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Thread: [The one thing HF groups have improved on.](#)

CPA Exposé - December 17, 2015, 10:16 am

Overtime, the graphics standards of groups have increased dramatically.

Starting from very simple, beginner designs with the standard gray background like this:

[img]http://i410.photobucket.com/albums/pp181/GraphicDanny/blank-template.png[/img]

To more complex designs, like this:

How these improvements occurred:

There was a time where groups put less effort on finding the best userbar, and were dedicated to actually serving their purpose.

As those times passed, and groups became more of a popularity contest/e-peen grower, the competition became fierce.

A need for innovation began, as users started raising the bar.

More money was being offered in the GFX section for a winning userbar -- More submissions denied than ever before.

Groups being sold more often, demanding higher quality than the last.

Why do groups hardly last?

You see my friends, while the graphics quality has improved, the actual quality of members has not.

This is actually a perfect representation of groups with a superficial purpose and explains why userbars are now prettier than ever, yet groups are being sold more often than ever.

[img]http://reactiongifs.me/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/jim-carrey-liar-liar-oh-come-on-angry-its-enough.gif[/img]

They have no substance.

Groups are now either buy-ins, or simply the same popular members who got in the last group are invited to the current one because it helps the group image.

No structural changes ever occur.

The new group is simply a pretty bandaid to cover the real problem. To get a false feeling of new

beginnings, similar to a fat person buying a gym membership on new years day, to feel good about fixing a problem but never really following through.

Longlasting groups form naturally. People with similar goals and beliefs come together as one to fulfill a purpose.

Groups like these last long.

[img]http://indiereader.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/group-hug2.jpeg[/img]

Thank you for your time and concern.

Unfortunately, I am not accepting group invitations, so please do not PM me.

Meechy Darko - December 17, 2015, 10:19 am

The truth has been spoken.

This is how the cookie crumbles.

Delysid - December 17, 2015, 10:19 am

I honestly prefer the old ones..

I have a huge old hf nostalgia.

Prophet Banana - December 17, 2015, 10:21 am

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daymon - December 17, 2015, 10:23 am

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Damn, man! I really wanted to invite you to my group!

Meechy Darko - December 17, 2015, 10:24 am

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Retribute - December 17, 2015, 10:50 am

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Night skies, mountain tops, skylines.

Landscape userbars seem to be the new hip thing now.

Mand'alor - December 17, 2015, 10:53 am

Although I feel like groups are still cool and I haven't been given any reason (so far) to dislike any of them.

If a group were to give me a reason to dislike them, at least they will look pretty whilst I dislike them ;)!

Ninetales. - December 17, 2015, 10:54 am

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Brotherhood

c x y k - December 17, 2015, 10:54 am

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Minimal. - December 17, 2015, 10:56 am

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Meechy Darko - December 17, 2015, 10:56 am

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I forgot about Brotherhood.

do they even really do much anymore?

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Minimal. - December 17, 2015, 10:59 am

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Ninetales. - December 17, 2015, 11:04 am

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But then reality strikes

[Video: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fv2ZMN3T18E>]

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I feel like that's a well put, fair enough point.