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Thread: [Why are all the Groups on HF Identical?](#)

BitzDefender - February 26, 2016, 12:27 pm

I'm just looking at some group recruitment threads and every group is literally the same as the last. "A group of smart individuals that consist of marketers, programmers, or gamers that strive to bring quality content to Hack Forums."

It's the same everytime. Isn't there any originality anymore with these groups? What's the true purpose of them? Seems like there is none, but maybe I'm missing something.

Queen Cin - February 26, 2016, 12:29 pm

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?unx - February 26, 2016, 12:31 pm

(Feb 26, 2016 01:29 PM)LeminLyme Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) thats why you join the group echo
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BitzDefender - February 26, 2016, 12:33 pm

(Feb 26, 2016 01:31 PM)Bydlo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Literally a meme group. But it's kind of sad to see new groups compared to old hf groups.

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Don't wanna sound like a hipster but old groups actually had a purpose and the members in the group actually all communicated often outside of HF. Just more unique in general. Kinda sad to see

scam. - February 26, 2016, 12:49 pm

There is honestly not much of a difference. Then again I joined in 2012.

Although groups used to be more serious about their niches. Most groups are just lounge groups these days but I'm fine with that. Its good fun.

minimalist - February 26, 2016, 12:52 pm

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Jukebox - February 26, 2016, 12:53 pm

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minimalist - February 26, 2016, 12:54 pm

(Feb 26, 2016 01:53 PM)Jukebox Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Where is the group recruitment section?

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[Group and Crew General Discussions](#)

Ooze - February 26, 2016, 12:55 pm

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Ya but groups cost money so they have to make money
hence monetization or dare i say it buy-ins

Romantic - February 26, 2016, 12:56 pm

The three things you lost are 90% of HF users so most groups are going to be based around that

Deany - February 26, 2016, 12:57 pm

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nique ta mere - February 26, 2016, 12:57 pm

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Romantic - February 26, 2016, 1:00 pm

(Feb 26, 2016 01:57 PM)random person Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) what's so different between groups now and groups like 5 years ago?

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Remix - February 26, 2016, 1:14 pm

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(Feb 26, 2016 02:14 PM)+Remix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) you're just jelly because you're not in 8 groups with 0 posts in their sf
that is only partially true ?

Zoo - February 26, 2016, 1:15 pm

Well, I guess most people don't want to pay \$7-\$8k and not earn any money from it. They run a business, not a charity.

prada ? - February 26, 2016, 2:48 pm

they're all shit except the ones I've led

call me arrogant idc it's the truth u HEARD?

typhoid - February 26, 2016, 4:04 pm

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nique ta mere - February 26, 2016, 4:16 pm

(Feb 26, 2016 02:00 PM)Romantic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Probably nothing. Old gens like to pretend everything was so much better 5 years then have no actual reasons as to why they think that Pretty much what I was thinking

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that's probably because we don't judge you for the shemale you are =] x

Ordium - February 26, 2016, 4:19 pm

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Queen Cin - February 26, 2016, 5:34 pm

(Feb 26, 2016 05:19 PM)Ordium Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) To be fair, most businesses are the same as well. that's right

people are running a business, not a charity
don't be silly

Tando - February 27, 2016, 9:13 am

Logic was a good group, had some good times there.

Kinguin - February 27, 2016, 9:14 am

If you really care about this, then you've got a pretty sad life.

King Cin - February 27, 2016, 9:29 am

Looks like that from the outside. Most groups have a completely different vibe and goal once you look inside. I'd argue there are a lot of focused groups at the moment as well: Fusion, Riptide, Brotherhood (White Hat Sector), Enigma, Titans (events).

grady - February 27, 2016, 9:31 am

Illuminati actually focused on what you got in for, but those type of groups died when they lost marketplace slots.

Isley - February 27, 2016, 9:55 am

The groups are identical because of the limitations of the forum and because of the member base. Few people on this forum truly want to commit themselves to an idea and those who do don't have the money or aren't willing to spend the money on a group. Prior to groups being paid there was a fair diversity of groups with varying success and dedication.

.Fox - February 27, 2016, 9:55 am

Yeah groups all sort of gravitate to being lounge-based, but I've made more quality friends than I can count through my memberships and I'm thankful I always have people to talk to when I'm online.

Your statement is true but shouldn't be all negative

Soulmate - February 27, 2016, 10:03 am

(Feb 26, 2016 01:57 PM)random person Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) what's so different between groups now and groups like 5 years ago?

You can't see all the old groups on here but if you just look at the names you can tell the difference. Right now all we have are groups with no purpose and an edgy name but before you can see that there were specific groups for marketing, coding, graphic design, techsperts, etc

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4457531>

BitzDefender - February 27, 2016, 10:12 am

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Mr Kewl - February 27, 2016, 10:19 am

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Good point Peter, how you been?

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Yeah same here but it's weird how The Brotherhood was one of the newest groups to be changed it's still been around the longest if that makes any sense. I would have expected it to be one of those groups like TA or Infamous or 143 to make it out the longest

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Good point Peter, how you been?

Yeah The Empire was such a great group, it was my favorite to be a part of. That group had some good leaders.

And I've been good man haha going through university for Computer Science now how about you?

b?xxy - February 27, 2016, 3:38 pm

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2579314_temp - February 27, 2016, 3:56 pm

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Probably going to turn out like Studio.
We will see.

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That's because it wasn't about putting on this facade of "making HF a better place," when it's lowkey actually about trying to feel superior to other members and making money.

The old groups (the good ones) had no ulterior motives and were just a collection of cool members

Time? - February 27, 2016, 9:14 pm

The Empire, Illuminati, Complexity, Infamous, Innovation, The Republic, 143..... oh the days.

Cam - February 27, 2016, 9:15 pm

I definitely liked the old style UBs better

grady - February 27, 2016, 9:56 pm

(Feb 27, 2016 10:14 PM)? Lyon ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The Empire, Illuminati, Complexity, Infamous, Innovation, The Republic, 143..... oh the days.
Forgetting about Legion.

Kosmos - February 28, 2016, 3:54 pm

143 and Logic were the two best groups I've ever been in.

Flaxpicker - February 28, 2016, 4:38 pm

Pretty much all groups were and are Lounge groups pretending to be something else

It's a forum... what kind of 'true purpose' are you expecting other than making a bunch of posts

12Chainz - February 28, 2016, 4:39 pm

Lol because everyone wants to be "high quality" and contribute to the "community" whatever the fuck that means.

Aries007 - February 28, 2016, 4:56 pm

Honestly speaking, i dont find any of the groups identical.

Wafflemonger - February 28, 2016, 4:59 pm

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Honestly the while Group and Crew Discussion section should be 18+ I don't see dick sucking like whats happening in this section happening on any porn site I've visited.

Everyones like oh you're just reminiscing it wasn't all that great. No it was structured and the contributions coming from group were substantiated. Wraiths more or less moderated the SRPP section and had interesting debates.

Grammar Rays - March 2, 2016, 10:19 am

The people running groups are not passionate about the content and their image, they're primarily passionate about making money.

This is where the issue lies, and unfortunately it will not be changed by anyone other than Omniscient.

O t t o - March 2, 2016, 10:22 am

It's all been the same for a while now.

Grammar Rays - March 2, 2016, 10:30 am

This post has prompted me to create a thread pleading that Omniscient set a new direction for the HF Group feature.

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Please feel free to contribute.

Junx - March 4, 2016, 9:13 am

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Thank you for your feedback but I want to continue to making money everytime nex rebrands his group, thanks!

NieR - March 4, 2016, 4:20 pm

(Feb 26, 2016 02:00 PM)Romantic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Probably nothing. Old gens like to pretend everything was so much better 5 years then have no actually reasons as to why they think that Umm actually there was a huge difference with not only the variety but also the fact that the majority of the groups weren't based on business niches like so many have come and gone throughout the years. You had The Alliance (mainly Computing), RATs Crew (Hacking), Reverence (Tutorials and later gaming), Techsperts (Hardware/Computing), Eminence (Coding and computing), Red Lions (general help group), Reviewers (Ebook reviewers), HJT (Malware), Writers (HF News), Graphic Masters (Art), The Wraith (debating and philosophical thinking), Marketers (Marketing/money-making) and loads of other groups that were not only active, contributed to the community in various ways, but also didn't switch gears constantly. Obviously they all had their ups and downs which is why all of those (except Red Lions/Writers) groups listed are gone but it goes without saying they all were very successful at what they did.

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WienerNips - March 5, 2016, 12:13 am

You think people spend thousands of dollars to have fun. It's all a game nowadays. You buy a group. Sell spots. Monetize brands on the market, sell the group, rinse and repeat.

FSBN - March 5, 2016, 1:24 am

How can you say they are all the same when ur not even in one group? They are different.