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Thread: [Minimum Post Length](#)

Omniscient - April 22, 2015, 7:38 pm

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Enjoy and thank you.

Joshz - April 22, 2015, 7:39 pm

HOLY SHIT THANK YOU COUCHING ON EXCHANGING THREADS IS ANNOYING AF ON MY PHONE

Windows95 - April 22, 2015, 7:39 pm

Thanks omni, has its ups and downs but overall a great addition.

SIM-1676753 - April 22, 2015, 7:39 pm

This is fucking awesome! I usually post more then 35 anyway.

Chills - April 22, 2015, 7:39 pm

Awesome imma try it out!!

edit: it worked!

Pupper - April 22, 2015, 7:40 pm

IF you have trouble typing 35 or more characters than there is something wrong with you lol

Juicy - April 22, 2015, 7:40 pm

I like this a ton, makes it easier not to spam random words.

prefight - April 22, 2015, 7:41 pm

Wow, it really works! Thanks Omni!

Keith Cozart - April 22, 2015, 7:41 pm

thank gahd m8 <3333 mucho lovo

NeoCode - April 22, 2015, 7:41 pm

Yay for 25 characters, thanks :D

Eternal. - April 22, 2015, 7:41 pm

Well, this is pretty awesome.

Melty - April 22, 2015, 7:42 pm

Thanks, this will be useful when on mobile :)

Astute - April 22, 2015, 7:43 pm

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Nonetheless, I guess we'll just have to see how this plays out.

EDIT: And for anyone looking at this, please don't take my feedback as me being unappreciative. I thank you Omni for pushing out so many developments and changes to HF within the last few months, and I commend you for working so hard. However if I don't agree with something, I'll leave my feedback anyway to see if anyone else agrees.

haydrazs - April 22, 2015, 7:43 pm

genuinely sick of rewording my posts to say the same thing longer, thank you based omni

Supreme??????? - April 22, 2015, 7:43 pm

Thanks for lowering the min post requirement. Will be very useful in the long run.

InuyashaTB - April 22, 2015, 7:44 pm

Yay! 25 character awesomes

Genicus - April 22, 2015, 7:45 pm

Thank you so much, this was needed.

Year?? - April 22, 2015, 7:45 pm

This'll make it so much easier for mobile. Thanks a lot

The Scarabian - April 22, 2015, 7:46 pm

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Fudster - April 22, 2015, 7:46 pm

Awesome Omni. Only about a 10 character difference but never the less cool.

I have had troubles on some threads coming up with 35 characters, Not often...

Scymo - April 22, 2015, 7:47 pm

Sounds awesome omni thanks 4 the add

Viral Dragon - April 22, 2015, 7:47 pm

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Quote:Thx

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EDIT: 777th post!

Snapbytes - April 22, 2015, 7:49 pm

This 25 characters on hf.

Edit: It's actually working. GREAT!!!

SIM-1676753 - April 22, 2015, 7:49 pm

(Apr 22, 2015 07:46 PM)Manuel Neuer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks Omni, but the amount of LQP will rise significantly. (Can I still report a post if some little shit says something like, "Not enough characters"?)

Of course you can. Those little shitheads need to be exposed.

Viral Dragon - April 22, 2015, 7:49 pm

(Apr 22, 2015 07:48 PM)Manuel Neuer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So if someone does something like that, fuck the report button in the ass?

Yes. Press it hard. Then the hammer of justice shall be swung and a warning issued.

-Viral.

Roger Waters - April 22, 2015, 7:50 pm

(Apr 22, 2015 07:41 PM)#YOLO Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thx

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And this is the reason why we can't have nice things.

Flaming Hot Cheetos - April 22, 2015, 7:51 pm

Hell yea this is awesome thanks

Muggsy - April 22, 2015, 7:51 pm

this is probably one of the best things ever.

thanks!

Declan? - April 22, 2015, 7:51 pm

This post is 27 characters.

SIM-1676753 - April 22, 2015, 7:53 pm

(Apr 22, 2015 07:50 PM)Roger Waters Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) And this is the reason why we can't have nice things.

But you only live once right? Ha-ha..

Astute - April 22, 2015, 7:53 pm

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I'm using an iPhone without the "Swype" feature, and yet I see no problem in typing out responses just like the one you've quoted above.

It doesn't take much effort nor time to type out something respectably lengthy and coherent on a mobile device.

It's only lazy people who can't post more than 35 (now 25) characters.

And as Viral Dragon brought up, this will indeed increase the amount of those character-bypass posts, seeing as after a while, users will complain about 25 characters being "too much", and it'll continue the cycle from there.

That's how I can see it at least.

Grim - April 22, 2015, 7:53 pm

this is a nice feature. but i hope it doesn't help people just spam more.

Dan. - April 22, 2015, 7:56 pm

Probably a good idea, in some circumstances 35 characters was just a little excessive.

#YOLO - April 22, 2015, 7:59 pm

(Apr 22, 2015 07:47 PM)Viral Dragon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) ._.

-Viral.Sry was there a problem?

(Apr 22, 2015 07:50 PM)Roger Waters Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) And this is the reason why we can't have nice things.Why not? I dont get it...

funmaster - April 22, 2015, 8:01 pm

After twitter .. we are habituated for short messages only ...

Gary - April 22, 2015, 8:01 pm

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post count being raised to 18k, 24k etc?

Declan? - April 22, 2015, 8:05 pm

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That's a good point you got there.

Omniscient - April 22, 2015, 8:06 pm

Quote:But I also feel lowering it to 25 will substantially increase the LQP/reports for LQP.

It should actually lower the reports. Members often report the junk character posts. Remove the need for the junk characters and members have no need to report.

The 35 characters was introduced when we had explosive growth and insane amounts of posts. I've spent years to actually get our activity under control. We're now at a place I'm actually very happy with in terms of both quality and quantity. But I'm wary that I'm not doing enough to make sure we keep mobile users happy.

Astute - April 22, 2015, 8:07 pm

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Gary - April 22, 2015, 8:08 pm

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Now I'm very scared of Omnis reply, thank you for putting the pressure on.

ViN - April 22, 2015, 8:11 pm

Hard to believe that it was double this at one point. I'm sure frequent mobile users will be grateful for this, as well as a lot of those who are not.

Nas - April 22, 2015, 8:27 pm

Thank god. Lol ?

BLURRYF?CE - April 22, 2015, 8:28 pm

(Apr 22, 2015 08:11 PM)ViN Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hard to believe that it was double this at one point. I'm sure frequent mobile users will be grateful for this, as well as a lot of those who are not. Was it really 50 at one point?

Fr?sh - April 22, 2015, 8:30 pm

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Don't forget about us poor l33ts again

b?xxy - April 22, 2015, 8:30 pm

thx

25 char limit tho/:

I'm expecting to see this a lot ^

SIM-1676753 - April 22, 2015, 8:39 pm

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Thank you for this wonderful contribution!

M E N A C E - April 22, 2015, 8:40 pm

This will definitely help while being mobile. Thanks for lowering it Omni ?

b?xxy - April 22, 2015, 8:40 pm

(Apr 22, 2015 08:39 PM)Mr. Trvp Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thank you for this wonderful contribution!
you are very welcome :-)

Suspect???? - April 22, 2015, 8:41 pm

Im glad you did this, my phone was messing up before working fine now!

Gary - April 22, 2015, 8:42 pm

(Apr 22, 2015 08:40 PM)b?xxy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) you are very welcome :-)
and you can already see members abusing the drop oh well

still a great change to the site for most mobile users.

'Cynical - April 22, 2015, 8:42 pm

Oh my God, Omniscient!

You're fucking AWESOME! <3

VRUMM - April 22, 2015, 8:49 pm

someone realizes my pain.

Gary - April 22, 2015, 8:55 pm

(Apr 22, 2015 08:54 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Usually character limits don't affect me.
Damn mod privileges xD

But this is still pretty awesome, good add!

But you're not allowed to abuse that feature from what I heard.

Sharjah - April 22, 2015, 8:56 pm

Good man you are Omni. Thank you for this

Repeat - April 22, 2015, 8:57 pm

Wow great guess i won't be so HQ anymore

Trenchguns - April 22, 2015, 9:00 pm

Awesome, thanks so much!

Just tested btw. Sorry for those spammy looking numbers.
I browse hf on my phone 90% of the time. So thanks!

Egregious - April 22, 2015, 9:02 pm

Great addition. Even with the previous thirty-five character limit, some people were still posting low-quality content. This new twenty-five character limit benefits us all and won't result in a higher number of low-quality posts.

Martino - April 22, 2015, 9:04 pm

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JESUS CHRIST IN HEAVEN ABOVE THANK YOU . I'm mobile 24/7 and its a pain sometimes .

Hydra - April 22, 2015, 9:23 pm

This is much better. People will always try bypassing the 35 char limit. Plus, sometimes you can post a legitimate response in less than 35 characters.

Grin - April 22, 2015, 9:24 pm

Thug life, thanks for this addition.

Jeremiah † - April 22, 2015, 9:25 pm

Thanks so much for this Omni.

Crypter® - April 22, 2015, 10:06 pm

finally.. i will not be seeing lq post saying not enough chars..

Dr.Penguin - April 22, 2015, 10:07 pm

Thank you so much for this Omni!

void account - April 22, 2015, 10:10 pm

It makes it plentiful easier to not majorly spam unnecessary words into the immediate sentence that I am producing - kind of like now.

Thanks Omni

Thehackerguy1 - April 22, 2015, 10:12 pm

Thanks man, i just realized it a while ago.

Jinu - April 22, 2015, 10:12 pm

Oh really? Thanks a lot Omni.

Paradoxum - April 22, 2015, 10:25 pm

This means less warnings, people. Celebrate (while you can). ?

clark.dll - April 22, 2015, 10:36 pm

I personally feel as if this is for the better. 35 characters is way too long and with a 35 character limit, the posts weren't any higher in quality.. people just wrote more useless shit which isn't any better.

Paradoxum - April 22, 2015, 10:40 pm

(Apr 22, 2015 10:38 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wait.
So if I post 24 characters, you'll give me warning levels ?
Yes. The particularities of the policy remain the same, only with less characters.

Envy - April 22, 2015, 10:45 pm
Don't have any complaints about this.

Sir - April 22, 2015, 10:47 pm
I see positives and negatives to this (then again everything really has positives and negatives lol), but considering how often I'm browsing HF on my phone I think this is an excellent change.

?homas - April 22, 2015, 10:50 pm
Yo thanks man, this is nice. Users usually post extra LQ posts to fill in the 35 character limit.

?Saadi - April 22, 2015, 10:50 pm
Finally... a less char limit ?

Makaveli. - April 23, 2015, 12:29 am
Thanks a lot, 10 characters really does make a difference.

Gary - April 23, 2015, 12:31 am
(Apr 22, 2015 10:40 PM)Paradoxum Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes. The particularities of the policy remain the same, only with less characters.
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Gary - April 23, 2015, 12:46 am
(Apr 23, 2015 12:41 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) We were talking about an inside joke haha.
I would advise against that.
Doesn't Omni advice against you guys bypassing the limit?
mfw adam rekt

ViN - April 23, 2015, 12:46 am
(Apr 23, 2015 12:31 AM)Gary. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wait. I'm allowed to report mentor posts if they're bypassing the limit?
Not in the sections that they moderate.

Quote:Note that administrators, Staff, Mentors and moderators are not subject to this rule in the sections they moderate as they do not have a character limit to begin with.
<https://hackforums.net/misc.php?action=help&hid=11>

Gary - April 23, 2015, 12:49 am
(Apr 23, 2015 12:46 AM)ViN Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Not in the sections that they moderate.

<https://hackforums.net/misc.php?action=help&hid=11>
Makes sense. Thanks for posting this. I didn't even read that

Seer - April 23, 2015, 12:50 am
Sorry if I seem a tad bit retarded but I browse HF more on my phone then I actually do on my computer and I've had zero problems with the old post count. Why is this update aimed to mobile users? (Made this post on my phone...)

?ord Frieza - April 23, 2015, 12:50 am
Good looks on this one.

Mobile users like myself needed this.

mallard - April 23, 2015, 12:54 am

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Gary - April 23, 2015, 12:55 am

(Apr 23, 2015 12:54 AM)mallard Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) you can just align everything to the left twice, ez 35 characters

Yeah, but that was bypassing the minimum amount. Omni doesn't want users doing that.

Astute - April 23, 2015, 3:44 am

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I mentioned that earlier on in the thread as well.

I'm not sure why as well.

NotUsingAnymore - April 23, 2015, 3:53 am

Well for people who have a hard time making simple sentences, it may be useful.

Mobile users? It's not really that hard to make the posts 35+ characters.

I didn't mind the old limit 35+ was a good limit, of course there were quite amount of LQ posting reported. However then again if those people couldn't post more than the 35 characters then they didn't do much anyway. It's only in rare occasions that an response with less than the 35 characters is more useful than one with longer. That is if you are talking about general discussions in the different forums.

If it is an on site policy question then a yes or no answer could be useful a lot of times, however if you also would direct people at the source then it would still be a decent amount of characters.

Oh well, this was not to be the negative member.

Just my thoughts about this.

Anyway it seems that a lot of people are happy, that's what matters in the end.

wellager - April 23, 2015, 4:35 am

You're right when you say it'll reduce posting quality. Eh, more to report.

He B TeMy - April 23, 2015, 4:52 am

Some nice addition here man.

NotUsingAnymore - April 23, 2015, 5:29 am

(Apr 23, 2015 04:35 AM)Black Soul Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You're right when you say it'll reduce posting quality. Eh, more to report.

It will probably reduce the amount of reports.

Now people are allowed to have less characters in their posts hence they will not need to fill in extra characters to get above 35 characters. Like the "35 characters" **"*insert random letters*"** general stuff to bypass it. Also smileys/emoticon.

If they answer it with just 25 characters then it's allowed. Unless it is obvious low quality posts.

IpSiety - April 23, 2015, 5:30 am

I think this actually enhances the quality of posting because users won't have to add useless shit.

Hopsin - April 23, 2015, 5:33 am

25 min post length is now reasonable and better, because 35 was way too high. Thank you.

Krew - April 23, 2015, 5:35 am

Thanks for the change, Omni.

blacksheepie - April 23, 2015, 6:03 am

Hopefully users in The Lounge don't put 25 chars at the end of their posts.

Emorch - April 23, 2015, 6:06 am

(Apr 23, 2015 06:03 AM)blacksheepie Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hopefully users in The Lounge don't put 25 chars at the end of their posts.

Yeah, that would start getting annoying haha.

25char

Hopsin - April 23, 2015, 6:26 am

(Apr 23, 2015 06:06 AM)Emorch Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah, that would start getting annoying haha.

25char You can always ignore those members if they annoy you.

Emorch - April 23, 2015, 6:28 am

(Apr 23, 2015 06:26 AM)Hopsin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You can always ignore those members if they annoy you.

i was joking, hence the 25char at the end of my post

Qwazz - April 23, 2015, 6:37 am

Good move, 25 for life!

Tha Sneak - April 23, 2015, 7:45 am

Thank you so much, it was so hard replying to logs on my phone with the character limit. I'm typing this on my phone as I speak.

Meow - April 23, 2015, 7:46 am

Thank you Omni, it will help me a lot!

webdev77 - April 23, 2015, 7:47 am

I would hope that posts less than 25 useful and non-spammed characters are unquestionably removed and dealt with according.

I'm not a mobile user myself yet, but I can certainly see why this is helpful to a lot of people.

Mons - April 23, 2015, 7:48 am

Thank you a lot, Omniscient!

Dean Winchester? - April 23, 2015, 7:49 am

How does this make it easier for mobile users? ?

webdev77 - April 23, 2015, 7:49 am

(Apr 23, 2015 07:49 AM)Dean Winchester? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How does this make it easier for mobile users? ?

It can be a pain to type a few extra characters on a phone if you don't really want to say anything extra other than a quick response to a question.

BooGod - April 23, 2015, 7:53 am

Awww, Omniscient I love you just because of it. Nothing else! ?

Musketeers - April 23, 2015, 11:24 am

We really appreciate this update. I was always obligated to sign my name over post outside the coding section :D

flux. - April 23, 2015, 11:33 am

Thanks for this Omni, a great addition.

#FFFFFF ? - April 23, 2015, 12:19 pm

thisistwentyfivecharacters

I am enjoying this, so much better mobile

SIM-1241186 - April 23, 2015, 12:21 pm

Why are so many fucks given to mobile users?

It seems an entire site design and it alone should be dedicated to mobile users. I don't understand why the site as a whole needs to be changed to directly impact mobile users. Example why does hackforums.net need to be changed so that mobile.hackforums.net is the same. Keeping the two separate seems like a much better idea in my opinion.

clark.dll - April 23, 2015, 12:23 pm

(Apr 23, 2015 12:21 PM)hackforumspang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why are so many fucks given to mobile users?

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Because more people browse via mobile devices than traditional laptops/desktops. Omni has to adapt to the current market.

Factor8™ - April 23, 2015, 12:24 pm

This makes me feel nostalgic. :)

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=1587429>

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=1587410>

Omniscient - April 23, 2015, 12:25 pm

Quote: Keeping the two separate seems like a much better idea in my opinion.

It is not a better idea to run 2 versions of the site. As a matter of fact that's a pretty shitty idea.

Anyways...thanks to everyone for their feedback.