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Thread: [How do you think the marketplace should be improved? || Bring Back "Reviewers"](#)

SIM-2501407 - December 28, 2016, 9:59 am

I created this thread after thinking about this:

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5506590&pid=53601664#pid53601664>

Part 1 of 2 - How do you think the marketplace should be improved?

Recently, since returning to Hackforums, I have noticed that many people have been complaining that the eBooks they purchase do not work. Listen, the problem about selling SHIT to customers is that it hurts the entire marketplace. After someone spends money on an eBook and see that it does not work, they will never buy another one and may not bother buying any products whatsoever. Think about if close to everyone, the majority, made money off of the eBooks being sold. The customers would purchase more and the marketplace on this forum would have a better reputation. This new, better reputation would help spread how many people consider buying (this could also boost membership on the forums too).

Perhaps there should be an enforcement of some sorts. I honestly like the idea of a marketplace violation for selling an eBook or product that clearly does not work, for it is scamming without boldly stating it.

Despite this idea, I am not sure how it would be proven that an eBook clearly does not work, and there is also the issue of enforcement. I personally do not think staff have time to read these reports and enforce any rule when it comes to this. There are some cases where the eBooks do work, but eventually becomes saturated or stops working for another reason, so it is hard to say if someone knows that they are 'scamming'. Quite frankly, and it sad to state, but I do not see the marketplace improving significantly. Those who pay money for an eBook are 'gambling' in a sense.

Do you have any solutions/suggestions? What do you think about the marketplace and what can be done?

Put some actual thought into this. Please do not state something half-assed or idiotic (I.E "Market is shit //Discussion"). I am certain there are threads like this from the past, but this is something I believe in strongly; the marketplace does need a fix, and brainstorming will help come up with a solution.

Part 2 of 2 - Bringing Back "Reviewers"

(Dec 28, 2016 11:50 AM)Prince™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Only if Reviewers come back as an official group again and start reviewing every single e-Book for it's content, originality, potential and reveal about it to the customers.

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In case you do not know what Reviewers was, please take the time to read this page:

<http://hackforumswiki.net/index.php/Reviewers>

Quote:The group was closed after changes were made in the Marketplace which made the group's purpose to be redundant.

Quote from: <http://hackforumswiki.net/index.php/Groups>

[https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=255717&";](https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=255717&)

This is what I would want, but the group would NOT be officially a part of the HF team. We would be a small group of HQ users that give honest reviews, that's all. The group would not be in it for profit; maybe I should make a rule within the group that it is not permitted to have certain sale threads. Of course, this would include my own sale threads.

Other posts of mine in this thread in regards of Reviewers (Read them if you want to know everything):

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5507022&pid=53611118#pid53611118>

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5507022&pid=53611662#pid53611662>

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5507022&pid=53611842#pid53611842>

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5507022&pid=53613653#pid53613653>

Interesting idea... I will begin collecting money and think about this more in-depth while doing so.

<http://prntscr.com/dp2ci0>

(Dec 30, 2016 12:07 AM)ValorHF Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I briefly spoke to Confound, a member of the Red Lions, tonight.

The Red Lions attempted to do a very, very similar thing as the Reviewers, but it was not successful as members did not find them trustworthy enough to receive free products. After hearing that the Red Lions were not trusted enough, I highly doubt that this idea would be successful if put into action. I still desire to own a usergroup one of these days, but my idea of revising and remaking the Reviewers has now been reconsidered as I do not see a bright future for it. That being said, this thread has served it's purpose.

I appreciate each and every reply that I have received on this thread. It has been great to see other members ideas on how to fix the marketplace. Perhaps one day some of those ideas will be implemented into Hackforums. Once again, thank you everyone.

This thread is closed now.

ValorHF

(Dec 31, 2016 01:35 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ebook quality, or lack thereof, is nothing new.

Start your own forum where you can vouch for products. On HF we are not going to get involved.

Unreal. So you think it's an idea you like but you have no idea how it will work. That makes you a moron.

RKO'd.

I read more of your crap I'll end up closing your account.

End of discussion.

minimalist - December 28, 2016, 10:08 am

I think that there should be better marketplace moderators. Haven't ever heard of the shopping

deals moderator (though I'd imagine that he's a nice guy), but apparently he moderates that section. There are a few other cases and the entire forum would benefit from a few promotions and removal of certain mentors.

SIM-2501407 - December 28, 2016, 10:14 am

(Dec 28, 2016 11:08 AM)Minimalist Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think that there should be better marketplace moderators and staff. I thought about that too, and thought it was an idea that may be worth doing for HF. Omni could promote section moderators to focus on the marketplace, so it would not be time taken away from him, for the most part.

However, I am still wondering how the moderator would be able to determine if a product, eBook, etc. is total bogus. The only way for them to know would be for them to try it themselves (so I think), but that may not be possible. For some of the methods it would take a decent amount of time, and there would probably be more threads on the topic than what they are.

Tid?es - December 28, 2016, 10:18 am

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Vittorio - December 28, 2016, 10:19 am

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(Dec 28, 2016 11:19 AM)Vittorio Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Getting rid of any sales of eBooks. It's also other products and services that do not work too. I mean it would help the marketplace astronomically to remove eBooks...

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That's a problem on it's own. How do we know which ones are legit and which aren't?

Riyu - December 28, 2016, 10:44 am

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woms - December 28, 2016, 10:45 am

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Yep I really do understand that.

Bluffer - December 28, 2016, 1:06 pm

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J. McCarthy - December 28, 2016, 1:20 pm

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Setting aside the fact that they purchase 3 sections worth of stickies and ad banners

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(Dec 28, 2016 02:20 PM)Formula1 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's like saying a private company should regulate the stock market instead of a government agencyYou make me laugh. I would not put a usergroup IN CHARGE of an entire market, I was completely joking...

(Dec 28, 2016 02:20 PM)Formula1 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Terrible idea don't bother wasting your time even thinking about itToo late, my mind is set. I will prove you wrong in a year or so.

Portugal - December 28, 2016, 1:30 pm

(Dec 28, 2016 02:06 PM)?luffer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think it will be improved by the vouch system when it's completed.What was the last news on the vouch system?

I remember it being mentioned a long time ago but nothing since then.

Headdy - December 28, 2016, 1:30 pm

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SIM-2501407 - December 28, 2016, 2:34 pm

(Dec 28, 2016 02:30 PM)Headdy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I mean honestly, I would be up for this too. Many ebooks are worth shit nowadays.That is why when I get the opportunity, I will create a group, official or not, that is willing to do honest reviews. Not saying people are required to use us, but if they do, it will make them look better if it is a solid eBook.

Only downside to this is that I will not be making any money (nor would the group), but I will figure that part out.

SIM-2501407 - December 28, 2016, 6:48 pm

(Dec 28, 2016 05:18 PM)James! Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hey Valor, I absolutely love the idea.

In response to people who questioned who would want to review thousands of products, I would. I'm one of those people in life who will always tell you what they think and not care about the impact their opinion has on others. If I could I would gladly spend countless hours purchasing every

product, putting it to the test and thoroughly writing my personal opinion of it, whether it's shit or not, the community has to know!

Although this is the kind of group I'd love to be a part of there is one issue that you addressed, money. Having to be able to spend up to \$100 a week to review an eBook is 1. not financially possible for most people here and 2. would very shortly lead the wealth people here to being poor. I think, unless we could make each product being reviewed by us a mandatory thing or making sellers want us to review their product then it'll be hard for the group to last long, financially.

I hope when you make this group I'd have the opportunity to be a part of it, James. As a group, we would not be spending any money on products. The whole purpose is to have users come to us with vouch copies and for us to leave an honest review. What you stated about having it mandatory is how it was when Omni created the group himself. Obviously, something happened (I haven't able to what happened yet) and Omni decided to remove the group entirely. This group would be volunteering their time to write honest and high quality reviews, that's all. Our goal would be to have those in the community trust in our review, and to push the sellers of products and services to use us a tool. If a seller refuses to use us, it does not mean their product is bad any means, they have the choice to not use us. However, those who decide to use us will receive a review that breaks everything down. Some of the Sellers may or may not be happy with the review, but that's the whole point of a review, is it not?

Members within the group would have to be highly trusted by not only myself, but the community. Their interest must be to make the marketplace better for hackforums, not to benefit themselves. Reputation and age of each individuals will take into account and consideration when selecting members to invite, but that will not be all. I will have almost dig into people's information, figure out who they truly are, then go from there. I hate to say no to you, but quite honestly, I would be looking for a much more reputable member.

Mr Whiskey - December 28, 2016, 6:51 pm

How to improve the Marketplace:

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NYCVN - December 28, 2016, 6:52 pm

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James Burnham - December 28, 2016, 7:05 pm

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You are right about the ROI, I have received \$20 after spending \$125 on eBooks. Worst part is that

there is reviews that are honest, but nobody would think they are.

(I.E) <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5504553&pid=53590328#pid53590328>

(Bit of an advertisement by me, but you get my point.)

(Dec 28, 2016 07:51 PM)Mr Whiskey Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How to improve the Marketplace:
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(Dec 28, 2016 07:52 PM)NYCVN Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think the marketplace is just fine, you just gotta do something about those scammers.

eBook sellers are just eBook sellers.eBook sellers often do not test their own eBooks. Fake vouches and fake revenue to deceive costumers is the same thing as scamming. Scamming defined: a dishonest scheme; a fraud. There is no insouciance from eBook sellers and since there is nothing against the rules about it, nothing can happen to them. It does not matter to them if their ebook is complete utter bullshit.

It's a game of odds when it comes to eBooks, and the odds are against buyers. I do not think this is how the marketplace should be at all. If I were to purchase 10 eBooks, I would like to have 7 out of 10 work well, not 4 out of 10. Luckily, the only eBook I purchased was simple, yet worked. It had to do with winning paypal disputes. ?

When it comes to the rest of the marketplace:

You can use a middle man (i.e Axis or Minimalist) and be pretty certain that you are not going to get robbed blindly. Personally, I have only been scammed once out of 500+ transactions? Paypal is the only risky part to any transaction. Just be cautious when dealing with someone. There is no true way of stopping someone from running off with \$10 BTC of yours.

There are many, many issues with the marketplace, and there is no way of fixing them all. My goal is not to fix the marketplace perfect; I know it's not possible. The vision is just to make it a better place for buyers. Buyers will have to maintain self-responsibility; they'll still have to watch for schemes for themselves.

henry - December 28, 2016, 7:53 pm

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Prophett - December 28, 2016, 7:58 pm

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(Dec 28, 2016 08:53 PM)Orang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Having 'reviewers' accept a product before sales would be nice but many 'reviewers' will look the other way overtimeThere probably will never be Reviewers to approve of or accept certain threads again. I have mixed feelings about the previous version...

'Reviewers' (my version) will be operated by a usergroup.

As the owner and leader, I would verify reviews at random. This would ensure they are not act in a corrupt manner. Of course, I would have to get approval from the person selling the product before

my eyes see the eBook or product. If I have suspicion or proof a member has gone rogue, then he or she will be removed with no hesitation.

I will, on a regular basis, investigate reviews to ensure they are not giving an advantage or disadvantage to any member.

(Dec 28, 2016 08:56 PM)Mr. Burnham Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If they look the other way, then they should be replaced by better reviewers. There are hundreds of people willing to help. I agree, there are many users that would take the time to do reviews. All I have to do is find the right individuals to fulfill the (unpaid) job.

In the case that someone is removed from the group, then they may be replaced down the road; it depends on the given situation.

(Dec 28, 2016 08:58 PM)Medd Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The return of Reviewers sounds like a good idea. Red Lions have also opened a service which I have not yet seen in practice. Thank you for supporting the idea. I have not really looked into the Red Lions service, but I will look into it. Again, thank you, but this time for bringing that to my attention.

Keep in mind, this is an idea that came to me today. There is still months (TBD how many) until this would be FINANCIALLY possible. I have yet to get approved by Omni to purchase a group. Although I want the marketplace to be better, I don't know if I want to spend thousands in order for that to happen. There is plenty of time for me to figure out details and whatnot IF approved.

James Burnham - December 28, 2016, 8:16 pm

I was just looking for that Red Lions thread. I could not find it.. Did it get junked? I remember by reading that, that a lot of people were critical of their effort. Probably the same people that once you get scammed, come to "sorry for your loss" you.

drawbackK - December 28, 2016, 8:31 pm

Few things that should change IMO.

1. Premium Seller Section should not be a place for ebooks.
2. People should not be able to have their friends/partners alternate bumping their own threads.

A NEW ERA... - December 28, 2016, 8:32 pm

yeah please open this because ebooks are shit lol

Truly - December 28, 2016, 8:43 pm

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While I understand and agree with staff not getting involved in deals, they should be banning scammers.

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Btw: As for the Red Lions post, I do not think it was deleted, I saw it a day or a few days ago. May just be hard to find, I am not sure though.

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<http://image.prntscr.com/image/ffc2000af6d8475e9c016c1d1448a1b3.png>

Are you speaking about a separate rating, for the product itself?

EIDoc - December 28, 2016, 9:02 pm

For sure!!

The group should definitely come back so that official reviewers may come into play.

vaiperboy - December 28, 2016, 10:28 pm

u can improve it by putting my name in the header ?

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SUI-3183372 - December 29, 2016, 12:16 am

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SIM-2501407 - December 29, 2016, 12:30 am

(Dec 28, 2016 10:02 PM)El Doc Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) For sure!!
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(Dec 29, 2016 12:34 AM)jakemadison1990 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I honestly never saw that before LOL
thank you for pointing that out.Haha, no problem buddy!

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A review is worthless if the reviewer doesn't full understand what they're reviewing, as was the case more often than not. Legitimate vouches from sales is what really matters.I've not heard much about the previous group, so I appreciate the information.

I agree with what you stated about a review being pointless if the reviewer has no idea about what they are speaking about. That'd be an issue for the group if it was to be created. If I were to recruit people that have a vast amount of knowledge in each scene, then it would led to better reviews. If nobody in then group has knowledge on a given thread's topic, then we would have to simply opt out the opportunity to review it; even in the case that the OP offered a copy to the group to review it, we would not accept it.

If sellers are willing to work with the group, I can see this going very far.

James Burnham - December 29, 2016, 2:57 am

(Dec 29, 2016 03:44 AM)James! Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I spoke to a few eBook sellers and marketplace sellers on here, you know some people go on leaked eBook sites and take old eBooks that used to be HF over 2 years ago and just give them a new title, they then go onto their btc or paypal and inspect element, ask a couple friends to inspect element their money as well and there you have a best selling product, same thing with ratings - they'll get their friend to give it a 5* rating.

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Sholi - December 29, 2016, 11:44 am

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There used to be an official HF group called "Reviewers."

It eventually turned into a circle jerk of idiocy and corruption.

Reviewers opened here: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=255717>

Idk if there's an official thread for it, but Reviewers were disbanded Sept 2, 2011 and seen here: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=234186>

SirAlex - December 29, 2016, 5:55 pm

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Dont bother wasting your \$5k, Omni probably wouldn't allow this sort of group anyhow."Wasting 5k" It is my money, so I may do what I want with it.

I want to purchase a usergroup regardless of what I do with it. This was an idea of mine of what I would want to do. Also, money is not everything in life... You can't pretend as if it is or is it will dominate your life.

Also, Omniscient is probably fully aware of this now. He read a PM I sent to him earlier.

Although he did not respond, I know for a fact he looked into my account. There is something that I noticed that he did to my account, but I will not go into specific details.

Here is a portion of what I sent in the PM:

<http://image.prntscr.com/image/55e8da69f64946259bd5d6426c5754af.png>

I also do not know if he would allow this sort of group, but I am willing to find out.

FamousHater - December 29, 2016, 7:49 pm

(Dec 28, 2016 11:19 AM)2000 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think HF should hire special staff members that will check each product. Before they post the thread the staffs need to approve it.worst idea
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Uilekejo - December 29, 2016, 7:51 pm

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Uilekejo - December 29, 2016, 8:14 pm

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multi isnt bad, as long as you werent banned for bad things, but just people raging out of you to admins hehe

SIM-2501407 - December 29, 2016, 8:19 pm

(Dec 29, 2016 09:12 PM)FamousHater Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) u know alot for just joining.

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A staff member will look into it I bet.

Please stay on topic @Uilkejo and @FamousHater. Thank you.

Zink - December 29, 2016, 8:27 pm

Moderators were more active years ago in the Marketplace, they had to check out each item placed in the premium seller section.

FamousHater - December 29, 2016, 8:37 pm

(Dec 29, 2016 09:36 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Like everything, the Reviewers were corrupt.

I know a handful of users that would accept \$\$ for better reviews.u mean everyone. not a handful lol

Uilekejo - December 29, 2016, 8:44 pm

It needs to be moderators, but problem is even current staff is corrupt ..

everywhere any set of people having more rights then other are corrupted anyways ..

drawback - December 29, 2016, 10:45 pm

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Yea, I think the idea is the premium sellers section is a one stop selling area for all upgraded members. It just seems to add to the problem though, since everyone goes there to purchase things and nothing there is regulated.

SIM-2501407 - December 29, 2016, 11:07 pm

I briefly spoke to Confound, a member of the Red Lions, tonight.

The Red Lions attempted to do a very, very similar thing as the Reviewers, but it was not successful as members did not find them trustworthy enough to receive free products. After hearing that the Red Lions were not trusted enough, I highly doubt that this idea would be successful if put into action. I still desire to own a usergroup one of these days, but my idea of revising and remaking the Reviewers has now been reconsidered as I do not see a bright future for it. That being said, this thread has served it's purpose.

I appreciate each and every reply that I have received on this thread. It has been great to see other members ideas on how to fix the marketplace. Perhaps one day some of those ideas will be

implemented into Hackforums. Once again, thank you everyone.
This thread is closed now.
ValorHF

Omniscient - *December 31, 2016, 12:35 pm*

Ebook quality, or lack thereof, is nothing new.

Quote:I honestly like the idea of a marketplace violation for selling an eBook or product that clearly does not work

Start your own forum where you can vouch for products. On HF we are not going to get involved.

Quote:Despite this idea, I am not sure how it would be proven that an eBook clearly does not work

Unreal. So you think it's an idea you like but you have no idea how it will work. That makes you a moron.

RKO'd.

I read more of your crap I'll end up closing your account.

End of discussion.