

Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [HF general security concerns](#)

PeachyCream - January 6, 2016, 12:14 pm

Hello!

Does anyone else find it strange that HF doesn't allow for proxies, VPNs, connections through TOR, or any other anonymity tools? Sure, arguably this prevents you from making multiple accounts (not really, because you could always use a dynamic IP or public wifi or your phone's connection to get new IPs) but it leaves you wiiiide open to HF being able to disclose your IP to the feds should they ask.

Given the nature of the forums, they almost definitely -are- going to ask, which makes HF a bizarrely hacker-unfriendly project. I know that personally, there have been more than a few projects I never posted about for fear of being caught.

Does anyone know why HF does this?

Unturned - January 6, 2016, 12:15 pm

Op, you are dumb, end.

/Thread

Hypnotist - January 6, 2016, 12:17 pm

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Black Kodak - January 6, 2016, 12:20 pm

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MD5 - January 6, 2016, 12:22 pm

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Stashyy - January 6, 2016, 12:22 pm

I just got

Code Basal-cell carcinoma

Bile duct cancer, extrahepatic (see cholangiocarcinoma)

Bladder cancer

Bone tumor, osteosarcoma/malignant fibrous histiocytoma

Brainstem glioma

Brain cancer

Brain tumor, cerebellar astrocytoma

Brain tumor, cerebral astrocytoma/malignant glioma

Brain tumor, ependymoma

Brain tumor, medulloblastoma

Brain tumor, supratentorial primitive neuroectodermal tumors

Brain tumor, visual pathway and hypothalamic glioma

Breast cancer

Bronchial adenomas/carcinoids

Burkitt's lymphoma from reading this.

Spooky White - January 6, 2016, 12:24 pm

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No don't leave just die. Jk. ?

Bluffer - January 6, 2016, 12:24 pm

The thing here is that HF does not have illegal shit, it's full of kids who know nothing. There is legitimately no reason for law enforcement to give a shit about who is using HF.

Omni has made things a lot tighter then "back in the day" (or so I've heard) to prevent people from doing blackhat activity on here.

It's pretty much one of those things where if you aren't doing anything wrong then who cares?

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shatteredglass - January 6, 2016, 12:31 pm

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Chuck. - January 6, 2016, 12:35 pm

Just remember, if you're selling anything, it's all intended for whitehat use ;)

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Grammar Rays - January 6, 2016, 1:20 pm

What do you possible do on HF that requires you to hide your identity?

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<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2623715>

Tommy - January 6, 2016, 1:21 pm

I'm still able to connect using a socks5 proxy with no issue.

PeachyCream - January 6, 2016, 1:23 pm

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You realize that a large quantity of the posts here made by ignorant (and not so ignorant) users are actually incredibly illegal, right? Crimes become felonious very quickly when it comes to the interception of private data, which people post about with very high frequency.

Take a thread like

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5123484&pid=49289700#pid49289700>

where this person is very obviously trying to do something illegal. Do I see anything wrong with this? Of course not, this is hackforums. But it's still not legal.

Or

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5105631&pid=49289612#pid49289612>

where the host admits to hosting a botnet. Again, Illegal. HF is rife with threads like these and pretending they don't exist is foolish.

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They make mistakes. If the feds were to take over this forum imagine how many would be getting visits? I personally think Omni has done a great job. I do how ever think some things should be made more clear so people stop posting stuff like this.

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TheFreezingAlchemist - January 6, 2016, 1:27 pm

You have a point. After reading the rules about carding and other illegal activities Omni actually protects us from this issue.

Don't do drugs on HF kids.

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You're assuming that all people that get caught are 10 year olds. A lot of people here, myself included, are not minors and banking on the courts taking it easy on you is very foolish because there isn't really a precedent for that. In fact, the precedent seems to be pointing the opposite direction.

At the end of the day, with the content of this forum, it really shouldn't be left up to chance or to the supposed benevolence of some judge. Users should have the option to protect themselves, whether they be just newly learning or if they're more experienced.

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Sakamoto - January 6, 2016, 2:09 pm

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Again, we seem to be in agreement. Judges can unfairly punish people and ruin their lives over small shit.... so why give them that opportunity? This is why I think that VPNS shouldn't be banned, it allows users the opportunity to not be broadcasting who they actually are when they're discussing often illegal (albeit usually harmless) activities.

Just because it's called Hackforums doesn't automatically make it a BH forum.

You're missing the point here man. Omni owns this forum and he says it's not allowed. He takes risks. He's a US citizen himself, there's stuff on this forum he probably gets harassed over by the feds. Imagine. I don't believe VPN's should be allowed either. It would make tracking scammers/jackers/autists harder.

I do believe though that we should have the option to at least make our profiles private. Make our posts hidden. What we're doing hidden. Because I feel like I'm being perved on a lot. And I'm pretty sure that's the case.

Doctor Blue - January 6, 2016, 2:32 pm

If the police asks for information and they have a warrant, they will get it.

Blackhat activities are not allowed on Hack Forums, thus anonymization shouldn't be necessary.

I think I recall Omniscient saying that he has only ever been asked for information once, or maybe it was not at all.

Biker BoyZ - January 6, 2016, 2:34 pm

Because its called "HackForums" , It does not mean its for illegal purposes. the rules states that no BH Activity is allowed. Its just an security / Anti - Cyber Forum. Welcome, but this is not what you think it is.

SIM-1589588 - January 6, 2016, 2:35 pm

When you are running a site that's filled with cyber criminals, you don't have any other option to keep yourself safe.

Aura - January 6, 2016, 2:37 pm

If you're scared of getting caught for doing something illegal, it's your fault since you shouldn't be doing it in the first place.

tl;dr

[Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbOtyWTRZ_g]

Misty - January 6, 2016, 2:38 pm

Please take the "hack" out of the name because "hack" forums don't exist on the public domain.

NieR - January 6, 2016, 2:40 pm

If you're prepared to attempt to do illegal activities on HF you should be prepared to get caught as well.

Caliban - January 6, 2016, 2:46 pm

If you don't like that HF isn't BH then why are you here? I can fully understand that Omni doesn't want to mess with carders/trolls/pedos and all that scum. Also the amount of scammers would rise exponentially.

This forum is to learn basic stuff about online security and hacking, not on how to commit federal crimes. If you search forums that allow BH discussions, all I can say is that they probably exist, but they are very likely not to be public and on the clearnet like HF, and you are still at risk of getting caught even with your VPN and TOR.

Unturned - January 6, 2016, 2:47 pm

OP got banned, game over, gg.

Omniscient - January 6, 2016, 2:54 pm

The solution is very simple.

Don't do something here that would compromise your security, safety, or freedom.

And for the maybe 1000th time. The blocking of proxies has helped HF remain a stable site by decreasing the amount of trolls, attacks, and ban evading scammers.

We're a public forum. Don't do shit here.

Quote:What do you possibly do on HF that requires you to hide your identity?
Exactly.

Quote:The fact of the matter is, when it comes to an infosec forum, privacy should be encouraged, not banned. Doubly so if users have been grabbed in the past.

Go find one of those then if that's what you're looking for. Privacy is encouraged here just not the kind you're talking about.

HF is not a site for you to conduct crime and for me to hide you from the consequences of your own actions. And that being said...we're going on almost 9 years here and I can count on one hand the amount of times I've heard of a member being arrested in relation to hacking and actually every single one of those times was because of action taken off-site.

There are lots of places to go and services to use to be 100% anonymous.

If everyone here started to use proxies and VPNs I'd never ever be able to tell if accounts were stolen, shared, or sold. I'd never be able to recover them. I'd never be able to close an account based on suspected scammer. I do that and the entire Marketplace is F'd. Sales would go down for almost all sellers or they'd lose a lot of money to leachers, leaks, and scams. As it is now there is at the very least a certain level of accountability in the Marketplace and I can readily tell if an account is stolen or sold and involved with a scammer.

Quote:Don't expect the rules just to evolve around your laziness.
Or a desire to commit crime.

This doesn't need to be such a discussion. It's a "take it or leave it" type of thing. If you're worried you have a couple choices. Leave or change your behavior here so you don't have to worry. I'd prefer you change your behavior and that's honestly why I won't alter the policy. I don't want members to feel like they can do whatever they want here.

Quote:This is literally an infosec forum. That exact attitude- "do nothing wrong and you will have nothing to hide", is exactly what the infosec community is fighting against.
He's closed along with his pal Radical_ed who are on the same IP. They do not get to define what my forum is.

This thread wasted my time.