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Thread: [Account Security Notification #3](#)

Omniscient - May 7, 2016, 2:11 pm

As part of our roadmap to enhance account security we will be doing a full site password reset for all accounts. So everyone at some point in the near future will be getting an email to reset their password. If you do not get the email then you will lose access to your account.

Please confirm your email is valid and accepting HF emails unfiltered. If you need to change your account email please do so now. You will need to have a valid working email account that does not spam filter HF emails.

Use this link to check or change your email:

<https://hackforums.net/usercp.php?action=email> (Only change your email if it's invalid such as lost access or doesn't get HF emails because of spam filters)

Also you will need to ensure that any notifications we send about changes will be allowed to be sent to you:

<https://hackforums.net/usercp.php?action=options>

Check the "Receive emails from the Administrators" please if you wish to get email notifications when we do send them. Please note we've only sent it out twice in nine years. We have no intention to make it a habit of sending email blasts and we are against using email promotional spam.

I will ask that all members with 2FA/Gauth access enable it asap. It's vital you secure your HF account using this method.

<https://hackforums.net/gauth.php>

If you have not done so also change your password even though we do plan on a reset it's good to have a fresh password on the site. One that you don't use anywhere else and is unique. Trust Scan page now shows when you last changed your PW.

<https://hackforums.net/usercp.php?action=password>

I'm sure many will ask when we plan to do the password resets. I can't say 100% for sure but my best guess is within two weeks. Could be a lot sooner depends on how fast I work and what I find when it comes to the accounts security. I may opt to upgrade us to MyBB 1.8x before doing a PW reset just in case there is an exploit being using in 1.6x series. In that case it could be a few weeks as it's a lot of work. And it doesn't make sense to do a PW reset until I know we're secure.

There are lots of rumors of dumps and leaks. But let me make it clear that indeed these are rumors and there has yet to be any confirmation that indeed we have been dumped. I actually find it hard to believe since no one has shown actual proof they have the DB dumped. Realize there are a lot of childish braggarts in this world. Many will lie about having the DB when in-fact they don't have it. Some will take credit for any compromise when in-fact they didn't do it. Members are reporting being threatened or blackmailed, in which case, I suggest you ignore the bullies.

If it wasn't for my own threads stating that I believe we've been compromised no one would be behaving any differently. While I don't regret making the thread I do think it should be made clear that there is no actual proof so far. I am starting to seriously question if we have been compromised in a way that a dump was possible. Currently the situation is that we have Ub3r and l33t accounts

being stolen. No data on HF has been changed. The site is operating normally. There has been no manipulation of the database as far as I can tell. I've not found any shells on our servers. I have not found any evidence at all that we're potentially compromised at any level beyond these stolen, or possibly sold, accounts.

Normally in the past when we are indeed compromised it's much more evident. The site is defaced. The database is leaked and I see actual proof. Server gets owned with things like a root password change. Admin accounts get altered. All types of mayhem normally occurs. And the hackers delight in it, take credit, and do a full-on victory dance. So far....nothing...and that's very odd.

These facts are very true:

1. I'll secure HF.
2. I will secure accounts.
3. HF will continue as usual.
4. Eventually, we'll get compromised again.
5. Rinse and repeat as they say.

Thank you.

EDIT:

Suggested services:

Tutanota.com (encrypted)

Gmail.com (2FA login provided)

Protonmail.com (encrypted)

Yahoo, Outlook, Live, Hotmail, and AOL all work with HF but may experience intermittent problems with delivery.

EDIT 2:

A simple way to check if you're getting HF emails is to enable email notifications for PMs.

<https://hackforums.net/usercp.php?action=options>

Check the: "Notify me by email when I receive a new Private Message."

Then send yourself a PM. Yes, MyBB allows you to PM yourself.

After you verified that you get emails you can uncheck the option for email upon PM.

Sevn Alias - May 7, 2016, 2:11 pm

So HF is now full secured? And you might ban accounts if the user logged in since few months ago. To avoid scams.

Magna imperium - May 7, 2016, 2:12 pm

Thanks omni for the update.

NormieFag - May 7, 2016, 2:12 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:11 PM)Sevn Alias Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So HF is now full secured? And you might ban accounts if the user logged in since few months ago. To avoid scams.

That's not how that works. There's always a margin for error.

Granny Bacon - May 7, 2016, 2:12 pm

Thank you for your update!

My Computer - May 7, 2016, 2:13 pm

Thanks for the update Omni. :)

\$uicide - May 7, 2016, 2:13 pm

sounds good, looking forward to this :D

Iwata - May 7, 2016, 2:13 pm

Has HF been hacked or something?

xFR3 - May 7, 2016, 2:13 pm

Have you checked site logs? I doubt it got dumped again because otherwise there'd probably be someone bragging.

Treeline - May 7, 2016, 2:13 pm

Thanks for letting us know Omni

MysticParadox - May 7, 2016, 2:13 pm

Glad to see the new security changes.

Cara Delevingne - May 7, 2016, 2:13 pm

Thanks alot for this update, appreciate it

F16™ - May 7, 2016, 2:14 pm

Thnx for update Omi ?

?Kill? - May 7, 2016, 2:14 pm

Thanks for keeping us up to date Omni!

Redwall - May 7, 2016, 2:14 pm

Thanks for the update omni

Safety is first

wtf - May 7, 2016, 2:14 pm

Thanks for keeping us up to date.

Sevn Alias - May 7, 2016, 2:14 pm

Holy crap.

Never saw this before:

User(s) browsing this thread: #Sleepy, .Callum, Abigail H, Acid Cat, AFTERMATH ?, andrewfrost, Ang?l, Applejuices, AristoCrack, AsaLang, atomragnar, Bizarre????????????????, BLKDMNDS, bloopoo15, Cokeboy, Contrarietas, Crazy Dave, Deciphers, Durham, EagleScream, Fluxify, Frank2001, Ghost?????, GL1TCH3D, Glubz, gnome_xd, gtxinject, Gumball Watterson, Heart?less, Hoodie+, James Brown, Jesse Pinkman, K!ngGFX, Kevin??. Krave, Max_Stamp, mrmqz, N42_, Po???w, r3tsquad, Redwall, RYDiOo, Sahaj, Sc00by, Scarlett Johansson, Scream123, Seasonal, Sevn Alias*, Shay Mitchell, Shiryu, Shrek Is Life, SIMAAS, simone91, SirTingui, SOS., SpringLoaded, Squito, Supreme_, THE NORTH FACE, v7KillStreaker, Wade Wilson, xFR3, Zombie?, ~Jun, ?Saadi, Aaro?, C?sh, KARJALA, 2 Guest(s)

• **Kyle** • - May 7, 2016, 2:14 pm

Damn this thread deep asl

Ooze - May 7, 2016, 2:14 pm

How long will this notification stay up?

rouxster115 - May 7, 2016, 2:14 pm

Okay, thank you for letting us know.

Katarina Du Couteau - May 7, 2016, 2:14 pm

I love how many users are browsing this thread :D

Allah Hu Akbar - May 7, 2016, 2:14 pm

So many user sbrowsing this thread!

?Saadi - May 7, 2016, 2:14 pm

Sounds good, waiting for the Reset, hopefully it will solve out many problems.

I noticed that, many of the members do not have the option to receive emails from Admins 'ticked', is it possible for you Omni, to tick it all over the forums?

Most likely, many people won't be aware of this and won't receive the email and lose their access to the account, which would probably flood the contact forms even more?

THE NORTH FACE - May 7, 2016, 2:15 pm

Sounds good. I'll be waiting for an email.

minimalist - May 7, 2016, 2:15 pm

Will we be able to dismiss the notification at a later time? Good luck securing Hack Forums.

B?o?s?t?o?n - May 7, 2016, 2:15 pm

Umm??? Email reset don't you mean password reset

thehen102 - May 7, 2016, 2:15 pm

Wow - people do lie a lot. The alleged probably don't have the database and potentially the people that DO have it probably keep quiet about it.

N - May 7, 2016, 2:15 pm

Thanks for all the hard work Omni on making the community safer!

Roytoy - May 7, 2016, 2:15 pm

Quote: If you do not get the email then you will lose access to your account.

What if for whatever reason we don't get the email? can we avoid this happening by changing our passwords manually without the email?

Thank you for the security checkup, Omni. Hopefully this helps.

Mattixio - May 7, 2016, 2:15 pm

Thank you for informing everyone about this.

Cyber - May 7, 2016, 2:15 pm

I've already changed my email will I have to change it again?

RumbleFrog - May 7, 2016, 2:15 pm

Sounds good, make hack forums great again

zillakami - May 7, 2016, 2:15 pm

Good luck securing HF and rip all users who will not get the email and lose their accounts.

SIM-2848947 - May 7, 2016, 2:15 pm

So if i change my email now I'll get the password reset link once I change it or will they all be sent out later?

Dragnite - May 7, 2016, 2:15 pm

Thanks for the update Omni.

?Kill? - May 7, 2016, 2:16 pm

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never saw such a hot thread

'Cynical - May 7, 2016, 2:16 pm

Possible that the person doing it actually has a sense of maturity hence that sort of mayhem not occurring.

Regardless, thanks for making sure HF is secure. I know you've been working extremely hard on this.

SIM-2263652 - May 7, 2016, 2:16 pm

Sounds good. Pretty good idea to make that notification up there. Would have possibly lost my account.

? Soufian ? - May 7, 2016, 2:16 pm

Let's hope everyone receives the password-reset e-mail.

Gummo - May 7, 2016, 2:17 pm

Thanks again, got the emails and wondered what was up!

BTCEXchangez - May 7, 2016, 2:17 pm

Thanks for the update, already updated my password and have the 2FA already enabled. Really hope we get to know if there was a database leak or not.

icantcompete1 - May 7, 2016, 2:17 pm

Good update on this. Thanks omni

BITCHLESS - May 7, 2016, 2:17 pm

When we get this emails about restart password?

ipap0x28 - May 7, 2016, 2:17 pm

Keep up the great work Omni! I hope everything works out as expected soon enough :)

Badbygger - May 7, 2016, 2:17 pm

Thanks Omni, very appreciated. ?

spooky hacker - May 7, 2016, 2:17 pm

Thanks for the update Omni, glad you care for the security of HF members.

Blade - May 7, 2016, 2:17 pm

Thanks for the update sir.

Krave - May 7, 2016, 2:17 pm

Thanks for warning us, I'm ready whenever.

Bluffer - May 7, 2016, 2:17 pm

I'll be making an email just for HF right now... don't want to lose access.

EgoETEK - May 7, 2016, 2:17 pm

thanks boss for the update :)

J?son - May 7, 2016, 2:18 pm

I've enabled 2fa and changed my password.

Now I just setup a different email for this website entirely.

I'll await the email notifying me of reset passwords. ?

EagleScream - May 7, 2016, 2:18 pm

Thank you so much for everything you have done.

Vitani - May 7, 2016, 2:18 pm

Smart move. I still would like to know if there has been an actual breach or not. Better safe then sorry though.

Pluxo - May 7, 2016, 2:19 pm

Glad to see us taking action.

? [\$(1000)\$] ? - May 7, 2016, 2:19 pm

Thanks for the update brother!

Gone4Ever - May 7, 2016, 2:19 pm

tnx for this omni :)

appreciated it

Durham - May 7, 2016, 2:19 pm

Thanks, I am redy. Checked email and 2fa.

SysAdmin - May 7, 2016, 2:19 pm

Since i changed my email a few days ago, would i need to change it again when we get the notification for it?

Thanks for the update though!

mrleaker12 - May 7, 2016, 2:19 pm

Thanks for the update and the work you put into it! :)

BTC BTC BTC - May 7, 2016, 2:20 pm

Needed to stop people using DBs to match passwords with usernames here. Will also reduce scam reports. :)

Good good

H350 - May 7, 2016, 2:20 pm

Thanks for this update.

Regards.

hackersallin - May 7, 2016, 2:20 pm

Well omni, we are all just waiting for you to fix HF back up but take your time and do it properly, we trust you.

Thanks for taking the pain in doing so, we all appreciate it!

Heart of Kings - May 7, 2016, 2:21 pm

Thanks for the update boss!

big dick rick - May 7, 2016, 2:22 pm

fuck now i gotta remember the password for my email

comp - May 7, 2016, 2:24 pm

Childish braggart here, thanks Omni

Sudsy - May 7, 2016, 2:25 pm

Thanks Brother, just updated my email for the first time ever :)

KFC Watermelon - May 7, 2016, 2:25 pm

Thanks a ton Omniscient for your hard work and dedication. I love your website and greatly appreciate the hard work you put into it.

By the way, is this a typo?

Quote: So everyone at some point in the near future will be getting an email to reset their email. Do you want us to reset/change our email or password?

Description - May 7, 2016, 2:26 pm

Sounds good, thanks for being on top of everything as always!

Sleek. - May 7, 2016, 2:26 pm

What about the Ubers that already got told to change their passwords?

Frukt - May 7, 2016, 2:26 pm

Never seen so many people browsing the same thread at once.

I checked my e-mail and it's working!

slumped - May 7, 2016, 2:26 pm

Thanks for this crucial yet settling update omni.

ICUP - May 7, 2016, 2:26 pm

Thanks, Omni, for letting us now.

ImNostalgia - May 7, 2016, 2:27 pm

Thanks for the update. Has HF been DB dropped again or is everyones stuff fine?

y-y-youtoo - May 7, 2016, 2:28 pm

Thanks for the update Omni

You Just Got Sarged - May 7, 2016, 2:28 pm

Does anyone know any programs that I don't need chrome that will work with 2FA/Gauth?

BTCexchanger - May 7, 2016, 2:28 pm

Thanks for keeping you HF good.

DabMaster83 - May 7, 2016, 2:28 pm

Just need to get my iPhone 6 back before i can turn on F2A.. I got a bad phone right now that is to laggy..

But thanks for the information Omni!

y-y-youtoo - May 7, 2016, 2:28 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:26 PM)KruktFPS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Never seen so many people browsing the same thread at once.

I checked my e-mail and it's working!

Ooooooh I did, was the best hour of my life (actually not the best hour, but k)

Frukt - May 7, 2016, 2:29 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:28 PM)Computer Professor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Does anyone know any programs that I don't need chrome that will work with 2FA/Gauth?

The desktop app?

Take a look at this thread here!

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5259529>

Knowledgeable - May 7, 2016, 2:29 pm

Interesting.

I have updated my settings.

Hopefully this isn't a case of actually smart sleuthy hackers

Rikk?a - May 7, 2016, 2:29 pm

What do you mean lose access to your account will you close account who don't change their email?

FiftyTwo - May 7, 2016, 2:30 pm

Thank you for the update Omni.

Best of luck!

Frukt - May 7, 2016, 2:30 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:28 PM)IronGold Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just need to get my iPhone 6 back before i can turn on F2A.. I got a bad phone right now that is to laggy..

But thanks for the information Omni!

You can always go with desktop app 2FA for now and then late ron change.

Check this thread out and you will understand!

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5259529>

Sakamoto - May 7, 2016, 2:30 pm

Keep up the good work dad <3

gky159 - May 7, 2016, 2:30 pm

its looks like hf user's database leakead

Suspense - May 7, 2016, 2:30 pm

Thanks for the much awaited update on the account security situation.

Best of luck with the 1.8 update.

Rikk?a - May 7, 2016, 2:31 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:30 PM)gky159 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) its looks like hf user's database leakead
Looks like you need to read next time.

Retribute - May 7, 2016, 2:31 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:26 PM)Strikecarl Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What about the Ubers that already got told to change their passwords?You will need to do it again.

Sick - May 7, 2016, 2:32 pm

Im a bit confused on this i recieved 4 emails last Tuesday in my inbox ..saying this ...
Dear Wr?ith,

We are currently investigating a possible account security compromise at HackForums. In order to ensure your account is indeed secure we ask that you change your password and enable Gauth/2FA. You can verify the validity of this email on HF which we will confirm and provide additional details. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Thank you,
Omniscient
HackForums Admin

now that day i changed my password but when i do a trust scan it says
Last Password Change: Never
Gauth/2FA: Enabled 12-16-2015

So do i change my password again ?

Pluxo - May 7, 2016, 2:33 pm

Hire Kevin Mitnick to try to find exploits.

Frank Serpico - May 7, 2016, 2:33 pm

Oh thanks for the info Omni ^^

aguila - May 7, 2016, 2:33 pm

Thanks for the update Omni, and I attempted to change my password but I get an error,
Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)
MyBB has experienced an internal error and cannot continue.

Error Type:

MyBB Error (40)

Error Message:

The specified input has been blocked. Please go back and try again.

Rikk?a - May 7, 2016, 2:33 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:32 PM)Wr?ith Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Im a bit confused on this i recieved 4 emails last Tuesday in my inbox ..saying this ...

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Thank you,
Omniscient
HackForums Admin

now that day i changed my password but when i do a trust scan it says
Last Password Change: Never
Gauth/2FA: Enabled 12-16-2015

So do i change my password again ?
He didn't add the plugin when you changed your password.

Faith Connors - May 7, 2016, 2:34 pm

ty based omniscient for keeping us safe

Blazin - May 7, 2016, 2:35 pm

I'm glad I got 2FA enabled.

memesaregreat - May 7, 2016, 2:35 pm

I hope HF is going to be fine.

I heard that nulled got nulled :P

Kyle Beats - May 7, 2016, 2:35 pm

Is there a recommended email to use that doesn't filter emails?

Outlook sometimes does but it's like a 80% chance that it won't but considering it was stated if you don't receive the email you'll lose your account I don't want to take the risk.

#Exploit - May 7, 2016, 2:36 pm

Thanks Omni, I'm gonna check now.

Regards

You Just Got Sarged - May 7, 2016, 2:36 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:29 PM)KruktFPS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The desktop app?
Take a look at this thread here!

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5259529>

I try that. <https://www.authy.com/app/desktop/>

I click on the Operating system I use and it takes me here:

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/authy/gaedmjdfmmahhbjefcbgaolhhanlaolb?hl=en>

It displays this for me:

Once when I click available on chrome which is my only option it takes me here:

https://www.google.com/chrome/?brand=GGRF&utm_campaign=ww&utm_source=ww-cws-tile&utm_medium=et&hl=en

Retribute - May 7, 2016, 2:37 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:35 PM) Kyle Beats Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is there a recommended email to use that doesn't filter emails?

Outlook sometimes does but it's like a 80% chance that it won't but considering it was stated if you don't receive the email you'll lose your account I don't want to take the risk. Right. I think it's best to stay away from Microsoft emails.

I think Gmail is fine.

Ritract - May 7, 2016, 2:37 pm

I will upgrade soon so I can then add additional security to my account.

Omniscient - May 7, 2016, 2:38 pm

Quote: What if for whatever reason we don't get the email? can we avoid this happening by changing our passwords manually without the email?

You will be unable to recover your account and access it unless you have a valid working email. I was hoping my first post made that clear.

"If you do not get the email then you will lose access to your account." and... "You will need to have a valid working email account that does not spam filter HF emails."

Quote: I've already changed my email will I have to change it again?

No, it's not necessary to change your email if it's valid and working.

Quote: I've enabled 2fa and changed my password.

Now I just setup a different email for this website entirely.

That's not a bad idea for most members as long as you don't forget the emails login credentials. It prevents your primary email from being exposed from a leak. I myself prefer to use email forwards so that my primary emails are private. An email goes to my secondary account which is known and then forwarded to my private email account which is unknown. So I still get all the emails I need without exposing myself to certain risks.

Quote: I still would like to know if there has been an actual breach or not. Better safe than sorry though.

I'd like to know that too and yes, better safe than sorry.

At the end of all this we'll have a more secure HF which is better for everyone.

"So everyone at some point in the near future will be getting an email to reset their email."
Dammit...typo...fixed and it was suppose to be "reset their password"...thanks for point that out.

Quote:What about the Ubers that already got told to change their passwords?

It's true that some members might be changing their passwords multiple times in order to ensure account security.

Quote:What do you mean lose access to your account will you close account who don't change their email?

Your existing password will cease working. You will need to a password reset which is done via email. If you don't have a working email you may end up losing your account access permanently. I will do my best with account recovery but there will certainly be no guarantees and it's likely going to be a slow process.

Quote:So do i change my password again ?

You don't need to change your PW if already have in the past 4 days. However, when I do full site password reset, all members will lose access until they reset their password again via the PW reset page and activate a new password. So again, no emails from HF means you will not get a new password. Yes, that's crazy sounding so I suggest you make 100% sure you have a working email. Essentially this will cause all users to activate their accounts again.

BSk84 - May 7, 2016, 2:38 pm

Despite being a literally utter newbie to the forum, I take it as a excellent sign that the Admins are so forthcoming about this sort of thing. Security vulnerabilities are a fact of life, and are a "Red Queen" sort of problem (ie. intractable to complete resolution). Now if this breach had occurred and none of us were informed -- now that would be cause for concern. Thanks for the heads up.

SureDawgg - May 7, 2016, 2:38 pm

Well hot damn. Was not expecting this

Blazin - May 7, 2016, 2:39 pm

Everyone should have 2FA enabled by now, especially if you value your account in anyway here. We should let regular members use this feature for free.

I dunno if I get the emails from hf to my HF email though on here. Think I had issues with that once.

Bad Boy - May 7, 2016, 2:40 pm

it reassuring to see that the staff did everything possible to protect HF.

Manwë - May 7, 2016, 2:40 pm

It's good to see you taking security so seriously. I'll change my password asap.

Mons - May 7, 2016, 2:41 pm

Code If you do not get the email then you will lose access to your account.

Would it be possible to alert us via HF when said email has been sent, Omniscient?

Thanks for looking out for us.

Cyber - May 7, 2016, 2:41 pm

Awesome omni thanks for answering. I will keep an eye out for the email.

?Kill? - May 7, 2016, 2:41 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:39 PM)Blazin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Everyone should have 2FA enabled by now, especially if you value your account in anyway here. We should let regular members use this feature for free.

I dunno if I get the emails from hf to my HF email though on here. Think I had issues with that once. Agreed I think it would be a good feature for EVERYONE to be able to use 2fa, because every user that cares about there acc should be able to use it

NoodleBot™ - May 7, 2016, 2:41 pm

Don't worry if there's no proof of it yet - it's better to be safe then sorry. Thanks for the news.

Kyrus - May 7, 2016, 2:41 pm

Has anyone gotten the supposed email yet?

Kyle Beats - May 7, 2016, 2:42 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:41 PM)Mons Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Code If you do not get the email then you will lose access to your account.

Would it be possible to alert us via HF when said email has been sent?

Yes, this would be helpful so we know if our email is blocking it. You could send out a second one afterwards considering my email provider is occasionally blocking HF's emails.

What email should I use?

Cyber - May 7, 2016, 2:43 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:42 PM)Kyle Beats Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, this would be helpful so we know if our email is blocking it. You could send out a second one afterwards considering my email provider is occasionally blocking HF's emails.

What email should I use?

don't use an internet providers email because they tend to block them. GMAIL,HOTMAIL,YAHOO should be good.

SIM-297877 - May 7, 2016, 2:43 pm

Meh, Nothing new. Just another day on the internet.

mural - May 7, 2016, 2:44 pm

Created a new email just for HF.

Mafty Navue Erin - May 7, 2016, 2:44 pm

Where the fuck is the tl;dr

CyberGuard - May 7, 2016, 2:44 pm

Awesome job Omni, keep it up!

Omniscient - May 7, 2016, 2:45 pm

Suggested services:

Tutanota.com (encrypted)

Gmail.com (2FA login options)

Protonmail.com (encrypted)

Yahoo, Outlook, Live, Hotmail, and AOL all work with HF but may experience intermintent problems with delivery.

Marshall Mathers - May 7, 2016, 2:45 pm

thanks for this thread m8

You Just Got Sarged - May 7, 2016, 2:45 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:28 PM)Computer Professor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Does anyone know any programs that I don't need chrome that will work with 2FA/Gauth?

Some people told me its a stand alone program. If I download chrome just to download this program. Will it go away if I uninstall chrome?

Silent Uprising - May 7, 2016, 2:45 pm

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Stonelsland - May 7, 2016, 2:46 pm

Thanks for the update Omni.

lucky. - May 7, 2016, 2:46 pm

Well that's a bit annoying seeing as I just changed it from the first thread, but its understandable.

Still not entirely sure what happened over these past few days, just seems like a sudden hacking of accounts suggesting a leak from the site but its blown up a lot, I even saw a news site reporting on it (which was odd).

Grohl - May 7, 2016, 2:46 pm

Thanks for the update on the current situation, Omni. Happy to see there is being a proactive approach taken for this.

Cyber - May 7, 2016, 2:47 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:45 PM)Computer Professor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Some people told me its a stand alone program. If I download chrome just to download this program. Will it go away if I uninstall chrome?

If you use authy you should be able to get the account on all of your devices.

Honey Singh - May 7, 2016, 2:47 pm

Thanks for the update on security related issue boss,

Really appreciate that, you're giving this much time on these things.

And making HF as much secure as possible :)

Retribute - May 7, 2016, 2:48 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:45 PM)Computer Professor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Some people told me its a stand alone program. If I download chrome just to download this program. Will it go away if I uninstall chrome?

While it uses Chrome's app framework, it's a completely stand-alone app, though, and you don't need to run Chrome to use it.

skelly76 - May 7, 2016, 2:48 pm

Thanks for the update Omni.

Also just a word of caution to everyone, don't use Authy on your computer if possible. Your phone is usually much safer.

Roger Waters - May 7, 2016, 2:48 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:45 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Suggested services:
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Gmail.com (2FA login options)
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From past experiences Yahoo, Outlook, Live, and Hotmail have had issues with emails not going through period.

More of a reason to use one of the suggested services.

Judicious? - May 7, 2016, 2:50 pm

I had to change my email to a gmail address because I wasn't getting email in my yahoo mail. Thanks for the heads up!!

Silent Uprising - May 7, 2016, 2:51 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:48 PM)Roger Waters Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) From past experiences Yahoo, Outlook, Live, and Hotmail have had issues with emails not going through period.

More of a reason to use one of the suggested services.

Yahoo has never failed me. All e-mails from HF have gone through without being filtered.

Queen Cin - May 7, 2016, 2:51 pm

Just did a reset on my email to make sure it was updated.

Thanks Omni

Kyle Beats - May 7, 2016, 2:51 pm

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tutanota worked pretty well and was easy, had no problem switching my email over.

Narrate - May 7, 2016, 2:52 pm

Thanks for warning us, just changed my account email.

Judicious? - May 7, 2016, 2:52 pm

One thing that is odd is when I do a scan on myself it says I never used Gauth when I have and am using it. Kinda weird.

Retribute - May 7, 2016, 2:53 pm

For those wanting to make sure their email is compatible, go to your UserCP [Options](#) and tick Notify me by email when I receive a new Private Message.

Simply ask someone to PM you afterwards.

Roger Waters - May 7, 2016, 2:54 pm

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<https://i.imgur.com/MayyA9o.png>

You sure you read that right?

Frukt - May 7, 2016, 2:54 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:36 PM)Computer Professor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) -

I never actually tried it myself but it seems like it only works with Chrome.

Did not expect that, shitty. I've seen alot of people recommending it ?

I wish you good luck, I'm out of ideas. ?

Judicious? - May 7, 2016, 2:55 pm

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All I did was change my email and then back to my current and checked to see if I got an email.

Retribute - May 7, 2016, 2:56 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:55 PM)Judicious? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) All I did was change my email and then back to my current and checked to see if I got an email. Yes, that works too.

You Just Got Sarged - May 7, 2016, 2:56 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:48 PM)Retribute Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) While it uses Chrome's app framework, it's a completely stand-alone app, though, and you don't need to run Chrome to use it.

Okay so I can uninstall it after I get it?

Fox™ - May 7, 2016, 2:56 pm

Thanks for the update, Omni. Lot of people on this thread. Wow.

Vitani - May 7, 2016, 3:00 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:45 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yahoo, Outlook, Live, Hotmail, and AOL all work with HF but may experience intermittent problems with delivery.

Personally i use an outlook alias for hackforums.

The first email from HF was indeed marked as spam but if you confirm it's safe future emails will be delivered without any problems.

Sick - May 7, 2016, 3:00 pm

Ok well after changing my password last Tuesday after getting 4 emails from HF in my inbox .

Was a bit confused after getting those emails in my inbox and no messages in my inbox on site i was kinda wondering it was pretty strange to recieve no pm on site regarding this !

I have now done it again and yes it now says Last Password Change: Today

So all in all thats it done and shows its been changed ...

Cheers :-)

Jesus666 - May 7, 2016, 3:00 pm

I can't login to my hotmail account because it's ask me about security question I can't remember

Can i still change my email and confirm the new email as the email i will use to my HF account
Instead of the old email I can't login to?

And i also have activated 2FA mobile security

Omniscient - May 7, 2016, 3:01 pm

Quote:Everyone should have 2FA enabled by now, especially if you value your account in anyway here. We should let regular members use this feature for free.

It's too much of a problem with lost 2FA access to bother recovering free accounts. Even if a non-upgraded account is stolen or shared it's not nearly the same risk to the community as an upgraded account. Also let's say a non-upgraded account is stolen, then upgraded. I normally catch the account theft at the point of upgrade and close it.

Eventually as I tighten up account security it might be true that all accounts will have 2FA access but that has to be when I will never recover any lost accounts at all.

Quote:Would it be possible to alert us via HF when said email has been sent, Omniscient?
Of course that's going to happen. You'll know it because you will be logged out and your PW will not work. On the login page and PW reset page I will very likely have clear messages to members what and why is happening.

Quote:What is a surefire way to test whether our current email is indeed working with Hack Forums?

A simple way to check if you're getting HF emails is to enable email notifications for PMs.

<https://hackforums.net/usercp.php?action=options>

Check the: "Notify me by email when I receive a new Private Message."

Then send yourself a PM. Yes, MyBB allows you to PM yourself.

After you verified that you get emails you can uncheck the option for email upon PM.

Quote:I understand there hasn't been proof that the DB was leaked but it seems like most of your security measures are for upgraded members.

Upgraded accounts also pose a higher risk to the community when stolen so they get priority on security and resources. A stolen non-upgraded account is practically worthless to anyone. If your non-upgraded account was indeed stolen would you really care that much? My guess is you'd open a new account then upgrade it for the extra security measures. In such cases I often get contacted to merge or close the old account which in many cases I do.

Quote:tutanota worked pretty well and was easy, had no problem switching my email over.
Yes, it's an excellent service I wish they had a more easily spoken and spelled domain though. It's not very simple or catchy.

Quote:One thing that is odd is when I do a scan on myself it says I never used Gauth when I have and am using it. Kinda weird.

Go to Gauth page and validate a current 6-digit code. At this time it doesn't count login usage as recently used. I will be altering that asap.

Quote:Okay so I can uninstall it after I get it?

Not if you used it to activate Gauth. If you uninstall the app and didn't save your key you are screwed. 100% on the Gauth page please save your key somewhere. It's vital you do as a backup.

Bluffer - May 7, 2016, 3:02 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:45 PM)Deep Pockets Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I understand there hasn't been proof that the DB was leaked but it seems like most of your security measures are for upgraded members. This makes 100% sense since they're more valuable of an asset over a member like me and thousands of others who haven't spent money on this site, but should we do anything to secure our accounts? I will be changing my password soon and starting to use a password locker for all my passwords but apart from that can non-upgraded members do anything?

Probably best to just make sure your password is completely random and not used on anything

else. And really if you value your account should probably get upgraded because it's the best option if you want to secure your account.

gore - May 7, 2016, 3:04 pm

(May 7, 2016 03:00 PM)Vitani Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Personally i use an outlook alias for hackforums. The first email from HF was indeed marked as spam but if you confirm it's safe future emails will be delivered without any problems.
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Outlook is known to have issues with HF, others not so much.

bandors - May 7, 2016, 3:04 pm

I suggest everyone use protonmail.com, there's even a PIN to login for extra security.

Panko - May 7, 2016, 3:06 pm

I just registered a few days ago. This makes me change my password as well?

Bluffer - May 7, 2016, 3:07 pm

I also could not use Hotmail, Omni said he emailed all Ub3r members a few days ago and I received nothing not even in my junk folder from HF.

Having a unique email just for HF is a good idea anyways, more security, the better we all are.

Cloaked. - May 7, 2016, 3:07 pm

I don't even remember the password I have here. A reset would probably be a good thing I guess.

Meh, maybe tomorrow, too tired and drunk to do it now. I'll probably even forget. A reminder e-mail is good, nice thinking m8.

Mays - May 7, 2016, 3:08 pm

Thanks for letting us know, setting up everything before it happens.

Bluffer - May 7, 2016, 3:08 pm

(May 7, 2016 03:06 PM)Panko Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I just registered a few days ago. This makes me change my password as well?

From my understanding, there will be a site-wide reset which logs every single user out of their account and they have to click a link in their email to login and change their password.

So yes you will need to change your password.

Frukt - May 7, 2016, 3:08 pm

(May 7, 2016 03:04 PM)Bandors Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I suggest everyone use protonmail.com, there's even a PIN to login for extra security.

Totally agree with you, you can't go wrong with protonmail! Extremely good.

I vouch for protonmail! ?

Ways - May 7, 2016, 3:08 pm

If we already reset our password, do we have to reset again when the site is forced to do so?

Vitani - May 7, 2016, 3:08 pm

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bandors - May 7, 2016, 3:09 pm

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Excalibur' - May 7, 2016, 3:10 pm

I havent recieved any email! Will he send it later or is it already sent?

Frukt - May 7, 2016, 3:10 pm

(May 7, 2016 03:10 PM)raiedsadiq Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I havent recieved any email! Will he send it later or is it already sent?

If you read it again it will say that it will happend in the next 2 weeks.

Make sure you can recive mails from Admin in the UserCP!

Kenjataimu - May 7, 2016, 3:11 pm

(May 7, 2016 03:10 PM)raiedsadiq Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I havent recieved any email! Will he send it later or is it already sent?

he said probably within 2 weeks.

Ha Haaa - May 7, 2016, 3:11 pm

Could you please spoiler on the thread the list of questions you've answered for easy access.

Tomb Raider - May 7, 2016, 3:12 pm

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Update changed to gmail and got the email all is well

Retribute - May 7, 2016, 3:13 pm

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compatible?

Suggested services:

Tutanota.com (encrypted)

Gmail.com (2FA login options)

Protonmail.com (encrypted)

reBELLYus - May 7, 2016, 3:13 pm

Email has been updated. Thanks for the heads up.

Soul.f - May 7, 2016, 3:14 pm

I don't know if it's just me but the sites loads so slow now

Queen Cin - May 7, 2016, 3:14 pm

(May 7, 2016 03:14 PM)Soul.f Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't know if it's just me but the sites loads so slow now

It's just you. Loads fine for me ?

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Hotmail is known for doing this, look aat the other posts here.

I would highly suggest you to get protonmail.com!

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WTF¿ - May 7, 2016, 3:14 pm

Literately just changed my password...

Flared - May 7, 2016, 3:15 pm

Good shit omni, this should clear up some of the scams that've happened recently

gore - May 7, 2016, 3:17 pm

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Thank you kindly for the heads-up.?

After having to prove to Omni that this is my account via a temp account, I switched to Yahoo. But now that I know Yahoo may have the issue, I switched to another one.

Aint about that life dude. It sucked.

Any time though ?

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I would switch email providers ASAP so you don't get locked out of your account.

I believe you need to receive the email confirmation to that email though, so you may have to contact Omni to switch it manually.

Not sure how he feels about it, but it may be the only option.

Vip?r - May 7, 2016, 3:21 pm

I have changed my email to a brand new separate email.
Ensured to receive all PMs from Admins by mail.
Re-validated my F2A code.
Tested receiving PMs through mail by self testing a PM.
I have not yet but will be updating my password during the mass pw reset.

(May 7, 2016 03:09 PM)Bandors Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm worried a bunch of people will not see this thread, be using hotmail or another service that blocks HF emails and then we will have hundreds of people locked out of their accounts :(
"A simple way to check if you're getting HF emails is to enable email notifications for PMs."
Test it now before the actual pw reset.

257207954 - May 7, 2016, 3:23 pm

(May 7, 2016 03:14 PM)Soul.f Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't know if it's just me but the sites loads so slow now
Omni is aware of it, but he said we just have to deal with it for now.

1P-LSD - May 7, 2016, 3:27 pm

Awesome idea way too much scamming and stolen account related shenanigans these past few months.

Narrate - May 7, 2016, 3:28 pm

I've decided to make the swap to protonmail for my account, hopefully it's as good as I've heard.

Sadistic - May 7, 2016, 3:28 pm

Just changed password and verified all my emails are not compromised.

Good job keeping HF safe.

Khadgar - May 7, 2016, 3:31 pm

Thank you for letting us know and good work.

K3njii - May 7, 2016, 3:32 pm

Is HF running slow for anyone on there pc?

for me it is...

Fluxify - May 7, 2016, 3:32 pm

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Edit: I just tried it with the notification on PM and sent myself a PM but did not get an email. Is it usually instant? If yes, I will be switching to Gmail probably.

hugsyou - May 7, 2016, 3:36 pm

Is there anyway you can let us know when you send the email? I rarely check my email.

Ryuga - May 7, 2016, 3:37 pm

Thanks for the update, Omni!

divisive - May 7, 2016, 3:38 pm

Have we gotten this email yet?

I haven't gotten one if so

Anymore - May 7, 2016, 3:39 pm

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Retribute - May 7, 2016, 3:40 pm

(May 7, 2016 03:38 PM)Green Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Have we gotten this email yet?

I haven't gotten one if soNo, the forced password reset will probably happen two weeks from now.

Quote:I'm sure many will ask when we plan to do the password resets. I can't say 100% for sure but my best guess is within two weeks. Could be a lot sooner depends on how fast I work and what I find when it comes to the accounts security. I may opt to upgrade us to MyBB 1.8x before doing a PW reset just in case there is an exploit being using in 1.6x series. In that case it could be a few weeks as it's a lot of work. And it doesn't make sense to do a PW reset until I know we're secure.

Fuko Ibuki - May 7, 2016, 3:41 pm

Thanks Omni, i was worried with all the rumors.

K3njii - May 7, 2016, 3:43 pm

(May 7, 2016 03:39 PM)Anymore Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I want say thank you to all the staff, this forum is very useful to everybody, i don't understand why some hacker want delete or handling this kind of forum, every hacker start to learn online :\ hope your balls falling down on the floor and your dog shit up them :\\

They probably do it for attention,money and/or for the lols.

War On Retail - May 7, 2016, 3:46 pm

Thank you for the heads up =)

Hexalogy - May 7, 2016, 3:50 pm

Good to know, Thanks for the warnings.

st0rmii - May 7, 2016, 3:52 pm

Thanks for the update Omni! Changed my password!

Good to know that you'll try your best to secure HF

Han. - May 7, 2016, 3:59 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:11 PM)Sevn Alias Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So HF is now full secured? And you might ban accounts if the user logged in since few months ago. To avoid scams.

An awful idea. I occasionally go 2-3 months without logging in.

Silicon Valley - May 7, 2016, 4:01 pm

I'm glad everything is getting taken care of. Thanks Omni.

Hackforums97 - May 7, 2016, 4:02 pm

Hey omni, what if I'm vac banned and dont have access? can you early unban or something?

gore - May 7, 2016, 4:02 pm

(May 7, 2016 03:32 PM)Fluxify Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I use hotmail, but I received the email Omni sent out a few days ago. Does that mean I will get the future email(s) too? I'm assuming it will work just fine? I have receive an email from administrators checked btw.

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Yes, it is instant. I tested it with my new email provider and I got it as soon as I checked and refreshed my page.

Vanetti - May 7, 2016, 4:04 pm

Will do omni. Thanks for the extra security

Frukt - May 7, 2016, 4:06 pm

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Never tried the notification on PM but if you did recive a mail from Omni a few days ago you should be alright.

Judging by the big PW reset you should change e-mail service for your HF account. Omni won't have time to fix your account back if you do not check your e-mail properly now!

I suggest you to be on the safe side and get [Protonmail](#) to ensure you will be able to recover your account. PM if you need further advice or support!

(May 7, 2016 04:02 PM)/mischief Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, it is instant. I tested it with my new email provider and I got it as soon as I checked and refreshed my page.

Yes, change mail ASAP!

Thehackerguy1 - May 7, 2016, 4:10 pm

Guys, i changed my password the day Sir Omni alerted us the first day. Do i need to change my password again today?

Frukt - May 7, 2016, 4:11 pm

(May 7, 2016 04:10 PM)Thehackerguy1 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Guys, i changed my password the day Sir Omni alerted us the first day. Do i need to change my password again today?

Not today, Omni will pure all passwords within 2 weeks from now on.

Wait until you are forced to change, no need to change now.

Make sure your email works properly! ?

Black Shadow - May 7, 2016, 4:11 pm

Thanks for the update. You do a fantastic job and it doesn't go unnoticed I check your threads always to see whets new.

I just wish the site would speed up I am still getting a bad 15 - 20 second delay opening the pages.

Arzel - May 7, 2016, 4:12 pm

What's the email so I can whitelist it?

Yin Yang - May 7, 2016, 4:12 pm

I have already changed my password last week. Would I be required to change it again? I also activated Gauth.

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It'll make you reset it again within the next 2 weeks or so.

Tyler? - May 7, 2016, 4:13 pm

Changed my password a couple days ago. Definitely use Gauth for my account. I'm all set with a valid and current email.

Good to go here. :)

Frukt - May 7, 2016, 4:13 pm

(May 7, 2016 04:12 PM)Yin Yang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have already changed my password last week. Would I be required to change it again? I also activated Gauth.

As clearly stated in the post, yes!

All PW will be removed from all accounts. You will have to change it!

Thehackerguy1 - May 7, 2016, 4:15 pm

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Oh okay. Thanks a lot for the reply, sir ?.

gore - May 7, 2016, 4:16 pm

(May 7, 2016 04:12 PM)arzel Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What's the email so I can whitelist it?

If you can whitelist an entire domain @hackforums.net would be the better option.

If not, I think it's mailer@hackforums.net, if I'm not mistaken.

Brendan - May 7, 2016, 4:17 pm

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Yes, it is mailer@hackforums.net.

Frukt - May 7, 2016, 4:18 pm

(May 7, 2016 04:15 PM)Thehackerguy1 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Oh okay. Thanks a lot for the reply, sir ?.
I'm glad to help! Have a nice day sir! ?

sk0rg3 - May 7, 2016, 4:18 pm

Thanks for the heads up, keep up the good work man!!?

baka~ - May 7, 2016, 4:18 pm

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Frukt - May 7, 2016, 4:20 pm

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You sure you fully saved and changed the UserCP settings?
gmail should work properly with HF ?

To be on the safe side, get protonmail!

Nice to see that you take advantage of the amazing 2FA feature!

S????i - May 7, 2016, 4:25 pm

I like the changes. Thank you Omni for making HF as secure as you can.

Frukt - May 7, 2016, 4:30 pm

If anyone needs help PM me and I'll be more than happy to help out!

Codeine Crazy - May 7, 2016, 4:34 pm

Please look into what happened to my account that may be a result of this. The username was Twitch, UID 1332127, and I have a thread explaining everything as far as I know. At a point for a while I only went on when I got a reply to my vape helpdesk because I had it bookmarked and one day I went to go on and I was banned and my rep says I scammed people, I asked around and a bunch of people said someone went on a scamming spree with my account. I made a thread and used the contact form but never got a reply and I really wanna get back on this forum, whether I keep my repfuck and have to stay off the marketplace or what, I don't care, I just wanna use this website again.

wallyworlddancer - May 7, 2016, 4:40 pm

Thank you for the more secure hf, omni

gore - May 7, 2016, 4:41 pm

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"If any account is stolen or lost and then has Deal Disputes threads, scammer reputations, or Deal Dispute Database entries against the account it will be closed and marked as "lost/stolen scammer" and you will not be allowed to return to the community under any condition."

And that's how the cookie crumbles.

TR/Dropper.Gen - May 7, 2016, 4:44 pm

Thank you for this update

Tando - May 7, 2016, 4:48 pm

Hint hint look at who recently got closed for scamming, some kids were talking about doing bad things to the forum.

7 - May 7, 2016, 4:49 pm

Excellent news. I hope i do better the second time around

Kyle Beats - May 7, 2016, 4:50 pm

(May 7, 2016 04:48 PM)Tando Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hint hint look at who recently got closed for scamming, some kids were talking about doing bad things to the forum.

Most of them are exactly what you said, kids. They're just talking out of their ass and most likely have zero idea what they're doing.

It's definitely not out of the question though

Ultra Instinct - May 7, 2016, 4:51 pm

Thanks for the update Omni! Very much appreciated.

Egregious Jr. - May 7, 2016, 4:52 pm

Thanks for the update Omni.

Scar . - May 7, 2016, 4:57 pm

Thanks for keeping us updated. It's sad to see these type of things happens. It is even more sad that members cannot secure their credentials on the internet. Hope everyone is safe from other hackers.

SaiyaN - May 7, 2016, 5:04 pm

Cool I guess, I didn't know about this.

temp_2217840 - May 7, 2016, 5:07 pm

well im still waiting on my uber account to be merged with this one from when it was stolen. would be great to have my account back,

Tando - May 7, 2016, 5:25 pm

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Not too smart to skip over threats under assumptions

[\$(5)\$] - May 7, 2016, 5:26 pm

So many thank you posts in one thread. Here's another... thanks!

Gigabot - May 7, 2016, 5:28 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:11 PM)Sevn Alias Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So HF is now full secured? And you might ban accounts if the user logged in since few months ago. To avoid scams.
lol ok you multi gtfo skiddo

n31ght0 - May 7, 2016, 5:28 pm

yes it's hacked in silent and pro way
i know it

Fuko Ibuki - May 7, 2016, 5:30 pm

Hope everything will be okay, does all this happen often?

Ba7ar - May 7, 2016, 5:31 pm

Thank you omni for the update

??DgSuX?? - May 7, 2016, 5:32 pm

and if HF isn't salt hashing our pass, then HF is insecure and stupid to begin with.

GunVein - May 7, 2016, 5:35 pm

Thanks omni for the follow up, 2 factor auth is a must i think, thanks for keeping up the security !

Coton Pker - May 7, 2016, 5:36 pm

holy shit lol.. I didn't even realize the email I had registered with was so old it doesn't exist anymore.

Kallen Kozuki - May 7, 2016, 5:42 pm

(May 7, 2016 02:13 PM)xFR3 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Have you checked site logs? I doubt it got dumped again because otherwise there'd probably be someone bragging.
;) there was someone bragging yesterday.

Levi - May 7, 2016, 5:46 pm

Thank you kindly for taking these provisions.

Rhez - May 7, 2016, 5:53 pm

+5 security ?

Thanks Omni for this update.

Goodies - May 7, 2016, 5:54 pm

Are you thinking of enabling HTTPS? It's long overdue IMHO.

ra1d - May 7, 2016, 6:00 pm

(May 7, 2016 05:54 PM)Goodies Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Are you thinking of enabling HTTPS? It's long overdue IMHO.This has nothing to do with SSL / HTTPS.
And there is no reason to enable it on HF.
Please search around for Omniscients answer regarding this.

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Goodies got that A+ award, he'll out smart you in his next post.

And cheers for the update Omni, I shall comply with your intentions ?

ra1d - May 7, 2016, 6:10 pm

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Thanks for the lesson on SSL.

The Silenced - May 7, 2016, 6:17 pm

Thanks for the update man!

?Xe - May 7, 2016, 6:18 pm

Thanks for letting us know <3

Boneless - May 7, 2016, 6:19 pm

Thank you for the update!

Blazin - May 7, 2016, 6:20 pm

Thanks for the update Omni, I've gone ahead and changed my email over. Will be changing my password as well even tho its just a randomly generated one. I think we should let all users have access to the 2GAUTH not just the ubers and stuff. I highly doubt someone has the database dump else it would of been leaked by now, but like you said we get a more safe HF out of this in the long run.

Prepper - May 7, 2016, 6:21 pm

I highly suggest people make an email just for HF use only that is not attached to any other site or forum for extra security.

Retribute - May 7, 2016, 6:22 pm

(May 7, 2016 06:12 PM)#Skyline? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for the lesson on SSL. Time to grab my popcorn.

exploit.c - May 7, 2016, 6:25 pm

Another email provider option you could try is yourself. Get a VPS (you can get 1 GB ram VPS as low as \$24 a year) and a domain (avg \$10) and run mail in a box, create your own email server. Digitalocean, [censored], linode, etc. are capable of hosting it all cheap (under \$10/mo), and providers (check lowendbox.com) can do cheap yearly (\$24/yr). My email server (private) costs me \$35/yr total all paid in BTC

#Skyline - May 7, 2016, 6:25 pm

(May 7, 2016 06:22 PM)Retribute Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Time to grab my popcorn.
Popcorn is Delicious.
Now keep the thread on point Mr ?

Pittinger - May 7, 2016, 6:39 pm

Thanks for the instructions and updates. I hope there wasn't any real damage done, other than the compromised accounts.

Changed PW and email.

Condoms - May 7, 2016, 6:46 pm

Thanks for the updates on everything going on. Together we shall conquer this and kick butt!

Chucky. - May 7, 2016, 6:50 pm

Be prepared to lose half of HF members.

Mr. WAVES - May 7, 2016, 6:54 pm

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I realize SSL is not only used for websites.

Infact I use it on my own VPN servers.

Now lets not go off-topic, but SSL is not meant for sites like HF.

killcode567 - May 7, 2016, 7:02 pm

Thank you Omni for that heads up ?

Root - May 7, 2016, 7:10 pm

Thanks for the upgrade. I can't wait for HF to upgrade to mybb 1.8*

Mr. WAVES - May 7, 2016, 7:17 pm

(May 7, 2016 06:59 PM)Delicious Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I realize SSL is not only used for websites.

Infact I use it on my own VPN servers.

Now lets not go off-topic, but SSL is not meant for sites like HF.can you please explain yourself? lol
Every website should use SSL. Googles gives better rates when SSL is enabled. The main reason is: why be sniffed when you can avoid this?

I know Omni is scared about SSL vulns and he's right on this but maybe one day he'll change his mind.

TacticalChicano - May 7, 2016, 7:18 pm

couldn't have been said more simple, good to know you take actions on situations like these.

5-MEO-DMT - May 7, 2016, 7:20 pm

Thanks for the update omni

iDuL - May 7, 2016, 7:22 pm

I'm all down for account security updates. My email is secure and ready for the reset!

ayamas - May 7, 2016, 7:26 pm

Thanks for the update Sir!

Chucky. - May 7, 2016, 7:29 pm

(May 7, 2016 07:18 PM)karasushadou Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) couldn't have been said more simple, good to know you take actions on situations like these.

Who the fuck are you? ?

Goodies - May 7, 2016, 7:34 pm

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Also, Google will prioritize searches with sites that have HTTPS enabled, so you get minor SEO benefits, too.

But whatever. Who am I to make recommendations on how he should set up his network? My certs and over 1 year working in the field mean nothing anyways.

BooGod - May 7, 2016, 7:40 pm

If it is already a head pain for us. I cant even imagine how it is going for you.

Thanks for letting us know, I'll reset the password again

Webmasters - May 7, 2016, 7:44 pm

Thanks for the update, have modified settings accordingly.

Hern - May 7, 2016, 7:46 pm

Thanks for the update omni!

I like your steps for rinse and repeat as if this is a shocker and won't happen in the future but you are doing a great job with communication and updates ect.

Matt Bomer™ - May 7, 2016, 7:49 pm

It's taking too long for me to load any/every page on HF, what can be the problem? (Rest all sites work fine)

Six Double 0 - May 7, 2016, 8:09 pm

Thanks for the update Omni, happy to see you're staying on top of everything.

Astek - May 7, 2016, 8:10 pm

so can I just change my PW from the userCP and not fuck with the emails and still be allgoods?

Blazin - May 7, 2016, 8:11 pm

(May 7, 2016 08:10 PM)Astek Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) so can I just change my PW from the userCP and not fuck with the emails and still be allgoods?

If your email connected to HF gets HF emails you're good. Otherwise no.

Dismal. - May 7, 2016, 8:16 pm

Just changed both email and password. Nice work as always Omni.

Fiz? - May 7, 2016, 8:19 pm

Thanks for the update Omni ?

'Suicide - May 7, 2016, 8:24 pm

I am now able to receive emails. Ready for the massive reset. Sucks you have to be stressed this far out over people childish acts.

Allelujah - May 7, 2016, 8:26 pm

Acknowledged! Thanks for the update.

CryptoBeast - May 7, 2016, 8:26 pm

Fine with me. thanks for the update.

Flyrect - May 7, 2016, 8:39 pm

I think i already got the email few days ago and did the reset

Abdul.HF - May 7, 2016, 8:48 pm

I've already reset the password and gauth validated. I hope my account is secure lol

Armadyl - May 7, 2016, 8:49 pm

I'm sorry for asking for support on this thread. When I send a password reset, and click on the link provided I get a "invalid URL" is that occurring for anyone else?

Trust - May 7, 2016, 8:50 pm

Wow, this is insane.

I do hope you put in the extra effort to upgrade MyBB, though.

Zarokee - May 7, 2016, 8:53 pm

Well thats good to hear I guess.

Elegant - May 7, 2016, 8:59 pm

Thanks for the the extra security.

Raijin - May 7, 2016, 9:01 pm

I'm surprisingly pleased with tutanota, simple and fast sign up.

Proton will ask for a phone number pretty easily.

SIM-2914476 - May 7, 2016, 9:22 pm

Thanks for letting us know - Appreciate it.

PrivateDonut - May 7, 2016, 9:33 pm

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Rubixa - May 7, 2016, 9:35 pm

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I would assume so, Nothing wrong with changing passwords now and than again when it comes through anyway.

Nice work you're putting in Omni.

Zexo - May 7, 2016, 9:45 pm

Just double checked to see if I would receive the email and i'm good so ill just wait here.

PrivateDonut - May 7, 2016, 9:52 pm

(May 7, 2016 09:35 PM)Rubixa Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I would assume so, Nothing wrong with changing passwords now and than again when it comes through anyway.

Yeah I assumed I would, I just thought I'd ask so I have a heads up. I use unique passwords for every site I go on, so unless hackforums has gotten dumped I should be fine until the mass password reset.

Rubixa - May 7, 2016, 9:55 pm

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All good, and yeah that's common sense and good of you to do. Yeah, you should be fine.

Cecilia - May 7, 2016, 10:39 pm

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Rude Boy - May 7, 2016, 10:40 pm

All my PMs were deleted, this too involved in this?

~Rude Boy ?

???RSA - May 7, 2016, 11:02 pm

Will this require us to have to redo our Gauth? Or, will we need to be secure of it still?

Thanks for the update.

PrivateDonut - May 7, 2016, 11:04 pm

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Thanks for the update.

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???RSA - May 7, 2016, 11:09 pm

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Crypter_ - May 7, 2016, 11:16 pm

(May 7, 2016 10:39 PM)LaPanthere Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wasn't his reason before something like: "not going to be added because it would never be true https because of all the user content involved would all have to be hosted on secure sites themselves including signatures and avatars which not everyone will do".

Yes. Mixed content is a bit tricky. Forcing HTTPS would be bad in this context, but allowing it to be enabled would be a good thing. HTTPS Everywhere would upgrade images that could be served over TLS (i.e. Imgur, Giphy) automatically. The only real problem is the CDN bill for serving HF's assets over TLS, but you could just disable the CDN on TLS connections.

[Rn] 7s^2 - May 7, 2016, 11:18 pm

I have Microsoft's Hotmail account. Is it cool?

Edit: Sorry. Didn't notice the Edit 2 part of your original post. I will verify it now. Thanks Omniscient. :-)

AlirezaVF - May 7, 2016, 11:24 pm

oO lets check this out

i hope it wont make problem for users

Cyber Coder - May 7, 2016, 11:35 pm

what if those stolen accounts that made omni suspicious are not because of hf being compromised but because someone added a very hard to find backdoor in some used program here (like blackshades) and he stole their accounts ?

PrivateDonut - May 7, 2016, 11:38 pm

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It's possible, as Omni said in the main thread, there isn't any signs that hackforums has been compromised. It's most likely users using the same password on multiple sites, not having 2FA enabled, or getting ratted.

goingdownscreaming - May 7, 2016, 11:39 pm

* i ended up doing a password reset etc, i couldn't get it fixed even with rather stupid simple passwords.

I am getting a error when trying to alter my password. Is anyone else experiencing this? I have tried replicating the same char usage as with my previously used password(as a test) and i am getting the same issue.

Quote:MyBB Internal Error

MyBB has experienced an internal error and cannot continue.

Error Type:

MyBB Error (40)

Error Message:

The specified input has been blocked. Please go back and try again.

Please contact the MyBB Group for support.

Is it just a matter of the chars i previously used isn't allowed or am i just a bit to tired and not able to actually use the Internet properly ? :]

PrivateDonut - May 7, 2016, 11:42 pm

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Hmm maybe you are using certain characters in a roll that is blocked by hackforums? Try changing it up and see if you get the same error.

ahemokay - May 7, 2016, 11:46 pm

Gonna change my hackforums email to Protonmail or gmail now. Using some shitty provider tbh lmao.

Kpajie - May 8, 2016, 12:03 am

Good job omni. I trust you

Erotica - May 8, 2016, 12:09 am

Anyone received any email about pass change yet? I don't see anything yet :D

Danny Khalifa - May 8, 2016, 12:09 am

Thanks for the update Omni. :)

ahemokay - May 8, 2016, 12:10 am

(May 8, 2016 12:09 AM)Erotica Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Anyone received any email about pass change yet? I don't see anything yet :D

Did you even read the thread?

"I'm sure many will ask when we plan to do the password resets. I can't say 100% for sure but my best guess is within two weeks"

Erotica - May 8, 2016, 12:12 am

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"I'm sure many will ask when we plan to do the password resets. I can't say 100% for sure but my best guess is within two weeks"

Oh then all good changed mine for extra security! Thanks.

nullcult - May 8, 2016, 12:18 am

Great job to keep the forum ahead of adversaries.

Ordium - May 8, 2016, 12:19 am

I probably missed it in the initial post, but is there a set time this will happen?

Satana - May 8, 2016, 12:20 am

hf is crack

ha ha ha ha ha

Fluxify - May 8, 2016, 12:21 am

(May 7, 2016 04:06 PM)KruktFPS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Never tried the notification on PM but if you did recive a mail from Omni a few days ago you should be alright.

Judging by the big PW reset you should change e-mail service for your HF account. Omni won't have time to fix your account back if you do not check your e-mail properly now!

I suggest you to be on the safe side and get [Protonmail](#) to ensure you will be able to recover your account. PM if you need further advice or support!

Yes, change mail ASAP!Just getting back on your answer, I actually did receive the emails about the PMs when I tested it. It just took a bit, so I'm all safe now and using Hotmail.

NurSpec - May 8, 2016, 12:27 am

Definitely the best thing to do in this situation. I've always used Gmail, so much better than Hotmail/Yahoo etc.

Born2Help - May 8, 2016, 12:52 am

Thanks for the update. #BeSecure #BeSafe

Billie Joe Armstrong - May 8, 2016, 12:52 am

Thanks for letting us know , Omni . Good luck on the update!

Flowerson - May 8, 2016, 12:56 am

Thank you for this update.

Is there anyway to get rid of the obnoxious title saying to please read this?

Crypter_ - May 8, 2016, 1:05 am

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Block it with {u,Ad}Block.

ErudiN - May 8, 2016, 1:06 am

Thank you for this update Omni... Waiting for that email

?lpha - May 8, 2016, 1:23 am

Will there be TLS/SSL active on the hackforums.net domain?

LordCoder - May 8, 2016, 1:23 am

(May 8, 2016 01:05 AM)Crypter_ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Block it with {u,Ad}Block.

I'd not suggest to do that, as important messages appear on that "div".

Rolls Royce Cars - May 8, 2016, 2:17 am

Thanks for the update and your hard work.

Cecilia - May 8, 2016, 2:42 am

(May 8, 2016 01:23 AM)?lpha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Will there be TLS/SSL active on the hackforums.net domain?

As I have said before, I doubt it, mixed content is always a problem...

Cyam - May 8, 2016, 2:47 am

I have just changed my password and email, hopefully you will successfully handle the situation and thank you for making HF a save place to stay.

Prince™ - May 8, 2016, 2:48 am

Check, check and check.

Everything is set and good to go for me.

xor - May 8, 2016, 2:53 am

Thanks for the instructions, did all steps.

Regards

Obli - May 8, 2016, 3:06 am

Thanks for this, boss. Changed my password a few minutes ago.

luzerax - May 8, 2016, 3:16 am

Thank you a lot for your update!

Frukt - May 8, 2016, 3:35 am

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That's why everyone should check their e-mail addresses now!

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You decide for yourself... Good luck! ?

Dropbox - May 8, 2016, 3:37 am

thank you very much for the update
did everything you mentioned

C0k3 - May 8, 2016, 3:41 am

Thanks for securing the accounts Omni!

hikashin - May 8, 2016, 3:41 am

Thanks sir for this update :).

Kedox - May 8, 2016, 3:51 am

Lol, my current password is HQ as fuckk :(Hate to change it

SIM-1073426 - May 8, 2016, 4:34 am

Couldn't it just have been the SPAM dump being used against us? I think you mentioned a while ago such an attack was being used, couldn't this be the aftermath; accounts now being sold?

Reaper.554 - May 8, 2016, 4:41 am

I changed my passwords on 6th May so i should be all good now? this happened before the 6th May right??

Frukt - May 8, 2016, 4:42 am

(May 8, 2016 04:41 AM)Reaper.554 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I changed my passwords on 6th May so i should be all good now? this happened before the 6th May right??

You will still have to make a new one when he reset's all password on the webiste.

You will be safe for now but you will still have to change it.

Bawsaq_temp - May 8, 2016, 4:51 am

My account was hacked a few days ago, I was wondering how the hell anyone managed to steal it but then I see this and find out that lots of Ub3r accounts were hacked

Reaper.554 - May 8, 2016, 4:56 am

(May 8, 2016 04:42 AM)KruktFPS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You will still have to make a new one when he reset's all password on the webiste.

You will be safe for now but you will still have to change it.

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if its encrypted why bother scaring us with this shit, encrypted shit is useless shit

WeDeW - May 8, 2016, 4:56 am

Stoned while reading this. Made me a bit paranoid. Thanks Omni for the thread, I guess I'll go roll another blunt, forget about it. :haha:

PONI Walker - May 8, 2016, 4:56 am

Thanks for the update ?

Viktory - May 8, 2016, 4:57 am

(May 8, 2016 04:34 AM)Aces. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Couldn't it just have been the SPAM dump being used against us? I think you mentioned a while ago such an attack was being used, couldn't this be the aftermath; accounts now being sold?
ah nope, this is damage control in play.

?????? - May 8, 2016, 5:02 am

Well, I'm finally using 2FA with Authy, Thanks for the update!

Mavspammer - May 8, 2016, 5:03 am

Nice security feature, thanks omni

Oarion - May 8, 2016, 5:37 am

Thanks omni for the update!

c00perzz - May 8, 2016, 5:54 am

excuse my ignorance but has the site been breached? i've been busy lately and haven't visited the site.

Thanks btw Omni for the post.

?mbargo - May 8, 2016, 5:56 am

All right. Thanks for informing me.

Cyber - May 8, 2016, 6:25 am

(May 8, 2016 05:54 AM)c00perzz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) excuse my ignorance but has the site been breached? i've been busy lately and haven't visited the site.

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Rubixa - May 8, 2016, 6:28 am

(May 8, 2016 06:25 AM)Wicket Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) can you not read?
Can't tell if he's serious

Chucky. - May 8, 2016, 6:58 am

(May 7, 2016 07:47 PM)Blackmailed Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) And who the fuck are you?

A regular user can't even post a positive comment without getting shit talked now? Kill yourself.
He posts like he's been here for years, like me. I will refrain my question and ask who the fuck are you? You been here a few months so STFU you simpleton.

Cyber - May 8, 2016, 6:59 am

(May 8, 2016 06:28 AM)Rubixa Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can't tell if he's serious
What are you talking about?

Rubixa - May 8, 2016, 7:03 am

(May 8, 2016 06:59 AM)Wicket Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What are you talking about?
What you replied to?

c00perzz - May 8, 2016, 7:03 am

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Sorry, I actually read half his post and then replied. Now that i have read all of it i understand. I apologise for being a bit stupid on this ??

Rubixa - May 8, 2016, 7:04 am

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Should have just read the post lol

B1GB4NG - May 8, 2016, 7:06 am

Why is hackforums gone so slow i dunno weather its just me but the site is taking ages to load now ? .

Cyber - May 8, 2016, 7:06 am

(May 8, 2016 07:04 AM)Rubixa Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Should have just read the post lol
Oh I thought you didn't know if I were serious ha. Dead ass

(May 8, 2016 07:06 AM)B1GB4NG Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why is hackforums gone so slow i dunno weather its just me but the site is taking ages to load now ? .
try to flush your DNS that's what helped me.

DingusMonster - May 8, 2016, 7:10 am

Keeping us all safe on here!

B1GB4NG - May 8, 2016, 7:11 am

thank you its working quick again now.

Transporter007 - May 8, 2016, 7:30 am

Email is working fine and AUTH is already activated and will change password. ?

Agency - May 8, 2016, 7:40 am

Thanks for the updates omni,

Frukt - May 8, 2016, 8:32 am

(May 8, 2016 04:56 AM)Reaper.554 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) i mean i use multiple sites with same password but they were all changed on 6th.. maybe i should just stop using the internet if website owners cant do a simple encryption hash.. ffs

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That was cringy, you clearly don't understand how this works nor did you read the post.

Realing - May 8, 2016, 8:36 am

Good to see this Omni. I agree, if someone was to have stole all the accounts, obviously it would be noticeable.

Vats - May 8, 2016, 8:42 am

Noted! Wish you good luck (y)

Regulus - May 8, 2016, 8:53 am

Just updated my Email once again and also tested to PM myself to see if I got any Email Notifications and it was working.

Thanks a lot for the update Omni.
I hope everything's gonna be sorted out :)

Newton2012 - May 8, 2016, 9:01 am

Thank you for promptly disclosing the extent of the situation, and having contingencies waiting in the wings.

Brilliant™ - May 8, 2016, 9:54 am

I was considering updating my passwords from a few weeks, the sooner the better. Gauth has given me peace of mind but I'm considering changing my email addresses as well in coming month. Should start worrying about my online security and start changing my passwords more often.

Thank you so much sir for the update, you're doing a great job.

SAVIOR - May 8, 2016, 10:02 am

Thanks for keeping us safe :)

azooz1 - May 8, 2016, 10:04 am

sounds good,???

silviu22 - May 8, 2016, 10:09 am

Yahoo mail is good or I might go on Gmail? ??

newkid1 - May 8, 2016, 10:10 am

Yeah, thanks for keeping us ssafe :D

Raymond Reddington - May 8, 2016, 10:27 am

Updating my email and password right now. Thanks Omni.

Rikk?a - May 8, 2016, 11:05 am

I can receive notifications from my current email so I am good.

JewishMan - May 8, 2016, 11:11 am

Seems like a whole HF lock down thanks for letting us know!

sarciszewski - May 8, 2016, 11:12 am

If you're going to use Tutanota for email, pay attention to the fact that [Tutanota is vulnerable to chosen-ciphertext attacks](#) and, instead of fixing their protocol, they insist they're secure because they use HTTPS.

Rikk?a - May 8, 2016, 11:20 am

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I'll stick to Gmail with 2FA.

Deafboy91 - May 8, 2016, 11:21 am

Hi, I just changed my email and i need to complete the validation process so i open link from email and got runtime error (tried both links). So it's just me?

x41N - May 8, 2016, 11:33 am

Thanks for always keeping the community safe dude!

VitoJ - May 8, 2016, 11:39 am

Please correct the following errors before continuing:

The email address you have entered is currently disallowed from being used. Please enter a different email address.

I will not make another e-mail to do it.
I have enabled notifications.

Jacoder23 - May 8, 2016, 11:46 am

Is it okay to keep mine the same? It's over 30 characters.

mateo24 - May 8, 2016, 11:48 am

oke now is HF securid i hope

djmayur - May 8, 2016, 12:28 pm

Glad i opened HF today, Indeed update, good job.

vikuboss - May 8, 2016, 12:42 pm

Thanks for the update I was inactive for whole year hahah I will have to change my password now...

Size - May 8, 2016, 12:46 pm

I suppose if people have the database, or access to the back end. They could be making accounts and making them look like they had been there for a long time, adding awards and such. Then using the accounts to scam people and stuff.

Maybe you should make some script to compare the database against a backup that was created before the possible compromise. Then vet the accounts that are new, check if there are any that look oddly good, or have creation dates that are way before they where created.

Just an idea.

Then if there are some accounts that are bogus, then you can follow how/why/whatever.

master cracker crew - May 8, 2016, 12:48 pm

ok i changed my pw since some days ago and i receive email from the forum to my email....thanks for the update

billyjfreeman - May 8, 2016, 12:51 pm

Excuse me @admins. I've tried using the contact form but I feel that nobody even looked at it a month or two ago. My account "Zedgy" (member.php?action=profile&uid=1607091) was banned for being compromised. I have no idea how that could have happened since I don't download anything that isn't an official install of a game or application. BUT I did however look into the threads that the account made and there's no doubt it was compromised. It was posting some kind of service threads. I would be very pleased if you could help me get my account back as I've spent money on that account for l33t and pay the monthly fee. I really miss being able to post comfortable on that account. Thanks to any admin that helps me with this.

Vanderbilt - May 8, 2016, 1:20 pm

Wow. Yeah, I changed my non working email today, thanks omniscient

(May 8, 2016 01:20 PM)RumbleFrog Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's pretty sad that you can't trust each other and can't answer her security question

I was lolling at that. Made my day.

basuraza - May 8, 2016, 1:57 pm

thanks for the new method!

Omniscient - May 8, 2016, 2:32 pm

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