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Thread: [I've accidentally broken the multi-accounting rule. Is my account safe?](#)

Informable - September 13, 2016, 9:53 pm

I've had an account on this website for nearly two years, but I've never actually got into using it, besides to make the occasional LQ post or view threads past the login wall. It still has the default avatar and there aren't many posts made by it. I've just decided to try participating in hackforums, so I made this brand new account, configured my profile, and bought an upgrade package. This is what I planned to use as my main account, but somebody in the Lounge pointed out that what I did isn't allowed by the rules. That got me worried. Is this okay? I don't want to lose an account that I just paid money to upgrade.

Fudster - September 13, 2016, 9:55 pm

You should be fine. Just don't use both accounts. Never login to the other one again.

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(Sep 13, 2016 09:55 PM)Fudster Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You should be fine. Just don't use both accounts. Never login to the other one again.

Okay thanks. I won't, the account is worthless

Ambien - September 13, 2016, 11:24 pm

When was the last time you used it? if it was years ago then it would've been pruned and you should be fine. If the account is still around then he could merge it or something.

Suspense - September 13, 2016, 11:29 pm

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I would PM Omniscient with your old username and explain the situation. If the account is still active, he'll either direct you to continue using this one or he will merge this one with your old one.

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account and leave this one for you to use.

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Too late I messaged him. But I hope that happens too

TheGreenSoap_temp - September 13, 2016, 11:56 pm

Oh, Omni closed my account hours after upgrading to L33T :/ he prob saw I was a multi. Bitch I didn't use that account for about a year too!

?Đ?gê? - September 13, 2016, 11:57 pm

Considering you have 1 IP matching with other member , pm a staff member about this.

Zexo - September 14, 2016, 12:50 pm

(Sep 13, 2016 11:57 PM)?Đ?gê? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Considering you have 1 IP matching with other member , pm a staff member about this.

Staff don't want to hear about it matching ips don't matter unless you have proof of a member being a multi that was closed by staff.

If account was closed due to inactivity you can make a new account and not worry about it.

Zexo - September 14, 2016, 1:38 pm

(Sep 14, 2016 01:35 PM)- Sam - Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Believe it or not I had the same problem nearly 6 years ago. I had an account before this which I was unaware of and forgot about, so I ended up making a new one only to find out I completely forgot about the account I made before.

Back then upgrades were done manually, so Omni saw my other account when I want to upgrade, thankfully he didn't make a big deal about it and merged my other account into my current one.

I would contact a Staff member and let them know about your other account. Hopefully the account will be merged into your current one to prevent problems in the future. We all make mistakes and I'm sure you will be given the benefit of the doubt.

In trust scan important information it says not to contact staff about matching ips.

Bluffer - September 14, 2016, 1:49 pm

I'd be a bit hesitant about messaging staff about it, they have better things to do than worry about your accidental multi.

If your other account is inactive and not upgraded, chances are it will just be closed some time down the road in which case you are allowed to make a new one, I realize that isn't what your current situation is but you are likely fine and you can just do what another member said and that is don't login to it again.

Zexo - September 14, 2016, 1:53 pm

(Sep 14, 2016 01:43 PM)- Sam - Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's usually to stop other members from being detectives thinking another member is a multi, so they message Staff/Omni about it.

There was a thread recently showing that if a member has a matching IP it doesn't necessarily mean they have multiple accounts.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5405421>

OP case is different. He does have another account which has apparently been registered for 2 years.

Omni has said in the past that it doesn't matter to him if the account wasn't posted on and banned

for a reason I doubt that op would need to pm staff.