

Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [WWW domain](#)

Omniscient - September 15, 2015, 2:50 pm

Sorry for closing the site for 15 minutes. Had to do it to run some large queries.

I have taken steps to remove WWW from our URL. All [Help Docs](#), signatures, and posts were modified. The site will redirect any [www.HF](#) to the non-www URL.

This was done for SEO purposes. Thank you.

n3y4k0 - September 15, 2015, 2:52 pm

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Banker - September 15, 2015, 2:52 pm

no problem omni, thanks m8

VadeCode - September 15, 2015, 2:53 pm

I like the change. Pretty easy to do though.

Mr Whiskey - September 15, 2015, 2:53 pm

Oh I was hoping this was the rep purge. Oh well.

The Judge - September 15, 2015, 2:53 pm

If you're still busy with it can you pls make all https links redirect to https when clicking on links that are non https, this is because a lot 'filters' block hf but not https link of the website. As example at school, the https site also has no background, so yeah.

Eternal. - September 15, 2015, 2:55 pm

Thank you for the update, should probably follow suit on my sites.

?Sh?wn - September 15, 2015, 2:55 pm

I thought this was the reputation purge as well. I guess I wasn't the only one.

UnNullRouted - September 15, 2015, 3:18 pm

No prob, do what you gotta do to make the forum better! :D

Blazin - September 15, 2015, 4:51 pm

Thanks for keeping us notified.

BLURRYF?CE - September 15, 2015, 6:28 pm

Great, this will make my userscripts work more effortlessly.

wezli - September 15, 2015, 6:48 pm

Those 15 minutes were worth it. no WWW is sexy af.

Terry A. Davis - September 15, 2015, 6:53 pm

(Sep 15, 2015 02:52 PM)n3y4k0 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's ok, at first I thought it was the reputation purge
No, I told Omni what he has to do for the purge ?

#Skyline - September 15, 2015, 6:54 pm

HF is gonna get better an better, while living on for ever and ever.
Keep up the development Omniz ?

SIM-1166170 - September 15, 2015, 6:58 pm

This isn't the only chnage you've made today, glad to see you're working on a cdn again.

BLURRYF?CE - September 15, 2015, 8:29 pm

(Sep 15, 2015 08:24 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Question 1: can anyone answer why this benefits SEO?

Question 2: why is the contains header (I think they're called headers) of a userscripts sensitive to www? I had to tweak many of my scripts.

Also, what is a cdn?I've had so much problems with www always breaking my userscripts, as Hack Forums had some links that were www and some that weren't.

A content delivery network (CDN) is a system of distributed servers (network) that deliver webpages and other Web content to a user based on the geographic locations of the user, the origin of the webpage and a content delivery server.

ASLR - September 15, 2015, 8:33 pm

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content delivery network. large companies will maintain cdn servers located directly with the isp's for quicker initial loading as well instead of having to fetch the content from all the way upstream. also helpful with caching. some examples would be large widely used projects like jquery or bootstrap being hosted on cdn's. That way it's not loaded and cached for every site using it and is quicker for the end user.

BLURRYF?CE - September 15, 2015, 8:33 pm

(Sep 15, 2015 08:33 PM)Freaknik Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) content delivery network. it's for caching purposes mainly. large companies will maintain cdn servers located directly with the isp's for quicker initial loading as well instead of having to fetch the content from all the way upstreamYeah, what he said is a lot better of an explanation than mine.

Raymond Reddington - September 15, 2015, 8:40 pm

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ASLR - September 15, 2015, 8:41 pm

(Sep 15, 2015 08:40 PM)?Raymond Reddington Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Was HF not famous already that SEO is needed?

Just because it's already popular isn't a reason not to try and increase ranking on other search terms and continue good marketing practices. SEO is money at the end of the day.

Mr. WAVES - September 15, 2015, 8:42 pm

I always asked myself why you used the www option. Anyway it looks way better without the www

Meow - September 16, 2015, 5:42 am

Thanks for update Omni! ?

He B TeMy - September 16, 2015, 6:57 am

I'm glad i just woke up. :D

SIM-1729678 - September 16, 2015, 9:48 am

(Sep 16, 2015 09:46 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So how did this better HF for SEO anyways? I THINK that removing the WWW allows sites like google to give better results when people search "Hackforums" or something like "Hacking forum".

Saint - September 16, 2015, 9:50 am

I like the change, goodjob Omni, hope the SEO takes off.

SIM-1729678 - September 16, 2015, 10:02 am

(Sep 16, 2015 09:50 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I thought every site used www though. How do you even remove that O.o
<http://theitechblog.com/999/why-www-should-removed-domain-names-howto-remove-impacts-seo/>
I guess this is it.

Raijin - September 16, 2015, 11:17 am

(Sep 16, 2015 09:46 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So how did this better HF for SEO anyways? To my knowledge it's best to keep all links consistent with either www or non-www. But as to the non-www choice I'm not sure.

Frenzied - September 16, 2015, 11:18 am

cheers big ears (not really) but ty

Exige - September 16, 2015, 11:19 am

Omni on the ball today with these updates lol

I was thinking someone tried to dos lol

+Haze - September 16, 2015, 11:28 am

(Sep 16, 2015 09:50 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I thought every site used www though. How do you even remove that O.o
You don't remove it. You redirect by writing a script.

Wardow - September 16, 2015, 12:41 pm

(Sep 16, 2015 09:50 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I thought every site used www though. How do you even remove that O.o
You can just remove the subdomain record and fix the whole site links with www in.

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Omniscient - September 16, 2015, 1:34 pm

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If you remove the DNS record then all links will fail. That's not the correct way to do it.

Wardow - September 16, 2015, 1:58 pm

(Sep 16, 2015 01:53 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's my question, how do you do that then? ? There is a javascript function that does redirect your browser from www to root record.

EDIT:

Here the the log about it:

[img]http://vgy.me/85QHaK.png[/img]

Can be an header tho, but i heard that was causing error on some people, so i assume it's a script or a meta tag.

Omniscient - September 16, 2015, 2:19 pm

htaccess is the most efficient method for a redirect.

Thuggin - September 16, 2015, 2:50 pm

Looks domain looks a lot nicer now and keep up the good work.

Wardow - September 16, 2015, 3:05 pm

(Sep 16, 2015 02:19 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) htaccess is the most efficient method for a redirect.

Didnt though about this but yes, actually best method, well done Omni.

Stupid - September 16, 2015, 6:08 pm

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Avunit? - September 16, 2015, 6:17 pm

(Sep 16, 2015 06:08 PM)Stupid Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Isn't it considered bad practice among webmasters to use the naked root domain for your web?

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I am aware of the consistencies you should make sure to comply, however the www offers more flexibility, see here <http://www.yes-www.org/why-use-www/>

• **Kyle** • - September 16, 2015, 6:39 pm

But wont that mean we r no longer on da world wide web??????

Omniscient - September 16, 2015, 8:24 pm

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Ten year old site that's no longer relevant or accurate.

ZuGgY - September 16, 2015, 8:28 pm

Nice. Thanks for the update, Omniscient.

Arestheoctopus - September 18, 2015, 2:39 am

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What's "SEO purposes"? I keep seeing that in the thread.

wander is a multi dwc - September 18, 2015, 2:40 am

(Sep 18, 2015 02:39 AM)Arestheoctopus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This might sound like a noob question but why do you want to remove WWW. from the website?
Did you read the thread properly? Read again, your answer will be in there.

Arestheoctopus - September 18, 2015, 2:41 am

(Sep 18, 2015 02:40 AM)reve4 neeuQ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Did you read the thread properly?
Yes, but I don't know what this is - Quote:SEO purposes

PS: I'm not asking why Omni Removed WWW. from Hackforums,
I'm asking what's the benefit or effect of removing WWW. from a website?

Omniscient - September 18, 2015, 7:42 am

It's to ensure a standard and remove what could be construed as duplicate content by search engine crawlers.

Academy Awards - September 22, 2015, 8:23 pm

Thanks for keeping us updated much appreciated!!!

Prince™ - September 24, 2015, 1:25 am

Looks a bit odd to see hackforums.net without www. Well, if that's gonna boost up our traffic, that's good.

Pablo - September 29, 2015, 9:47 pm

Thanks for keeping us notified.

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Who Soup - September 29, 2015, 9:52 pm

I was wondering why the site went down for so long. Nice update

SIM-2015410 - September 29, 2015, 10:33 pm

Just so you are aware, the site offline page still links to the WWW url, so you might want to update that too.

Protein Shake - September 30, 2015, 2:46 am

(Sep 15, 2015 02:53 PM)Professional Leech Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Oh I was hoping this was the rep purge.
Oh well.

Same here, I guess that's no longer happening?

Crocs - September 30, 2015, 6:04 am

(Sep 30, 2015 02:46 AM)Protein Shake Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Same here, I guess that's no longer

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Maybe, maybe not. All we can do is wait and see!

Protein Shake - September 30, 2015, 7:17 am

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• **Kyle** • - September 30, 2015, 12:15 pm

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Omniscient - September 30, 2015, 12:27 pm

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SIM-2015410 - September 30, 2015, 2:44 pm

(Sep 30, 2015 07:17 AM)Protein Shake Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Today is the last day of September so I'm gonna go with it's not since he said sometime in Sept.

Haha I hope that's true. I just broke 500 today xD

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