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Thread: [\[Suggestion\] Buy banned user's usernames.](#)

Amateurity - January 29, 2015, 5:15 am

Suggestion:

The ability for users to purchase usernames of members that have been permanently banned [EDIT] for a specific time period.

PROS:

1. More money into the community, bettering it as a whole.
2. Recycling usernames allowing for persons to be able to obtain a good username they want, that is no longer being used by the prior person.
3. Could be used as a 3PIC L33T or UB3R perk.
4. Recycling usernames also helps with the amount of uniqueness needed for new users or upgraded users to change their name.

CONS:

1. Can disrupt moderation of problematic users, confuse moderators/admins.
2. Can create a issue with impersonating banned members.

To add to this suggestion, usernames of users who invoke a self ban permanently can not be bought, as well as specific usernames deemed by admins/moderators to be unusable from that point on.

Was just a quick idea that popped in my head as I was looking through the Members list.

Have a good day HF! ?

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While thinking about this, instead of allowing persons to buy a name, auction off names monthly to generate better income and in turn bring the community together for a good ol' auction.

Business Major - January 29, 2015, 5:17 am

This would cause a lot of problems with people that can be unbanned possibly, or accounts of scammers. The usernames are normally known for scamming or doing something bad on the forum so people shouldn't associate themselves with those usernames.

Basquiat - January 29, 2015, 5:18 am

I think it's a pretty cool idea actually.

Not sure if it's going to happen, probably just got to wait for Omni to prune the dead accounts.

XTC. - January 29, 2015, 5:20 am

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Basquiat - January 29, 2015, 5:21 am

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XTC. - January 29, 2015, 5:31 am

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DIGIFLIP - January 29, 2015, 5:41 am

Nice suggestion. It will generate more revenue to the owners as well.

Basquiat - January 29, 2015, 5:43 am

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Ah, I understand lol.

Thanks.

So some of the most OG names on HF aren't really that OG.

Aeolus - January 29, 2015, 5:44 am

I do not support this suggestion! This can cause big misunderstandings.

Anyways thanks for contributing a suggestion.

Amateurity - January 29, 2015, 5:48 am

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Hmm... Yeah I can see where that kind of nulls my suggestion... However, if it were to catch Omni's interest, he can easily disallow any blank characters in username creation, or only allow upgraded accounts to use the blank characters... Put a clause in the initial ToS that empty or blank characters are disallowed for regular members and blammo!

Updating OP as I thought of something while on the shitter.

Berserk - January 29, 2015, 8:02 am

Usernames could be sold in batches. But i don't see this happening.

Aceman - January 29, 2015, 9:04 am

[Account Profiles and Pruning Help Document](#)

Can you delete an account so I can get the username?

Hell no. Don't even ask. If it's a zero post member you can wait till the account is pruned but don't ask us to delete an individual account for you. Even if it has one post from 2 years ago and they've never returned we will not delete the account just so you can have a username.

Username of closed accounts are not going to be changed just for you. I don't see Omni wanting to waste his time doing something like this either.

Amateurity - January 29, 2015, 10:22 am

Personally I would probably never use this. Its not directed at inactive users, only permanently banned users.

And the suggestion was more for revenue for the community, not for personal gain. Pruning doesn't cover banned users (I believe) unsure about that though.

From reading Omni's posts, and seeing how big the community is, I do doubt it would be implemented.

V?mpire - January 29, 2015, 10:40 am

Don't think it'll happen, but I like the idea.

'Snorlax - January 29, 2015, 11:54 am

Yes. 100%. So many OG names has been lost, so we end up with people with shitty usernames because they can't get their wishes. It pisses me off to see people with a name you can't type on a regular keyboard.

I am in for this 100%.

'Snorlax - January 29, 2015, 3:31 pm

All staff and moderators keep saying "Banned people should be forgotten". Let's forget them easier by replacing them with someone better.

Emylbus - January 29, 2015, 4:35 pm

I'm sorry but this has been suggested and denied several times. If you'd like to read the discussion of identical and similar threads, please check these out:

[Usernames](#) by [?udi](#)

[Username Availability](#) by [VoidWalker](#)

[Username cleanup? Ever gonna happen?](#) by [R?ziel](#)

[Username expiration](#) by [Greed?](#)

[Ability to take a closed accounts name](#) by [Child Pornography](#)

[Closed accounts;](#) by [Rezonate](#)

[Allow users to buy names from inactive accounts.](#) by [LMFAO.](#)

Essentially the criticisms that explain the denial of the above suggestions are the same criticisms that several users posted in this thread. I don't see Omni changing his mind anytime soon.