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Thread: [Steam filtering HF URL](#)

Raptor. - July 7, 2015, 3:25 am

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Is this happening for anybody else? How long has this been occurring?

Patrick Jane - July 7, 2015, 4:55 am

Yeah this has been happening to me and a couple of friends for quite some time. I think steam just blocks links that has "hack" in it.

Keith Cozart - July 7, 2015, 4:56 am

Yeah I think steam just blocked out hackforums in the last week haha

ripperino

SIM-2223238 - July 7, 2015, 5:58 am

Try typing pornhack.net and check if they filter everything with hack in the domain.

09wef - July 7, 2015, 5:59 am

HackForums is RIP on Steam.

It was happening to me too, thought it was a glitch.

Raptor. - July 7, 2015, 6:02 am

(Jul 7, 2015 05:58 AM)Aggron Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Try typing pornhack.net and check if they filter everything with hack in the domain.

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Tenno - July 7, 2015, 6:04 am

Yeah, noticed this yesterday. Says it some kind of phising link or a malicious site.

09wef - July 7, 2015, 6:05 am

(Jul 7, 2015 06:02 AM)Raptor. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) They don't. I tried hack.com and it wasn't blocked. Could it be something to do with forums? I don't know any other sites to try.

'An0ny - July 7, 2015, 6:14 am

The fact that HackForums have been a large source for hacked steam accounts, wouldn't surprise me they ended up with blocking it.

Wirt - July 7, 2015, 8:56 am

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RDP - July 7, 2015, 9:00 am

This happenings because steam thinks this site has/gives out malware.

NegativeRep - July 7, 2015, 10:56 am

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Aurora - July 7, 2015, 11:45 am

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I guess if Steam receives a lot of complaints of a certain domain, they'll probably block it.

Warren Buffett - July 7, 2015, 11:56 am

Probably a bunch of skids linking or promoting their threads.

Hexicidal - July 7, 2015, 12:04 pm

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Wirt - July 7, 2015, 12:19 pm

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Omniscient - July 7, 2015, 12:28 pm

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I can confirm this also. Just tested this out with a friend.

NoHax - July 7, 2015, 12:45 pm

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Omniscient - July 7, 2015, 1:02 pm

Well, not much I can do. You can contact and complain to Steam. The more people who do the more likely they might do something. But then again...

05317832892 - July 7, 2015, 1:22 pm

Not much is going to happen in my eyes. I can see why they blocked it but I don't think it is entirely fair. No-one is going to get fucked over my clicking a hf.net link full stop. You can't upload shit to hf.

I don't think this is really a problem though, more just the principle that they blocked everyone's fav site. Just shorten it or put spaces in the link. ?

F?? T?? L?? - July 7, 2015, 1:28 pm

Seems like Steam has gone on a URL blocking streak lately. I don't know if I just noticed it but seems they've blocked some popular key sites too.

NotUsingAnymore - July 7, 2015, 2:13 pm

If people don't understand why Valve would block HF then you aren't really thinking much about some of the content we have on HF.

Let me explain my reason: We have a gaming section where cheats are discussed a lot. Especially in the Counter strike sub-forum. It could be a way for Valve to maybe take away a bit of reference to cheating discussions.

Beside this forum has been used a lot for selling/buying stolen Steam accounts. Also we have a marketplace where CS:GO items are being sold for real money(Outside the Steam Marketplace), and if I remember correct it's against the ToS of Valve to sell for money outside the Steam Wallet, meaning the Steam Marketplace.

Sadly they filtered it, however in the end it doesn't take much brain to see the reasoning. There have been a lot of discussions on here to take advantage for their systems, cheating, even fraud (despite it being against the rules) so generally they are taking a stance away from HF.