering the fact that Omni wants to "raise not only activity but also awareness of the iOS and Android sections", I think this should have been on the news.

KoH

?lien - December 26, 2013, 7:44 am

A lot of good info in this edition, it was worth the wait. I was thinking the Christmas edition would be

smaller due to everyone being so busy. Glad I was wrong.

ZuGgY - December 26, 2013, 7:47 am

Loved this edition

Happy holidays members and to the team!

Lady Deathstroke - December 26, 2013, 7:49 am

Great edition once again this week nice to see my opinion added in there aswell, I sent you my opinion for next weeks addition Sir thanks very much good job and I'll be sure to read the next edition.

Clique - December 26, 2013, 8:31 am

Finally a Christmas themed edition. Nice job Unrep & Poseidon.

+mK - December 26, 2013, 8:33 am

Good job guys, that was a pretty long HF News! :p

Roger Waters - December 26, 2013, 8:35 am

(Dec 26, 2013 07:19 AM)Astonish Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) These aren't even facts. The information above is not correct.

Go home, you're drunk Astonish!!! The information is actually 100% true.

Playb0y - December 26, 2013, 8:39 am

Nice to see my name and thread in the news! Great edition, loved it.

Aura - December 26, 2013, 8:45 am

Another great edition of the HF News, good job Sir and all the reporters ! ?

Can't believe my poll thread made it in the news !

xhflhkeuhwguu34 - December 26, 2013, 11:40 am

Well, I made it into the news! Not in the most honorable way, eh. Still, good edition!

108 Jamz - December 26, 2013, 11:41 am

Awesome news edition as always. Merry Christmas everyone

??Tommy - December 26, 2013, 11:41 am

Great edition and I love the new theme for it.

#Thunder - December 26, 2013, 11:42 am

I was not fond of the green text to be honest. Made it hard to read but it was for the Christmas spirit. Aside from that, this edition was nice. I enjoyed the graphics.

Raz3d - December 26, 2013, 11:44 am

Always a pleasure reading the news. Lovely edition and nice design this time!

Sol Yurick - December 26, 2013, 11:54 am

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owner. Actually he is far for

A half owner.

2. That is in fact true.

3. That is an opinion.

4. That is true.

Lovol - December 26, 2013, 12:11 pm

(Dec 26, 2013 12:54 PM)Astonish Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 1. KYR is not the main owner nor is he even a 50% owner. Actually he is far for

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Sol Yurick - December 26, 2013, 12:19 pm

(Dec 26, 2013 01:11 PM)Lovol Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) To my knowledge, the "crew" owns it. How they split it up is up to them, but he usually leads in all of the videos.

You are assuming, and to add your assumptions are wrong.

?A.J? - December 26, 2013, 12:22 pm

Great news edition as always and Merry Christmas everyone.

Kansas - December 26, 2013, 12:30 pm

OH MY GOD I'M FEATURED IN THE NEWS.

I SHOULD'NT BE THIS EXCITED ABOUT IT BUT I AM.

thank you sir<3

J4mie - December 26, 2013, 12:47 pm

good job yet again with the news guys! real nice read.

Z?????????????eus - December 26, 2013, 12:48 pm

Thanks for the edition this week, News team

Baghead - December 26, 2013, 1:33 pm

Awesome edition guys, the best in a while. Nice and lengthy

Oak - December 26, 2013, 1:38 pm

(Dec 26, 2013 01:19 PM)Astonish Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You are assuming, and to add your assumptions are wrong.Astonish, stop being a cunt and calm down.

Paradoxmoney - December 26, 2013, 1:40 pm

Oh sir i was really waiting for your xmas edition , this is really awesome , i am a very good fan of writings

We see every updates about HF here <3 Love you SIR

Tonight - December 26, 2013, 1:44 pm

(Dec 26, 2013 02:38 PM)Sir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Astonish, stop being a cunt and calm down.

Upset because his Innovation buyin thread didn't make the news.

As if putting it in his signature in bold red and huge print wasn't enough.

iNuke - December 26, 2013, 1:47 pm

Great edition, I loved the design. It's well done and well written.

One of the best! ?

Sol Yurick - December 26, 2013, 4:37 pm

(Dec 26, 2013 02:44 PM)Saturday Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Upset because his Innovation buyin thread didn't make the news.

As if putting it in his signature in bold red and huge print wasn't enough.

I don't need the news to promote my thread, I make plenty of sales and plenty of members without it.
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Funny how you follow me around, just to have goes at me. I guess you are but hurt that I have succeed more on and off-site the you.

As for the news, it wasn't bad besides the MC news every week. That is my only complaint. Along with the news director (Just kidding we have a love hate relationship) Sir you know it's true.

Vinnie - December 26, 2013, 4:48 pm

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How about you fix the HC server, we're getting really impatient now ?.

Sol Yurick - December 26, 2013, 4:50 pm

(Dec 26, 2013 05:48 PM)Vinnie Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How about you fix the HC server, we're getting really impatient now ?.

It was updated the other day to 1.7. I can't do an update until Omni approves and things.

teonanacalt - December 26, 2013, 5:03 pm

Great Christmas Edition, enjoyed reading as always.
Thanks to HF News Team, appreciate.

Eeluminati - December 26, 2013, 5:30 pm

Pretty boring stuff in all honesty. Can honestly say more than half of the people who say they read it all read 1 paragraph.

R?DSPY - December 26, 2013, 6:18 pm

Well dun, I liked this edition of HF news.

Arbitrage - December 26, 2013, 6:19 pm

Great edition of the HF News as always, Sir! :)

Lovol - December 26, 2013, 7:18 pm

(Dec 26, 2013 05:37 PM)Astonish Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't need the news to promote my thread, I make plenty of sales and plenty of members without it.
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Please explain how the MC news is "bad" every week? I just debunked both my and your statement to make me even more correct. Even if I was wrong about the situation of ownership of a server one time, it's still correct to say that one of the [however many owners there are] owners is still an owner.

You can spend hours and hours to try and find a flaw in my grammar and that won't happen, so I don't see that being an issue.

My information is reliable 100% of the time and if it doesn't come from Mojang or 4J Studios themselves, it likely comes from other reliable sources; the aforementioned, then, can of course be debated to be so until we're blue in the face due to its undeniable legitimacy.

Lastly, and most importantly, not only are my articles informational, but are too relevant to Minecraft, Mojang, and their respective developments. Nonetheless, it isn't always easy to find news regarding the subject, so what I provide is definitely sufficient.

What else is there to debate? Oh right: the HackerCraft news. Week after week, I tried to put as much effort as I could into its separate news until the activity just wasn't sufficient enough for me to continue. Sure, what I post in the MC news about it is usually always a canned response and that likely won't change until activity rises on that server or in that section. So if your broad/general complaint is relevant to that, then you're only insulting yourself as the new admin over there. Get to work on that server and you'll see the news continued. It's a direct relationship.

I don't mind constructive criticism, but for you to call me out in such a way isn't only disrespectful, but seemingly ignorant, arrogant, and uneventful. If you'd like to respond, please do so in detail so I can know how to improve (subjectively, of course) in the future.

Thanks.

Nevertheless, great edition as always. I like the green text and how it ended up working out. A continued effort is always awesome to see.

Emylbus - December 26, 2013, 7:32 pm

Hey Writing team I just wanted to apologize for leaving you guys to dry this issue and wasn't able to write the world news for you guys. I've had an awesome 3 month run with the team and I hope whoever permanently takes over my old position the best of luck. Feel free to message me if you need someone to step in for a week and Invis is swamped.

Great issue and I wish you guys the best of luck with your future issues without me!

?????? - December 26, 2013, 8:32 pm

Ahh, I'm in the news with my MD award. Hope to donate more in the future.

Great edition as always, I loved it!

Juicy Jake - December 26, 2013, 8:35 pm

I enjoyed reading this.

As always good job with the news.

Froggy - December 26, 2013, 9:20 pm

I always read the news but forget to post.

I didn't find the green text to be bothersome.

Nice edition guys, despite the holidays being such a busy time.

Raptor. - December 27, 2013, 1:01 am

Thanks for the news. I thoroughly enjoy reading these, although maybe I missed the joke on the third last comic? Great job to all those who worked on this edition.

ven0m - December 27, 2013, 1:36 am

Enjoyed the edition. Happy holiday, HF News Team.

Skitlz - December 27, 2013, 1:39 am

Another great edition! Thanks Sir & The News Team!

En1gma - December 27, 2013, 5:59 am

Another great edition of the news, I enjoyed reading it.

Frohe - December 27, 2013, 12:10 pm

Everyone knows i'm a god, and everyone knows Astonish is a little failure XDD

Haste. - December 27, 2013, 1:28 pm

Hehehe! My opinion is in the news! #LivinLikeLarry

Great edition. Thanks Sir and the Writ3rs team.

ChingChang - December 28, 2013, 9:32 am

Great edition sir, this keep getting better:) Merry christmas boys.

King Doom - December 28, 2013, 1:56 pm

I actually enjoyed this weeks news, very nice thread layout also. Merry late christmas.

lillix - December 28, 2013, 2:24 pm

This is honestly the longest and first edition of the HF news I've ever read. I was surprised that I enjoyed reading it.

Douchebag # 145 - December 28, 2013, 4:26 pm

(Dec 28, 2013 03:24 PM)Kushina Uzumaki Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is hoestly the longest and first edition of the HF news I've ever read. I was surprised that I enjoyed reading it.

Hopefully we will see you again come next week.

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Robust - December 28, 2013, 4:41 pm

(Dec 28, 2013 05:26 PM)Yellows Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hopefully we will see you again come next week.

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You'll see me again every week. It's fun reading it. A well compiled news article (kinda thing). I enjoy User News, Interviews and Gaming News the most. I appreciate all the sections though. HF Writ3rs have some amazing writing skills.

Douchebag # 145 - December 28, 2013, 4:44 pm

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We really appreciate it, thank you!

User News writer signing off, ?.

redpois0n - December 28, 2013, 4:51 pm

Nice edition as always thanks for posting!

MATT?HEW - December 28, 2013, 9:26 pm

It's always nice to read the news.

Thanks for posting it.

Roller - December 29, 2013, 9:29 am

It would be awesome to use OMC to buy stuff from this site.

Ombra - December 29, 2013, 4:36 pm

I can't wait to see the next edition!
great job :)

Wallet - December 30, 2013, 12:57 am

Had to re-read this edition.
Again, fabolus works and contents :)

Reciprocal - December 30, 2013, 6:34 am

"Tell me what you want for Christmas... Aww well your getting something else" I don't know why but that comic made me crack up like shit. Nice edition man I enjoy reading these.

Gustav. - December 30, 2013, 6:41 am

(Dec 30, 2013 07:34 AM)Reciprocal Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) "Tell me what you want for Christmas... Aww well your getting something else" I don't know why but that comic made me crack up like shit. Nice edition man I enjoy reading these.

The Comic section has always gotten the best of me, every week.

iNviZ - December 30, 2013, 5:10 pm

Great job adding the huge donation for Coats for kids(Operation Warm). Applause to the news team. ???

Great issue though. Keep it up noobs.

Douchebag # 145 - December 30, 2013, 5:39 pm

(Dec 30, 2013 06:10 PM)iNviZ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great job adding the huge donation for Coats for kids(Operation Warm). Applause to the news team. ???

Great issue though. Keep it up noobs.

Comparing the time between [this edition's first reader](#) and [Operation Warm's last post](#) shows that if your thread was included in this news edition (presumably the Notable Threads section - my section), no HF members could have donated further assuming the Operation Warm thread was closed within approximately two and a half hours of the last post on the thread.

This sounded a lot more sassy and condescending than I planned, ?.

Shanks - December 30, 2013, 5:42 pm

Great like always ! thanks for the news

iConqouR - December 31, 2013, 6:38 pm

Hope everyone had a good christmas and Happy! new year!

Gary - *December 31, 2013, 7:13 pm*

Great Edition like always Sir and everyone on the HF News Team!

Cryst?l - *December 31, 2013, 9:29 pm*

A great edition as always ! :) Happy new year guys.. I am a lil late in reading this edition..

Oak - *January 1, 2014, 1:32 am*

Thank y'all for reading.

Happy New Year!