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Thread: [HackForums Made it on BBC News](#)

Cryptic™ - February 16, 2016, 7:03 pm

<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-32019260>

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I lol'd

Stealth™ - February 16, 2016, 7:04 pm

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Lmfao

Stashyy - February 16, 2016, 7:08 pm

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5173461>

There was a thread with this already. Please close this shit.

Trisomy 21 - February 16, 2016, 7:10 pm

(Feb 16, 2016 08:04 PM)Stealth™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) "By contrast newbies, like me, get almost none. I'd have to contribute 25 good quality posts before I could send any personal messages. This would make it hard to contact people directly - my preferred method."

The fuck is this

do you have a hard time comprehending basic english sentences? Or are you not aware of the 25 post before pm rule?

Griev?us - February 16, 2016, 7:10 pm

This definitely needs more bacon.

TheWHO? - February 16, 2016, 7:11 pm

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Dredd - February 16, 2016, 7:12 pm

Haha that's jokes, script kiddies. Not everyone is on this site for hacking Jeez.

dreexy - February 16, 2016, 7:13 pm

Lol this forum is getting worst, be safe guys.

Grim - February 16, 2016, 7:15 pm

Lol shoutout to armada! My man

Retribute - February 16, 2016, 7:16 pm

Holy shit AHAHAHAHAHAHA. Oh man.

Prettykitty - February 16, 2016, 7:24 pm

Going to read this later. Interesting..

haydrazs - February 16, 2016, 7:25 pm

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why u stealing from my thread tho?

Cryptic™ - February 16, 2016, 7:31 pm

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I didn't see your thread.

Riggs - February 16, 2016, 7:40 pm

Quote:"The site at first glance seems like a bunch of monkeys trying to figure out algebra," wrote Armada, one of the site's elder statesmen whom I spoke to.

Credible accuracy. Someone update UrbanDictionary.

NGMA - February 16, 2016, 7:46 pm

BBC needs to quit sticking their cunt sniffers in everything. It'd be much appreciated. ?

Seriously tho, it's not a bad article it's just funny how the Armada fellows opinions of the are. He's not wrong but how he worded it couldn't of been better. ?

#Skyline - February 16, 2016, 7:48 pm

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What a fucking carrot....

nVKennyS - February 16, 2016, 10:55 pm

This is gold hahahaha
wonder what user this was

OrgX - February 17, 2016, 9:08 am

Imfao i bet the journalist is reading this thread hahaha

Shrewd - February 17, 2016, 9:10 am

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Who the fuck is Armada?

Is he a so called elder?

What the fuck Imfao!

I can bet like \$10 he is a fucking sell out.

Kinguin - February 17, 2016, 9:12 am

He's talking about armada:

Nomad.Null - February 17, 2016, 9:54 am

The writer who spoke to us had some trouble listening to instructions, it would seem. But it is clear that he had every intention of painting the forum in a bad light. It was not until he spoke to us that we corrected him and explained the real substance that can be found here. We explained numerous times that the forum was not a criminal underground... Had a transcript of the interviews been provided, you all would think differently of what was printed in this article.

These statements were taken out of context, as I knew would probably happen. Nevertheless, the journalist who interviewed us was not a bad guy, just horribly misinformed.

(Feb 17, 2016 10:12 AM)Kinguin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) He's talking about armada:

We told him numerous times that we do not represent the forum at all. We were just members who had been there for a long time. At no point was it indicated that Armada or myself were representatives of HF.

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We stated so. The journalist opted to ignore it.

J?son - February 17, 2016, 9:59 am

Probably signed up after the DDoS attacks on their websites. lol

Mouse? - February 17, 2016, 10:10 am

Monkeys trying to figure out algebra. That sounds about right to me.

Fiddle?[™] - February 17, 2016, 10:15 am

Wait, what was his account name? I read through that whole article hoping he'd mention his account name.

Bluffer - February 17, 2016, 10:22 am

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Cryptic[™] - February 17, 2016, 11:07 am

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The media tends to twist things around.

They make people believe what they want them to believe...

If you listen to western news, and compare it to news from other parts of the world, although their talking about the same topic, they will have 2 completely different stories/sides.

Asset - February 17, 2016, 11:15 am

Ground breaking story. No one knows HF!

It is a secret underground. HF is not a public forum!

Journalists...

Varane - February 17, 2016, 12:11 pm

"Hanging out with the script kiddies"

Shit even BBC knows.

Lrrr - February 17, 2016, 1:17 pm

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johnnathontaylor - February 17, 2016, 1:17 pm

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LOI, makes it sound like an FBI investigation of a deep web blackhat forum

Nomad.Null - February 17, 2016, 1:36 pm

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Good thing HF still lets you read posts from blocked members because you make a very interesting point.

"You are implying that I would rat out fellow members to news/feds."

No, I am implying that you think reporters give a fuck about quoting you in context. Anything you say can and WILL be taken out of context when speaking to a 3rd party.

This kind of disregard for privacy leads to someone saying something they PERCEIVE as innocent and it is quoted out of context and then everyone has issues.

Again, I am not saying you're a snitch....I'm just saying a person that speaks to someone else who identified themselves as a reporter is someone I do not want to do any type of business with.

Secondarily, I still think you are a great member so I have re-adjusted my rep back to green. I do not believe you deserve red apples.

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Lrrr - February 17, 2016, 2:02 pm

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Saint - February 17, 2016, 2:06 pm

Good read actually, Armada's words made me laugh.

BaiN - February 17, 2016, 2:09 pm

hickery dickery dock the police can suck my cock

YinYang - February 17, 2016, 2:48 pm

well shit they exposed us boys
best close down the forums

fucking journalists, only taking 1/10th of the story

Nomad.Null - February 17, 2016, 3:08 pm

(Feb 17, 2016 03:02 PM)Lrrr Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I feel like this is an obligatory watch for anyone who wants to give an interview to anyone:

I understand the apprehension, and yes, I'm aware of the policies of law-enforcement. I'm actually quite comfortable with them. I've come to realize after re-reading the article with a sober mind that he did not necessarily take anything I said out of context, so much as he did not understand several things he was saying. I was mostly irritated with the amount of retaliation by the member base.

Nevertheless, this was an opportunity to redeem the forum from the outside observer's otherwise abysmal opinion of this little sub-culture we call ours. Instead of being an article about Hackforums being a secretive, heathenistic, unwelcoming, and sinful den of cyber-criminals, it was a glimpse into our world as we see it.

I did my best to present HF as a place for education and general discussion about computers, not just hacking. Clearly, the general public does not understand that "hacking" != Computer Crime. I make it my every-day mission to remand that gross misconception.

I believe I accomplished this, even if the journalist did not present it as I would have liked.

Black Shadow - February 17, 2016, 5:27 pm

I wonder who he was does anybody remember him somehow?

Fish - February 17, 2016, 5:30 pm

looks like il come out, i was the reporter.

Kosaka Kirino - February 17, 2016, 5:37 pm

The article itself looks quite bad but it is quite funny how the forum got in the news aha

UTRONEX - February 17, 2016, 5:42 pm

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Nomad.Null - February 17, 2016, 6:10 pm

(Feb 17, 2016 06:42 PM)UTRONEX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This seems like a way to turn everyone on HF against you, why would you even talk? Retard. Because redeeming the hacking subculture from the fucking pit it has become thanks to skids, carders, con-artists, and all manner of other low-lives that make the rest of us security researchers and actual hackers look bad is more important to me than the intangible, meaningless number that is my reputation.

If anything, this reflects badly on BBC for poorly formatting their article... As far as the community's opinion of me goes, I could care less. I am a security researcher, and my ethical behavior and reliability speak for themselves. I challenge anyone who considers me irresponsible or unethical to prove it.

I answered the questions I was asked for the purpose of showing someone (and his readers) who

knew nothing about our culture a glimpse into our world through an insider's perspective. I explicitly stated that my opinion was my own, and did not reflect that of the forum's members. Please explain to me where I went wrong or how I did anything to damage the forum's reputation.

NatashaIvanova - February 17, 2016, 6:42 pm

I quote this from his article.

"I could, and did, post directly to discussion groups but the risk is that as a journalist I'm a tempting target for anyone keen to make their name by catching me out. Especially as some HF residents specialise in social engineering attacks that help them take control of other people's social media accounts."

I don't think he knows what social engineering is :'(

ZuGgY - February 17, 2016, 7:09 pm

Lol what did I just read?

And who's Armada?

Decoyshot - February 17, 2016, 11:04 pm

more fake news i didnt hear anything about this

CmdXz - February 17, 2016, 11:13 pm

(Feb 18, 2016 12:04 AM)Decoyshot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) more fake news i didnt hear anything about this Although it might be fake reporting.. The guy actually posted this on BBC... And what's worse is he posted in this discussion.

The Revenant - February 18, 2016, 12:20 am

What the fuck...

well... now Hackforums will get more populated then ever :D

1tap - February 18, 2016, 12:35 am

Lmao this is fucking hilarious

Misty - February 18, 2016, 2:55 am

I was in the library browsing BBC and came across the article. I lol'd so much.

Big Meech - February 18, 2016, 4:02 am

lolz just because you have long join date and lots of rep really doesnt mean shit . You guys armandaa rat vet when really he's just a tech support lmfaoo. Has he ever even coded a rat nah? So wouldnt made him a expert. They should have interviewed bull or kfc lel

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orangemist - February 18, 2016, 11:20 am

I remember this Armada guy begging me to accept onto Carder Profit. The guy is a real life Walter Mitty. He used to post threads asking for help with his RAT.

Jon Snow. - February 18, 2016, 12:25 pm

When I saw this article, the only thing I could think of was.... NIGGA WE MADE IT.

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

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i also Beta tested it and i showed it some massive flaws to the developer(vi* not showing his fullname) and armada.

Armada isnt a developer for this, he is just a seller for it. only thing Armada has contributed towards that project is getting people to beta test it, selling under his name and to tell the developer to move his ass and release fixes for the buggy software which has annoyingly high discrepancies (.net 4.5 for server .net 3.5 client).

so in all your "wisdom" true demon it shows that you actually dont know shit ?

Ordium - February 18, 2016, 12:48 pm

I don't even think that some people can turn on their computers.

Frog King - February 19, 2016, 8:14 pm

Legend says the reporter brought a \$30 ebook then quit the BBC 1 week later.

I wonder how much bank he started to make :o