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Thread: [Suggestion to Avoid Scams](#)

Aeolus - November 28, 2014, 7:07 am

I have seen that the rate of scams on HF is increasing day by day,
One of the reason for this is that the victims feel very lazy in investigating the person to whom they are dealing with!
Nor the victims check the dealer on scammer database!

SUGGESTION:-

As we know, we have labels on our profile(Joined , Last Visit , Reputation , etc).. We will have a label called "Scam Reports" and beside it the number of scam reports posted against the user will be mentioned..

This will make the people to check scam reports against him before dealing with him!

Hope everyone liked the Idea!

Thanks for reading! Feel Free to Poll ?

Effexion - November 28, 2014, 7:08 am

I like this idea, but we have the DDB. I know it isn't the same, but that's probably people will say.

Aeolus - November 28, 2014, 7:11 am

(Nov 28, 2014 08:08 AM)Effexion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I like this idea, but we have the DDB. I know it isn't the same, but that's probably people will say.I know that we have a DDB but i have seen that people(including me) feel very lazy to check in the DDB!

FrenchcoreRadio - November 28, 2014, 7:13 am

this would be a hellot of work to keep it updated. but there should be some vouch system yes.

Red S?x - November 28, 2014, 7:14 am

I like the idea, bud. Not sure if it'll actually be implemented because of the DDB, though.

Vuln - November 28, 2014, 7:14 am

I'm pretty sure that this has been suggested multiple times already, not sure why Omni didn't like it. Solves a lot of problems.

(Nov 28, 2014 08:08 AM)Effexion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I like this idea, but we have the DDB. I know it isn't the same, but that's probably people will say.

A DDB that the average buyer doesn't check, if they even know about it.

hugsyou - November 28, 2014, 7:16 am

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Vuln - November 28, 2014, 7:22 am

(Nov 28, 2014 08:13 AM)Armanistar Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) this would be a hellot of work to keep it updated. I don't see why... you just need a link to the DDB.

(Nov 28, 2014 08:16 AM)hugsyou Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Not all scam reports are valid. It wouldn't be fair to those who can't control what others post.

Aren't scam reports there to be seen? I think it's perfectly fair. The reports are already there, it would just make people know about them much easier.

Pentium - November 28, 2014, 7:23 am

(Nov 28, 2014 08:16 AM)hugsyou Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Not all scam reports are valid. It wouldn't be fair to those who can't control what others post.

Probably the only reason it isn't approved, it can't be 100% proven that the person is the scammer.

hugsyou - November 28, 2014, 7:26 am

(Nov 28, 2014 08:22 AM)Jailbyte Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't see why...

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HIGH PAID FELLA - November 28, 2014, 7:27 am

Stupid idea, good idea is automated escrow like every normal forum with marketplace.

630 - November 28, 2014, 7:28 am

I don't see this happening. People need to do more research when dealing with certain members and use a MM more often.

Aeolus - November 28, 2014, 7:29 am

Thank You everyone for supporting this Idea! And sorry if anyone not liked it!
Hope it will be implemented!

Vuln - November 28, 2014, 8:04 am

Another advantage is that it's easier to notice open scam reports on yourself.

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But doesn't your view contradict the whole idea of scam reports and the DDB in the first place?

I've taken a look at your 2 scam reports and it was very obvious that you weren't scamming at all. Also they aren't even in the DDB.

I'm well aware of the fact that there are and will always be invalid or falsified scam reports, but I think it's 100% worth it. It's way, way too easy to get away with scamming on HF.

(Nov 28, 2014 08:28 AM)630 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't see this happening. People need to do more research when dealing with certain members and use a MM more often.

I agree, but that's not going to happen. Why not make it easier for them?

MissChiff - November 28, 2014, 8:11 am

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Aliasllias - November 28, 2014, 8:13 am

This is a great idea, can come in really handy sometimes

Vuln - November 28, 2014, 8:15 am

(Nov 28, 2014 09:09 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This would require HF to say all scam reports at valid. Wouldn't it?

Ehm no? How is it any different from the DDB itself?

(Nov 28, 2014 09:11 AM)Miss Chiff Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It seems like a good idea on paper, but we already have an efficient system of detecting scam reports.

An efficient system that nobody uses or even knows about.

Ivy Mike - November 28, 2014, 8:16 am

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Vuln - November 28, 2014, 8:39 am

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Yes, of course they should, but they don't. The whole point of this suggestion is to change that. Why don't people get that...

(Nov 28, 2014 09:16 AM)Virtue Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Also scam reports are not 100% reliable or accurate. A user may have had a scam report opened on him by mistake such as: Using the wrong UID or name.

True, but that's unavoidable and already happening. If this suggestion gets implemented, people will most likely make scam reports more often, with more invalid/falsified scam reports in return, but does that really outweigh the huge downside of a lot of members getting scammed every day? I personally don't think so.

Besides, a scam report on you doesn't mean you're a scammer, it means someone accuses you of scamming, and if it's invalid or falsified, you can defend yourself.

webdev77 - November 28, 2014, 8:44 am

A link to the deal dispute database would be better than just a number of scam reports. No matter what you do, there are still stupid people who don't take the proper precautions and fall for obvious scams.

Stoke - November 28, 2014, 8:49 am

Nope, I don't like this.

If you don't want to get scammed, you can take 2 minutes out of your life to check the DDB.

Vuln - November 28, 2014, 8:53 am

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Glad that there's atleast someone with common sense.

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Stoke - November 28, 2014, 9:00 am

(Nov 28, 2014 09:53 AM)Jailbyte Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) And some people spending 2 minutes is better than everyone spending 1 minute... why exactly?

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Supreme??????? - November 28, 2014, 9:03 am

(Nov 28, 2014 08:11 AM)Aeolus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I know that we have a DDB but i have seen that people(including me) feel very lazy to check in the DDB!

If you're lazy to check the database, their rep, and their UID for any scam reports, then you're just setting yourself up to be scammed. There is no need for this feature to be implemented.

Baked - November 28, 2014, 9:06 am

I think some more notification of open deal disputes would be beneficial to community; sometimes new members just don't know to check certain things that are custom to HF; example is the DD database.

Vuln - November 28, 2014, 9:10 am

(Nov 28, 2014 10:00 AM)Stoke City Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Your attempt at being funny has failed, unlucky.

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I wasn't trying to, I just really don't get it. Yes, it's already easy, but yet the vast majority doesn't even consider searching the DDB before purchasing something. Sad but true.

This suggestion will definitely change that. Why's that a bad thing? I don't see why it's a "huge thing" either.

(Nov 28, 2014 10:03 AM)Supreme???????

Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If you're lazy to check the database, their rep, and their UID for any scam reports, then you're just setting yourself up to be scammed.
Sounds like a reason to support this suggestion to me...

(Nov 28, 2014 10:06 AM)Baked Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think some more notification of open deal disputes would be beneficial to community; sometimes new members just don't know to check certain things that are custom to HF; example is the DD database.

Indeed. To be honest, I wouldn't even know where to find the DDB if it wasn't for the HFES userscript. An even bigger problem for new users.

Baked - November 28, 2014, 9:17 am

(Nov 28, 2014 10:03 AM)Supreme???????

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I think this is the wrong type of thought, sometimes new members aren't familiar with HF's custom systems; and overlook the fact jumping right into the marketplace.

Deal Disputes count should be shown in PostBit; but that's my opinion; whether or not Omni agrees, he will do what he thinks is best; doesn't matter how much support a suggestion gets.

zSerity - November 28, 2014, 10:04 am

(Nov 28, 2014 08:11 AM)Aeolus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I know that we have a DDB but i have seen that people(including me) feel very lazy to check in the DDB!

Well if you're too lazy to check if someone is a scammer before dealing with them, then don't expect not to get scammed.

Ivy Mike - November 28, 2014, 10:07 am

(Nov 28, 2014 11:04 AM)zSerity Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Well if you're too lazy to check if someone is a scammer before dealing with them, then don't expect not to get scammed.Precisely. I still feel as though if you do not want to get scammed, then you should really be investigating the user you are dealing with.

Astute - November 28, 2014, 10:07 am

(Nov 28, 2014 08:07 AM)Aeolus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) -snip-

One of the reason for this is that the victims feel very lazy in investigating the person to whom they are dealing with!

-snip-

Well in that case, it's their fault for being lazy and refusing to click 2-3 buttons.