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Thread: [Account Security Saga Ends](#)

Omniscient - May 8, 2016, 2:25 pm

What a week this has been. I've been working diligently to figure out what has been going on with the stolen accounts.

This might be a good time to read the first notification again in case you've mistaken some of the rumors as facts.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5258345>

It turns out we are NOT COMPROMISED. There is NO EXPLOIT. There is no DUMP or LEAK of the HF DB.

As it happens there was a code logic problem with my IP Login History plugin which I never noticed before. MyBB uses the same hook name in two places which it should not do but it does. So the plugin ran correctly with one hook and incorrectly on the second hook. That caused an IP to be logged incorrectly as logged into the account. Gauth plugin actually interrupted the login process in a way that the second hook didn't run if 2FA was enabled on the account. Explains why no 2FA enabled accounts had the false logging.

A few lessons from this.

1. Don't believe all the trolls telling you that they hacked HF.
2. Don't allow anyone to blackmail, threaten, or extort you over your HF account.
3. I'll always work as hard and fast as I can to figure out the problem and to fix it.

I do feel like I have egg on my face. All this drama was indeed my own doing. I did my best to contain it but of course if indeed HF had been compromised it was important that members know.

Pretty F'n funny that a small piece of code logic (bug) could cause so much drama. I'm very happy to make this announcement.

I'd like to officially thank the one person who helped cause this fiasco. He's the guy who attempted logins into all these accounts. Around the 4th day of my work I contacted what I hoped was a valid email address for him. He responded that it wasn't an exploit and he was just trying to get an HF account to make some money. He was a ban evader which I've been very successfully banning his new accounts. He resorted to finding a way to steal active accounts. In my communication with him he told me that he was using a simple method to obtain the accounts but it didn't make any sense to me at first. He was possibly not the actual account thief, lying to me, or some other third option which I had not yet thought of.

I headed out for a late-night drink after a long-day of work. Upon return I had a clear and yet foggy head. Then it came to me. I realized how it could all fit. I was almost certain of the problem causing this but it was very late and I needed to sleep on it. Upon awaking I was still sure of my hypothesis and needed to hop onto the server asap. Within minutes I had confirmed my deductions about the bug and spent the next hour fixing it. Hallelujah! We're fixed and not exploited or compromised. :)

The person who pushed this bug and caused me much grief this week will get some type of bounty and likely a fresh Ub3r account along with some awards. I hold no ill will towards him. It's going to be up to him if he wishes the notoriety of these claims. He was actually stealing some accounts but more like 5 not 50 and his method was completely users fault for using cross-site passwords.

Some good things of course are how serious we all took account security and some measures were put into place to increase it. Also an important bug with logins is fixed.

We no longer need a full site PW reset. However, I do plan on implementing expiration dates for passwords with a 6 month rotation. More on that feature later.

You may now exclaim your joy and relief.

??? ??? - May 8, 2016, 2:26 pm

Thank you Omni. For your hard work and keeping us safe :)

minimalist - May 8, 2016, 2:26 pm

Great job, thank you for fixing the website. I hope that you can recover, Omniscient.

Pillows - May 8, 2016, 2:28 pm

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For the people who talk shit about Omni not being fair.

Grammar Rays - May 8, 2016, 2:28 pm

Alcohol is the always answer, Omni.

Unless it's the question? Then yes is the answer.

I dunno, drank too much to know.

p.s. remove me from your ignore list maybe, I wanna buy some thread stickies soon. ta

Riyu - May 8, 2016, 2:28 pm

Wow, At least that makes me feel better about how secure HF is

Mint - May 8, 2016, 2:29 pm

Thanks for this update Omni :)

Geno - May 8, 2016, 2:30 pm

I had a feeling this wasn't as serious as it was made out to be..

Great job working on this though Omni, you really made me and the rest of the community feel secure by keeping us consistently updated one what was happening and providing the steps to further protect ourselves.

Cheers.

J?son - May 8, 2016, 2:32 pm

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ICUP - May 8, 2016, 2:33 pm

So who's the good samaritan? Great job, Omni!

reBELLYus - May 8, 2016, 2:33 pm

Thanks for the update. I appreciate your hard work.

Blazin - May 8, 2016, 2:34 pm

I'm glad this is all over with and put behind us, thanks Omni.

Bluffer - May 8, 2016, 2:34 pm

Well that is good that HF is not compromised.

You must be very relieved that this is over, congrats on being able to figure this out.

!!* Alone Vampire *!! - May 8, 2016, 2:35 pm

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Was this the same bug that caused an unknown ip address record in my login history(you know what I am talking about)?

Indecisive enough - May 8, 2016, 2:36 pm

Shout out to multi accounters,we eating fam.

Regulus - May 8, 2016, 2:37 pm

Wow what a big relief from my shoulders haha!

Thanks for the update.

I would love to know who this person is, and if he gets rewarded with an UB3R account I would love to know his profile :)

RumbleFrog - May 8, 2016, 2:37 pm

Lol, this is like one of those movies

Rikk?a - May 8, 2016, 2:37 pm

Thank you for informing us.

Omniscient - May 8, 2016, 2:39 pm

Quote:Was this the same bug that caused an unknown ip address record in my login history(you know what I am talking about)?

Yup.

FiftyTwo - May 8, 2016, 2:39 pm

Phew.

All the drama was insane, but I'm glad to know we're all safe.

Once again, thanks Omni for your dedicated work into finding out exactly what happened.

Marshmallow Man - May 8, 2016, 2:41 pm

Lmfao a bunch of threads opened with people claiming they knew the db hacker. What jokes some of the groups/cliques here on hf are!

Omniscient - May 8, 2016, 2:42 pm

I think it's funny all the people adding to the drama by making false claims they hacked HF. If I feel a bit stupid they must feel like the biggest dumb-asses ever.

12Chainz - May 8, 2016, 2:42 pm

Cheers glad that this was cleared up. Lots of old or fake DB's were floating around and many people saw "snippets". This just comes to show that everyone can be fooled. At the end of the day no harm no foul. I hope everyone closed or banned because of this is able to recover their account and HF can get back to normal.

Grim - May 8, 2016, 2:44 pm

(May 8, 2016 02:42 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think it's funny all the people adding to the drama by making false claims they hacked HF. If I feel a bit stupid they must feel like the biggest dumb-asses ever.

Or the ones that actually give in to threats from kids threatening them over there hf account. It's still good that you did this anyways though great to have the occasional password reset and to make people more aware of the security of there account.

Silicon Valley - May 8, 2016, 2:45 pm

Phew. Thank god. Glad it was solved Omni.

J. McCarthy - May 8, 2016, 2:45 pm

I'd rather be prepared for a false alarm than left holding my d*** clueless

Omniscient - May 8, 2016, 2:45 pm

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HF members are protected by taking proper precautions in their own security measures.

1. Use a randomly generated password.
2. Use a unique password only for HF.
3. Enable 2FA/Gauth.
4. Ensure you have access to your credentials for both your HF account and the email address you have on account.

????CK345? - May 8, 2016, 2:46 pm

Hip hip hooray!

Glad this was cleared up as well.

Orgy - May 8, 2016, 2:47 pm

Congratulations, pal. Glad you solved it. ?

Shroomies_temp - May 8, 2016, 2:48 pm

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Wow, that was quite a drama. Good to hear theres nothing to worry about.

On the unrelated note, when you'll have a while Omni, please look at the contact inbox, i'll be very greetful. ?

!!* Alone Vampire *!! - May 8, 2016, 2:48 pm

(May 8, 2016 02:39 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yup.

Damn! I knew that I won't ever play with my account security.

Do I get back to that position again, I guess there's a requirement now.

If not, can I atleast not be on your ignore list :P

Orgy - May 8, 2016, 2:49 pm

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holy shit leave the man alone

Roger Waters - May 8, 2016, 2:59 pm

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Huzzah!

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mural - May 8, 2016, 3:00 pm

Well I'm glad all of this was over in a good way.

Lynch - May 8, 2016, 3:02 pm

As you've seen , Hackforums will fall but will rise even stronger.

Granny Bacon - May 8, 2016, 3:06 pm

YES!! Thank you so much for the update! Enjoy your day.

Omniscient - May 8, 2016, 3:09 pm

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Yes, but there was a bug and it was important one to get fixed. Login IP history has been slightly inaccurate.

Egregious - May 8, 2016, 3:13 pm

Well, that's a relief. Thanks for the update.

CPA Exposé - May 8, 2016, 3:13 pm

Good shit! Sometimes some time away from the problem is what is needed to figure it out.

Also, I understand you hold no ill feelings, but just genuinely curious as to why you feel he should be rewarded even considering he was stealing accounts.

minimalist - May 8, 2016, 3:14 pm

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Omniscient - May 8, 2016, 3:16 pm

Quote:Does this mean that you'll be changing the firewall settings to what they were before?

Yes. Already reverted a few settings but I did a lot of work this week some of which has to be undone now.

-zYMTOM - May 8, 2016, 3:17 pm

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Roytoy - May 8, 2016, 3:18 pm

Really happy to hear about this, also sad that I had to change my password a couple of times. ?

Rikk?a - May 8, 2016, 3:18 pm

(May 8, 2016 03:17 PM)-zYMTOM Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I know for a fact that you don't know what you're talking about. I've seen my own entry from the database so I know it's legit.

Proof or fuck off, he's heard this from everyone but has not seen proof.

Queen Cin - May 8, 2016, 3:20 pm

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5260076>

This thread was a meme.

I told you guys

Orgy - May 8, 2016, 3:21 pm

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Rikk?a - May 8, 2016, 3:24 pm

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Orgy - May 8, 2016, 3:25 pm

(May 8, 2016 03:24 PM)Rikk????????????????a Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Action was taken, no proof was shown.

Good riddance to be honest. Tired of bullshitters. How am I supposed to get awards if fuckwits like him keep putting omni in a bad mood

Omniscient - May 8, 2016, 3:26 pm

Quote:I know for a fact that you don't know what you're talking about. I've seen my own entry from the database so I know it's legit.

Oh? Really? A fool and his account are soon departed.

Anyone with actual proof can just forward it to me. It's obvious how many liars there have been over the past week.

I wonder if members know how easy it is to forge a fake DB entry? The only actual proof would be the salt and hashed password from the table. Everything else is pure nonsense. 99% of the time, which I expressed before, it's the old DB dump that's used to fool fools into believing we're compromised.

Rikk?a - May 8, 2016, 3:28 pm

Anyways I will be changing my password to something Complex and not generated, that has not been used anywhere else since I know there's no compromise thanks for informing us again Omniscient I will change my password again later today.

Dismal. - May 8, 2016, 3:30 pm

Talk is cheap, I think more than 7 accounts would have been effected if there was a leak.

On another note; Found an old photoshopped picture of you Omni..

Timo - May 8, 2016, 3:33 pm

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But, is it really a good idea to give someone who tried to hack accounts "to make some money" (scam?) a fresh account?

I mean, aren't you afraid that he will just go on a scamming spree or something?

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I'm pretty much concerned that you did not misunderstood his statement, since I comprehended it in the same way. ?

Dragnite - May 8, 2016, 3:40 pm

Very nice read, thanks for the update. Passing this on to friends now.

Omniscient - May 8, 2016, 3:40 pm

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new accounts.

Tyler? - May 8, 2016, 3:42 pm

We all make mistakes. It happens.

But it's funny what this little error caused. Oh well. Learning lesson for ya I suppose. :)

Timo - May 8, 2016, 3:43 pm

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Alright, thanks for the quick response.

Sorry for my ignorance.

The Plague Doctor - May 8, 2016, 3:45 pm

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I highly doubt Omni would willingly let somebody who he believes will scam come to the site, let alone give them a rank & awards. Sometimes we just have to trust in Omnis decisions. Also, there is always things that can be used to prevent pretty much any scam happening in any deal.

Edit: My bad, was typing & saw the response after.

IPIKIN - May 8, 2016, 3:47 pm

Thanks for the good work mate, keep it up.

McCaskey - May 8, 2016, 3:53 pm

Many stolen accounts being thrown around and reports.

I believe i was one of them.

A lot of false reports of people trying to sell uber accounts.

Glad they got sorted out and glad this thread has come to light!!

Silver Fang - May 8, 2016, 3:54 pm

Not trying to be rude, but how are those who claim to have prof etc gonna show it to you if you just close their account / ban them?

Either way if you think you figured it out and its all good then happy relief that must've been :) good work.

Krave - May 8, 2016, 3:54 pm

Damn that's a pretty funny story. Good on him I guess! ?

Orgy - May 8, 2016, 3:54 pm

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Silver Fang - May 8, 2016, 4:03 pm

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Anyway about the 6 months pw change, is there a time limit on how long you have to change it since notification about it?

Agent Shark - May 8, 2016, 4:05 pm

Happy to hear this. I commend the guy for finding such a thing. I am also happy with the response from the community in regards to it.

Orgy - May 8, 2016, 4:11 pm

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You Just Got Sarged - May 8, 2016, 4:11 pm

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Orgy - May 8, 2016, 4:12 pm

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#Skyline - May 8, 2016, 4:16 pm

I think we have all learn't a lesson from this.

You Just Got Sarged - May 8, 2016, 4:18 pm

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Wtf? Just enable it already.

Niko - May 8, 2016, 4:19 pm

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Thank goodness we were not breached. :D
So long as you weren't in any recent other leaks and have a unique password for HF, nope.

Regulus - May 8, 2016, 4:19 pm

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Then just reset your password on here.

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BahNahNah - May 8, 2016, 4:24 pm

Is anyone else still being effected by the network issues?

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Okay man. Just want you to be safe that's all :)

Coton Pker - May 8, 2016, 4:32 pm

Woo? Niggas freaked out over nothing...
Good ol' internet, i tell u wot

Ninja - May 8, 2016, 4:34 pm

Good to know its not real. And you are human too, Omni, so mistakes can happen.

Orgy - May 8, 2016, 4:35 pm

question omni:

does this have anything to do with Latest IP Matching Other Members: 1

Allah Hu Akbar - May 8, 2016, 4:38 pm

Ahh Omni, this was very clumsy.

Sahaj - May 8, 2016, 4:39 pm

Thanks for the update Omni. :)

Good job.

xLelouch - May 8, 2016, 4:41 pm

oh fuck. what a waste. Atleast people changed their passwords and rechecked their emails. LOL

Portugal - May 8, 2016, 4:42 pm

I'm glad this isn't an issue anymore.

I hope people are now focusing more on keeping their accounts safe.

Rikk?a - May 8, 2016, 4:43 pm

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He has a account named tester,if you are referring to him.

The Silenced - May 8, 2016, 4:44 pm

Thank you omni. Glad you got this fixed asap. And it's always good to brush up security.

Grammar Rays - May 8, 2016, 4:45 pm

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Orgy is referring to his own Trust Scan.

?XiS - May 8, 2016, 4:45 pm

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But well done on figuring it out. ?

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Bentley - May 8, 2016, 4:48 pm

Any update on when the slow loading times will be fixed? I've tried flushing my DNS like another user recommended, but no luck.

Tommy - May 8, 2016, 4:50 pm

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?XiS - May 8, 2016, 4:51 pm

(May 8, 2016 04:50 PM)Tommy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) ^Ahh, didn't see that. Thanks for that.

Disregard my last post then.

bandors - May 8, 2016, 5:20 pm

Hahaha someone was just tweeting they did it, bragging they had the DB, what a fuckin' loser

@Jupiter - May 8, 2016, 5:24 pm

If he doesn't step forward for his account I uhm... wouldn't mind taking his awards

Cheers x

Everything good news glad your head is clear J

???RSA - May 8, 2016, 5:27 pm

Yay! Amazing job Omni! Glad to see HF is nice and safe again!

Mr. WAVES - May 8, 2016, 6:22 pm

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Niko - May 8, 2016, 6:31 pm

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SIM-1169085 - May 8, 2016, 6:31 pm

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BulletsModz - May 8, 2016, 6:34 pm

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Roger Waters - May 8, 2016, 6:38 pm

(May 8, 2016 06:22 PM)YOLOnline Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) No!!! A lot of people loses their emails.. All the more reason why this needs to be done. You should have your HF account and everything associated with it secure. If you don't, then what's the purpose of having one? It only takes one mistake for you to lose everything. You're asking for trouble if you don't have your accounts secure.

Condoms - May 8, 2016, 7:40 pm

I'm sure we are even more secure now than before. You should make sure everyone does have a updated password still tho.
But, Thanks for the update Omni!

Hackforums97 - May 8, 2016, 7:44 pm

question: now that the drama is over I dont need this temp account (used it to follow the situation), but i do rather enjoy being back on HF. should i wait out my vac ban or r u a nice perosn :) !

Doxicity - May 8, 2016, 7:48 pm

Sir, may you show mercy to my fallen warrior, Haydrazs?
<https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=892404>

?Saadi - May 8, 2016, 7:59 pm

Finally the Drama is over, glad it's all fixed.

mrnapolean1 - May 8, 2016, 8:31 pm

This drama did nothing but waste valuable time not just from Omni but all of the HF members.

It also delayed the progress of moving HF to MyBB 1.8x and other features as well.

I am glad all is well and we can get back to our business as usual.

Backopy - May 8, 2016, 8:36 pm

(May 8, 2016 02:25 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I headed out for a late-night drink after a long-day of work. Upon return I had a clear and yet foggy head. Then it came to me. I realized how it could all fit.

Lol! some of the best moments in life come seemingly out of the blue and I think that "aha!" feeling is one of the best, looks like you had yours! ?

Awesome that it was all fixed and there's a silver lining to it all, we get a new feature.

Ace Of Jesus - May 8, 2016, 8:36 pm

It's good to know that not only you resolved a ban evader issue, which can be a trustworthy member, and also fixed this bug! I thought my password was leaked, felt vulnerable. No pains no gains, we all learnt a lesson on this!

?Saadi - May 8, 2016, 9:21 pm

(May 8, 2016 09:14 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Omni was the hacker all along...

Haha, this made me laugh ?

Darkwin - May 8, 2016, 9:25 pm

Thats great news Omknee, We appreciate you working so diligently on this.

Raymond Reddington - May 8, 2016, 9:32 pm

Haha, Now I would like to hear from people who claimed HF was breached and their "friends" were selling the DB.

???? - May 8, 2016, 9:33 pm

Thanks for keeping us safe man, I'm very glad that you are so diligent in keeping us safe & further developing the site! ?

Rubixa - May 8, 2016, 10:27 pm

(May 8, 2016 09:32 PM)Raymond Reddington Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Haha, Now I would like to hear from people who claimed HF was breached and their "friends" were selling the DB.

You and I both, so much BS spread around last few days, kids will be kids.

Good work Omni, Haha that's funny that a small bug caused that much drama.

BooGod - May 8, 2016, 10:40 pm

Damn, seems unbelievable. Thanks that you could figure this out. I hope that the guy use the account well without army the rest of the community.

Good job both,

Chucky. - May 9, 2016, 3:08 am

"The person who pushed this bug and caused me much grief this week will get some type of bounty and likely a fresh Ub3r account along with some awards. I hold no ill will towards him." - Gives a guy trying to steal accounts to most probably scam an uber account, bounty and awards.

Truth - May 9, 2016, 3:12 am

password rotations are a little annoying and will problem cause more contact forms as people forget their new password.

2FA is all that is needed, If they have that you shouldnt close there account even if they are inactive for a year

\$lick - May 9, 2016, 5:29 am

(May 8, 2016 02:25 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I headed out for a late-night drink after a long-day of work. Upon return I had a clear and yet foggy head. Then it came to me. I realized how it could all fit.

I'm convinced that this is how every major bug is fixed.

Edit: I really don't like the password rotation idea though.

Figma - May 9, 2016, 5:36 am

This was a grand conspiracy perpetuated by Omni to "force" people to secure their accounts. Posting a thread about this soon. Concrete evidence will be presented.

Trust - May 9, 2016, 6:14 am

What an interesting week this has been for Hack Forums, haha.

Captain Steve Rogers - May 9, 2016, 6:28 am

Good to hear that sir.

Thanks!

Duk. - May 9, 2016, 6:58 am

Welp already changed all my passwords oh well it was time anyways considering my password was in the public MPGH leak.

Size - May 9, 2016, 7:09 am

Happy days. It's always something silly that causes panic.

Omniscient - May 9, 2016, 7:22 am

(May 9, 2016 06:19 AM)Nexus™ ?? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You sound a little defensive there Orgy... What ya gonna spend your \$1,000 on?

Took me 5 seconds to figure that out. Clever. :)

Raz Riverblade - May 9, 2016, 8:47 am

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...It's only been said several times. Where does anyone say the guy's a scammer? Stealing accounts doesn't make him a scammer. He just wanted to be able to be active in the marketplace. Ub3r accounts with rep help with that. I'm sure Omni would be keeping an eye on him. How are you people this fuckin' dense

Grammar Rays - May 9, 2016, 8:55 am

(May 9, 2016 08:52 AM)?az ?iverblade Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why? oh I don't know, because scamming is like the national sport of HF.

Uh-oh. I'd be careful what you say, especially in Omni's own thread. ?

Raz Riverblade - May 9, 2016, 8:58 am

(May 9, 2016 08:55 AM)Grammar Rays Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Uh-oh. I'd be careful what you say, especially in Omni's own thread. ?Omni has admitted it to be a problem and is doing his best to counter it. (closing currency exchange etc)

If even Omni admits it to be a problem i don't see why I can't.

Frukt - May 9, 2016, 9:01 am

Good! I really want to know who the ban-evader is ^^

Rubixa - May 9, 2016, 9:42 am

(May 9, 2016 08:23 AM)Chomies Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) "I'd like to avoid an argument as I don't like to debate" "I wouldn't be suprised if you're a Trump supporter."

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Granny Bacon - May 9, 2016, 9:43 am

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Orgy - May 9, 2016, 9:46 am

(May 9, 2016 09:44 AM)Rubixa Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Basically all I took in from this was that guy saying I bet you're a trump supporter.

Well I guess that answers his question of "what do you think other people think of me?"

Trifecta - May 9, 2016, 9:59 am

Thanks Omni for all the hard work you put in. We all really appreciate it greatly.

Raymond Reddington - May 9, 2016, 10:13 am

I smell some accounts getting closed. :ROFLMAO:

Rubixa - May 9, 2016, 10:17 am

(May 9, 2016 10:13 AM)Raymond Reddington Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I smell some accounts getting closed.

:ROFLMAO:

It really should have been taken else where, Especially somewhere other than a thread that Omni made. Pages of arguing on an announcement about account security. ?

Miniature - May 9, 2016, 10:23 am

Aaaah, this is really nice to hear. Thanks for the announcement Omni.

Kaizuka - May 9, 2016, 10:32 am

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Orgy - May 9, 2016, 10:35 am

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Some people might be worthy of a second chance, I think this person needs a second chance.

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I don't "whore-follow" people. I'm just logical. Omni bans people he feels are a threat to the community. He clearly doesn't feel like this guy is a threat to the community and at least this way he gets to keep an eye on the person.

Secondly, there's several reasons people make multiple accounts. Don't make assumptions.

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It's not like he's getting a bunch of random +3s from people or anything. He'll still be a brand new account. He'll just be ub3r with a few awards.

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Riggs - May 9, 2016, 10:46 am

(May 8, 2016 02:25 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) As it happens there was a code logic problem with my IP Login History plugin which I never noticed before.

Or everything has been compromised, and the hacker has manufactured an illusive decoy involving the IP Login History plugin which has successfully led you to believe otherwise.

Illuminati confirmed.

Hexalogy - May 9, 2016, 10:46 am

Thank you Omni for the fixing.

Dismal. - May 9, 2016, 10:49 am

It comes down to the content. Do the benefits the member brings outweigh the multiple accounts and slightly irritating behavior. Clearly the decision has been made.

Grammar Rays - May 9, 2016, 10:55 am

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Well put.

Positive - May 9, 2016, 11:05 am

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Grammar Rays - May 9, 2016, 11:10 am

(May 9, 2016 11:05 AM)Positive Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) *continues to refresh award page to see who the misjevious user is.

What award(s) would you give to someone who did what this guy did?

Ninja? Silver Medal? Mad Scientist?

Vitani - May 9, 2016, 11:14 am

Damn, this has been a hell of a week. I'm very glad it's all resolved now, without an active exploit or DB dump.

I do think it's strange that you'd give a ban evader who attempted to steal HF accounts an UB3R account with some awards.

He could use this to scam people for a good amount of money. It's upto you though, and it's great to see that you don't hold a grudge.

Omniscient - May 9, 2016, 11:28 am

Quote:Or everything has been compromised, and the hacker has manufactured an illusive decoy involving the IP Login History plugin which has successfully led you to believe otherwise.

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or know the person who has it. People here believe way too many rumors way too easily. And while I don't discount that we can be hacked I do want to make sure we have actual evidence before I alarm the community. In this instance the bug was enough evidence for me to take action and I did need to alert the community just in-case. But after a couple days on it I was very skeptical about us being compromised. Took me a few more days to finally get to the bottom of this.

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Tomb Raider - May 9, 2016, 11:43 am

This is great news thanks for spending so long looking into it you deserve a break.

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Kids will be kids. And the alert was the right thing to do, good job getting to the bottom of it.

You got closed because you're an imbecile.

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Actually for using my avatar. That's why. And again...closed. ?

Damien Darhk - May 9, 2016, 11:58 am

Sooooo, we who is this spooky fellow? Has he got awards yet?

Prince™ - May 9, 2016, 11:58 am

Good. At least not a forced PW reset for all. xD

Omniscient - May 9, 2016, 11:59 am

(May 9, 2016 11:58 AM)Prince™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Good. At least not a forced PW reset for all. xDYes, I wasn't looking forward to that. It's very disruptive.

BTCEXchangez - May 9, 2016, 12:04 pm

Glad this turned out well at the end.

Dismal. - May 9, 2016, 12:08 pm

(May 9, 2016 11:59 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, I wasn't looking forward to that. It's very disruptive.

You love causing disruptions.. at least you used to.. ?

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

Omniscient - May 9, 2016, 12:21 pm

Well, on that last note. I think it's time we close this and get back to normal day to day stuff.

Thanks everyone.