

Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [ISP blocking HF?](#)

IcYSeptember - November 29, 2014, 8:58 am

So, yeah. What do? I'm in the fucking US.

This fixed it:

I dunno what to do, here.

Pentinum - November 29, 2014, 9:01 am

Yeah this is pretty weird, not a clue how to fix it.

Pillows - November 29, 2014, 9:04 am

Well since you already found the solution what do you want us to do?

Le?git - November 29, 2014, 9:04 am

Well...your ISP is either blocking it on their DNS server, or they're using DNS servers that block it.

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Tokyox - November 29, 2014, 9:15 am

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lcYSeptember - November 29, 2014, 9:15 am

(Nov 29, 2014 10:10 AM)Pentium Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This happened to me today but i wasn't pinging it or anything, it just wouldn't load for an hour. My friend still can't connect and it's been a full day.
Odd. Maybe my l33t pingin took out my ISP's DNS.
Jokes aside, it scared the SHIT out of me this morning.

Since it was being redirected to localhost, this is all I saw:

I noticed it was being pointed to localhost after a few minutes, though.

(Nov 29, 2014 10:15 AM)Frost Bite Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Quickest way to fix this is to change your DNS servers to the google dns servers.
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I've already done that and it worked.

Roger Waters - November 29, 2014, 9:21 am

Go into your Internet Options and make sure you don't have a proxy set up, this could be the cause of the issue.

lcYSeptember - November 29, 2014, 9:22 am

(Nov 29, 2014 10:21 AM)Roger Waters Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Go into your Internet Options and make sure you don't have a proxy set up, this could be the cause of the issue.
I don't have a proxy setup. I re-installed this OS not long ago. I also recently reset my router and modem (a few days ago).

DuguWudi - November 29, 2014, 9:55 am

Just use the google dns as suggested above, I just notice, I also need to google dns to access hf now.

Astute - November 29, 2014, 10:08 am

There was another person having issues with accessing the site as well, it had to do with DNS problems. You both may possibly have the same IS. Could you mention what ISP you have, and maybe we can link two and two together?

Obli - November 29, 2014, 10:21 am

As others have already suggested, you could use the google DNS if anything.
Name of the ISP might help as it is possible HF might be blocked.

Omniscient - November 29, 2014, 11:51 am

Yes, I need the names of the ISP's.

Also from CMD try "nslookup hackforums.net" and "nslookup hackforums.net".

TheNaked - November 29, 2014, 11:53 am

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anything except CP.

Hazy - November 29, 2014, 11:56 am

(Nov 29, 2014 12:53 PM)TheNaked Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why would they block HF, wouldn't that be internet censorship? In Norway the ISP's can't block anything except CP.

Yes it is. It's mostly used to block torrenting websites and cp but sometimes websites like these get blocked too.

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Actually looking into this I think Cloudflare MIGHT have made changes and caused some of you to have DNS problems. Maybe. I'd say wait a day and try to revert back to your ISP. The issue is that most ISPs do not update DNS quick enough and if Cloudflare changed our A records, which I think they did, then some ISPs might point you to the old A record. Wait a day and see what happens. Because it's more than one member and more than one ISP I doubt it's an ISP block.

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Okay. I'll give it 48 hours, then try to change back to my default DNS settings. I didn't know Cloudflare changed things.

I'm using Windstream, by the way. (My ISP).

SWS. - November 29, 2014, 5:45 pm

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I'm having the same issue and am also using Windstream.

BLURRYF?CE - November 29, 2014, 6:00 pm

(Nov 29, 2014 12:53 PM)TheNaked Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why would they block HF, wouldn't that be internet censorship? In Norway the ISP's can't block anything except CP.I've hit that filter like two times, not by browsing CP of course.

Omniscient - November 29, 2014, 7:44 pm

If you're a Windstream customer and you're blocked from accessing HF I suggest you give them a call to complain. Enough complaint and they will likely lift it.

DotPSD - November 29, 2014, 7:46 pm

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SIM-1456221 - November 30, 2014, 6:57 am

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Bitcoin Billionaire - November 30, 2014, 10:35 am

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Gives me 127.0.0.1 i am using bredbandsbolaget and they tried to help me, after lots of trying they couldnt do more. //My phone

Zher0 - November 30, 2014, 11:36 am

I would be interested to see the reasoning behind this block.

Omniscient - November 30, 2014, 12:32 pm

I almost wonder if Cloudflare had a problem and briefly set our DNS as 127.0.0.1 due to problems or changes and some services cache DNS a while. I just can't see how else this is happening. I've had no compromised accounts or DNS changes on our end.

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That seems like a plausible explanation.

Also, it's been 24+ hours.

Switched my DNS back, aaaand....

So I decided to connect to my home server (hosted on my LAN):

Bitcoin Billionaire - November 30, 2014, 2:01 pm

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Jokeh - November 30, 2014, 2:05 pm

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DuguWudi - November 30, 2014, 5:26 pm

Still the same so currently I'm using this script

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4306809>

Save my own isp dns to one file A and then save the google dns to another file B. Everytime I need access hf, I run google dns B first before access. If I want use back my isp dns, I run file A. It beat going to network connection and change it everytime. I'm the lazy type.

Omniscient - November 30, 2014, 6:50 pm

What's your DNS server settings for your router? Because 192.168.2.1 is your LAN router and I want to know what servers of your host to dig directly to complain to them. Have you tried to contact your host? Also does your router have settings for parental controls which possibly could be enabled and that may also be preventing your access.

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SHADOW REALM - November 30, 2014, 7:42 pm

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potatopete54 - November 30, 2014, 8:19 pm

Looks like you have fixed this. Weird that it happened, though.

TerminalOne - November 30, 2014, 8:53 pm

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Same here, using optus and had to change my DNS servers :/

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What phone are you using Tony? I'd say call Optus because yeah there's obviously an issue here.
(I can't read, you said iPhone in your post, my mistake.)

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Well, they do monitor traffic but as far as I'm aware any blocking is mostly done by via the router/192.168.0.1 at least in the case of Optus, I have no clue what is causing this and it's kind of annoying.

Bitcoin Billionaire - December 1, 2014, 1:27 am

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Robust - December 1, 2014, 2:51 am

(Nov 30, 2014 07:57 AM).Float Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) In hosts try:
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Never a good idea to do that. Lots of reasons.

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That's what I got, hope that helps at all.

```
C:\windows\system32>tracert hackforums.net
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Tracing route to hackforums.net [141.101.121.11]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

1	1 ms	2 ms	<1 ms	192.168.0.1
2	37 ms	9 ms	30 ms	10.59.0.1

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3          Request timed out.
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203.50.20.64]
10 17 ms  12 ms  13 ms  pacnet2.lnk.telstra.net [139.130.94.34]
11 20 ms  20 ms  24 ms  gi3-0-4.gw1.syd2.asianetcom.net [202.147.55.99]

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When I'm using the automatically set servers I get this:

When using Google DNS I get HF to load how it should, I'm still as confused as I was a few days ago when this first started happening to me.

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And nope, no parental controls.

I still think the "Cloudflare setting dns' to localhost" idea might be it.

If you check the site domain on a few DNS propagation checking websites, you'll eventually get this:

So I'd say give it 48 hours (which isn't much longer after this post).

<http://viewdns.info/propagation/?domain=hackforums.net>

Dragnite - December 1, 2014, 5:51 am

I just tried mobile and when I try 4G and WiFi I get this error, thinking my ISP lied to me earlier:

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IcYSeptember - December 1, 2014, 5:52 am

I just did a bit of research and found that my ISP's DNS servers are:

Primary DNS: 166.102.165.13

Secondary DNS: 207.91.5.20

And sure enough:

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I don't really know how itworks with optus

but instantly ring up and ask for L2/manager and see if it gets through to them

Even better idea, Call up complaints and talk to them

They are the people who can usually get shit done

Dragnite - December 1, 2014, 7:32 am

(Dec 1, 2014 08:26 AM)I Wish I Was Smart Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't really know how itworks with optus

but instantly ring up and ask for L2/manager and see if it gets through to them
I've tried calling up and asking for managers it usually ends up in "The manager is busy." "Sorry we cannot do that." or the manager just goes "Not possible." and it irritates me that they have such shitty customer service even for customers who have been with them for about as long as they've been around (parents have been with them for like almost 20 years at this point if I recall correctly) and I've been with them about 7 and they service you get from them at times is absolutely disgusting but what can you do about it except be expect to pay hundreds of dollars in cancellation fees or complain a lot?

tl;dr That wouldn't work even if I wanted to do it.

Edit: Complaints? That also doesn't go down very well, they tell me what I want is something they can't do or something I have to fork out money for and if I get pissed off they threaten to hang up the call so fuck that.

Edit 2: I'd probably get my mum to call or something as she doesn't care about sitting around or talking to complete idiots so I'll see how that goes, it's 2:45AM so I'll have to wait a bit.

Bitcoin Billionaire - December 1, 2014, 8:38 am

Google Public DNS IP addresses

This made it possible to get on to HF! Hooray! You need to change your DNS.

The Google Public DNS IP addresses (IPv4) are as follows:

8.8.8.8
, 8.8.4.4

The Google Public DNS IPv6 addresses are as follows:

2001:4860:4860::8888
2001:4860:4860::8844

The Alex - December 1, 2014, 9:02 am

I just got this today and simply clicked 'I don't need this' after Virgin Media tried to ban me from HF

Omniscient - December 3, 2014, 1:53 am

Are members still experiencing this problem?

Archives - December 3, 2014, 4:19 am

(Dec 3, 2014 02:53 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Are members still experiencing this problem?
I unplugged and restarted my modem and then everything went smooth.

Dragnite - December 3, 2014, 6:19 am

(Dec 3, 2014 02:53 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Are members still experiencing this problem?
I am still having this issue, not sure what is going on, I'm guessing it's my ISP.

SHADOW REALM - December 3, 2014, 7:34 am

(Dec 3, 2014 07:19 AM)Dragnite Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I am still having this issue, not sure what is going on,
I'm guessing it's my ISP.
It's optus refusing to do a dnslookup

IcYSeptember - December 3, 2014, 7:39 am

(Dec 3, 2014 02:53 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Are members still experiencing this problem?
Let me switch back to my old DNS' and see. Hopefully it's had time to propagate now, and they weren't actually blocking anything purposely.

Edit: yeahhhh....I don't think my ISP's DNS servers are playing nice.

Still redirects to localhost.

Omniscient - December 3, 2014, 10:34 am

I'm hoping those with ISP problems work to get the ISP to lift the block.

Dragnite - December 3, 2014, 1:09 pm

(Dec 3, 2014 11:34 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm hoping those with ISP problems work to get the ISP to lift the block.

I've called my ISP every single day since I became aware it was an ISP issue and they either tell me they can't do anything about it or it's not on their end so I'm not really getting anywhere in that aspect of things, I'm just glad I can still browse really, whilst the issue is annoying me I doubt my ISP is going to care about a few people who can't access a website, already threatened to leave and they just offered me useless garbage I already had/didn't want, I'm just going to give up and either

try to move to a new ISP or just say fuck it, not care and continue to just use the Google DNS.

citg0 - December 3, 2014, 1:10 pm

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Omniscient - December 3, 2014, 1:12 pm

(Dec 3, 2014 02:10 PM)Rive420 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) use google dns, my isp recently blocked HF so I had to change the dns setting in order to browse

Please call your ISP to complain.

bandors - December 3, 2014, 2:19 pm

(Dec 3, 2014 02:12 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Please call your ISP to complain.

I'll call my ISP too, I'm getting the same issue from my home connection and school connection.

citg0 - December 3, 2014, 2:22 pm

(Dec 3, 2014 02:12 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Please call your ISP to complain.

I would but I don't wanna be that nerd crying to them because I can't browse a hacking forum lol..

Windstream for the fucking loss

I will call em up and let em know though

lcYSeptember - December 3, 2014, 5:33 pm

I apologize for this long post, just trying to help, but I'm high as a fucking kite.)

Before you go complaining to people who are busy using their superior intellect to help other users /sarcasm...major sarcasm...

Try these first:

Clear your browser cache. I dunno about browsers other than Chrome (don't use them often), but it's usually alongside where you clear your history (and we all know some of us clear your history daily so nobody finds out about the brutal goat and midget videos we watch...)

This is for Chrome (and try not to load HF while you're in the middle of this. Just being on this page reading these instructions is fine, but don't refresh or go to another page, as it's possible it could just mess this all up, lol):

Control + H, look for this button:

Click dat sexy ass "Clear browsing data" button. Now this is important: when you click it, don't just "click it," you've got to be gentle. Move your cursor around the box a few times, sort of tease it a little bit. Jesus...I'm too high for this. Anyway, click that button, and you'll get to this:

Uncheck everything EXCEPT "Cached images and files."
Change the dropdown box to "the beginning of time."

Should look like this:

Then click the "Clear Browsing Data" button again.

Windows

Then after that, open a command shell AS ADMINISTRATOR (start menu/start bar, and search for "Cmd", then BE SURE to either "right click -> run as admin" or Control + Shift + Click the file).

Press yes to the UAC prompt if you get one.

Copy and paste this into the cmd prompt:

(Yes, the command twice)

Code `ipconfig /flushdns`

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Macintosh

Lion, Mountain Lion, Mavericks, Yosemite

If you are running Mac OS X 10.7, 10.8, 10.9 or 10.10, you need to do the following:

Open up the command terminal.

Run the command:

Code `sudo killall -HUP mDNSResponder`

Snow Leopard

If you are running Mac OS X 10.6, you need to do the following:

Open up a command terminal.

Run the command

Code `sudo dscacheutil -flushcache`

Leopard and below

If you are running Mac OS X 10.5.1 or below, you need to do the following:

Open a command terminal.

Run the command:

Code `sudo lookupd -flushcache`

Big Bad Linux

Just run this command as root:

Code `/etc/init.d/nscd restart`

And THEN try connecting.

If that doesn't work, it means your computer isn't caching the DNS records, or the webpages, and it's your ISP that's caching it (or hasn't propagated yet, which would be very odd since it's been over 72 hours...VERY odd...suspicious even...)

If you don't want to actually complain over-the-phone (which I DO NOT want to do. Windstream's Customer Service is fucking retarded. [Funny story about that at the bottom in the spoiler]), but Windstream actually has an ONLINE CHAT <3
And I'm sure most other ISPs do as well.

But yeah. Here's the chat for Windstream:

<http://www.windstream.com/Modal/Chat/>

Just click "Broadband Tech. Support."

And when you chat with them, don't actually complain (even though Omni says to..I'm sorry, Omni....I truly am...plz have mercy). Well...don't complain at first, I guess, unless things get bad, or you find out that they are actually blocking our beloved website. Just kindly ask them to flush the DNS cache on their end, and, if possible, to update the "A" records on hackforums.net, including all subdomains ("nsfw", "x", and "www")

Funny story

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

They had me on hold for several minutes, right? And then they came back on. And I had been through this process before, "ping your modem, try to access it through your webbrowser, etc." trying to see if the modem was dead. I was running Linux as my main OS at the time, so I kind of trolled them a little. The guy was like, "Go to your start menu." I replied, "I don't have a start menu." He said, "oh, you're running Mac?" I said, "no, I'm running Debian Linux." He said, "Oh...well I'm going to have to redirect you to someone else." on hold for 15 minutes

Long story short, they eventually told me I needed a Windows computer running. But I just told them to go through the steps for Windows, and I'd do the equivalent on Linux. (Literally the same commands and shit).

But yeah...my modem was dead...as I knew. They sent a replacement.

'An0ny - December 3, 2014, 5:35 pm

I don't know if someone posted this already, but open hosts then add

Code 190.93.249.93 hackforums.net

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I would assume that would work , this would make hackforums.net resolve to cloudflare's ip.

I also would call the ISP and ask for the reason behind this, the site has no direct illegal content.

lcYSeptember - December 3, 2014, 5:45 pm

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this hosts file trick, yeah...you'd get the page, with no CSS layout (it'd just look like absolute shit), no images, stuff like that.

I believe the IP for x.hackforums.net is 198.232.124.224 (but I'm too high to even verify with the hosts file).

'An0ny - December 3, 2014, 5:49 pm

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Well yeah if that is blocked aswell, i am sure they blocked everything with hackforums in lol.

I am in chat with windstream now, i am really curious.

Digital™ - December 3, 2014, 5:53 pm

What antivirus are you using? As the other day I had the same problem with a friend of mine and bullguard was blocking hackforums.

'An0ny - December 3, 2014, 5:55 pm

(Dec 3, 2014 06:53 PM)DigitalEy.es™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What antivirus are you using? As the other day I had the same problem with a friend of mine and bullguard was blocking hackforums.
This ofcourse.

If you can access the website via your phone or another laptop it's your pc's issue (most likely AV).

I am chatting with Windstream for fun now, they asked me if I am owner of HackForums LOL.

Code 02.56.30 : Natasha S: I wonder if that may be the case as well. What I would actually suggest for this issue is contacting our Web Hosting Support Department at 800-316-4581. They are available 24/7.

Digital™ - December 3, 2014, 5:58 pm

After we got the page to load it too was loading without the CSS and Images. Try disabling safe browsing within the AV, if it works add the site to the whitelist and then turn back on and test again.

SWS. - December 3, 2014, 6:33 pm

(Dec 3, 2014 06:33 PM)IcYSeptember Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Snip
Just tried all that and it's still being blocked by Windstream so it's definitely something on their end.

IcYSeptember - December 3, 2014, 6:44 pm

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I don't have an AV. And this occurrence can be replicated on ANY device on my network (any one

of my phones, any of my laptops running Windows, my Linux server...everything).

And lol about them asking you that.

Autonomous - December 3, 2014, 6:56 pm

Windstream is blocking HF, I had to use Google DNS.

Omniscient - December 3, 2014, 8:50 pm

Appears CF again changed our A records from the 141 string to a 190 string. I spoke with them the past couple days about some odd behavior I was having and it appears they are doing some large maintenance and we're effected.

I need everyone with Windstream being blocked to actually file a complaint to get them to eventually remove it. They won't do it unless customers complain.

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I got sick of calling my ISP and went to their online support which actually seems to be doing me more good than calling them, will update this post as I get information.

They are telling me to delete my firewall, try an anti virus, they said they're scanning the website and I'm quite confused, they also said try a LAN cable which I don't get because it happens over WiFi, 4G and LAN so I fail to see what that would do.

tl;dr No hope for Optus users, they can't replicate it on their end for some reason and us as customers are fucked.

This is completely unacceptable, if anyone wishes to attempt to contact them you can feel free to use their online chat:

<http://www.optus.com.au/shop/notices/service-chat/home-phone-and-broadband> - Select one of the options there, I just selected Home Phone & Broadband and then selected technical difficulties.

Here's the chat I had with the rep:

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))Hi! You are now chatting with Bobby

Bobby:Good evening! Welcome to Optus Phone and Internet Technical Support Live Chat Department. How can I help you today? :)

You:I am having issues connecting to a website and I've been told after doing a few tests that it's something to do with Optus, I was wondering if it was possible to see if there is an issue with the Optus DNS.

You:As I have no problems connecting with Google's public DNS but using the Optus provided DNS I get blocked/get no connection, happens on WiFi and 4G.

Bobby:Bobby here, let's see how best I could help you.

Bobby:May I kindly get your name and internet username?

You:My name is **** and username is *****.

Bobby:May I kindly get your name?

You:My name is ****.

Bobby:Hi *****.

You:Hello.

Bobby:I will get help for you.

You:Thank you.

Bobby:Welcome.

Bobby:The cable account team who could assist you is not supported by a chat team, *****.

Bobby:What I can do is to call a rep first and when available, I'll call you on your landline.

Bobby:or mobile.

You:The landline is not currently available.

Bobby:may I then get your mobile number?

You:My number is *****.

Bobby:Thanks.

Bobby:I'll call the team now for you.

Bobby:Just stay on the chat please. Thanks.

You:Thank you for your assistance in this as I know a few people are having this problem with Optus and I'd like to try and get it fixed as soon as possible if possible.

Bobby:I would relay your concern to the rep when I get him/her on the phone. No worries.

Bobby:am still on board, *****.

You:I am still here, yes.

Bobby:Thanks for your patience.

You:No problem.

Bobby:have a rep now.

You:Great.

Bobby:It's a pleasure to assist you today - being a bridge to the appropriate team.

Bobby:My small contribution to the resolution of your concern.

You:It is a rather large help.

Bobby:Wow!

Bobby:The rep is reviewing your account.

You:That is good.

Bobby:The rep is asking if you are able to access other websites and what is the website you are problematic about.

You:I am able to access other websites, the website in question here is hackforums.net.

Bobby:am calling you now on the mobile.

You:An nslookup and a tracert in command prompt using the Optus DNS will provide me with no connection and using the Optus DNS I cannot connect via Google Chrome, Firefox, Opera, Safari or on my Android.

Bobby:calling you now.

You:It is not letting me pick up.

You:It is saying something about ending a call I don't have.

You:Now I am apparently on the phone to my mother and it won't let me hang up or do anything.

Bobby:Ok. the tech will check it out for us.

You:I just restarted my phone because that broke it.

Bobby:We can stay on this chat.

You:Ok.

Bobby:Let's wait for the rep's advice.

Bobby>You know, this chat is amazing. We did not have this in our time.

You:So when I do nslookup hackforums.net 211.29.132.12 into command prompt it says dns.mas.optusnet.com.au cannot find hackforums.net but if I replace that with Google it works, and yes it is a very different time now.

Bobby:The rep came back on line and advised he is working it out as well.

You:Ok that is fantastic.

Bobby:But if necessary, would it be possible for me to call you on the mobile?

You:Also can you try doing tracert hackforums.net in command prompt?

You:It would not let me answer before, not sure why.

Bobby:but it's ok for me to call, just in case?

You:Said something about ending a call with my mothers contact and then it put me on the phone with my mum.

You:It is fine for you to call I just don't know if it will let me answer.

Bobby:that's ok. we can try it later.

You:Ok.

Bobby:We also did not have these mobile phones in our time.

You:I am quite thankful for the advances in technology we have been having lately.

You:Makes life quite a lot easier.

Bobby:Yep.

Bobby:Can I call you now?

You:You can try it, yes.

You:I am unsure if it will work though.

Bobby:calling you now.

SHADOW REALM - December 4, 2014, 5:35 am

Tell optus your having a fault accessing websites. Ask for a complaint manager (Over Livechat) and then call the complaint manager

Complain

#Winning? Always works @ Telstra

'An0ny - December 4, 2014, 6:21 am

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However, might be temporarily as CloudFlare is having a maintenance, but still seems like a joke of them blocking CF IP's which I don't think is the case.

bkr. - December 4, 2014, 6:24 am

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Dragnite - December 4, 2014, 11:13 am

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I'll try give that a go later although I'm 99% sure what will happen is I'll get some indian support center with terrible microphones that I can barely understand, the call will drop (that's what happened when the rep I was talking to called me), I won't be able to hear them properly and they'll tell me something I either already know, something that won't help or they'll just be moronic about the situation and blame the fault on me or on HF.

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I have been calling them and bothering them, not doing an awful lot if I'm honest thus why I posted the live chat etc for other members to pester them if they have free time/care enough to do so, it would be nice if Omniscient could/would contact them and try and sort it out but he's a very busy man and I doubt he has the free time to sit down and do something like this for a very small group of users, they did ask me a few questions about HF that seemed to be directed towards Omniscient but I couldn't really answer them, it was all about his hosting etc and I had no idea what to say to them other than "I don't run the website." as for the CF maintenance I do know about that but I'm 99% sure it's a block which is completely ridiculous, uncalled for and was completely out of the blue and not mentioned to any customers, would have been nice to maybe receive an email saying that a website I use frequently is about to be blocked by them or something.

(Dec 4, 2014 07:24 AM)bkr. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Which ISP do you have? because that's bs .
I have Optus Telecommunications, not sure what OP has though.

Omniscient - December 4, 2014, 11:36 am

Quote:Ok, so they are really blocking HackForums. That's a fucking joke, I would call them and bother them all the time.

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IcYSeptember - December 4, 2014, 11:37 am

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I know you try your hardest for this forum and I thank you for being a pretty awesome guy, not many people would be willing to jump through hoops to sort something like this out, I'm not getting anywhere with my ISP so I wish you good luck if you attempt it, if you need any information from me I check this thread a fair bit to see what is going on or you could PM me, if I can help out with this in any way I'd like to.

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I'd have to agree with you there, he does more for this site and the users than I've ever seen anyone else do.

Edit: To further confirm my suspicions I went on my dad's laptop and tried to go to HF, same error,

tried Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Opera, asked him to borrow his phone before he went to work and got the same thing on Google Chrome for Android via 4G and the standard Android Internet app, went on desktop connected via ethernet to try their "fix" which did not work as I expected, tried my iPad Air over 4G and 3G and still got the same DNS failure, looks like I'm stuck with the Google DNS for a bit, not that using it really matters or not to me.

So 3 computers, 2 phones, a tablet, an iPad and no luck unless I use the Google DNS, this is a bit of an annoyance.

MrOG - December 4, 2014, 11:52 am

Why did they blocked it? There is nothing illegal here.

Dragnite - December 4, 2014, 11:59 am

(Dec 4, 2014 12:52 PM)Pythox Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why did they blocked it? There is nothing illegal here. I'd like to know the answer to that as well but according to my ISP everything is 100% fine despite me and several other customers of that ISP not being able to connect to HF without the use of the Google DNS, I'll laugh if they say it's because it's a hacking forum or it's illegal, it'll be like the Malwarebytes thing all over again.

For those wondering about that reference:

<https://forums.malwarebytes.org/index.php?/topic/36808-false-positive-read/>

Censorship really is a pain in the ass, I wish I could just up and swap ISP right now.

swguru - December 4, 2014, 12:01 pm

Never actually thought about this being blocked by a ISP.

Omniscient - December 4, 2014, 12:14 pm

I wonder if my best course of action is to file a complaint with the FCC. Because then I have some ammo when I speak to them. The issue is getting to the right guy because I have a feeling regular support are morons.

And I was thinking about this the other day but for all I know I banned someone in their tech department and this is their revenge. Wouldn't be the first time a ex-member abused their position at an ISP to disrupt HF.

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Regular support are morons, the nail was hit right the head, they are trained to read from scripts and just transfer you all over the place to end up either telling you something you already know/have done or to hire a technician out to your house.

As for the issue of potentially banning a tech department member and getting disruptions I'd doubt that from my ISP although you can never be 100% with that, I'd say they might have run some sort of system as they did mention something last night that goes along those lines, not sure if they do actually use one or whether they were just spurring nonsense like usual but hey.

I'd say it would be a pain in the ass and that's what makes you such an amazing admin, the fact that you're willing to deal with problems like this and actually give 2 shifts about the community is something that is a dying trait in forum owners or so it seems lately, good luck with getting all of this fixed Omniscient.

SWS. - December 4, 2014, 12:57 pm

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Omniscient - December 4, 2014, 2:11 pm

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citg0 - December 4, 2014, 2:53 pm

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IcYSeptember - December 4, 2014, 2:57 pm

(Dec 4, 2014 03:53 PM)Rive420 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Where I live, in Bum Fuck Egypt the only internet they offer is Dial Up Windstream and it is complete ass... I have complained to them numerous times, they are just a shitty company in general imo.. They over charge for the quality they provide Exactly. They're pure shit, and over-priced for the terrible service.

Impervious. - December 4, 2014, 3:29 pm

I had this last night, living in belgium with scarlet as a provider.

Didnt work for ~1 hour and then worked fine, it happens occasionally though and everything else works fine.

Ar?i - December 4, 2014, 3:47 pm

Thanks for the help man.

You asked me to comment my ISP, i'm in Australia and my provider is Telstra.

'An0ny - December 4, 2014, 6:17 pm

I think all the ISP's that are blocking HackForums are using a 'central' web filtering service. I think if everyone that has this issue complains it'll be fixed sooner or later.

(Dec 4, 2014 12:36 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I might eventually but I'd rather their actual customers complain. Maybe enough logged complaints along with my own contact will get it resolved. Personally I'm wondering if there is a legal issue here because they are blocking my site. I'll have to speak with my lawyer.

From what I can see this would be a legal issue. They are preventing your clients from accessing your website... Simple as that.

In this case it would be a web filter service perhaps, that the ISP's are using. Since they all got the same issue, at same time. I've never heard or seen anyone having this issue before.

This reminds me of when Malwarebytes where blocking HF.

I honestly think when you speak, they'll fucking listen. You're the big boss ? (Like the malwarebytes case)

SHADOW REALM - December 4, 2014, 6:39 pm

(Dec 4, 2014 04:47 PM)Ari. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for the help man.

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Telstra doesn't block any websites at all. I wasn't aware any ISP's did until now (In Aus)