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Trust - June 6, 2014, 8:54 pm

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|Introduction|

Hello, I'm Nick. I joined Hack Forums in August of 2012. I honestly do not remember why I joined Hack Forums, but my main theories are that I wanted to view a thread that I was unable to view as a non-registered member, or simply... I wanted free stuff! ?

Anyways, after I joined, I was not very active. I came on once every blue moon and I posted when I felt like it. Around New Year's Day 2014, I began to become far more active. I thoroughly enjoyed posting more and making new connections. Around February, thanks to being accepted into the Empire's now extinct gaming sector, I started really becoming active. I've taken great pleasure out of helping people here and I love the new people I've met and the new experiences I've encountered.

I felt it was my duty to create this thread as I've wanted to let everyone know how awesome Hack Forums is and how it's shaped who I am for a long while now. If I can help a great site become just a tad bit greater, that would be amazing!

So here it is, "Trust's 2.5k Posts, Almost Two Years Feedback Thread!"

|Group Feedback|

Let's start this thread off with the usual, "Group Feedback." I will address the groups that I've been a part of thoroughly. I will not give my opinions on groups that I have not been a part of as I cannot judge a group without seeing how they truly operate.

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[img]http://x.hackforums.net/images/modern_pl/groupimages/english/infamous.gif[img]_____

Ah Infamous, 'tis a wonderful group. However, this is my honest feedback, so I will give my complete honest opinion of Infamous. It really is a great group, there are many quality threads in the subforum and a great group of leaders. I do have to criticize, however, the fact that the group is not as prestigious as it used to be. It used to be that only the best of the best were accepted in, now it's anyone who had some spare cash. I know that Judge Dredd has good and honorable reasons for accepting buy-ins, but it just doesn't feel right. Although, yes, there are many, many quality threads, the subforum feels empty at times and I don't see a lot of new posts flooding through. It somewhat feels as though it's still going through it's transition from Complexity, but when everything is said,

done, and settled, I see a bright and prosperous future for the new Infamous._____

[img]http://x.hackforums.net/images/modern_pl/groupimages/english/brotherhood.png[/img]_____

I've only been in this group for about three weeks, but if there's someone I'd really love to suck up to, it's Cryptic™. He's such an amazing leader of the Brotherhood, I've seen him post more times in the Brotherhood subforum in my first week than I've seen other leaders post in a group's subforum for months. He seems to care more about the group and it's users than making money off of the group. Now, on to the group itself. The Brotherhood is the definition of family. Everyone is so nice to each other and there to support one another. It's a wonderful group and it makes me want to be active in it's subforum. If you're looking to be a part of a great group, the Brotherhood is for you!_____

[img]http://x.hackforums.net/images/modern_pl/groupimages/english/empirev3.gif[/img]_____

This was the first group that gave me a chance on Hack Forums and I am eternally thankful for that. The subforum is probably the most active group subforum on Hack Forums as well, I'd average it gets around five hundred posts per day. Every leader is insanely nice and active. I do have to give some criticism towards the group, however. You have to be a part of the clique or you go relatively unnoticed. It seems like the leaders favor some members over other members, which is understandable, but highly annoying. Overall, the Empire is one of the best groups on all of Hack Forums so I have only one thing to say to sum this up. "Long Live the Empire!"_____

[img]http://x.hackforums.net/images/modern_pl/groupimages/english/strange.gif[/img]_____

I've literally been in this group for a whopping two days. I honestly used to think that Instinct was a troll group and was rather surprised to hear it's main focus was gaming. After a while of criticizing the group, I decided to give it a chance, and so far, I'm glad I did. The leaders are great people, especially Vinnie and Craze. The subforum seems active enough and keeps my attention. What really got my attention though, were the lenient rules. Most groups try so/too hard to be high quality and uptight, but Instinct... It's refreshing to be part of a group where no-one cares who you are or where you come from, but you can just sit back and talk/game with others who share same interests. I'm really excited to see how my time in Instinct goes and ready to game with some of it's members.

[img]http://x.hackforums.net/images/modern_pl/groupimages/english/respawn.gif[/img]_____

Don't even get me started on Respawn. When I first got accepted by Skitz, I was ecstatic. Finally, I could have someone to game with! My first day as a member of Respawn was great, there was so much activity as it was still a new (yet old) group and everything was centered on gaming. Then, the storm happened. Skitz was mad at Astonish and Astonish was mad at Skitz and everyone was mad at everyone and so on and so forth. Astonish announced that he would be kicking 90% of the group for no apparent reason, what's a gaming group with no gamers in it? Ah, classic Astonish. At first I didn't believe the stories, but then they came true. Soon, members were coming forward with how terrible the group was becoming and how Astonish was nowhere to be seen half the time. To be fair, when I was in the group, I saw Skitz do everything, the only post I saw by Astonish was him kicking everyone. If you want a good, quality gaming group, stay away from Respawn, try Instinct.

[Staff Feedback]

This is my feedback on the staff of Hack Forums.

[Omniscient:](#)

Omniscient is a great admin, he posts regularly, he works his butt off, and he sure as hell doesn't get enough credit for the work he puts into the forum. However, even a man as great as Omni needs some constructive criticism. He tends to make rash judgements very quickly. Take, let's say, when Omni removed the old school theme as an 3P1C only feature. Sure, people were complaining and making stupid conclusions on how Omni was money hungry, but that's how people usually react to sudden changes. The quick closing of all those accounts because they said something negative about it was rather, in a word, childish. Still, I've seen him make great judgement calls in the past and this forum is still standing as one of the most popular forums on the internet, so obviously, he's doing something right.

[Xch4ng3:](#)

I'd honestly love to see him/her post a ton more. He/she seems like a great guy/gal. From what I do see, he/she is a great admin, always ready and eager to help recover accounts or catch multi-accounters. Still... I'd love to see him/her post a ton more, I'd love to get to know him/her more, but I completely understand that he/she has a life and things to do as well.

[Factor8™:](#)

I am not going to give any feedback or opinions on this staff member as I rarely see he/she post at all and it would seem unfair to judge someone without knowing the slightest thing about them.

[Judge Dredd:](#)

Oh boy, Judge Dredd... I can safely say that he is a bigger troll than Omni. Still, he's one of the funniest and most outgoing staff on these forums and he lays down the law when he has to. Without him, this forum would be riddled with low-quality posts, and terrible trolls. Occasionally he can seem like a cocky prick, but once you truly get to know him, he's a truly great, caring guy.

[Paradoxum:](#)

Paradoxum is definitely one of the best staff members of any forum. He/she has just the right balance of forgiveness and justice. His/her work with HF MRT is outstanding, the work he/she does... You don't get a lot of staff like Paradoxum these days. I've never seem him/her overreact in any way or make a rash judgement, but rather, he/she seems perfect in everything he/she does. He/she is also very, very active so getting a good conversation with him isn't hard.

I am not going to write feedback for RDCA or Viral Dragon as they are both new staff members and judging them now would be unfair.

[How can Hack Forums be Improved?]

Hack Forums is a wonderful place, but naturally, there's always room for improvement. Perhaps, instead of randomly announcing changes, have some community votes to see what the members want. I understand this isn't a democracy, but a little bit of power to the people never hurt anyone.

Something that involves the entire community would also be great. Perhaps like a meeting day or a sitewide gaming night.

The line, "any form of thanks is appreciated" from giveaway hosts should be classified as rep abuse. It's obviously another way of asking for reputation, and if you're serious about helping others selflessly, you shouldn't want to require thanks from people.

MOTM should be highly improved. A way to disallow posts on the thread, or have discussion be disallowed on it would fix it. Just vote on the poll for who you think honestly deserves it, not your best friend.

There should be better moderation of the e-whoring section as pornography sites and downloads for pornography are posted there daily with no consequences.

The "Will do anything for money." threads in the "Rewards and Small Favors" subforum should be classified as begging for money. Post what you will do and what your skills are, or it's essentially begging for money.

|Site Design|

I quite like the design of the site currently, but it's a rather dark and dreary color scheme. Perhaps some sort of yellow or white theme would be great. The theme gives the impression that this is a blackhat forum, when in actuality, it is not. Hell, more than half of the posts aren't even about hacking. Overall, the site design is near perfect, just a few minor adjustments and it would be perfection.

|Ease of Use|

Hack Forums is relatively easy to use and requires little to no thought. Still, the [Help Docs](#) could definitely use a revision and the answers could be quite easier to find. Uploading an avatar could be smoother often, sometimes, even with clearing cache, it takes a while to update and doesn't accept the file half of the time. Really, if you're not incredibly stupid, take a second to think and nothing on this site is hard to use.

|Best Subforums|

This is for the best subforums on Hack Forums!

[HF News:](#)

What would Hack Forums be without HF News to keep us updated with the happenings around Hack Forums? I've gained so much knowledge through the collective efforts of the HF News team. This section is truly one of a kind and I am very thankful that it's there.

[The Lounge:](#)

How can you not consider the most active subforum one of the greatest? I find myself in this subforum more often than I'd like, but I'm not complaining. There are so many topics of so many sorts, it's truly amazing what you can find.

[Free Services and Giveaways:](#)

Ignore the tiny \$0.01 giveaways and you've got a great subforum with users willing to give back to the community. There's not many places on the internet like it and the selfless giving is one of a kind.

[White Hat Help:](#)

Similar to Free Services and Giveaways, the amount of users selflessly helping others with no personal gain is astounding. Truly a sight to see how the helpful the users in this subforum truly are.

|Worst Subforums|

Sadly, there are subforums that aren't too great around Hack Forums.

[E-Whoring:](#)

As many others have said, this is almost the same as a Social Engineering forum and is almost equally illegal. Also, the amount of pornography sites and image downloads in this subforum are truly astounding. The worst subforum on Hack Forums by far.

[Beginner Hacking:](#)

No-one in this section wants to learn. Everyone treats this subforum like the Requests for Hacking subforum and demands other users to hack that one site of that one guy that was mean to them once.

[Giveaways:](#)

Posting a giveaway here? You should just label the thread, "I Want Rep Desperately, but Don't Want People Outside of This Subforum to Know That."

[Gay Fucking Requests Cuz You Want Free Shit:](#)

Pretty much the inverse of the Giveaways subforum. If you post here you should label your thread, "Give Me Stuff Because I Might Rep You."

|Closure|

I'm honestly running out of things to critique, so I'm going to end this thread here. I sincerely hope this thread helps influence the future of Hack Forums. Without Hack Forums, I don't know where I'd be, or what I'd be doing, so whatever I can do to better it, I'll do.

I'll most likely think of something else that needs feedback and add to this thread in the future, but for now, this should suffice.

Thank you all so much for reading this as I spent almost all of my day making it.

Tibit - June 6, 2014, 9:06 pm

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Well come out of your shell and talk to members more noob :P

420 Blaze It - June 6, 2014, 9:19 pm

Nice feedback, but same HF Date! :P :D

STR™ - June 6, 2014, 9:28 pm

this was one of the good feedback i have ever seen , OP is straight forward , i like him

Its so nice we enjoying the HF & HF Family as a Uber

Trust - June 6, 2014, 9:39 pm

Thanks for the feedback on my feedback thread guys. ?

Aura - June 6, 2014, 10:01 pm

AWWW YEAH ! The White Hat Help section made it into your best sections category, I'm proud of that ?

Talu - June 6, 2014, 10:10 pm

Great feedback thread, looks High Quality.

Shockley - June 6, 2014, 10:14 pm

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Justin Timberlake - June 6, 2014, 11:27 pm

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Thanks. ?

If I'm not honest, how can anything improve?
If I create the facade that everything is perfect and chipper, than nothing will change.

Marky Marky - June 7, 2014, 8:33 am

Great feedback thread Tadpole!

I enjoyed reading yours.

Trust - June 7, 2014, 8:55 am

(Jun 7, 2014 08:33 AM)Moon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great feedback thread Tadpole!

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Thanks. ?

I enjoyed making it!

Troye - June 7, 2014, 9:06 am

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Trust - June 7, 2014, 4:23 pm

(Jun 7, 2014 09:06 AM)Sin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great feedback thread Trust. You need to post more you noob!

I'm trying, I'm trying!
Thanks for the kind words! ?