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Hydra - August 18, 2015, 5:35 pm

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PayPal Discussion in E-Whoring Disallowed

The E-Whoring section has always been host to a number of threads on ways to bypass PayPal's terms of service, including the transfer from accounts with falsified information to real accounts and verification techniques. This has been put to a stop after a suggestion thread by [- Sam -](#) which included a huge compilation of threads violating the already-existing PayPal discussion rule within the last 30 days. To combat this, a new rule has been introduced to the section, reading: "4. No topics or discussion on breaking PayPal TOS or fraud". [>>Source](#)

Happy Birthday, Omniscient!

Hack Forums' founder and owner, [Omniscient](#), has turned 45 years old on August 18th. From all of us in the HFNT and on behalf of the forum members, we'd like to wish you a very happy birthday. Spend it well!

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User News [Alex™](#) has reached 1,000 positive reputation.

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Awards [Tony Stark](#) received [Member of the Month](#).

* - As of the Monday prior to release.

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Interview - [A?m^aDa](#) ([Click to View](#))

[Justin Timberlake](#): Welcome to this week's edition of the HF News, today I'm here with Armada. How are you doing today?

[A?m^aDa](#): I'm very well. Hello to all of HF :)

[Justin Timberlake](#): Are there any shoutouts you'd like to make?

[A?m^aDa](#): Well, Omni, and the Staff for not only keeping the site running so smoothly as it does given the constant strains given, but providing and continuing to expand on services.

All my buddies in the R.A.T. section, Business, The now retired Joker, and everyone else who helps in keeping the content HQ.

[Justin Timberlake](#): Nice. Are you a frequent user of the RAT section? Have you created any projects or anything like that?

[A?m^aDa](#): Not recently. When the DotNet Architecture came out I sort of put my coding glove aside. I had some projects of my own, mostly Visual Studio 6 based suite. However, I took a larger focus towards networking at the end of the day. It has however become a consideration again, I have started reading up on newer code standards

[Justin Timberlake](#): How did you get into it to begin with? Were you self-taught or did you have to take classes to learn it?

[A?m^aDa](#): That is kind of a bomb of a question.

I started out in the early 80's with a C64, obviously very limited, but cool none the less, I could play frogger, we eventually got a IBM clone 386, which is where my true learning began, I got the fundamentals of DOS and command line structure from these early years.

However it was not until the early 90's where I had my own machine to utilize at my own free will, and a dial up connection. My interest in computers was always there, but it was not until I actually got infected with, what I later determined to be Sub 7. The guy totally trolled the hell out of me to the point I had to physically pull the telephone cable from the jack to disconnect. I sat back and staring at my machine thought to myself "I have to know how they did that"

It was at that point I took an interest in networking, and above all network security. I started with Viral code. Through years of trial, lots of error and the rest, I got a grasp on how a virus works, and its central designs. From there, it was just a matter of expansion, and by this age, I was now ready to attend College. I took Network Administration, and Internet Architecture. Graduated with a 96% average and MS Certificate of excellence. The rest is primarily work related, and additional certifications, which lead me to Network Security, Network + and Security + certs, including firewall and AV administration.

This all resulted in a job as Network Security Administration and Anti Viral Administration for numerous high profile organizations and companies.

[Justin Timberlake](#): That's insane, you started from being a newbie and now you're an expert in the field. It's amazing to think how far you can go once you find something you love. Do you have any advice for people trying to learn?

[A?m^aDa](#): Stick to it.

Don't walk in thinking your going to become a pro at ANY field of IT without the sweat to go along with it. You WILL fail, more than you want to.

Failure should always be a lesson learned in what not to repeat.

[Justin Timberlake](#): Great advice, that even applies to people outside of the IT field. Moving on, what brought you to HF in the first place?

[A?m^aDa](#): I ran an IRC based chat service which was getting Denial of Serviced by a disgruntled EX member, we re-enforced our infrastructure, but I needed IRC tools to stress test the services. I never did get a reliable link or referral from that, but I lingered regardless. If you actually notice in my profile, although I joined in 2011, my activity was very minimal, I mainly just read the threads. It was not until recently I decided to actually take an active part in the community.

[Justin Timberlake](#): A lot of people tend to be lurkers for quite some time before becoming active. What made you stay until now?

[A?m^aDa](#): I saw a lot in the community, There were answers I found here, where no matter where else I looked it was more straight forward or ONLY answered on HF without the "censorship"

Numerous times I used HF as a base to determine if what my work related incidents were related to say an active threat in the wild (Code Red was one of the major ones). Plus the general atmosphere, there is every different person from every walk of life in the community, it brings a wide diversity to the community

[Justin Timberlake](#): Agreed, you have access to a breadth of knowledge and lots of helpful members no matter what you're searching for. What's one thing you'd do to improve the site if you were given the opportunity?

[A?m^aDa](#): Modify the "New thread" structure to pre search existing threads for similar ones already in existence. I believe this would reduce spam, even just slightly. Other than that, I love the site as is.

[Justin Timberlake](#): True, I see tons of threads about the same topic all the time. Maybe one day Omni will implement it. Moving on, what do you usually do outside of HF and Networking?

[A?m^aDa](#): Spend time with my family, One of my favorite things to do is go Camping, although hard to believe there is nothing more than I enjoy but to simply leave all the tech behind, and go "Rough it" in the wild for some time. I am really hopeful to still get out this year before it cools down, otherwise it might be Canadian winter camping! I am also a real movie fanatic, I am building my physical disk collection largely, but my digital collection is close to 750 TB at this point.

Terminator Genesis sucks BTW, watched it last night, terrible...

[Justin Timberlake](#): Definitely a fun way to pass the time haha. That's a pretty impressive stash, maybe one day you can look back on it and remember all the things you enjoyed. Anyway that's all the time we have, is there anything else you'd like to say before we wrap things up?

[A?m^aDa](#): Thanks for the time and interview, look forward to seeing everyone in the forums!

Hydra - August 18, 2015, 5:43 pm

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It's Omni's Birthday Today!

Let's all wish Omni a great birthday! Hope he's enjoying today with his family.

New Writers

In the next day or two, we'll be inviting new Writers to the team so those who applied, get ready ?

Hydra - August 18, 2015, 7:56 pm

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Kali Linux 2.0 Released

Since 2006, the team at Offensive Security has been continually developing a Linux distribution, originally based on Ubuntu, that contained large collection of security and penetration testing tools designed to help both red and blue teamers engage in a wide array of situations. The purpose of which was to have a single distro to perform well in any given network or web application security test. When Backtrack was discontinued and the team developed the new-and-improved Kali distribution, security professionals quickly moved over. Now, the newest release in the line of security is Kali Sana, which can be [downloaded here](#) for a wide range of devices and architectures. The newest distro features a more flashy Gnome3 shell User Interface as well as Debian 8 Jessie-based packages, and is now a rolling release distribution. Minor changes include native Ruby 2.0 support, making programs such as Metasploit Framework run significantly faster. The highly anticipated release certainly lived up to, and in many ways surpassed, its expectations.

NSA Playset

At Defcon 22 in 2014, I attended a talk entitled The NSA Playset: RF Retroreflectors by Michael Ossmann wherein a number of radio frequency retro-reflectors were presented. This allows the detection of various types of signals such as VGA, USB, and PS/2, with a small device. The company/developers started out attempting to replicate devices found in the [leaked NSA ANT Catalogue](#), and have been continually adding to their arsenal ever since. Now, the acclaimed security professionals have added over a dozen products, each with comedically random names mimicking those found in the actual document, full of information on how to create various devices such as the RF Retroreflector, GSM frequency interception, auto-piloted reconnaissance drone using a WiFi Pineapple, keystroke interceptors, and various other devices. The NSA Playset can be found [at this link](#).

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Lenovo Put a Rootkit In Their Bios

Lenovo the chinese computer manufacture of the most beloved Thinkbooks is once again in hot water this week. A security issue discovered back in May blew up this week when users found out about it in detail. The "software engine" as Lenovo describes it could be used to install malicious software on your computer, with no explanation from them on why they built it into the bios in the first place. Users first became aware of the issue when doing clean installs of vanilla Windows and Lenovo's software would auto install itself. After digging they came across a mysterious process

called autochk.exe that was executing during startup. While they did issue a bulletin and fix back in June users were not notified and over 16 millions devices could be effected. After the trouble with superfish malware coming preinstalled only a few months ago the DoD has now decided to phase out all Lenovo products by 2018. >>[Source](#)

Kali 2.0 Released

Earlier this week DEFCON 23 (the largest blackhat convention) was hosted in vegas with wide range of new exploits, tools and interesting talks. One of the most interesting points was that Kali 2.0 was released as a much improved update to the OS. A beautiful new interface has been added along with dozens of new a powerful tools that will be useful to the system admin and pen tester alike. Along with multiple new versions for different platforms such as Raspberry Pi and new VM images released. The makers feel that this has been a cumulative effort many years in the making, with this being their best platform yet. >>[Source](#)

Firefox Under Fire: 0-day

The creators of Firefox have issued a patched for the popular browser after security researched discovered an exploit of the built in PDF viewer. The exploit gave attackers the ability to upload/download files and potentially gain full control of the system. Further research shows that attackers from EU where using this back to at least July 27th. Just a few months ago multiple exploit bugs where rewarded for firefox however none were severe as this. If you have not already patched to the latest version is it highly recommended that you do so. >>[Source](#)

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Playstation 4 Top Selling Gaming Console in July

Data coming from the data market firm The NPD Group and shared by Sony with Gamesbeat marks the Playstation 4 as the top selling console with the top software sales for July 2015. In an official statement made to Gamesbeat, Sony stated the following: ""We are truly humbled by the success of the PS4, and we would like to thank gamers for making it the top-selling console and No. 1 in software sales in the United States in July." Sony has stated that their Batman: Arkham Knight console bundle greatly helped with sales and are projecting even more sales in the coming months with the release of a Destiny Playstation 4 bundle based on the game's new DLC The Taken King, which is scheduled to be released September 15. >>[Source](#)

Twitch Plays Dark Souls

It was last year that the Twitch game streaming community collectively played and beat the original Pokemon game through commands for the player being taken directly from the Twitch chat sidebar. The community has now decided to play a considerably more difficult game in the form of Dark Souls. Although the game is traditionally more difficult, veterans of the Dark Souls series have stated that the game may be easier to complete through a brute force of commands than Pokemon, since Dark Souls doesn't make levelling up a necessity for game completion and actively prevents players from getting stuck at different points within the game. >>[Source](#)

Official Mod Support For The Witcher 3

Witcher 3 developer CD Projekt Red has stated that players can change and adjust several aspects of the game to their own liking with the official ModKit. The developers made a post going over some of the things that will be available to modders, which reads as follows: "Thanks to texture import and export, gamers can now modify the looks and feel of in-game objects, while the possibility of substituting meshes allows to insert new models in the game world in place of existing ones," the post reads. "Finally, access to script files opens up an entirely new array of modification options to many in-game aspects, so modders can fire up their imagination and fiddle with item statistics and much more." The ModKit is available to download at Nexus Mods with documentation regarding it

being located on the site's forums. [>>Source](#)

Gaming Video Of the Week

[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfYkzcOjxz8>]

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Apple Updates Boot Camp to Support Windows 10

If you're one of those people who runs Windows on your Mac, good news: Apple has just released Boot Camp 6, which brings updated drivers and official support for the 64-bit version of Windows 10 to the company's hardware. Mac users currently running 32-bit versions of Windows within Boot Camp will need to back up their data and wipe the operating system before reinstalling the 64-bit version of Windows 10. New installs of Windows using the Boot Camp Assistant tool should download the new drivers automatically, and those performing upgrade installs can use the Windows version of Apple's Software Update tool to download the new drivers before performing the Windows 10 upgrade install.

For owners of Macs that can't run Yosemite or Boot Camp 6 there's still a way to run Windows 10. They can, for example, run virtualization software such as VirtualBox or Parallels Desktop 10.

[>>Source](#)

Xbox Streaming On Windows 10 Has a Hidden "Very High Quality" Setting

Xbox One-to-PC game streaming is one of the stand-out features of Windows 10, and with preparations for streaming the other way as well. If you're currently playing your Xbox One games on your Windows 10 PC or laptop, you might be interested to learn that there is a way to dramatically boost streaming quality. Reddit user OomaThurman has publicized the method for unlocking this hidden quality setting, which involves editing the "userconsoledata" file in your Xbox app folder. You can activate the new higher-quality setting by setting the "IsInternalPreview" flag from "false" to "true," a naming convention that strongly suggests this feature is part of an early test that will be formally rolled out to all Windows 10 users in the future. [>>Source](#)

Samsung Unveils World's Largest Hard Drive

Samsung is going big with its latest hard drive — like, close to 16 terabytes big. At the Flash Memory Summit in California, Samsung unveiled what appears to be the world's largest hard drive, packed into a conveniently sized 2.5-inch case — and somewhat surprisingly, it uses the company's new 256Gbit (32GB) NAND flash die rather than spinning platters. This is a pretty significant announcement. Flash memory is generally faster than its disc-spinning counterpart, although it generally doesn't offer the highest amounts of storage. This drive, however, offers much more than the largest conventional drives made by Western Digital or Seagate, which max out at around 10 TB. [>>Source](#)

Hydra - August 18, 2015, 10:22 pm

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Every week - assuming we get enough submissions - the HF News will feature the best submitted battlestation.

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SIM-1166170 - August 18, 2015, 10:28 pm

Very nice news edition, good shit.

Ahri????? - August 18, 2015, 10:30 pm

I doubt twitch will get far on dark souls. RIP Twitch.

Graphiix - August 18, 2015, 10:32 pm

The fourth comic link seems to be broken. :(

Drizzy?? - August 18, 2015, 10:34 pm

Comic #4 doesn't work. Just a heads up.

NoHax - August 18, 2015, 10:40 pm

Happy birthday Omni! I would have send him something if i wasn't poor asf.

Good edition, keep up the good works boys!

Ifinger - August 18, 2015, 10:47 pm

Hey Omni, what did you get me for your birthday?

Hydra - August 18, 2015, 10:49 pm

(Aug 18, 2015 10:32 PM)Graphiix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The fourth comic link seems to be broken. :((Aug 18, 2015 10:34 PM)Drizzy?? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Comic #4 doesn't work. Just a heads up. Fixed.

Armada - August 19, 2015, 4:21 am

I have gotten to really look forward to reading this every week lol.
Happy Birthday to Omni as well.

As a heads up, I know this did not make the cut off but the Ashley Madison Database has been leaked in full today. Just waking up here, have not had a chance to find a link to it yet.

\\Edit - Its on The Pirate Bay

The Complete Ashley Madison Dump from the Impact Team

9.69 GiB (10408098725 Bytes)

Info HASH: 40AE8A90DE40CA3AFA763C8EDB43FC1FC47D75F1

EagleScream - August 19, 2015, 4:27 am

Great edition as always!

Happy birthday omni!

King of Hearts - August 19, 2015, 5:29 am

Great edition, as always.

Lysergide - August 19, 2015, 5:46 am

Thanks for this edition! I love reading HF news.

Limit. - August 19, 2015, 5:47 am

Great edition this week fellas! Keep up the great work.

Black Shadow - August 19, 2015, 9:50 am

Great edition, thanks for the news.

Happeh - August 19, 2015, 11:17 am

News looks good as always.

Aurora - August 19, 2015, 6:05 pm

Another great edition. I like the interview. :)

Grievous????? - August 19, 2015, 6:08 pm

Congrats to Tony on Member of The Month!
And once again Happy Birthday to Omni ?

Grin - August 19, 2015, 6:09 pm

Despite people not turning in stuff on time, iHydra got this posted on time so props to him.

Leeway - August 19, 2015, 6:10 pm

Very nice read and love that new rule to the e-Whore section.

Aurora - August 21, 2015, 4:21 pm

(Aug 19, 2015 06:09 PM)Grin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Despite people not turning in stuff on time, iHydra got this posted on time so props to him.

He's a miracle worker. ?

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Feel free to leave your feedback and tips on how we can improve!

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Hash G. - August 21, 2015, 4:28 pm

I don't post at every edition even though I read every edition and I must say it's everytime a good read. Good job guys!

Br?ndon - August 22, 2015, 4:32 pm

Fuck you guys and your awesome battle stations. Mines a pos.

SiStemiC - August 23, 2015, 1:55 pm

Very good job as always! I loved it!

Aurora - August 23, 2015, 5:40 pm

(Aug 22, 2015 04:32 PM)Br?ndon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Fuck you guys and your awesome battle stations. Mines a pos.

Not sure if that's a compliment or an insult but thank you?

Everyone on our team works hard to produce the news for the community every week. ?

ha1rmark - August 25, 2015, 4:34 am

Happy birthday Omni!

although the https is not enable by default with the forum.

blumerc - August 25, 2015, 5:03 am

I always come here for the news. Nice edition.

Protein Shake - August 25, 2015, 10:57 am

I'm guessing he'll be re-evaluating all of the permed denied ub3rs soontime :D

Armada - August 25, 2015, 7:16 pm

(Aug 22, 2015 04:32 PM)Br?ndon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Fuck you guys and your awesome battle stations. Mines a pos.

I know right... My Battle station is just a laptop sitting on my living room table. lmao?

I love reading the weekly news, thanks to everyone who works to put it together.