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Thread: [BTC Upgrades](#)

Omniscient - October 9, 2014, 8:40 am

So I'm starting to think that maybe doing 100% BTC only upgrades is a smart move. It will give members a more anonymous method of upgrading and prevent abuse from leaks or dumps in the future if by chance they happen. Because even our payment processor is subject to penetration.

I would have a zero percent reversal rate. I could do instant upgrading instead of manual inspection and manual upgrading.

However I'm not sure if members are ready for 100% BTC upgrading only.

So I'd like to open this discussion and get opinions.

n0thing - October 9, 2014, 8:41 am

I think it's a good idea, but in my opinion you should lower the price of upgrading if you're only going to be accepting bitcoin.

EDIT: It would be nice with the instant upgrades, but also it'd make it easier for multi-accounts to upgrade on other accounts.

King of Clubs - October 9, 2014, 8:42 am

Sure. I would like it even though I don't use BTC. Go for it. Take a leap of faith.

The Communist - October 9, 2014, 8:42 am

Well currently i have no BTC but i was planning on buying it with Paypal. It's up to you because this would be more secure.

u?op ?pisdn - October 9, 2014, 8:42 am

I agree that there should be BTC upgrades, however a lot of people don't use BTC so a 100% BTC upgrading only wouldn't fit HF.

If there is going to be a 100% BTC upgrade system then you need to do the same with donations, and I doubt this system will work then.

Just let users decide, if they want to stay anonymous then pay with bitcoins, if not pay with paypal.

Paranoid? - October 9, 2014, 8:42 am

For you, it would be a good idea as it's a non-reversible payment processor. However, not many people use BTC ...

Narcissistic Behaviors - October 9, 2014, 8:43 am

Only BTC upgrades, that wouldn't fit HF as a community I don't think, I think there should however be an option to use BTC to upgrade. Just not 100% BTC.

Xyakuza - October 9, 2014, 8:43 am

Yes i agree and I would definitely upgrade

'Snorlax - October 9, 2014, 8:43 am

I personally have nothing against it, but many of my friends, who are on HF and are upgraded, don't know how to use BTC. Exchanging from credit card to BTC is a long process. Most members don't want to exchange to someone who isn't L33T/UB3R, so it would be hard for that individual to exchange his money to BTC.

CoBrAx - October 9, 2014, 8:43 am

Well i think it's not a bad idea for future comers, but will decrease your sales.

Boza - October 9, 2014, 8:45 am

What about awards, will they be BTC only? If its only for upgrading go for it, im already upgraded :P

Ahri????? - October 9, 2014, 8:47 am

I would upgrade but I am already ub3r and 3pic, unless there's a future upgrade coming?

CONN3X10N - October 9, 2014, 8:47 am

It would be easier for members who have "problems" with paypal too.

Some people don't fully use BTC, but this could easily be changed should they ever want to upgrade. All they have to do is make an account at blockchain and exchange PP for BTC. It's that simple.

I personally think this is a very good idea.

Truzzie - October 9, 2014, 8:47 am

It's a good idea, however it's not user friendly considering there's a lot of new members who never used it or don't know what it is.

Also increases the exchange requests, which is good and bad considering more new people could be scammed.

Malevolent - October 9, 2014, 8:47 am

The only issue outside of losing sales, which does not affect me, is that converting currency to BTC generally costs us more.

I realize it's not your problem, but it might get in the way of people who don't constantly use cryptos.

One other thing to consider, although still not your problem, is limiting trading and upgrade services. I'm sure, if this were implemented, people would constantly be using upgrade services (Paypal to someone to buy an upgrade for you)

Could end up being a slight disturbance.

VYKTOR - October 9, 2014, 8:47 am

Well, I upgraded myself to L33T using BTC which I gave to another member who then paid in the money for me.

& I think many members do that.

So it would actually reduce hassle for such members.

Another point is that as a hacking community we'd be actually promoting BTC which is a very good thing.

& then lastly you would also have less trouble so yeah I think it's a smart move.

TRH4CK - October 9, 2014, 8:48 am

This could be an awesome idea actually and it would be better for you, you won't get kids to chargeback on you xD

However, some people do not use BTC but they could just get someone to upgrade them or to

exchange their Paypal to BTC.

Go for it ;)

DaChosenOne - October 9, 2014, 8:50 am

Well i'm going to upgrade as soon as i get the money i dont use BTC only Paypal so i dont think its good to make it BTC only.

Kn1gh7 - October 9, 2014, 8:52 am

I agree that you should accept BTC for upgrades, but I still think you should accept PayPal. Maybe for perks you could make BTC upgrades instant and slightly discounted.

Gummy Bear - October 9, 2014, 8:52 am

Yes, this would be alot easier. Especially if people give away L33T and UB3R. Also, alot less stress with chargebacks and such.

Vince - October 9, 2014, 8:52 am

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SIM-2223238 - October 9, 2014, 8:53 am

It would be awesome, If BTC were added, All my paypals got limited for no reason...

SIM-964740 - October 9, 2014, 8:58 am

I don't see why it must be 100 percent BTC.

spidum - October 9, 2014, 8:59 am

I think that you should add bitcoin as a payment option but still allow users to upgrade via paypal if they opt for the manual inspection. Like you said, not everyone is ready for bitcoin right now but if you set it up and started to push toward only btc. Down the line you would remove other payment methods. IMHO i just dont think that cutting it cold turkey is a good idea.

Darkwin - October 9, 2014, 8:59 am

While its a really smart move and it helps avoid reversals, Wouldn't this make it sort of easier for multi-accounters? since most of the multi scammers i've seen always continue to use the same Paypal account, At-least with paying via Paypal you have records of their emails and can tell if they're verified or non-verified etc. which i think it can be helpful information to track down these members; but then again on the upside using BTC you can ban them if they're violating the rules and they can't chargeback >:D.

Either way i vote for 100% BTC upgrades as its easier and less hassle with Paypal, However i think that this will result in MANY exchangers getting scammed for upgrades - which in return will cause exchangers to stop dealing with normal members and your upgrade sales will decline.

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The scamming, Well the person who wants BTC will have to go first if that is the case, but disputing it on paypal can be a pain in the bloody arse.

As for the people who don't know. There will be plenty of members who would be more than willing to explain.

It has it's pros and cons really but I believe it could be a good idea overall.

XeX Menu - October 9, 2014, 8:59 am

I think a good majority of people that join HF probably don't use BTC at that time or know much about it. I know I never started to use it or anything besides paypal for that matter until after a good while on the forums.

So I think BTC ONLY upgrades would hurt your business by having much less people upgrade on here due to the increased hassle to acquire BTC and lower amount of people who use it do to not being as mainstream to the average public.

I do think implementing an automatic upgrading system that uses BTC alongside with the regular upgrading with paypal/CC could be a great benefit saving you time and hassle with occasional chargebacks.

-Chippy - October 9, 2014, 9:06 am

This is quite a good idea. I would definitely upgrade, I do not use PayPal so I would consider upgrading! :)

Nature - October 9, 2014, 9:08 am

Think it will lower the sales, because not everybody knows about Bitcoin.

Impervious. - October 9, 2014, 9:11 am

I think this would be a great move. Nowadays it's not that hard to obtain BTC either.

Sites such as coinbase and btcdirect.eu and many many more if you simply google offer quite a bit.

.Reef - October 9, 2014, 9:13 am

I think its a great idea. It is safer for us buyers.

Only downside is if BTC isn't exactly stable. So you could lose a few bucks if it drops. But I don't see that happening.

Aceman - October 9, 2014, 9:13 am

Well I'd like to know whether just upgrades or all donations would be done this way. If you purchase via HF you'd end up paying more since most exchangers here charge anywhere between 5%-15% extra.

Moon Rock - October 9, 2014, 9:14 am

Wow didn't think this would happen, however why not make it BTC Or OMC? If those were the 2 options I would see OMC being used more.

'Snorlax - October 9, 2014, 9:18 am

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I think what you should really think is, do you get that many chargebacks, that it actually costs more in fees than you can earn?

I would never let go of PayPal if it was me.. but hey, it's me.

Ivy Mike - October 9, 2014, 9:18 am

I think a bitcoin only upgrade area should be implemented, and automatic upgrading is a huge benefit. So just make it so if you want to upgrade via Paypal you can do it the normal way and wait for Omniscient to inspect, then receive the upgrade.

or do the BTC option where you get instant upgrade with no inspection required.

Dafy dak - October 9, 2014, 9:19 am

Well, why not man..I have read threads complaining lack of payment options. So btc sounds like a good idea but i would suggest that you add an option to buy in btc but not make it 100% btc only...people won't abandon paypal that easy too.

Just my opinion tho ~ ? ~

Optimized - October 9, 2014, 9:20 am

I will be upgrading with PayPal soon, If you allow BTC only, I will not upgrade to l33t ever. Sorry but, I just don't use BTC or any of these online currencies. Just allow both methods?

Chief - October 9, 2014, 9:24 am

I am open to this being implemented, But im sure there will be some good arguments from members as to why it shouldn't happen. Plus PayPal is the most widely used payment processor so the majority will only feel safe using that.

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Sure not many people have it, but it's not too hard to buy it.

Cyrus - October 9, 2014, 9:27 am

I'm in support of this and think it is good idea, for you too.

Omniscient - October 9, 2014, 9:33 am

Quote:I think it's a good idea, but in my opinion you should lower the price of upgrading if you're only going to be accepting bitcoin.

It's very likely I would lower the price since I would have less work to do and less risk. However fees associated with BTC might be an issue as well as the fluctuation. Losing 20% of the value in a week before I can cash out it's a risk I would face. Of course it can rise 20% as well so that might be a wash.

Quote:Well I'd like to know whether just upgrades or all donations would be done this way.

Likely just upgrades for now. Interesting enough there is a lot of talk about PP offering BTC as an option. But that may be months or even years away. I'm sure PP doesn't like the BTC companies

like Coinbase eating at their heels.

EDIT: Also want to express that in November PP is changing their TOS so that users can reverse payments for 180 days. That's going to be a game changer because up to 6 months someone can reverse a PP charge. That just means longer times to scam before they have to call PP and say it was all fraud and get their money back. Not cool really and it's going to cause a lot of problems imho for accepting PP. The only people that policy is going to help is scammers. So I'd like to move more toward BTC or even LTC.

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Personally i'm for btc, but is it sure that btc will stay around that long? Also yeah there's been a few discussion threads about paypal's new policy which honestly sucks..

Tyween - October 9, 2014, 9:54 am

It's an amazing idea that's been on HF for a long time.

Hope this gets implemented.

Sam Winchester - October 9, 2014, 9:56 am

It makes your job easier thus giving you more time to work on other stuff. I say go for it. ?

IndigoMoney - October 9, 2014, 9:58 am

I don't think this is a good idea. So many people only use PP, and as members have pointed out, transferring from PayPal to BTC is a lengthy, difficult process and you risk being scammed/losing money in the process.

You'll lose a lot of donators & in addition you could lose a lot of money if the BTC changes price. I mean, it's gone down from \$1k to \$200 fairly quickly which is a huge problem so you may have to end up adjusting the prices or people will just buy upgrades when the exchange rate is lower so you'll lose out a lot again.

Clique - October 9, 2014, 9:58 am

I don't have any cryptocurrency and it'd be a hassle to get some in order to upgrade.

SIM-2090815 - October 9, 2014, 10:02 am

I would see the currency exchange section prodcing higher rates if this was to happen, personally i would not like the site to go full BTC

eight - October 9, 2014, 10:04 am

I think you should provide a smooth transition to it, don't just rush it. Make it aware to other users and make sure most of HF understands so it doesn't come off as a surprise.

630 - October 9, 2014, 10:11 am

I don't like using BTC and I see a few downsides to this. A lot of people who join don't have any idea about crypto currency and would need to exchange for it on site. This would lead to a lot of BTC scams. People will start having to go through various upgrade shops in order to get their l33t and for a lot of people through upgrade shops. New members and PayPal often times don't mix so that

would put the exchangers at risk. The anonymity would make it easier for multis to upgrade and blend back into the community. If I had no knowledge of BTC I would personally leave the site or stay as a non-upgraded member until I figure out what BTC is.

In the long run it's your site and you will do what you want. I see it decreasing the amount of upgrades, increasing in member scams, and increasing in multi accounts. If I wasn't upgraded already with the knowledge that I know I'd be so against this.

Mr. Lahey - October 9, 2014, 10:11 am

I like it, however this could potentially open a much larger gate for scammers in the currency exchange section

Meow - October 9, 2014, 10:13 am

Some members don't know how to use BTC and they only use PP,if you can keep it that you can upgrade with PayPal AND BTC and would be awesome.

Arctic Wolf - October 9, 2014, 10:15 am

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crazyycast13 - October 9, 2014, 10:15 am

I think that it's better to have a dual system. Give people the option of either PP or BTC as a lot of other people said in the thread.

I didn't even know what BTC was before I joined this forum. I bought in around 2012 dec but I think BTC only is a bad idea.

Is there anything you can do with PP and kids reversing transactions?

Tomb Raider - October 9, 2014, 10:16 am

I guess for us members who have already upgraded we are fine for it to happen but in terms of new comers I think they are least likely to upgrade. They would have to get BTC and in order for them to buy it they turn to the marketplace and need either to be upgraded or have some form of green rep to come across as trustworthy.

I think you should accept it for those who have BTC but keep the regular payment as well. Just my opinion though

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Dex? - October 9, 2014, 10:17 am

Considering I don't trust any of these HF kids and their 20% exchange rates, besides LocalBitcoins which is down right now, I have no way of getting it.

I don't think it would be a good move.

Sucker for pain - October 9, 2014, 10:17 am

errm, its not a bad idea, but some users who want to buy BTC to purchase l33t or anyone can get scammed in process of trying to buy BTC for an upgrade.

'Psyduck - October 9, 2014, 10:18 am

I've been thinking about this for a long time.

Paypal is being a pain in the ass to me, so I think bitcoin would be much better.

I would be so thankful if this happend.

Paathurnax - October 9, 2014, 10:18 am

In theory it seems like a good idea. But acquiring bitcoin might be difficult for some members.

It also opens more opportunities for members being scammed. Because if they decide to buy \$20 BTC form the marketplace then they run the risk of losing their money completely.

Viral Dragon - October 9, 2014, 10:22 am

Omni,

For L33t, I think this would be good. For Ub3r, I don't think it'd be a good idea. I like the idea of anonymity and people's personal info not getting out there. But 100% BTC means having to get money exchanged and exchanging costs money. There's also things like losing your wallet, trying to recover an account but not remember the BTC details anymore or anything. Plus, BTC fluctuates constantly - coupled with BTC exchange fees... I could see it being problematic for others.

But in terms of scammers, spammers, and multis who register, upgrade immediately just to do whatever, and then get

banned in a couple hours - it'd prevent the charge backing. Nor would you have to deal with Paypal's new 180 chargeback rule.

I'm a split on this. But overall... I don't think 100% BTC is a good idea, at least, not yet.

-Viral.

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This is a very good point!

Accept both types of payments would be awesome.

Albion - October 9, 2014, 10:24 am

I honestly think that it would make the process of buying upgrades more lengthy and for those who don't understand cryptocurrencies it may just be an obstacle that puts them off the idea.

Robust - October 9, 2014, 10:56 am

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Using BTC, they obviously can't use something like Coinbase, BTC-E or something to convert their USD to PayPal, and obviously there is a Currency Exchange section on this forum, but that's limited to Ub3rs, and while normal members can view threads they can't really post something and try and get the best possible rate, and most sellers with threads already there charge anywhere up to 20% for an exchange, and you'd be lucky to find a 5% or less PP -> BTC exchange. I know most exchangers go 15%. And the section has enough disputes and bad deals already to open to others, it's literally the easiest way to scam here.

I don't see this working out. It's great for you, great for those who have BTC, but not so great for the common member trying to get an upgrade and having to pay more, and perhaps facing issues with scams and stuff.

Like you said, perhaps the community isn't ready for it yet. BTC isn't stable at all either, it's been fairly good in the past but recently it's been dropping anywhere from 500 to 280, and increasing, dropping, etc.

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Matt AH - October 9, 2014, 11:03 am

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I voted for it would be more of a hassle. It could deteriorate members from upgrading and cause more scam reports.

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Chills - October 9, 2014, 11:05 am

If anything it'll get members who don't know about BTC to do some forum research and probably an exchange. I say go for it, it'll get new members into the forum more before they upgrade.

KING - October 9, 2014, 11:08 am

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I agree with this that most PP users are underage and they would charge back for a \$20 charge. But here I am in my 20's and still don't have BTC. You spend more money getting BTC and then lose even more spending it sometimes. I honestly wish there was an alternative option for PP that didn't allow charge backs but could use our card on and it charges that. If there is then I don't know of it and we should be accepting that. But I use PP for everything and everyday that goes by, less and less people accept paypal so even I can't purchase anything. Even to buy BTC people aren't accepting PP lol like wtf is the use of PP anymore? If we converted to 100% BTC then I won't be able to do anything on this forum anymore. I can't convert my money into BTC when I can't also use BTC to buy groceries or pay the bills. On the other hand this being for upgrades I don't think you are going to make as much money. I think most of the kids on this forum will go somewhere else since their generation is being taught that BTC is for illegal activities (this isn't a guess I have had this come up ALOT) so that being said, your sales will drop dramatically.

Arctic Wolf - October 9, 2014, 11:10 am

Paypal:

Pros:

Multiple options for customers to pay you, including by check
Transfer money to your bank account or to others easily
Receive payments from international customers
You and your customers don't have to share your debit card information online when using PayPal
Free for your customers to use
No monthly, setup, membership or cancellation fees for you
It's a very secured website (To an extent, meaning when people chargeback)
Your customers need a PayPal account to pay you (Which everyone has a PayPal).
No worries about E - checks from HF members bouncing. PayPal will just Overdraw their account over and over and over and over again.
They charge a fairly low % for fee's!

Cons:

Cannot talk to a live person to resolve issues (Usually they hang up on you though).
PayPal can freeze your funds without first contacting you (They did this crap to me 9 times now).
Can take up to six months to get money back following an investigation (Who the hell has time for 6 months or 180 days?).
Once PayPal makes a decision about a customer dispute, you can't appeal that decision (Because apparently you are High Risk).
Transaction fees may be too high if you have a large sales volume each month (They will only keep increasing!)
PayPal bans some email addresses associated with certain URLs, so customers cannot send payments (It's happened to multiple HackForums users).
Customer can keep the product for free even if they receive a refund based on a PayPal investigation (I swear it just a fucking computer that has a code to say yes or no every 5-10 users)
The major concern that some individuals have about using PayPal is that they don't have control or rights to their money when it sits in their PayPal account. (If you read their Terms of Service you will find in a few years :))

Bitcoins:

Pros:Zero fraud

Low transaction fees
Easy setup
Very simplistic
User Friendly
No personal information needed
There will be a demand as long as there are nerds
NO CHARGEBACKS!
No arguing with some dude over the phone on how you delivered his "intangible objects"

Cons:

Volatility - You know when people hoard their Bitcoins in hopes that it will keep going up can affect sales here.

Bitcoiners aren't just a bunch of nerds wanting to buy drugs online out there is a vibrant international community of Potential Hackforumers who have realised the advantages of this new kind of money, and it's growing day by day!

So my answer to this question is I would strictly go with Bitcoins as the awareness of Bitcoins is growing and it's simple to set up!

My Suggestion:

Lower the price to upgrade if you switch over to Bitcoin only, Also have a new rank called "3ch4ngers" who are the ones people go to when they are buying BTC and this new "Group" is hand picked by Omni to do these kinds of deals!

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It is if you use Coinbase, simply add a bank account, enter an amount to purchase and bob's ya uncle. It's not that part that's the issue. Coinbase has a very friendly UI. Arguably easier to use than PayPal. Beautiful, minimalistic, simple. The issue is that most members probably don't even used legitimately verified PayPal accounts. I don't think a lot of members here have bank accounts, good standing PayPal accounts, etc. I can name so many known sellers that use PayPal holders for example, probably most of them, either because they don't want to deal with reversals, or because they don't have fully legitimate accounts. I think that goes with a lot of members, just my guess, not a fact of course.

Cibor - October 9, 2014, 11:14 am

It will definitely cut the bullshit with chargebacks, disputes etc, but not so many people use BTC.

Aura 2.0 - October 9, 2014, 11:16 am

I think it would be a hassle for many members (especially new members). I think it should be Paypal and BTC.

Robust - October 9, 2014, 11:17 am

(Oct 9, 2014 11:08 AM)Vape™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I agree with this that most PP users are underage and they would charge back for a \$20 charge. But here I am in my 20's and still dont have BTC. You spend more money getting BTC and then loose even more spending it sometimes. I honestly wish there was an alternative option for PP that didn't allow charge backs but could use our card on and it charges that. If there is then i don't know of it and we should be accepting that. But i use PP for everything and everyday that goes by, less and less people accept paypal so even i cant purchase anything. Even to buy BTC people aren't accepting PP lol like wtf is the use of PP anymore? If we converted to 100% BTC then i wont be able to do anything on this forum anymore. I cant convert my money into BTC when i can't also use BTC to buy groceries or pay the bills. On the other hand this being for upgrades I don't think you are going to make as much money. I think most of the kids on this forum will go somewhere else since their generation is being taught that BTC is for illegal activities (this isnt a guess i have had this come up ALOT) so that being said, your sales will drop dramatically.

Oh no, I'm not saying that everyone here is underage and uses fake PayPal accounts, I'm just saying that there is a number of people fitting under that category. There are people that don't understand BTC, but honestly Coinbase does make the process so simple. Buy it, hold it, and CoinPayments is basically a gateway like PayPal and simply pay, go back to Coinbase and send the BTC. Obviously I'd expect a tutorial being endorsed to do this, but back to my initial post in regards to why this won't be possible for some members generally. Yeah, the currency exchange section

here is really annoying. Buying \$1000 BTC for example, you lose a good \$150 from most sellers. 100% BTC for upgrades, he's not asking you to convert all the money you got to BTC haha. This is just for things he'll sell, he's not going to force sellers to reject PayPal.

Matt AH - October 9, 2014, 11:20 am

(Oct 9, 2014 11:11 AM)Robust Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It is if you use Coinbase, simply add a bank account, enter an amount to purchase and bob's ya uncle. It's not that part that's the issue. Coinbase has a very friendly UI. Arguably easier to use than PayPal. Beautiful, minimalistic, simple. The issue is that most members probably don't even use legitimately verified PayPal accounts. I don't think a lot of members here have bank accounts, good standing PayPal accounts, etc. I can name so many known sellers that use PayPal holders for example, probably most of them, either because they don't want to deal with reversals, or because they don't have fully legitimate accounts. I think that goes with a lot of members, just my guess, not a fact of course. I do agree that Coinbase's UI is user friendly and it provides an easy way to obtain bitcoins, but I can vouch for some people here that some individuals don't use bitcoins because it can be considered more of an investment rather than a payment processor. With prices fluctuating up and down it can cause an unreliable source as a payment processor, which, inevitably can drift users from using it.

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Arctic Wolf - October 9, 2014, 11:20 am

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ZuGgY - October 9, 2014, 11:20 am

I say, sure why not? It's pretty efficient.

Robust - October 9, 2014, 11:21 am

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Some of those PayPal cons aren't practical. Yeah, there is bullshit in disagreements between sellers and buyers on PayPal, but as far as it goes if you're trying to list every possible issue with PayPal, I can do the same with bitcoins and they'll probably start getting balanced. There are downsides with everything. What percent of PayPal users is blocked for an email address?

Arctic Wolf - October 9, 2014, 11:22 am

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This isn't about Omnicoin, this is about using Bitcoins for upgrades and discontinuing PayPal. He had a few ideas for Omnicoins as far as I remember, but honestly running a coin, he can't offer a few upgrades and make the coin amazing. It's a coin for the community, if sellers don't wish to use it then there nothing he can do about it. He offered 3p1c and look what happened. Omnicoin needs more sellers to use it, and that's what happens with Bitcoin. You think it'd be where it is if its only use was to get upgrades for a forum? Nope.

VYKTOR - October 9, 2014, 11:25 am

(Oct 9, 2014 11:10 AM)Arctic Wolf Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Also have a new rank called "3ch4ngers" who are the ones people go to when they are buying BTC and this new "Group" is hand picked by Omni to do these kinds of deals!

This sounds nice.

I think Omni can work out something like this for the members who don't have much information about BTC.

But yet again, Omni handles all most of the site's monetary transactions & it would be a leap of faith to select others members to do so.

But thinking back this is how I bought my L33T.

I paid to Aceman using BTC & he upgraded me. The new process could be like I pay an exchanger in PP or other currency & he upgrades me using his BTC.

Orgy - October 9, 2014, 11:27 am

Do you think this is some kind of game, Omni?

Arctic Wolf - October 9, 2014, 11:27 am

Very true!

But the reason a lot of coins survive is because the owner is likeable and he really speaks to a "community" or "communities" there are just so many aspects you can look at around this whole entire subject. I can think of about 150 different scenarios that "could" possible happen so it's unfair and unjust of us to attempt to foreshadow the future of PP vs BTC when in reality we don't know what is going to happen. People are just so afraid of change they are willing to do just about anything to stop it, maybe the change is good maybe it's bad no ones knows until it's said and done!

Robust - October 9, 2014, 11:28 am

(Oct 9, 2014 11:22 AM)Arctic Wolf Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Honestly,

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Doubt it. Exchanging doesn't break any of their terms and conditions. There's more to what you hear. They were likely breaking PP's terms in one way or another. Half of the exchangers here use holders, for one. Who knows what other payments those holders accept. Sure, PayPal does make some decisions not so great and causes some issues, but at the end of the day you gotta understand them as a company and look at the size of the company. What do you want them to do? Make all payments not disputable? The general customer who's trying to buy something from eBay and gets fucked over, what happens to him? That's sure not going to be great for him.

PayPal isn't bad, they might make mistakes, but their ToS is generally for the best interests of legitimate users.

WZDY - October 9, 2014, 11:28 am

It would be a nice implement however we should keep using both options such as PayPal & Bitcoin.

Hydra - October 9, 2014, 11:30 am

I like the idea of being able to upgrade through BTC but I don't think its reasonable if it's the only method of upgrading. Not everyone can exchange without risk and not all know how crypto currency works.

Robust - October 9, 2014, 11:30 am

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This sounds nice? It's stupid. That's HackForums literally endorsing a seller as trusted. They decide to mess up and it reflects as a poor decision. HackForums doesn't vouch not endorse a seller. I don't like the idea of a group aimed towards exchanging money, hell no.

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I completely agree, I stated that in one of my posts. Bitcoin overall though is something to use. Bitcoin is an investment for businessman and a crypto currency for a general person.

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You're correct, people are unnecessarily scared of change, but sometimes change can be bad. People look for simplicity, ease of use and stability. Sure, services like Coinbase can try and offer them but it's harder to grasp than someone using PayPal. Why? Because dollars, pounds, or whatever your respective currency is, is simply to use. We've grown up using that as a currency. But when we change how we pay, exchanging, Coinbase, wallets, processors, network fees, that is a change.

C0de R3d - October 9, 2014, 11:31 am

I just need a guide on BTC I've never understood it. So I say not ready yet.

Omniscient - *October 9, 2014, 11:41 am*

Well I think you guys for the nearly 10 pages on the subject. Gives me a better idea of what the community wants. Likely I'll add more automation with BTC but also have other options as well. But I plan on changing the upgrade system by Thanksgiving or sooner.