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Thread: To Group Owners

Realizm - *July 18, 2015, 12:20 pm*
If you want to sell your group, try to not drive the price into the ground like the owners before us. Groups are worth a lot, and they will sell for a lot more than $7k like everybody else seems to think.

Don't sell when others are selling. An overflow of the market doesn't end well and you'll be competing for best offer which drives the price down the more you try to do this.

Don't tell people who offer to buy your group that the price is less than $10k. Start at the highest they've sold for and try to work them up. Personally wouldn't sell mine for less than $9k if I was even looking to sell.

Patience is key because if you can't wait, you'll take the first horrible offer of $6k-$7k and the price will just drop in the publics eyes.

Hold your ground because the owners decide the price. It's just a matter of finding the right combination of money and approval with somebody who is wanting to own a group. If you guys set the norm at $9k, people will say groups cost $9k.

I've been asked about the prices of groups by other owners, leaders, people interested in buying, and people who are just curious to know about the "economy" or "value" of groups. So that's how it is folks. Vinnie selling his groups at $9k is a prime example of owners making the price higher and making the price they want the norm.

hekktikk - *July 18, 2015, 12:21 pm*
vouch for this method, hits like a fucking truck!

iloominati - *July 18, 2015, 12:21 pm*
lmao gonna get in this train and ride off
this gon be good

Realizm - *July 18, 2015, 12:23 pm*
(Jul 18, 2015 12:21 PM)hekktikk Wrote: *[CITE]* vouch for this method, hits like a fucking truck!
Thank you for the vouch. Still selling this guys! Buy 1 get 1 free offer right now!

Charlemagne - *July 18, 2015, 12:24 pm*
"Patients is key because if you can't wait, you'll take the first horrible offer of $6k-$7k and the price will just drop in the publics eyes."

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Meow - *July 18, 2015, 12:26 pm*
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Lmfao yes that's my bad xD

Thank you, I edited the thread :)

?Cyber - *July 18, 2015, 12:28 pm*
Is vinnie offering a buy one get one free by any chance?

Nice thread though, don't know why anyone would spend that much on an online forum though.

Realizm - *July 18, 2015, 12:30 pm*
(Jul 18, 2015 12:26 PM)Meow? Wrote: [CITE] Is it buy one 1 get 1 free promotion? Ty vouch works.
No sorry that promotion ended one post ago. You're too late. But secretly I give you an extra copy of you ask anyways... I just say it's special to make more money.

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I heard he was if you pay the full price of $18k for Instinct. Unfortunately if you buy Null first the offer doesn't count but it's only $9k for Null. Of course then you'll need to pay ANOTHER $9k for Instinct.

Groups can be used to make a lot of money if you really wanted to. They also open up opportunities to meet people who for some reason want to give you things for free a lot lol.

D3xus - *July 18, 2015, 12:35 pm*
So are you saying that arbitrarily inflating the prices of groups to alienate even more users from attempting to start their own is the way to go? Because that's what I'm reading. The prices for groups are stable at between $8,000-$10,000. Two groups are currently on the market for $9,000 (Null and Instinct). Debug is being sold to its new owner for $8,000. It's a far cry from the $2,000 that I remember because of the demand for new groups, but that does not mean the price should increase indefinitely. The price will crash if it goes up too high. Keep the prices at somewhere in the same range and everything will be fine.

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I think group owners want quick money and they don't want to wait for price they want (as Realizm said) and that is why they are selling for lower prices (..than usual).

REKTED BY LOLI GODS - *July 18, 2015, 12:42 pm*
Nice job sharing your opinion on this but I don't know if it will change anything sometimes people need the money ASAP, but nice dude^^

D3xus - *July 18, 2015, 12:42 pm*
(Jul 18, 2015 12:41 PM)Meow? Wrote: [CITE] I think group owners want quick money and they don't want to wait for price they want (as Realizm said) and that is why they are selling for lower prices (..than usual).How significantly have (in the past) prices that group owners wanted for their group varied from what they actually sold it for? What's the disparity?

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I think I agree with this, most group owners just put the group up for sale solely because they want to get rid of it and don't have the patience to wait for a better offer

Meow - *July 18, 2015, 12:48 pm*
(Jul 18, 2015 12:42 PM)D3xus Wrote: [CITE] How significantly have (in the past) prices that group owners wanted for their group varied from what they actually sold it for? What's the disparity?
I don't know but I don't think much,I would assume they 'had' to sell it for lower because not much people on HF are willing to drop 8/9/10/11/12k for a small image next to your name.

Hexicidal - *July 18, 2015, 12:48 pm*
I've held onto my belief of groups for a long time, but I feel that unless great members rise to the challenge, this will be the end of a quality era.

I wish Omni would allow me to purchase another one.

Fix Yo Bottles - *July 18, 2015, 12:49 pm*
i still think group owners are fucking losers for buying a group on a forum for thousands of dollars, rich or not .. still love you james.

Thornzzz - *July 18, 2015, 12:50 pm*
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Tell him,maybe he will like that suggestion.

Vinnie - *July 18, 2015, 1:02 pm*
(Jul 18, 2015 12:55 PM)Thornzzz Wrote: [CITE] I know that's sketchy as fuck, but it would raise the value and then also give him the money he needs.
I'm not here to raise the value of groups for others owners benefits, I could give a flying fuck about how much they sell their groups for lol.

Josch - *July 18, 2015, 1:32 pm*
(Jul 18, 2015 01:02 PM)Vinnie Wrote: [CITE] I'm not here to raise the value of groups
Funny part is that you're not going to be here, you're leaving lol.

Spoiler (Click to View)actually it's not funny, please stay and keep Null.
Spoiler (Click to View)I always wanted to join Null...

zSerity - *July 18, 2015, 2:56 pm*
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Justin Timberlake - *July 18, 2015, 3:30 pm*
(Jul 18, 2015 02:56 PM)zSerity Wrote: [CITE] Selling my group for 200 pesos and 2 tacos hmu
How bout $5 and a free voucher for taco bell

Realizm - *July 18, 2015, 3:59 pm*
Inb4 3 others put their groups up for $5k.

Happeh - *July 18, 2015, 4:05 pm*
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Hydra - *July 18, 2015, 4:06 pm*
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Vodge - *July 18, 2015, 4:24 pm*
lolololol

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haydrazs - *July 18, 2015, 4:30 pm*
No, but it's time for groups to go back to how they were before

Tonight - *July 18, 2015, 4:33 pm*
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Yea, lol, agreed. Even if I had the money, I wouldn't buy a group. Maybe if it was $2,000, yea, but not $5K+.

haydrazs - *July 18, 2015, 4:47 pm*
(Jul 18, 2015 04:37 PM)ClarkTheCoder Wrote: [CITE] A group is nothing more than a defense mechanism.
Yes, because that makes alot of sense

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'attention everyone me and other group owners should fix the market to inflate the price as high as possible so you scrubby cunts have to pay as much as possible'
The point is to let owners and everybody else know that if they want to get the most for their groups they gotta be stubborn and shoot high and have patience or else they'll get less than what they invest.

zillakami - *July 18, 2015, 5:42 pm*
Vouch for OP probably best method on HF!

eCoLoGy - *July 18, 2015, 7:51 pm*
In my opinion there's only 2 reasons why a group owner should sell it:

1 - If he is desperatly in need of money.
2 - If the group is dead with no activity and the owner has no idea on what to do to bring it back to life.

Other then this I don't think a group owner should sell it ever.
Besides the endless possibilites about marketing and profiting with it, there's the amazing user interaction that you don't find outside the group.
You get to know amazing persons and even develope projects and other things with them.

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Retribute - *July 18, 2015, 8:05 pm*
(Jul 18, 2015 05:04 PM)Vinnie Wrote: [CITE] You can talk for the groups you've been in but in Null we usually learned off one another.

LUL.
I vouch for this statement. We learn off one another.

[img]http://www.catsofaustralia.com/images/nursingkittens.jpg[/img]

Realizm - *July 19, 2015, 4:17 am*
(Jul 18, 2015 09:38 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [CITE] Econ 101 at its finest.
Or don't sell buyins.

I like that tip more.
I feel like buyins are just a norm now which won't change so people see groups as more of a way to profit. If nobody sold buyins, Im not sure the price would change for groups anyways as if there is only a single group with buyins then people will flock to it for an easy userbar. And anybody can start them up very quickly and easily.

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You forgot reason #3:

3 - The community is slowly dying.

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(Jul 19, 2015 05:15 AM)beslim Wrote: [CITE] Also I wanna make this small statement, if you own a group and don't make money with it then what the hell are you doing?
Preach the motherfucking word! ?

Some group owners just have a group for the fun of it. Fuck'All'That, if you ain't making money then it doesn't make sense.

Realizm - *July 19, 2015, 6:32 am*
I agree people can make money from groups, I don't have anything against it. But you shouldn't look at groups as an investment to make money. Not purely anyways as you could invest in way better things to make you money if that is your only goal. HF groups don't make you cash fast.

Vinnie - *July 19, 2015, 6:33 am*
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Personally bought my group for other reasons than to make money because I don't need to or feel like making money with it.

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Wot, where are you going?

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made the group LQ.
Exactly, I don't get it, the people that say buy ins make groups LQ are the people who either don't know how to run a group, don't have access to taking the money from buy ins if they lead a group and or don't have people buying into their group because the group sucks in general.

Blunt as fuck.

muzzy. - *July 19, 2015, 6:42 am*
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That's how I got in ?

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(Jul 19, 2015 06:48 AM)Muzzy. Wrote: *[CITE]* That's how I got in ?
Is he still doing these? ?

#Reliant - *July 19, 2015, 7:03 am*
(Jul 18, 2015 04:24 PM)Vodge Wrote: *[CITE]* lolololol

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Paathurnax - *July 19, 2015, 7:05 am*

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Instinct isn't being sold out of choice ?

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Sold again?
Can you tell me when Instinct was ever sold?

Dean Winchester? - *July 19, 2015, 7:24 am*
(Jul 19, 2015 07:05 AM)Vancouver Wrote: [CITE] Instinct is being sold again? Fucking hell.

And didn't the owner of Debug say the group was going to stick around and not be sold?
Instinct has never been sold before...

Funtage - *July 19, 2015, 7:43 am*
can't believe instinct is being sold again

Vince - *July 19, 2015, 7:55 am*
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That's because this is kid Economics 101. They figure they can drive the price up on a virtual group when from what I have seen, they are harder to keep up now.

Krew - *July 19, 2015, 8:00 am*
Shut the fuck up, newfagget. You don't control the market and neither do you control the prices.

Vince - *July 19, 2015, 8:17 am*
(Jul 19, 2015 08:00 AM)Krew Wrote: [CITE] Shut the fuck up, newfagget. You don't control the market and neither do you control the prices.
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Grin - *July 19, 2015, 8:20 am*
6K for some virtual group isn't a bad deal. Not even relative to 9K. It just isn't as good as 9K.

Krew - *July 19, 2015, 8:22 am*
(Jul 19, 2015 08:17 AM)HSx9 Wrote: [CITE] Does it really look like I give a shit? ?
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Lol, it was meant towards the OP of the thread.

Tonight - *July 19, 2015, 9:45 am*
Beslim Wrote:Also I wanna make this small statement, if you own a group and don't make money with it then what the hell are you doing?
The entire point of having a group is to make money with it, why do you think omni sold groups? (to make money) else he would of given them away in a contest. (same with the omc group, sold and not given)

This entire forum is about making money, but also having fun and enjoying your stay. (owners make money, you members enjoy your stay and have fun.) (another example: omni makes money, you guys have fun)

This whole "LQ" thing got started by some hateful kids who couldn't make it happen for themself so they began bashing groups for it.
Typical banter from a new member.

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You're looking at it from the surface.
Delve deeper into these 'exclusive paid programs', and you'll find nothing but trash from the majority of groups.
Harsh truth, but it's just another marketing ploy for money.

If they were doing it 'for those who want to learn', then why don't they release all the knowledge for free?
Create tutorials and guides in the sub-forums for ALL to learn?
Offer public mentoring, and assist others in need?

That's how it was back in the days.
Now it's all 'join our group for our HQ training program for $1000', you're guaranteed to learn everything you'd like to know.

Tonight - *July 19, 2015, 10:39 am*
If you're looking to get introduced into programming or something, here's a tip.

Go to your closest community college and enroll in a class. Don't pay $100 to wear a userbar and read tutorials that users have practically plagiarized from Google to make it seem like there's valuable content within the sub when there's really not.

Point being, you don't join a user group with actual intentions of learning a skill on HF, and if you do, let this be the wake up call to you.

Josch - *July 19, 2015, 10:44 am*
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Roger Waters - *July 19, 2015, 10:46 am*
(Jul 19, 2015 06:33 AM)Vinnie Wrote: [CITE] I don't know why people automatically assume that having a buy in for your group makes it LQ lul. If you think the key to running a great group is to not have buy ins then you don't deserve to lead or own a group because you're ignorant.

Tell me that Null and Instinct didn't live up their expectations as one of the best groups on the forum even with buy ins. Too bad I won't be around to see how groups do after their downfall, it'd be funny to see it though. I only see one or two groups doing well.
Buy-ins make groups look low quality when the group generally has no purpose and people buy-in solely to add another userbar to their profile. If the group has a purpose then I see no reason why that would be a problem. If a group has yet to serve its purpose and leaders are shoving buy-ins down everyone's throat then that's a problem. Take Fortune, Revolution, and Enterprise for example, what did any of them accomplish? Just about nothing since all they did was make the leaders wallets a tiny bit larger because of buy-ins, hence why they became the laughing stocks among groups.

(Jul 19, 2015 05:15 AM)beslim Wrote: [CITE] I think people should make up their mind about groups selling buyins or anything else for that matter, how do you think groups got this valuable right now?

Well it's not by listening to you group hippies that say 'don't sell buyins' it's because of the people that sell shit and make money from groups, if it was for you group hippies that don't sell any buyins groups would of been worthless or at minimum value.

So stop with the hate against group owners that sell buyins because it's because of them that groups are this expensive.

You guys want groups to be valuable and HQ at the same time without selling anything? the ignorance.

Also I wanna make this small statement, if you own a group and don't make money with it then what the hell are you doing?
The entire point of having a group is to make money with it, why do you think omni sold groups? (to make money) else he would of given them away in a contest. (same with the omc group, sold and not given)

This entire forum is about making money, but also having fun and enjoying your stay. (owners make money, you members enjoy your stay and have fun.) (another example: omni makes money, you guys have fun)

This whole "LQ" thing got started by some hateful kids who couldn't make it happen for themself so they began bashing groups for it.

If an investor puts 10K in a project don't you think he would wan't profit from it? (he would)

Just like this thread, "Please guys don't sell groups at the same time or it will lower in value" See the irony here? (you guys don't need money or to make money from groups but you sure do care about losing group value)

You hippies that don't sell buyins or anything else care just as much about money as the person who stands up for his purchase and does not get emotionally attatched to his group like your life depends on it.

Spoiler (Click to View)sorry about me rambling on, I have too much on my mind lol.
Groups =/= Businesses or Investments.

The price of a group is so damn high because the group owners think their groups are worth more than they actually are. Remember when Infamous (when JD owned it) was being put up for sale for tens of thousands of dollars and no one wanted to buy it, but ended up being sold for a fraction of the original price? That is a prime example of group owners thinking their groups are worth more than they actually are. He received that group as a gift, for free. Most group owners have put their groups up for sale for three or four more times than they paid for it, and is sold for less than they put it up for sale.

As for buy-ins, they tarnish a groups image because most groups who offer buy-ins have yet to prove their purpose and leaders have their hands out asking for money in order to invite a member.

You want to know why Debug went from 100 to 0 real quick? Buy-ins. It had potential to be one of the best groups on here but quickly went from appointing members to leadership and inviting members to selling leadership positions and groups spots without proving they could put their money where their mouth is. Same thing goes for Fortune, Revolution and Enterprise, except they did that from the start.

Another flaw with buy-ins is offering them at the same point you're having a recruitment when in reality, you're inviting half of the site to your group in the first place. This site is not all about making money, this entire site isn't a marketplace. The reason why this site sold groups, upgrades, etc is because it's his business. He makes a living off of this website he owns.

This whole "LQ" thing was created by individuals who can tell when you're selling group spots to a shitty group. If you don't want your group to get that bad reputation then you shouldn't be selling anything until your group shows its worth on here.

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They actually get the community involved in their projects, and so far haven't done a single thing besides help out the community and host fun filled events for all to enjoy, regardless of profile reputation, prestige, or upgrade status.

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With Instinct and Null, people know what they're getting into when they buy into the group. It's been known for some time that Instinct has people that want to have fun and dick around, while Null is led by someone who's a part of Lizard Squad along with some other members who know what they're doing.

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Void. I've known Hexicidal for half a decade and know he's not about the money, he's genuinely interested in finding open minded individuals on the forum and having conversations with them.

Sure he opened a buy in thread. Hell, I've even sold buyins to that group when I was a leader.

Buyins don't necessarily mean LQ and trash, it's just like that 99% of the time. Those members who buy in strictly for the userbar are usually inactive and don't contribute anyway and are kicked within

three months.

My point is just that I wish leaders took things a little less business-esque and more so community based.

After all, it's a forum. We're all here for fun, to kill time, and maybe learn a few things.

Shockley - *July 19, 2015, 10:52 am*
The only thing I look for in a group is a nice ub, and as far as I can tell, they're all shit, therefor, all groups are shit.

null and bh are ok

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Groups that rely less on buy-in members are typically better to join since you won't have the disappointment after paying $50 or more for false promises.

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Nobody is forcing you to buy into group. ?

tweety - *July 19, 2015, 11:42 am*

(Jul 19, 2015 10:28 AM)Astute Wrote: [CITE] The majority of groups honestly have no selfless purpose on the site these days, especially when they don't help out the community, and I've grown weary of it.

You're saying we should pay 9 grand and then proceed to help the community?

Hydra - *July 19, 2015, 11:44 am*

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His point was that we allow the public to play with us. You don't need to be a member; we invite everyone who applied and they play in our events for a week. Everyone has fun, some earn prizes, and no buyins or any of that is needed. That's his point.

@beslim, you're a moron. Not everything is money. Titans has, if anything, lost money and I'm sure many other anti-buyin groups have lost money. It's worth it, we all have fun and enjoy it. Owners can cash out when they sell the group, they don't need to sell buyins to profit. Sell the group $1K+ more than you paid for and there is your profit.

Vince - *July 19, 2015, 11:57 am*

Shit, the only group I had fun in was Instinct. The activity wasnt forced. Got to game with some people from it. Had a good time and it made me want to be there. Shit, only reason I was kicked was because of a vacation ban. Groups are meant to be fun for members and group owners a like, but money has to be made somewhere.

Neil - *July 19, 2015, 12:32 pm*

(Jul 19, 2015 11:42 AM)Tweety. Wrote: [CITE] You're saying we should pay 9 grand and then proceed to help the community?

Honestly, I can't understand why both of these things (Buying a group as a long term investment and helping out the community) can beneficial for the community. I'm sure that nobody wants to spend $9,000 on solely helping out the community (unless you're Realizm, that guy seems to not care about the money, which is good, but not everyone is Realizm). People want to spend their $9,000 on making sure that they get their money's worth. I feel like a group like instinct (gaming group that had buy-ins) should be the group that other groups/group owners follow. Instinct wasn't a group about making money (The buy-in status was there if someone wanted to join but didn't get accepted during the recruitment or the recruitment wasn't even up), but it was more about having a gaming community where people just game. That's probably why instinct was so successful as a group (in terms of both money making and community wise). Nobody really looked at instinct as a group that wanted to make money (like enterprise), they looked at it as a gaming group. I think groups like Titans, L'appel du vide, The Brotherhood that don't have buy-ins are going in great directions towards helping out the community, but they are groups that would not become LQ or even seem LQ if they did have buy-ins.

Grin - *July 19, 2015, 12:36 pm*
Quote:I feel like Titans is one group that I know has a purpose on this forum.

I laughed so hard at this joke.

haydrazs - *July 19, 2015, 12:46 pm*
In this thread: Bunch of retards wank each other off because of how amazing they are and how smart their ideas are
If your group has buyins / doesnt is completely irrelevant, groups are dying because there's nothing serious about them anymore

Mad76e - *July 19, 2015, 1:33 pm*
I really don't see the problem with groups costing $8-9000, and frankly i think its a bit to cheap. reason for this is that not everybody should afford to be a group owner, and we have seen that some of the owners does earn back the $ unless he don't know what he is doing. Vinnie is one example.. I don't like him tho but he is one heck of a business man, I bet he has earned back every cent that he paid for Null (one example)

My problem is the buyins tho. I know its a way for the owner to earn money, but in some cases it just give me some bad taste in my mouth. Naturally it depends on the groups purpose/agenda. If a certain skill are required to enter the group it does feel a bit wrong to use buyins, it does create an bad atmosphere cos of that special shortcut where the elite with money piggybacking straight in without any previous knowledge in some cases.

Yes its good money for the groupowner, i agree. But does it develop the group or will it end with a group that's full of ppl that have paid to get in and doesn't really do anything except wears the badge? Perhaps its a bit childish of me to think like that

Buyins does limit the group in a way,

There's a small line between greedy and do something fun with the money and help develop the group to earn more money. A happy group is a healthy and an active group

Vodge - *July 19, 2015, 3:19 pm*
(Jul 19, 2015 09:45 AM)Satu Wrote: [CITE] Typical banter from a new member.

Groups didn't used to be an investment for the owner to make money. They were for the community by the community. They had a purpose and appealed to the general audience.

Your "I'm a business man heheh" mindset is the exact reason this community is dying.
this entire forum is set up to make as much money as possible, the bias towards sellers in the marketplace is there to let people make money off idiots so that they can then in turn be idiots and buy stupid pointless awards and shit then maybe groups or whatever which is just more money for pointless shit for omni. good business plan but that's the reason people are starting to wonder why the community is so fucked up, greed greed and more greed, killing and saturating everything.

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Agree with this because I take part in this, having said that, groups are still here for the community, say what you want about echo but we have fucking fun and it doesnt cost money to join, titans was active when i was in it too, specialists have started ramping up projects now, and soon im going to be doing alot more stuff with echo once understalker gets rekt

Fox™ - *July 19, 2015, 4:41 pm*
This thread went from 0-100 real quick. Lmao.

Everyone has an opinion, we got it. Cool it everyone. ?

D3xus - *July 19, 2015, 4:43 pm*
(Jul 19, 2015 11:42 AM)Tweety. Wrote: [CITE] You're saying we should pay 9 grand and then proceed to help the community?Perhaps part of the problem is that groups are that expensive to begin with. If they were more within the reach of members who wanted to help the community instead of seeking to make a profit off of the group, things would be a lot better than they currently are.

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Won't happen, majority of members who own them now are in it for the money and the money only. They won't sell for less and have ran them into the ground with buyins. There's only a few leaders that aren't doing it for the cash.

Just an added note; ownership is worth only as much as members are willing to pay, and it seems members still are happy to pay $9k.

D3xus - *July 19, 2015, 5:10 pm*

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Oh yeah, if we're speaking hypothetical then I'm right on board. Would be perfect.

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Happeh - *July 19, 2015, 5:15 pm*

(Jul 19, 2015 05:12 PM)D3xus Wrote: [CITE] It was worth that much? Damn. I would have taken that in a heartbeat.

Well its as you say, Omni gave the ultimatum and no one was volunteering for it. Makes you slap yourself, back then I thought "nah, way too much. Don't see it going for anything more." Now look.

Justin Timberlake - *July 19, 2015, 5:29 pm*

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True. I wish a group owner would allow someone who doesn't care about the money to run their group for a few months or so to see if it makes any difference, but I doubt that would ever happen.

Vodge - *July 19, 2015, 5:42 pm*
all omni would have to do is offer more groups for sale and overall prices would decrease

he wouldn't though because then it truly would become saturated, even though i think it already is. but he already makes enough money off kids constantly transferring the groups and changing userbars and shit, he's got no reason to interfere.

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I wholeheartedly agree with you.

Realizm - *July 20, 2015, 6:51 am*
beslim you be smoking crack ? ... almost every owner is of the new generation which paid the $7k-$10k.

In?sane? - *July 20, 2015, 7:02 am*
(Jul 19, 2015 11:58 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [CITE] Yes, but the demand of groups would plummet and the price of current groups would do the same.
Ask any group owner their opinion of this idea lol

To be fair, I've been made leader (and owner for a while) of two groups on HF without paying any investment.
With that being said, I'd like to think I earned the position(s).
Great if they plummet and people get more freedom, paying for groups and letting owners sell spots is a broken and abused system that don't benefit anyone except the group owners. Would be happy to see it go.

Hydra - *July 20, 2015, 7:24 am*
(Jul 19, 2015 11:48 PM)beslim Wrote: [CITE] You know what would break this high price cycle? More groups.

Add 5 or 10 more groups to this forum and not only will the activity skyrocket but the prices will plummet to a somewhat normal affordable rate.

If you manage to convince omni to add more groups, everyone will be happy. (probably omni as well cause he'll sell more groups)
That isn't a solution. It makes the problem even harder to fix. You bring down the price of groups, but it also allows for drama to rise between groups(more groups, more chances of tension rising). It potentially will result in the shittiest set of groups ever made on HF. Think about it, a group has a

focus. Our current set has almost every focus possible. You add 5-10 groups, you'll have 3 gaming groups, 4 "HQ Tutorials" groups, and 3 marketing groups.

Is that a solution?

King Cin - *July 20, 2015, 7:37 am*
This is a good view on groups, but I'm afraid it's a bit unrealiztic for this type of community.

Astute - *July 20, 2015, 9:26 am*
(Jul 20, 2015 07:24 AM)iHydra Wrote: *[CITE]* That isn't a solution. It makes the problem even harder to fix. You bring down the price of groups, but it also allows for drama to rise between groups(more groups, more chances of tension rising). It potentially will result in the shittiest set of groups ever made on HF. Think about it, a group has a focus. Our current set has almost every focus possible. You add 5-10 groups, you'll have 3 gaming groups, 4 "HQ Tutorials" groups, and 3 marketing groups.

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- Being sold, no clear purpose now. Once sold, purpose which existed beforehand may not be applicable to new group. (Ex-Gaming and Lounge)
- Hack Forums Assistance Group, provides informative tutorials throughout the forum.
- Bitcoin Exchangers, as well as Marketing.
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- Debate and Intellectual Discussions.
- Lounge group, no clear purpose.
- Group is being purchased. No clear purpose as for now, however after transition, group should revolve around computing.
- Community Gaming and Events Group.
- Computing Group.
- Marketing Group.

There are 3 Marketing Groups, 5 Groups without an actual purpose, 1 HF Assistance Group / Informative Group, 1 Anime Group, 1 Debate / Intellectual Discussions Group, 1 Community Gaming and Events Group, 1 Computing Group, and 1 Security Group.

Lounge / No Clear Purpose - 5
Marketing - 3
Hack Forums Assistance / Informational Group - 1
Anime - 1
Debate / Intellectual Discussions - 1
Community Gaming and Events - 1
Computing - 1
Security - 1

I think there's an abundance of unique niches that could be implemented, and I don't see how there would be any overlap apart from an increase in Marketing groups.

By decreasing the price of groups, affordability would increase, and there would be less of a need to conduct buy-ins to recuperate for the tremendous investment of $9,000 (on average).
I agree with this thread, although the majority of group owners wouldn't like for this to be implemented.

Neil - *July 20, 2015, 9:54 am*

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Realizm - *July 20, 2015, 10:57 am*

(Jul 20, 2015 09:26 AM)Astute Wrote: [CITE] Well, let's actually see if that's true:

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- HQ Marketing Group.
- I know what they're going to do, it's fucking horrible, but let's just say that they have no clear purpose for now.
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Specialists isn't a marketing group. I called it a marketing group and all of Specialists flocked to my post telling me otherwise lol. They are a lounge group with a bunch of people who are "Specialists" in their fields. It just so happens that 90% of the groups members and discussions are marketing related lol ?

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^This right here. If you don't have money and aren't worred about $100 once a week from buyins, you'll be fine. But also, eCology wanted to help the community and yet he has a lounge group with no real purpose. When he was talking I figured he would try a RedLions v2 or some niche group like Hacking and help the hacking section. But then he said Lounge... where no activity is actually needed... and I facepalmed lol.

S?arlet - *July 20, 2015, 11:02 am*
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King Cin - *July 20, 2015, 11:07 am*

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(Jul 20, 2015 11:09 AM)iHydra Wrote: [CITE] Problem with that is you have those members who join and just do nothing. They wear the userbar and run around the forum all active.

Can't deny that either. I'm 100% sure at least 40% of the Pirates I've never talked to, or seen posting within the subforum.

Cyaddd - *July 20, 2015, 11:16 am*

(Jul 18, 2015 12:24 PM)Charlemagne Wrote: [CITE] "Patients is key because if you can't wait, you'll take the first horrible offer of $6k-$7k and the price will just drop in the publics eyes."

Patience is what I think you mean. I don't think your patients hold any keys, unless they are stuck inside their throat or something.

Wow, I never thought I'd see an accurate representation of autism in a post online, but lookie here!

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Titans doesn't have a set amount of posts required, just a stay active rule. If I forget who you are, you're gone lol. But not even checking activity or having checkins? At least he is running it the way he wanted it to be and what not. Just not many people who want a group with tons of inactive members because they just wanted the userbar and know they can get away with it lol.

Views - *June 27, 2017, 10:04 pm*

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ra1d - *June 27, 2017, 10:12 pm*
(Jun 27, 2017 10:09 PM)illuminati? Wrote: [CITE] way to gravedig.
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Hey you should be happy with all the new group owners that you can suck dick on to get leadership and get into groups for no reason. (Just like you tried with me)

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(Jun 27, 2017 10:04 PM)Views Wrote: [CITE] I've seen a lot of new groups purchased lately, figured now would be a good time to restart this discussion with the new owners, the last group sold for $5,000 BTC.
5,100 actually you're on the uptick

+Cloud - *June 28, 2017, 7:49 am*
this is what i've been telling people. why sell your group when everyones selling. be the guy that sells for 10 - 12k when no one is selling groups

Soulmate~?? - *June 28, 2017, 8:00 am*
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Denzarou - *June 28, 2017, 8:11 am*
(Jun 28, 2017 08:03 AM)Travis Bickle Wrote: [CITE] Owners dont decide the price it sells at - the market does.
Yeah, but the owners are the people that create the market for groups. I believe that's what he's trying to say.

J. McCarthy - *June 28, 2017, 8:19 am*
When you're ready to sell then you're ready to sell

Wet Rag - *June 28, 2017, 8:20 am*
(Jun 28, 2017 08:00 AM)Soulmate~?? Wrote: [CITE] It seems like he completely went against everything he said in this thread though.
I was aboutta say the same thing

Flaxpicker - *June 28, 2017, 8:47 am*
Hello, I would like to sell my group for 9k please

Denzarou - *June 28, 2017, 8:51 am*
(Jun 28, 2017 08:47 AM)Arrow Wrote: [CITE] Hello, I would like to sell my group for 9k please

Might as well go for 100k lmao. Why not?

Cylow - *June 28, 2017, 8:57 am*

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It's actually a good thing so that owners get to read this again and wake up.

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Stop acting like a cunt you cunt!

Realizm - *June 28, 2017, 11:33 am*

Yeah I didn't follow any of my advice because I no longer cared about owning. I never tried to make a penny from my group and I didn't believe I'd ever make my money back because I wouldn't sink $8.6k into an HF group as a real investment looking to make money. I bought it because I could and had fun owning it, I didn't care that I sold it for $2k-$3k less than I bought it nor wait and try to recover the market drop. I made this thread for one reason and it's listed in the OP, tons of people were constantly messaging me about the price of groups.

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That'd be correct ?

Parks - *June 28, 2017, 4:53 pm*

Inb4 fox monopoliez da marker for maximum profitzz

D3xus - *June 28, 2017, 7:34 pm*

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+$500 price increase per group sold till 7-8k then no more sold (with exceptions)