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SIM-2015410 - July 6, 2016, 2:21 pm

[Introduction]

Welcome to the Hack Forums Q&A, in this thread you will find previously answered questions which have been posted in the [Rules, Announcements and Feedback](#) section in recent history. This thread will be updated regularly and all responses to these questions came directly from Staff and Mentors. This thread was originally created by Starstruck, who upon leaving HF, handed down the mantle to Chase, and then to me. This thread consists of the more frequent questions asked in the section and the final responses given to those questions. Please note, that not every answer may be currently valid as rules tend to change over time, if you find any mistakes, feel free to post below. Some of this content may be contained in the Help Documents, but several of these are not or have had revised rulings that have not yet been listed.

To save your breath and me the hassle, please use Ctrl+F then type in keywords to find the questions you're looking for.

Other Helpful Threads for Beginners:[Welcome to Hack Forums: A Beginners Guide](#) by [xadamxk](#)
[XMPP Hack Forums Official Instant Messenger](#) by [xadamxk](#)
[Warning System Explained • Latest Update: 3/24/2015](#) by [Genuine](#)
[Custom Pages and MyCodes Index](#) by [Mr Kewl](#)
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[Upgrade/Donation Questions]

Who do I contact when I'm having Upgrade problems?Contact [Omniscient](#), he handles all upgrades and donations. If you have purchased an upgrade be patient, it may take over 48 hours in rare cases to receive your upgrade.

It's been over 48 hours and I haven't received my upgrade, what should I do?If it has been over 48 hours, we suggest you PM [Omniscient](#) with your transaction ID.

How/Where do I upgrade?To upgrade to L33T go here: <https://hackforums.net/upgrade.php>

To upgrade to 3P1C go here: <https://hackforums.net/upgrade.php>

To upgrade to Ub3R go here: <https://hackforums.net/ub3rapply.php>

If I upgrade to L33T and decide later to upgrade to Ub3R would I still have to pay full price for the Ub3R upgrade?Yes, regardless to whether or not you are L33T or a non-upgraded member you still have to pay full price to upgrade to Ub3R.

How do I purchase awards?The only awards you can purchase through donations are:

To view all of the donation awards go here: <https://hackforums.net/buyawards.php>

Find the award you are trying to purchase. The amount you donate determines which Donator Award(s) you receive. If you have any further questions, please view this:

[Hack Forums Help Documents](#)

If I upgrade my account can I post in the SRPP section/Marketplace? Yes, you can also post in the SRPP section by having a prestige of at least 25. Upgrading will allow you to post in those sections.

Also, members with positive reputation can post in all of the Marketplace with the below exemptions: [Premium Sellers Section](#) (L33t and Ub3r only) [Server Stress Testing](#) (Ub3r only)

[Cryptography and Encryption Market](#) (L33t and Ub3r only) [Online Accounts](#) (Ub3r only) [Non-Free Accounts](#) (Ub3r only)

[Gamertags](#) (Ub3r only) [Currency Exchange](#) (Ub3r to make threads, l33t to post)

What are the perks/features of upgrading? A list of the features you will receive can be found here:

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

[Post/Thread Questions]

HackForums Slang/AcronymsHQ - High Quality

LQ - Low Quality, usually followed by M for member or P for posts

OP - Refers to the original post, or who made the post in question, etc.

RKO/RF/RK/RepKill - When all of a members positive reputation is removed.

Sticky - When a thread is "stickied" above all of the other threads and stays on top.

SRPP - Refers to the [Science, Religion, Philosophy and Politics](#) section.

MOTM - Member of the Month

HFNT - Hack Forums News Team

Grave digging - Posting on an old thread which brings it up to the top of the list again. Please always check the post date of the thread you are replying to

Flaming - Being offensive/rude/threatening to other members

Trolling - Posting in a way to annoy other members, start arguments, take things off topic, etc. Usually classifies as LQP

GLWS - Stands for Good Luck With Sales

PBD - Stands for "Post, Bump, Delete". PBD is where you make a new reply in your thread, wait for another post, which bumps your thread then you delete the post. PBD is against the rules and has serious consequences.

I noticed the amount of posts I have just went down significantly, what is going on? There was a Junked Post purge and Post Recount on February 25, 2015 you can read [Omniscient's](#) announcement on this [Here](#).

Are Introduction and Ask Me Anything threads allowed? Introduction threads are always closed/junked due to their repetitive similar replies.

Ask Me Anything threads are also disallowed for lacking quality.

[Ask Me Anything Threads?](#) by [Omniscient](#)

What is the maximum Post length? The post length varies based on what upgrades you have:

Regular Members: 8,000

L33t: 12,000

Ub3r: 18,000

3P1C: 24,000

Originally all members were limited to 18,000 characters per post. You can read about the update here:

[Max Post Length](#) by [Omniscient](#)

How do you use Spoilers/Code/Quote/YouTube/Soundcloud/Image code, etc.? You can take a look below in this thread for a list of codes you can use.

Why can't I post in Innuendo/SRPP?The minimum requirement to post in Innuendo/SRPP is to have at least 25 Prestige. You may also upgrade to gain posting privileges in those sections.

Why was my thread/post deleted/closed?Posts/Threads are junked/closed whenever they violate the sites rules. If you feel that your post or threads removal isn't justifiable contact a [Staff](#) member for further information as to why it was removed.

Are users allowed to require members to Post and PM for a contest?[Post to PM Disallowed](#) by [Omniscient](#)

Are users allowed to force people to post on a separate thread to enter a contest?[Omniscient](#) himself stated that as long as users don't require a post AND a PM for contests then it is allowed.

You can read more about it here: [Post to win contest \(Reply\)](#) by [Omniscient](#)

Who should I contact if I want a thread moved?Contact a [Staff](#) member, try to refrain from contacting an Admin regarding this matter. Mentors no longer have the ability to move threads and Administrators should not be bothered with this task.

Are Social Engineering discussions allowed?Discussion of Social Engineering is not allowed. Social Engineering in most cases involves fraud/theft which is disallowed on the site. Report any threads that violate this policy.

[Is SE or SE related stuff Allowed](#) by [Tony Stark](#)

Is discussion of legal torrents allowed?No discussion of torrents, legal or illegal is allowed on the forum.

[Regarding Legal Torrents](#) by [Omniscient](#)

Are we allowed to create Lounge-Style threads in other sections?Based off of [Omniscient](#)'s post here:

[The AA Lounge 11! \(Reply\)](#) by [Omniscient](#)

It appears as though he doesn't want members to create Lounges in other sections. That is why there is [The Lounge](#), [Gamers Lounge](#) and [Marketplace discussion](#).

Where can I ask for SST related products outside of the SST section?Any DDoS or server stress testing related threads must be made in the SST forum. If you can't post in that forum then you aren't allowed to post them anywhere else which includes the [Free Services and Giveaway Section](#).

Where can I ask for free Netflix/Minecraft/etc. accounts?Non-Free Accounts can not be given away, so you cannot ask for free accounts. All NFA selling belongs in the [Non-Free Accounts](#) section, so if you cannot post there, you may not post anywhere else.

Are we allowed to create the same thread in multiple sections?No, this is considered cross-posting and will result in the threads being closed/junked and the poster may receive a warning. If you are a normal member and you incorrectly post a thread in the wrong forum, please report the post and [Staff](#) should move it for you without penalty.

[Marketplace Questions]

Am I allowed to giveaway Netflix, Hulu or other non-free accounts?No, giveaways of [Non-Free Accounts](#) are no longer allowed on the forum. You may however sell paid/subscription accounts in the [Non-Free Accounts](#) section.

Why can't I post in the Marketplace?To post in the Marketplace you must have positive reputation and for other sections you must be upgraded. Here is a list of sections that only upgraded users can post in:[Premium Sellers Section](#) (L33t and Ub3r only)[Server Stress Testing](#) (Ub3r only)

[Cryptography and Encryption Market](#) (L33t and Ub3r only) [Online Accounts](#) (Ub3r only)[Non-Free Accounts](#) (Ub3r only)

[Gamertags](#) (Ub3r only) [Currency Exchange](#) (Ub3r to make threads, l33t to post)

Am I allowed to sell Fandango accounts/Papa John's accounts?Absolutely not. Attempting to sell such accounts could potentially result in a ban. Read [Omniscient](#)'s stance on it here:

[Ban Pizza Threads \(Reply\)](#) by [Omniscient](#)

[Papa johns accounts \(Reply\)](#) by [Omniscient](#)

Am I allowed to sell Steam Game codes?[Help Documents > Disallowed Blackhat Activity](#)

Product Keys and Unlicensed Software

Product keys, key gens, serials and software cracks are not allowed. This includes the selling, trading, or requesting of any illegal unlicensed product keys. HF is not a warez forum and we will no longer tolerate our site being used as one.

Unfortunately, Steam keys follow this rule. The only key that's allowed to be sold on this forum is Xbox Live Membership.

You can however, activate the key on an existing account and then sell the account to bypass the serial keys rule.

Where can I sell my signature space? If you would like to open a thread offering to sell your signature space, please use the [Service Offerings](#) section.

What Xbox related requests/sales are allowed? Recently some changes were made and some clarification was given regarding Xbox related products on the forum.

You can read more about it here: [\[Rule\] Xbox Product Problems and New Policy](#) by [Omniscient](#)

What do I do if I've been scammed? If you are scammed please use the [Deal Dispute](#) forum. Do not send staff a PM.

Are we allowed to sell Minecraft accounts? You are allowed to sell Minecraft accounts in the [Non-Free Accounts](#) section of the Marketplace, but only if you are Ub3r. You may not giveaway Minecraft accounts anywhere, or sell them anywhere else on the forum.

Am I allowed to make sales threads outside of the Marketplace? Absolutely not. Any marketplace style threads created outside of the marketplace will result in junking of the thread and warning/ban.

Am I allowed to release a ripped theme/site on the forum, even if it doesn't belong to an HF member? Just recently (on a junked thread) [Omniscient](#) stated that he doesn't allow any type of warez on this site, which is clearly stated in the rules. Also, I imagine it's very similar to this: [A question regarding my warning](#) by [Ace Hood](#)

Eternal. - July 6, 2016, 6:46 pm

A very well thought out mega thread of Hackforums frequently asked questions, hell I'm going to bookmark this for my own use.

Good job man, this is awesome and I know a lot of people will benefit from it.

SIM-2015410 - July 6, 2016, 6:52 pm

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Appreciate the kind words, but credit has to go to Starstruck ?

Jak! - July 7, 2016, 3:20 am

Very nice thread Mesh, will bookmark as its things here I've never heard of yet. Thanks!

Gary - July 7, 2016, 4:20 am

Great job taking over for Chase. He seemed pretty upset about what happened to him though lol.

Frankey - July 7, 2016, 4:38 am

Woah! GREAT THREAD! :D This is really amazing to read. Ty man!

Limit. - July 7, 2016, 5:05 am

Great stuff here Mesh. Good tool for new and old members, will definitely refer back to this if I have to.

Realizm - July 7, 2016, 5:11 am

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wander is a multi dwc - July 7, 2016, 6:54 am

(Jul 7, 2016 05:11 AM)Realizm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Didn't Stardust or something have this thread before? Then Chase right? And now you? This is becoming the groups list thread all over again lol.
Read the footer, man.

Quote:Original Creator

Starstruck

The original thread can be found here.

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SIM-2015410 - July 7, 2016, 2:06 pm

(Jul 7, 2016 08:51 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That was my thought as well. He'll sell out to someone next xD

Nah Chase had reasons for leaving. I'm not leaving. This is the final publication xD

(Jul 7, 2016 05:11 AM)Realizm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Didn't Stardust or something have this thread before? Then Chase right? And now you? This is becoming the groups list thread all over again lol.

It was actually Starstruck > Meand Chase > just me. I had to repost it though because otherwise I couldn't edit chases parts

Roger Waters - July 7, 2016, 3:23 pm

What do you think about adding this to the Wiki? It makes sense to have it there since this is going to change hands again eventually. It would also be easier to access since people really only see these posts after someone bumps this thread with a post.

SIM-2015410 - July 7, 2016, 3:53 pm

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That would work. Then anyone could submit edits. But is the wiki a common place to look for new members? I'm not sure it is the first place that springs to mind when looking for answers?

(Jul 7, 2016 03:12 PM)- Sam - Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't understand why everyone keeps making this thread? I knew the original owner of this thread but I've seen multiple members post this now... I mean is it even necessary anymore?

Please look at the post directly above yours.

Roger Waters - July 7, 2016, 4:12 pm

(Jul 7, 2016 03:53 PM)MeshCollider Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That would work. Then anyone could submit edits. But is the wiki a common place to look for new members? I'm not sure it is the first place that springs to mind when looking for answers?

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SIM-2015410 - July 7, 2016, 4:15 pm

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Ah sweet. Let's do that then. How hard is it to convert BBcode to wiki formatting

SIM-2015410 - July 7, 2016, 5:03 pm

(Jul 7, 2016 04:26 PM)- Sam - Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah but all the posts consist of members applauding you, for what reason? You literally copy and pasted a thread which already exists lol.

It 'exists' in a form which is locked and buried, and not being updated again. I have not simply just copied and pasted it, I have made modifications to the formatting and added/changed/updated questions and answers already. Why is that a problem? I gave credit to Starstruck, it is not my fault if people don't read it and instead thank me instead lol

But I think Rogers idea about the wiki is a good plan. So no need to complain for much longer about this thread.

Mr. Corleone - July 7, 2016, 5:17 pm

Amazing thread! I am a member of 2012 and still learned some things in here.

Is it possible for you make a list of content list so people can see what kind of questions are answered in this whole thread?

This way it'll be easier to find questions. I saw you said use ctrl+f, but still may be interesting to skim through all the questions answered in a list for people that are not looking for something specific.

Roger Waters - July 7, 2016, 5:25 pm

(Jul 7, 2016 04:15 PM)MeshCollider Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ah sweet. Let's do that then. How hard is it to convert BBcode to wiki formatting

Shouldn't be that hard. Would take probably 15 minutes at most to convert by hand.

Yin Yang - July 7, 2016, 5:32 pm

How to gain rep is a commonly asked question by new members.

SIM-2015410 - July 7, 2016, 5:55 pm

(Jul 7, 2016 05:32 PM)Yin Yang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How to gain rep is a commonly asked question by new members.

Added, thanks for the suggestion.

(Jul 7, 2016 05:25 PM)Roger Waters Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Shouldn't be that hard. Would take probably 15 minutes at most to convert by hand.

Are you keen to do it? I'm not very familiar with wiki layout code.

Roger Waters - July 7, 2016, 5:57 pm

(Jul 7, 2016 05:55 PM)MeshCollider Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Added, thanks for the suggestion.

Are you keen to do it? I'm not very familiar with wiki layout code.

I'm on the Wiki Team, I know the code. It's pretty straightforward. If you want I can start converting it tomorrow.

SIM-2015410 - July 7, 2016, 6:05 pm

(Jul 7, 2016 05:57 PM)Roger Waters Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm on the Wiki Team, I know the code. It's pretty straightforward. If you want I can start converting it tomorrow.

Yeah I guessed you would. If you have time, then that would be appreciated ?

wander is a multi dwc - July 7, 2016, 9:04 pm

(Jul 7, 2016 05:55 PM)MeshCollider Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Are you keen to do it? I'm not very familiar with wiki layout code.

[Read this.](#) ?

SIM-2015410 - July 7, 2016, 9:06 pm

(Jul 7, 2016 09:04 PM)reve4 neeuQ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) [Read this.](#) ?

But learning that was what I was trying to avoid doing ?

That thread is beautiful though btw

Evanescent - July 7, 2016, 10:02 pm

Why was the old thread closed ?

BTW nice compilation.

SIM-2015410 - July 7, 2016, 10:15 pm

(Jul 7, 2016 10:02 PM)Evanescent Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why was the old thread closed ?

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Because starstruck left HF so couldn't keep it updated, as stated 4 times already lmao.

Evanescent - July 7, 2016, 10:40 pm

(Jul 7, 2016 10:15 PM)MeshCollider Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Because starstruck left HF so couldn't keep it updated, as stated 4 times already lmao.

My bad. Didn't go through the previous pages.

SIM-2015410 - July 7, 2016, 11:28 pm

(Jul 7, 2016 10:40 PM)Evanescent Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) My bad. Didn't go through the previous pages.

It was in the first paragraph of the thread too :P