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**Omniscient** - April 28, 2015, 5:21 pm

We experienced sustained downtime on Saturday due to an attack that bypassed Cloudflare security features. I spent 4 hours in a support ticket to get them to act with some competence before it was finally resolved.

Today the same style attack got past their security. Either someone has an effective bypass or CF security has stopped working properly. In either case I'm considering options to strengthen our backend to deal with these type of attacks.

In any case. I won't be intimidated by attacks and HF will always come back online. I'll continue to do my best to ensure uptime.

Thank you.

**Sharjah** - April 28, 2015, 5:21 pm

Thanks Omni. You da man homie

**perm** - April 28, 2015, 5:22 pm

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**samsepi01** - April 28, 2015, 5:22 pm

Thanks Omni, your hard work and dedication is what makes this site one of the greatest.

**Eternal.** - April 28, 2015, 5:23 pm

Damn, not good. Glad you are diligent about these attacks.

**Hopsin** - April 28, 2015, 5:25 pm

(Apr 28, 2015 05:22 PM)perm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I was afraid that HF was shutdown by feds for some stupid reason. Thanks for clarifying this.

I feel the same when the homepage doesn't load at all(no messages or anything). But, today It showed an cloudflare error which is fine/fixable. ?

**?I???ry** - April 28, 2015, 5:27 pm

Thank you Omni. I figured something was going on. Was annoying not being able to get on :s

**Renowned** - April 28, 2015, 5:29 pm

Forever being attacked, poor servers. Leave Hack Forums alone!! She's a website!!

**cyberducky** - April 28, 2015, 5:29 pm

Thanks for your hard work and dedication Omni. Hopefully whoever is downing HF stops because these random 503's are annoying.

**Astute** - April 28, 2015, 5:30 pm

Thanks for informing everyone Omni.

And thanks for fighting to keep the site up.

**S corpion** - April 28, 2015, 5:30 pm

Good, It was really pissing me off.  
I couldn't do anything on HF :'(

Thanks, Omni.

**ViN** - April 28, 2015, 5:31 pm

Thank you for the update, Omni. You haven't seen this site down too much before these recent attacks, so a lot of people are confused. ?

**SIM-1241186** - April 28, 2015, 5:35 pm

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**Dragosthethird** - April 28, 2015, 5:40 pm

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I agree its pointless and childish but there was a host who actually told me that if I got another DDos they would cancel our hosting because it affected other clients. (They offered DDOS protection but couldn't handle DDOS). I left the host and haven't had a problem since.

**Hellsing** - April 28, 2015, 5:40 pm

You should show us the amount of attacks the server went through last week. That would be pretty interesting, if that is possible to do.

**Omniscient** - April 28, 2015, 5:43 pm

Cloudflare appears to have finally moved me up the support ladder to level 2 tech, which they should have done immediately anyways. One of the guys I speak with regularly has said it's dealt with.

On a side note one of my options is to consider Google Shield.

<http://www.google.com/ideas/projects/project-shield/>

I sent them a contact already discussing how HF would be the perfect beta site for their service. HF experiences many attacks in a wide spectrum of styles. That along with my person system administration capabilities would mean that HF could greatly increase the DDOS protection they are aiming for.

This year I'm expecting some hardware changes to how HF is served. Even though we run with Cloudflare I don't fully rely on it for all my protection. There is still room for improvement and I believe it's past due that we upgrade hardware and in that moment I can also implement a new serving structure that should improve uptime even more.

I know we'll never have 100% uptime. I've always said I'm happy with 98% actually. But I need the proper tools to combat attacks. Sadly Cloudflare actually takes these tools away from me because I rely on their systems to be working to thwart some attacks.

I'm never deterred by attacks either. I find them a challenge and the uptime a victory. DDOS attacks also provides me strong sysadmin experience. It's like a puzzle. No one likes to be confused but figuring out all the pieces is rewarding enough that you want to do it.

**?Creative** - April 28, 2015, 5:44 pm

Glad HF is back online and hopefully CF starts working properly but sometimes downtime is nice, gives me a reason to go outside and do shit.

**Phillip Star** - April 28, 2015, 5:46 pm

I was wondering if HF was like this all the time.

**webdev77** - April 28, 2015, 5:47 pm

Glad to know what's going on and why I keep seeing the index2.php with the 5 second redirect timer.

**StacksAMillionaire** - April 28, 2015, 5:56 pm

Yeah been pretty annoying with all the CF errors but meh, at least you're getting it under control.

**Regan** - April 28, 2015, 6:11 pm

Thanks for the information Omni, and best of luck.

**xx 0x0 xx** - April 28, 2015, 6:31 pm

thanks for informing us Omni keep your good your bro

**?Cyber** - April 28, 2015, 6:34 pm

Thanks for letting us know Omni  
was really pissing me off :/

**NoScript** - April 28, 2015, 6:34 pm

If you want to ensure that HF has great up-time the best thing you could do is get rid of Cloudflare.

There are many great alternatives, the best is Incapsula.

**Geno** - April 28, 2015, 6:39 pm

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Regardless, thanks for informing us because I was part of the group of members earlier today that was trying use the site.

**Fr?sh** - April 28, 2015, 6:40 pm

Thanks for making a thread Omni. I was wondering about the downtimes

**hey0 m9 rekt** - April 28, 2015, 7:04 pm

Thanks for the update Omni! I was starting to wonder what in the blazes was going on. Sounds like CloudFlare is starting to become a bit incompetent.

**She Will Squirt** - April 28, 2015, 7:34 pm

I love your dedication to Hack Forums Omni, keep it up.

**Doxicity** - April 28, 2015, 7:37 pm

Make sure your wife knows how to bring the site back up.  
in case you have explosive diarrhea, or die or some shit.  
i'd be more saddened by HF's death than your own, no offense omni  
no homo

**Gt403cyl** - April 28, 2015, 8:23 pm

It's ironic that the admin on a "hacker" forum needs to tell/push providers on how to get systems up and running during attacks.

Glad your on the good side Omni!

**Bluffer** - April 28, 2015, 10:48 pm

(Apr 28, 2015 05:22 PM)perm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I was afraid that HF was shutdown by feds for some stupid reason. Thanks for clarifying this.

Omni has implemented strict rules we have to adhere to so that kind of thing does not happen.

It wont happen as long as the site is not doing anything illegal, which as far as I understand it isn't.

**Telstra** - April 28, 2015, 10:52 pm

(Apr 28, 2015 05:29 PM)Abide Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for your hard work and dedication Omni.  
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Yeah last night being able to access 3 mins after every 5 was getting annoying. Start making a post, then go to submit and 503.

**Viral Dragon** - April 29, 2015, 1:23 am

Omni,

If you ever figure out what the attack is and a possible solution. I'd be interested in it. .\_.

-Viral.

**ProtectNull™** - April 29, 2015, 4:45 am

Meanwhile at other competitor forums...

EVERYONE GET THEIR P4IVATE L33T BYPASSES AND ATTACK HF!!!

**Gustav.** - April 29, 2015, 6:21 am

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Makes me more scared of you :(

**Yoshikage Kira** - April 29, 2015, 6:23 am

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Probably some people who got banned/closed got angry and decided to hit off hf, that's what I think happened.

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**adampelletgun** - April 29, 2015, 7:09 am

Hopefully this issue with CloudFlare can be resolved.

**?Saadi** - April 29, 2015, 7:19 am

Thank you Omni, it was kind of annoying Yesterday.

**G????????f????s?** - April 29, 2015, 7:24 am

Hopefully it doesn't happen again. I think I know who might have done it as I was added to a Skype group discussing how to take down HF. Ill PM a staff member about it if I seem necessary.

**ntoskrnl.exe** - April 29, 2015, 7:29 am

What about Incapsula or any other anti-DDoS / CDN provider?

CloudFlare is becoming attractive for attackers because many sites use them.

**?LI??** - April 29, 2015, 7:58 am

Someone trying to attack HF yet again!

Good Luck.

**adampelletgun** - April 29, 2015, 8:18 am

Seems like someone is attacking HF again.

**Kody??** - April 29, 2015, 8:48 am

(Apr 29, 2015 08:18 AM)adampelletgun Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Seems like someone is attacking HF again. They are probably just jelous of this amazing forum.

Im excited to see what you implement Omni!

**Stoke** - April 29, 2015, 8:51 am

I thought it was my router fucking me over, reset it like 4 times.

**HumbleCreations** - April 29, 2015, 9:16 am

Thanks for getting Hackforums back up otherwise I would not be here today :D

**Suspense** - April 29, 2015, 9:18 am

(Apr 29, 2015 08:51 AM)Stoke City Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I thought it was my router fucking me over, reset it like 4 times.

This.

Exactly this.

I felt rejected by my internet.

**Omniscient** - April 29, 2015, 11:26 am

Quote: Make sure your wife knows how to bring the site back up.  
If I die HF will be offline the moment the server bill is past-due.

Quote: Omni, why do you type like a 5 star general?

Makes me more scared of you :(  
I prefer not to sound like an unintelligent skid.

Quote: I thought it was my router fucking me over, reset it like 4 times.  
So HF doesn't load...maybe just maybe...did you consider trying to load another website? The error message from HF is pretty clear that we're offline.

Anyways, back to regular work. Thanks everyone.