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Thread: [BruteForcing and Closed Accounts Online](#)

Omniscient - December 2, 2014, 12:04 am

Seems like someone is using the 2010 dump to bruteforce logins.

Back then a user table dump occurred and I was forced to close inactive accounts and force password changes on all upgraded members.

Today someone used that database to login to about 1000 accounts or more. Since I required all L33t/Ub3r to change passwords they only have credentials for regular and closed accounts which at the time I didn't bother to force a password change. My main concern at that time was securing upgraded accounts. Which we did. Took about a month to recover all the accounts that were stolen.

Back then we didn't require complex passwords and too many clowns used simple passwords like "password" and no, I'm not joking.

That dump floats around even today but it's value is nearly zero. Someone apparently took the time to unhash a buttload of account credentials and then bot the login page for the past few hours.

All they managed to do was make my evening interesting and I was able to tidy up the problem rather easily. They were able login to less than 100 open registered accounts which are all now closed. Only 2 inactive L33t accounts were stolen and those are closed now too. Not one Ub3r account was compromised.

Of course I took care of the bot as well. That won't be able to continue either.

I'm just letting members know your accounts are secured. There was some obvious weird online list with closed accounts which of course alerted us all. Thanks to those who brought it to my attention.

Silly skids...bruteforcing is for noobs.

(btw I think my grammar isn't so great in this post, kinda tired)

Magicmann - December 2, 2014, 12:06 am

I was wondering what was up with all those closed accounts being online. Would have reported it had I not gone for a shower and food.

Evanescence - December 2, 2014, 12:07 am

Great work Omni! Though I don't see why they would bother with closed or LQ accounts. ?

Doxicity - December 2, 2014, 12:08 am

Why use a 2010 dump, wasn't there a 2012 dump?

I wasn't even registered in 2010 lol.

Good thing this doesn't effect the non-existent Chile members.

Zyptic - December 2, 2014, 12:08 am

Looks like someone wanted to be in the oldfag crowd .

Ifinger - December 2, 2014, 12:08 am

Blame it on the tired why don't ya!

Baws - December 2, 2014, 12:09 am

It's 12 am Omni, why are you working so late?

Thanks for the laugh though, "silly skids...", lots of closed accounts. ?

Evanescence - December 2, 2014, 12:12 am

(Dec 2, 2014 01:09 AM)Baws Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's 12 am Omni, why are you working so late?

Thanks for the laugh though, "silly skids...", lots of closed accounts. ?

It's 2am for me ? I just woke up too

Dr.Penguin - December 2, 2014, 12:17 am

Thanks for clearing this up Omni, I seen a couple threads about it. I was wondering WTF was going on XD!

Omniscient - December 2, 2014, 12:20 am

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I think you accidentally quoted my post twice ?

630 - December 2, 2014, 12:23 am

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Evanescence - December 2, 2014, 12:24 am

(Dec 2, 2014 01:23 AM)630 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Good to hear. You think that by now people would pick a better password than password.

Exactly! Like "passw0rd"! The most secure password out there ?

InspectorGadget - December 2, 2014, 12:27 am

Although you say bruteforcing is for noobs - in the cryptology section there is a nice little pocket of members who actively help the community to try and crack any hash they are provided with. You may consider it noob-ish but it's probably one of the nicest threads on this forum.

Omni - <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4563893> - this thread might be somewhat related, maybe even a multiaccounter? A little odd that this happens and hours ago this guy comes along asking for hashes to be decrypted that belong to HF..

Bubbles. - December 2, 2014, 12:27 am

I can't believe people used "password" as their password. That is asking to get your account stolen in seconds ?

Pentium - December 2, 2014, 12:29 am

People sell accounts on other forums with a join date quite old, makes them look more special apparently.

Tenno - December 2, 2014, 12:30 am

Good job on securing our accounts! Sadly, my account was stolen yesterday and all my PM's was deleted, but I quickly got it back cause of HF support :) Now I got a secure password.

InspectorGadget - December 2, 2014, 12:31 am

(Dec 2, 2014 01:27 AM)Bubbles. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I can't believe people used "password" as their password. That is asking to get your account stolen in seconds ?

People with such weak passwords likely do not care about the account they are on , hence why most were non upgraded accounts.

Tony Stark - December 2, 2014, 1:09 am

Kids really have to find something better to do with their time when they're bored.

I hope the person(s) who attempted this looks back in a few years and are proud of their achievements in life.

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Keep it locked down Omniscent.

Roger Waters - December 2, 2014, 2:36 am

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I think this may be something to put on your résumé if you ask me. Not many skids can accomplish something like that at the age of 12. ?

Archives - December 2, 2014, 2:44 am

Really glad to hear that no ub3r account was compromised, you may check the IP or anything related to the person who did this foolish thing? Omni, did you trace him yet?

King of Clubs - December 2, 2014, 2:49 am

Nice. Good job Omni. Thanks for the heads up. I'm happy I use a really complex password that

takes many years to crack :p

Robust - December 2, 2014, 2:51 am

Not sure why you "don't believe" so many had password at their password. Take a look at [this](#) article showing the popularity of passwords throughout 2013. While not 100% accurate, obviously, that shows some general statistics that the general person doesn't really care about their password, and while people who care about their account might try hard to use something secure, the general person wouldn't give a fuck. He'd put the first thing that comes to mind, remember it, and if he can't he'd rely on the Remember Me checkbox.

It'd be interesting to see statistics from someone like Facebook regarding this, because I guarantee that most their passwords are crap.

Gorbachev - December 2, 2014, 4:12 am

Why would someone do that? Skids are stupid.

w34k - December 2, 2014, 4:44 am

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Robust - December 2, 2014, 4:46 am

(Dec 2, 2014 05:12 AM)Yuks Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why would someone do that? Skids are stupid. You know what a skid is right?

Quote:A script kiddie; one that doesn't know how to program; often used as internet slang for "retarded" [from the Urban Dictionary](#) *note that the Urban Dictionary is retarded for definitions anyway, this is just an example

Whoever can do this probably isn't a skid, because there isn't some downloadable tool Hack Forums 2010 Database Mass Login Checker.exe. They obviously put some effort into it, that was ruined in less than an hour by Omniscient. So they were definitely not skids, and as for why they done it, they were likely hoping to get some Ub3r accounts to use to scam, but they weren't really successful in that obviously, hell they weren't even successful in compromising some regular accounts without them being closed.

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Well, don't quote me on this but if the passwords were stored in any algorithm supported by something like [Hashcat](#), it'd be quite simple to do this, provided you have a few machines lying around. Honestly, nothing good came out of it and ofc the work they spent decrypting them (which probably took some good time, if not effort) was definitely not worth how fast their efforts were in vain, and obviously they didn't get any good result from this either (not a single Ub3r account).

Eagerkid - December 2, 2014, 4:59 am

Great job, glad to see it only took you a hour of your time

EvanLB7 - December 2, 2014, 5:03 am

Great job Omni, this is actually funny as fuck. They must feel like idiots.

NiktoKan - December 2, 2014, 5:29 am

This is a big news in HF. HF is Hack Forum and someone want to hack us. WTF

Sacred Symmetry - December 2, 2014, 5:34 am

(Dec 2, 2014 01:29 AM)Pentinum Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) People sell accounts on other forums with a join date quite old, makes them look more special apparently.

Because people associate a older join date with being "trusted" for some reason

Trust - December 2, 2014, 5:47 am

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VRUMM - December 2, 2014, 5:50 am

Someone is desperate for a HF account for sure.

Yoshikage Kira - December 2, 2014, 5:57 am

(Dec 2, 2014 06:47 AM)?rust Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) All this security and people still claim to get hacked and go on a scamming spree. ?

Are you saying it's impossible to get hacked on hackforums.net ??

Robust - December 2, 2014, 6:10 am

(Dec 2, 2014 06:47 AM)?rust Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) All this security and people still claim to get hacked and go on a scamming spree. ?

A service can only provide so much security. At the end of the day, the user is responsible for the safekeeping of his or her account. Some accounts are legitimately compromised, the majority are just users pretending to be compromised.

w34k - December 2, 2014, 6:12 am

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Yeah, MyBB hashes are supported by Hashcat. A member cracked one (easy password) and edited his post after he found out what they were from. I agree, it was a dumb idea. I hope the person didn't think that they were going to get away with it and a free account lol. Nice of Omni to catch it and take action.

Shammah - December 2, 2014, 6:21 am

Omniscient. I think i got my l33t account closed. I have used the contact form already, twice.

Everytime i login i get the screen where it says, your account may have been closed. I can't access any forum at all.

Please help meh. Thanks.

uid=2153563

STR™ - December 2, 2014, 6:21 am

Great job Omni Sir , this is the reason we like to stay on this forum

SoulZeh - December 2, 2014, 7:26 am

Just as Factor8 told me, My user title pretty much sums it up.

Quoted from the beloved F8.

Rigel - December 2, 2014, 7:37 am

I see. Well thanks for the heads up, you really know your stuff in handling security threats.

Tonight - December 2, 2014, 7:37 am

my password is password backwards and ive never been comp'd

Gary - December 2, 2014, 7:40 am

Silly Omni, Trix are for kids.... c:

Is that why we saw an increase of those accounts yesterday?

Dean Winchester? - December 2, 2014, 8:15 am

You have too much time on your hands if you spend time unhashing a public database from 2010 for jacking inactive, non-upgraded hackforums accounts ?

Karnaugh - December 2, 2014, 8:18 am

Well, good job man! My name wasn't on the dump anyway xD

Robust - December 2, 2014, 8:25 am

(Dec 2, 2014 09:15 AM)Dean Winchester? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You have too much time on your hands if you spend time unhashing a public database from 2010 for jacking inactive, non-upgraded hackforums accounts ?

They expected something better, for sure. They didn't get it though.

CypherOSINT - December 2, 2014, 8:45 am

Although that was a unsuccessful attempt I would like to remind the fellows HF members that they are susceptible on getting compromised given the risks taken every day like sharing software /exploits/currency exchanges ,personal info or info that could lead to such . Brute Forcing is not that big of a deal as long as you don't hold any personal info in your messages or threads as well as scams but brute forcing should be the least of you worries .

Solution =you can type a complex password!!

If you are a part of a hacking forum you should always keep in mind that this is not for knitting or being a lovie dubby society.

It is made for people sharing Hacking information from people who seek advantages and opportunities given that they could be positive or negative or just for education which in that case I LOVE.

Thank you Omni for your work and for keeping this page alive.

With much Love INTERREGNUM= period when normal government is suspended, especially between successive reigns or regimes

'An0ny - December 2, 2014, 8:53 am

(Dec 2, 2014 08:37 AM)Saturlights Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) my password is password backwards and ive never been comp'd

Ok? I can't tell if you are trying to be funny or what. HackForums now requires complex passwords, so I guess so.

sumi_7 - December 2, 2014, 9:05 am

(Dec 2, 2014 09:53 AM)An0ny Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ok? I can't tell if you are trying to be funny or what. HackForums now requires complex passwords, so I guess so.

Yes it does now, upper case, lower case, digits etc. I guess this measure will ensure stronger passwords that would be pretty difficult to crack.

Omni is seriously awesome ?

Vinnie - December 2, 2014, 9:26 am

True story, my previous password was Vinnie0mari.

Andy Botwin - December 2, 2014, 9:27 am

(Dec 2, 2014 10:26 AM)Vinnie Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) True story, my previous password was Vinnie0mari.

No bullshit, my old password was 'buttholesarestinky'

Vinnie - December 2, 2014, 9:29 am

I think I started a trend of your previous password on HF.

Sorry Omni.

Aceman - December 2, 2014, 10:08 am

Well I can understand why they did it, they were hoping some were upgraded or at least fairly decent account. Nice work and thanks for keeping up in the loop even though you don't have to. ?

PlusnPlay - December 2, 2014, 10:21 am

Thank you for securing our accounts and hope this shit doesn't happen to HF again.

Omniscient - December 2, 2014, 10:39 am

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I disagree. Because for all their work all they had to do was slow down their bot so that it ran over a week instead of 2 hours and no one would have noticed. Would have sucked as about 100 maybe 150 old regular accounts were stolen. Instead they did me a favor and exposed every single account they logged into rather quickly. All that work just to blow it over bad planning. That's a skid move imho.

Quote:Because people associate a older join date with being "trusted" for some reason
My guess is that they would recover those accounts and then sell them. Each would fetch maybe \$5-\$10 so it could have been a \$500-\$2000 score had they done it right.

Quote:Solution =you can type a complex password!!
Solved already because since then I require a 10 character complex password. Nearly impossible to be cracked. So even if the site gets dumped again the passwords should not be cracked. I'm even considering forcing a random password instead of allowing users to choose them in order to ensure they don't use a common password across sites.

CypherOSINT - December 2, 2014, 11:06 am

A random password generator sound like a good idea.

Maybe encrypt the password on your computer with gpg4win and save the key on a usb drive .Is adding a layer of security given that a lot of these people are infected. But the the question is if they want to change password ! Would they generate another random with the previous random or an email reset? One is more secure than the other but less convenient.

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Omniscient - December 2, 2014, 11:13 am

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Combined with 2FA the accounts will be locked down just as securely as a Google account. That's my goal. Be as secure as Google.

bugga - December 2, 2014, 11:15 am

(Dec 2, 2014 10:26 AM)Vinnie Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) True story, my previous password was Vinnie0mari. Your passwords are always easy, a little to easy even. ?.

kawaii - December 2, 2014, 11:16 am

(Dec 2, 2014 12:13 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I got the best way to secure any password. Write it down with a pen. Encryption...lol...what happens when your drive locks or you lose your decryption key?

Pen and paper? That's old school right there. I hope you don't have a notebook marked 'MY SPECIAL PASSWORDS'.

CypherOSINT - December 2, 2014, 11:18 am

Nothing beats the pen and paper except the jealous wife lol but in that case buy a safe or find a spot .

Great goal. Thank you and yeah that is a huge issue with encryption.

I look forward towards that security upgrade.

Cheers

Interregnum

Yoshikage Kira - December 2, 2014, 11:18 am

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inb4 someone comes to your house looking for that piece of paper ?

Anti-Malware - December 2, 2014, 11:20 am

Good Job omni keep it up with the hard work

SIM-1456221 - December 2, 2014, 11:30 am

(Dec 2, 2014 01:04 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Back then we didn't require complex passwords and too many clowns used simple passwords like "password" and no, I'm not joking.

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what the fuck

People join HackForums and read tips about how to secure passwords and still use hunter2 as their password?

Skitchy - December 2, 2014, 11:35 am

I wasn't here in 2010, but Omni thank you!

Yet again, you are the hero. <3

Omniscient - December 2, 2014, 11:35 am

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<http://users.telenet.be/d.rijmenants/en/handciphers.htm>

Skitchy - December 2, 2014, 11:41 am

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I use Hand Cipher methods as well. I'm an old school fellow.

nondescriptoldie - December 2, 2014, 11:41 am

Their was a dump for HF? I am baffled.

sumi_7 - December 2, 2014, 11:44 am

(Dec 2, 2014 12:35 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's encrypted old school too. :)

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I keep my passwords in old school fashion, simple pen and paper. Never really trusted the concept of password managers as they make all your passwords available at a single location ? and if somehow anyone got access to it then boom, your virtual avatar is destroyed ?

odunamoney - December 2, 2014, 3:12 pm

please can someone let me know what it is all about, i may want buy

Optimized - December 2, 2014, 3:15 pm

Omni go to bed xd

Thanks tho, saw the closed accounts online I was like o.O

(Dec 2, 2014 04:12 PM)odunamoney Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) please can someone let me know what it is all about, i may want buy

You have mental issues, and you should not be using hack forums.

VRUMM - December 2, 2014, 7:29 pm

First two letters of my HF pass: hQ. Haven't changed it for two years. Whenever I need it, I just remember I am hQ then the rest I memorized. My mind isn't encrypted, but then no one can crack it.