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Thread: [Locking Username Edit](#)

Omniscient - January 5, 2016, 12:16 pm

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2. Password reset
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I think a one week is probably a realistic lock time.

Any comments?

w?????illiam???? - January 5, 2016, 12:17 pm

I think this is a fantastic idea. There is really no reason to not have it, to be completely honest. Just saw someone impersonating Neat, this would probably prevent similar things like that from happening.

Cammy - January 5, 2016, 12:17 pm

I think it's a good idea and I can't think of any disadvantages.

Narrate - January 5, 2016, 12:17 pm

I have no issue with this, sounds like a great idea.

Trenchguns - January 5, 2016, 12:17 pm

1 week seems actually kind of short. 2 weeks would be better.

c x y k - January 5, 2016, 12:18 pm

Tbh that's quite a good idea. In fact a very good idea, lol.

I don't see anything wrong with it. What if they login to an inactive account though and change the name before any of that?

FRANKIE - January 5, 2016, 12:18 pm

Who would want to change the username Frankie?

c x y k - January 5, 2016, 12:18 pm

(Jan 5, 2016 01:18 PM)FRANKIE Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Who would want to change the username Frankie?
Who would want to jack the account Frankie

The Illusionist - January 5, 2016, 12:19 pm

Maybe some kind of warning if someone first changed their name and then does one of the following 5 to lock name changing. Or maybe a 1 week warning in general if a user changes their

name.

redi - January 5, 2016, 12:20 pm

Yes, please do this. One of my friends was banned thanks to this.

Vohrex - January 5, 2016, 12:20 pm

Seems reasonable, but why one week. What do you expect would stop them from doing it after the week is over.

Granny Bacon - January 5, 2016, 12:21 pm

Good idea, better for the community and for marketplace.

I think a few more weeks would be better.

Villxin - January 5, 2016, 12:21 pm

Perfectly reasonable. Usernames are really just an aesthetic aspect of the site imo. Though I think if it's only a week lock on it, all the attackers would have to do is target inactive users instead that most likely wont notice if it's only a week.

?MIN?M - January 5, 2016, 12:21 pm

even a month lock seems legit. No need to be changing usernames every week.

Cammy - January 5, 2016, 12:22 pm

(Jan 5, 2016 01:20 PM)Vohrex Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Seems reasonable, but why one week. What do you expect would stop them from doing it after the week is over.

Because in the time that the username is locked appropriate actions can be taken by either staff and/or the original account owner to prevent a scamming spree.

SWS. - January 5, 2016, 12:22 pm

This is a great idea. I've seen tons of trusted members being impersonated lately to try and scam other members during currency exchanges. I'm sure this would help to stop some of it.

c x y k - January 5, 2016, 12:22 pm

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PirateSec - January 5, 2016, 12:22 pm

Im assume this is because of the user that impersonated Neat. And probably other users.

Cimex - January 5, 2016, 12:23 pm

Great idea, and one week should be a fine waiting time too.

Domyos - January 5, 2016, 12:23 pm

I like the idea, really looking forward to see this implemented.

The Illusionist - January 5, 2016, 12:24 pm

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BLURRYF?CE - January 5, 2016, 12:24 pm

Great idea, wouldn't hurt to add more conditions.

c x y k - January 5, 2016, 12:25 pm

(Jan 5, 2016 01:24 PM)The Illusionist Wrote: [CITE](#) Seems like a good way to give the users that warning :).

Or could even change and lock the user title to that text in red for a week. I think that'd be better than username locking.

Kinguin - January 5, 2016, 12:25 pm

Fantastic idea as people steal other's accounts, and then they change the name on the account, pretending to be a trusted user.

Please do this, as it would make the community a lot safer.

Armada - January 5, 2016, 12:25 pm

Given what has been going on lately this seems like a great idea. The disable on gauth activation might annoy new leet or uber members, but a week to wait to change your name really is not a big deal IMO.

Vohrex - January 5, 2016, 12:26 pm

One could just login with the original email/password change the username then proceed to change the email/password. Perhaps an IP feature should also be implemented but that would be too much of a hassle because you would essentially have to wait 1 week every single time you change your username since your IP would have probably changed by the time you decide you want a new username, maybe something like country lock.

Ultras - January 5, 2016, 12:28 pm

Anything that makes scamming more difficult sounds good to me.

crazy1s - January 5, 2016, 12:28 pm

Sounds like a great idea! Hopefully it will help with these scams that have been going on alot recently.

crazyycast13 - January 5, 2016, 12:30 pm

Could we have an option for permanent username lockdown?

Doubt I will ever change my username, haven't for the past 3 years, and no intention to do so in the future.

BTB™ - January 5, 2016, 12:37 pm

Ideally username is our only recognition here in HF!

And with due respect to everyone; one should stick to a username and he will eventually be recognized/known via that username only.

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This would be pretty simple and members will take this seriously....

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c x y k - January 5, 2016, 12:39 pm

Aha.

GAUTH required to change username. Must enable it in the next month or username changes are locked.

Suspense - January 5, 2016, 12:40 pm

I think that this is a great idea. This should definitely be implemented.

Xerotic - January 5, 2016, 12:42 pm

I agree but I would recommend two-three weeks. If a legitimate user wants to change their password/gauth/email and also their username, then they should change their username first. There are cases where members only come on once a week or so and they MIGHT not notice that their account was stolen in the one week time frame. Legitimate members can always change their username before altering their account security details.

If you do this, I would suggest adding a notice to the gauth/password/email change pages. Honestly with all the security stuff that HF has and is being added, I would also suggest a completely custom page to better organize it. Have gauth, country lock, email, password, etc stuff all on one page so that any alerts and notices can just be on a single page.

Nygma - January 5, 2016, 12:44 pm

Anything to delay scammers further sounds reasonable.

StevesTrolls - January 5, 2016, 12:44 pm

This does seem like a great idea to be honest, it'd help stop all the scams going around.

Would it be possible to have different 'username change time outs' when more than one of those conditions are met? For example both changing email, and resetting password.

Foreseeable - January 5, 2016, 12:44 pm

Omfg, yes please add this. I've never been scammed but loads of others have.

Nice idea please add :)

Omniscient - January 5, 2016, 12:46 pm

Quote:1 week seems actually kind of short. 2 weeks would be better

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Quote:Why don't you just block the ranges the currency exchange scammer(s) use?
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B?ue - January 5, 2016, 12:46 pm

I was actually thinking of this earlier when I saw the Neat impersonator. Good call, +1.
Maybe, for one week after the name was changed, have a little note on the profile saying "Name changed from _ on ____" ?
It would make it stand out more than the current name change list, but then again it is wise to something like that when dealing.

h?ck?r - January 5, 2016, 12:47 pm

This is a great idea!!! Awesome

c x y k - January 5, 2016, 12:53 pm

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Exactly. If we could slowly migrate upgraded features to use GAUTH, it would make accounts more secure.

Did you see my other idea about 'Userbame Recently Changed'?

Concentrates - January 5, 2016, 1:05 pm

I like your idea with the username locking under the certain circumstances that you listed. 1 week is definitely more than reasonable.

I was literally thinking about that yesterday!

I think the username should be locked if an IP address changes that is from an area far from the original one.

For example:

An IP address from another country logs in. Maybe even a different state. I know many people (including myself) have had more than one IP login, because we go to other places with internet. So it wouldn't be fair to just lock username changes for any IP change.

I think it's a great idea if it's an obvious different IP address (like from another country).

I hope this makes sense, and I hope you take this into consideration. If not, your idea is definitely a good one.

I would also like to hear others views on my idea. Whether good or bad, feedback would be

appreciated.

Regulus - January 5, 2016, 1:06 pm

Oh yes please make this happen.

So many scammers trying to hide under their new username and new avatar etc.

Armada - January 5, 2016, 1:22 pm

I really like the idea of a permanent lock option, god knows I am never going to change it again, took 4 years to get it. I am sure other users are alike.

#Skyline - January 5, 2016, 1:49 pm

I believe the duration of 1 week is a realistic lock time.

Balding - January 5, 2016, 1:50 pm

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Armada - January 5, 2016, 1:57 pm

(Jan 5, 2016 02:50 PM)Bald~ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's a good idea but what if a newly upgraded member enabled 2fa and then cant change their name if they wanted to?

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Balding - January 5, 2016, 1:58 pm

(Jan 5, 2016 02:57 PM)Armada Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is it really that much of an issue to wait the week duration?

Oh, I didnt realize that he would only lock it for a week. I just woke up and read this so.

Disregard my last post.

CRT - January 5, 2016, 2:08 pm

I don't have a issue with this and I never change my username so this is a great idea. I feel if you're gonna do this though, have it last longer than a week, maybe a fortnight at the very least.

Armada - January 5, 2016, 2:38 pm

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Have an hour be the minimum requirement, and users could change the interval (during initial setup).

Maybe give users the option to disable other features, like posting or PM'ing as well.

Makes sense it my head. Does it to anyone else?

Kind of like "create your own security level" deal?

Thats a pretty cool idea actually.

aguila - January 5, 2016, 2:40 pm

I think if any of the 5 conditions are met that not only does it lock username edit, but also PM's for say an hour?

Of course this might affect members who legitimately activated gauth for their own safety, but a hour isn't really much.

Just a thought

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Stixio - January 5, 2016, 2:40 pm

As William said, fantastic idea! Good job!

Epicur - January 5, 2016, 2:44 pm

I agree with a lot of the users who mentioned this was a fantastic idea.

Go ahead pls Omni.

Thanks for your work.

BooGod - January 5, 2016, 2:57 pm

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?I agree with him, I think it's great to it happen. I was wroten something different, but I wasn't seeing the all view of this. I am going to my second year with this username that OP told so to grab.

I also would like to ask two offtopic questions:

1. When purchasing awards, there's only one payment option or multiple? I was going to check but I was scared to click the Purchase button before know if it is only paypal or multiple payment method.

2. I want really bad to lock my account to my country only, but I am scared if after my kitchen chef course I may go live to France or England, there's a possibility in future to unlock it?

Thanks, BooGod

Fiz? - January 5, 2016, 3:05 pm

I think this is a pretty solid idea.

Geass - January 5, 2016, 3:09 pm

i think one week is good time to lock username.

even if i haven't changed my username for 3 years xd

Agent Shark - January 5, 2016, 3:11 pm

I don't plan on changing my name so I'm good with this.

Light - January 5, 2016, 3:13 pm

I'm finding this to be a great idea, would definitely prevent account theft being used to impersonate others. Making a username change shouldn't be a critical task so locking account username changes for a week wouldn't harm anyone.

BooGod - January 5, 2016, 3:16 pm

(Jan 5, 2016 04:13 PM)Productivity Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm finding this to be a great idea, would definitely prevent account theft being used to impersonate others. Making a username change shouldn't be a critical task so locking account username changes for a week wouldn't harm anyone.

Even locking the username change for one month, it would be fine so if the account is stolen so original owner can have a chance or time if he/she is away or inactive. But yes, it's cool.

I'm not a Robot - January 5, 2016, 3:17 pm

This is a great idea, I think it will put a stop to some of the impersonation that's been happening lately.

Philip J Fry - January 5, 2016, 3:25 pm

This sounds like a great idea and I can't see anything wrong with it

iDuL - January 5, 2016, 3:31 pm

I think it's a good idea, better than what you did to me.

Trifecta - January 5, 2016, 3:31 pm

I believe that this is a great idea. Thanks.

Cryptic™ - January 5, 2016, 3:39 pm

Really good idea.

Requiring 2FA for all major acc changes would be nice.

Like Username changes (as suggested before), as well as email/pw changes.

SwimmingPool - January 5, 2016, 3:40 pm

I think 1 week is way too short. Maybe like 2 weeks? That would give the account owner more time to contact support.

Root - January 5, 2016, 3:40 pm

Been here for a year + and changed username 3 times so a week lock is not something I would mind.

I think it is a great idea.

Now scammers cant just change there username and close account for few days then come back and start scamming.

TheUnknownPlague - January 5, 2016, 3:41 pm

i think it sounds like a good idea to prevent scamming

.Fox - January 5, 2016, 3:41 pm

Yes, please this is a great idea. A week wait is perfectly fine if any vital information is changed.

Armada - January 5, 2016, 4:01 pm

(Jan 5, 2016 04:10 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes. But have a certain security level be required. Like a minimal 1 hour/ 1 day thing.

Hell I would back this 100% as well with permanent User name lockout. ?

This thread, right here, is how a community can better itself. ?

DuguWudi - January 5, 2016, 4:02 pm

Yes from me too, one week wait for a username change if vital information is changed is fine.

MrArchives - January 5, 2016, 4:19 pm

I think this is a great idea. I just got L33T, would hate to lose the account and have to deal with a hassle lol.

w?fl - January 5, 2016, 4:21 pm

Sure, seems like a smart idea, would definitely reduce the amount of currency exchange fraud on the forums.

.Fox - January 5, 2016, 4:23 pm

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I agree, I've been reading all the replies and it makes me ?

He B TeMy - January 5, 2016, 4:33 pm

Anything that prevents scams is a good thing, nothing wrong with a couple security checks after changing sensitive account settings.

That username lockout i can see it cause problems later when a member realizes he doesn't want the nick anymore... but the word permanent should make them think twice i guess.

Raddify - January 5, 2016, 7:00 pm

I like the idea of this.

PI0x implement all powerful Amni

SOSA_ - January 5, 2016, 7:06 pm

I support the idea, but maybe we should have a way of trying to make it not affect members whom legitimately need to change their info. Like maybe 2 or more conditions or something of that nature

Truth - January 5, 2016, 7:07 pm

yea 100% agree with this. You should also make it visibly known(for 1 week) on user profiles if they got a new password or IP to warn others and maybe ban special character usernames some scammers may try to impersonate other members.

illuminati? - January 5, 2016, 8:09 pm

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Any comments?

Would this apply to members that already have gauth activated? or is it an optional feature?

If it's an optional feature, or doesn't apply if you already have gauth enabled, I think it would be a fantastic idea.

Hydra - January 5, 2016, 8:38 pm

Couldn't they log into the account, change username first, and then change email, gauth, etc?

It's a good idea but if they change username first, that gives this idea a huge flaw. But... I'm sure there is only a small portion of users who get hacked and the hacker logs in using the original password. If they do reset password, this does work well and I guess that's still a good thing. What if you made gauth an extra security layer for most account changes. Gauth to reset/change: password, username, email, etc. That along with this idea will add extra security.

Vape Lord Nord - January 5, 2016, 8:46 pm

(Jan 5, 2016 01:17 PM)Trenchguns Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 1 week seems actually kind of short. 2 weeks would be better.

Seems like a great idea, but I agree with Trenchguns.

CONN3X10N - January 5, 2016, 8:50 pm

I think username lock should be set permanently. Everyone should be happy with the username they have currently got right?

If not set a date when you are going to lock this to give them time to change it.

This would help prevent scamming in the currency exchange section. Unless of course a hq member decides to be a dick and exit scam.

Normon the Prophet - January 5, 2016, 8:52 pm

Yeah this would be a nice security feature, and would also help with kids constantly changing their username..

Cooligan - January 5, 2016, 9:12 pm

As many others have said, I think this is a great idea Omni.

It should absolutely impact impersonation.

Stashyy - January 5, 2016, 9:13 pm

I think that's fine.

Not like I will change my username anytime soon lol.

Mavspammer - January 5, 2016, 9:17 pm

I think a username per month is more preferable, from my perspective anyway

big dick rick - January 5, 2016, 9:31 pm

I think 2 weeks, 1 week is too short.

ttyler333 - January 5, 2016, 9:42 pm

Why not set the username change to only work if g auth is setup and all the other conditions are met.

Mahendra_kumar - January 5, 2016, 9:46 pm

A trick you can use is to have a Hidden Box gets populated when the username is filled-in. Then add also a confirmation checkbox that needs to be checked (ex: a terms agreement).

Now, use both the filled in Hidden Box and the Checked checkbox as the rule to Hide the username.

big dick rick - January 5, 2016, 10:42 pm

(Jan 5, 2016 10:36 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) O.o just for a username change?

I don't even think people should be able to change their username this often normally. I think you should have to wait a week in between username changes.

iLogic™ - January 5, 2016, 11:04 pm

Nice idea. Im supporting it.

Prince Charming - January 5, 2016, 11:14 pm

Honestly, this is a great idea. I think it will prevent people who have already scammed from scamming again!

Geno - January 5, 2016, 11:40 pm

Sounds like a great idea in my opinion. I can't really see how it could hurt to add the feature, only benefit really.

Plus if you're changing your name on here that often anyways that's pretty odd.

DashPHP - January 6, 2016, 5:22 am

Don't just put a 1 week lock ban, because many could legitimately want to change their email/password, and having to be locked for a week to change name would suck.

I recommend you send a verification link through email to prove the account owner is legit. (unless the hacker has the email too, unfortunate..)

Cheers.

Aliasllias - January 6, 2016, 5:24 am

This is actually a really good idea, maybe lock an username change aswell when there is a scam report.

lithuani? - January 6, 2016, 5:25 am

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It is just a week, and besides, why would you want to disable Gauth or change your email? I understand people changing there passwords regularly but if you want to change your name do it before you change your password.

Cimex - January 6, 2016, 5:40 am

If someone has their account hacked, what happens if the hacker doesn't trigger any of these options? It might be case that they just log in, make a quick post in the hours that the account holder are away / asleep and be able to still scam.

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I guess the IP change would be stupid, didn't think about that one, what if accounts where to have an ISP whitelist so if you log into your account with the ISP whitelisted on your account, its fine, vice versa.

Obviously it means a little chance for the hacker to match your ISP, but not much of a chance.

Jimmie - January 6, 2016, 5:50 am

Have you thought about a force password change? Most of the time people are hacked due to old database leaks.

Oxyde - January 6, 2016, 5:51 am

I know this may not be the right place to suggest this.

But what about country lock? Lock your account to a country.

I've had similar feature on some of my websites, basically I am using maxmind's free database (updates monthly) which seems to be no issue. Since it's not often they change twice a month, country (IP's).

Especially not home connections.

If signed in from another country, send mail to user notifying someone might have.. hacked your account?

Crory - January 6, 2016, 5:53 am

It's a pretty Good Idea. Made only one Name Change since i Joined so i dont have any Problems with.

Prince™ - January 6, 2016, 6:40 am

Yeah I think one week will do.

Huskar - January 6, 2016, 7:57 am

I think it's a good limitation.

Bay - January 6, 2016, 8:00 am

Definitely a good idea. It would be beneficial.

PurpleIsAColor - January 6, 2016, 8:01 am

(Jan 5, 2016 01:18 PM)qonda? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Who would want to jack the account Frankie would like to jerk off Frankie thx.

Omoi - January 6, 2016, 8:02 am

So of nothing on account had changed are we still able to change our names?

Just curious am still trying to find a name I want to keep

Vanilja - January 6, 2016, 8:07 am

So if I right understood, if any of those happens, you are locked out of changing username?

glitchgxd - January 6, 2016, 7:34 pm

I don't think it's a good idea to lock a username change after one of these events.

I would just change the UN and then change the other information.

Personally, I think it would be better if we have ALL username changes take n amount of time to go into effect. If other details are changed around this time (log in IPs, PW changes, email changes, etc), then you can place a "flag" on that member. Sort of like a watch-list, so that if any suspicious behavior arrives, that member can be temporarily locked for further investigation or maybe other users will be warned.

You could also implement email confirmations or something similar to prevent this locking (maybe members that have had 2FA enabled for at least a month only have to wait a day or something). This would encourage people to implement extra measures of security.

Who Soup - January 6, 2016, 7:37 pm

I think this is a really good idea; tbh people shouldn't HAVE to change their username more than once a week if not once a month. Kind of ridiculous how often some people change their name.

DuguWudi - January 6, 2016, 7:45 pm

(Jan 6, 2016 08:37 PM)Who Soup Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think this is a really good idea; tbh people shouldn't HAVE to change their username more than once a week if not once a month. Kind of ridiculous how often some people change their name.

Well some people change a few times within a week.

BTW, bro where did you find the omni quote beside your sig?

samsepi01 - January 6, 2016, 8:07 pm

(Jan 6, 2016 08:45 PM)DuguWudi Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) BTW, bro where did you find the omni quote beside your sig?

Click on the arrow next to the quote lol

Dorrance - January 6, 2016, 8:11 pm

Go ahead I was thinking of this a while back I should of presented it.

FayRowXane - January 6, 2016, 9:56 pm

Hello, I'm new. Could someone further explain the topic so I could contribute to the conversation?

Armada - January 7, 2016, 7:03 am

(Jan 6, 2016 10:56 PM)FayRowXane Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hello, I'm new. Could someone further explain the topic so I could contribute to the conversation?

There has been a problem in the currency exchange forum in specific with scammers and less than honest transactions, to which part of the problem incorporates users accounts being stolen and the user names changed to clone or mimic other trusted members. The administrator is considering implementing a new security polict to lock our usernames down in event of specific changes happening on out account (Change of email or password for example)

webdev77 - January 7, 2016, 8:53 am

I'd be okay with only allowing name changes once every 30 days.

Obi-Wan Cannabis - January 7, 2016, 9:10 am

Definitely wouldn't mind, sounds like a good fix for a recurrent problem.

Loki123 - January 7, 2016, 6:01 pm

One week is a bit short. Half a month at the minimum or even a month would be realistic due to members might be on vacation for a week and so on. Usually vacations last a week at least so this week is in my opinion too short. Two weeks is more realistic.

1. Email change
2. Password reset
3. Password change
4. Gauth activated
5. Gauth disabled

The flaw I see in this is this;

If I access the account `Aura` and start off with changing the username, I can still change the email or password afterwards. Which is a flaw in your design. He could lock out the owner by logically thinking changes through. Start with username change then he can do whatever he likes, change password, email and anything without needing to think about the username change being locked because, he did it earlier.

To what I would do when thinking of changes;

Password changeLock email, password and username changes for a week Email changeLock email, password and username changes for a week Username changeLock email, password and username changes for a week Rest of your listLock itself, password and username for a week

It is an example of something you can do to prevent username changes being done first, you might want to think it very well through as I doubt my example is perfect but the idea is that you need to make adjustments so B isn't the only thing that gets locked because that way you can change B first and then be free do to whatever you like.

Dark Smile - January 7, 2016, 6:08 pm

If you do that i will suggest 2 weeks at least.

National Security Agency - January 7, 2016, 6:12 pm

This is a great idea!

I wonder who changes their name Once a Week, other than scammers and compromised accounts.

Schnitzel - January 8, 2016, 8:31 am

Why not just show a warning message if a member have changed his name recently (within a month)

Ombra - January 8, 2016, 12:07 pm

I believe it's a good move, let's do it.

Delupara - January 8, 2016, 12:10 pm

Seems reasonable. but wouldn't an IP change be able to detect an account thief?

St?lk?r - January 8, 2016, 12:12 pm

If this still not happend you should do it for sure it's a good idea

Underworldproblem - January 8, 2016, 12:23 pm

Hmm, Omni, I believe that how long it should be restricted, should have to do with how long it actually takes to contact support and recover the account. If replies take around 2 weeks, then it should be restricted for 2 weeks. I believe this factor should be looked at.

AnonCensored - January 8, 2016, 12:29 pm

This seems like a really good idea

ImDays - January 8, 2016, 12:32 pm

I personally think one week isn't long enough. Two to three weeks would be a little better.

Underworldproblem - January 8, 2016, 12:48 pm

(Jan 8, 2016 01:32 PM)ImDays Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I personally think one week isn't long enough. Two to three weeks would be a little better.

Would do you think about this:

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'Suicide - January 8, 2016, 1:43 pm

This is a solid idea, there's no counter argument.

Omniscient - January 9, 2016, 3:55 pm

Quote:should have to do with how long it actually takes to contact support and recover the account. Actually it's more about the time to close the account for review than it is about recovering it. Normally I close/ban accounts very quickly when notified.

SIM-2015410 - January 9, 2016, 7:55 pm

I think this is a good idea, because I can see this would be a problem, and it wouldn't be too much of an issue for the rest of us because those situations only happen rarely.

\$lick - January 9, 2016, 11:18 pm

I think if the conditions are met then they should be locked out the market for a week, just like steam does it.

Untold - January 9, 2016, 11:20 pm

Doesn't sound like a bad idea to me.

(Jan 10, 2016 12:18 AM)Nexus™ ?? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think if the conditions are met then they should be locked out the market for a week, just like steam does it.

Or even this mainly, might slow down scammers.

• **Kyle** • - January 10, 2016, 2:56 pm

I suggest 2 weeks cooldown

Asynical - January 10, 2016, 2:56 pm

2-3 Weeks would be better! Sounds like a great idea omni!

Fleckens - January 10, 2016, 2:57 pm

It depends on the time it takes to recover your account. If that costs more than a week, it would make no sense putting the limit to a week.

Ætμ™ - January 10, 2016, 3:10 pm

I think this is a very good idea. Hopefully, it will limit the number of impersonaters by a lot.