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Omniscient - December 29, 2016, 10:17 am

There is now a "Matching country of registration and latest IP" parameter for Trust Scan page.

Recently a scammer from Greece has bought at least 10 accounts to CE scam by selling AGC for BTC. He either gives false code or just logs out. Normally he gets 2-3 sales before the account is flagged and closed.

Unfortunately his region matching showed "N/A" because the database didn't completely have the data. So I already added Matching Country to Trust Scan to help stop this clown from so easily targeting members.

He buys old inactive accounts so the latest 30 days doesn't show anything but 1 IP. Or he bought them a while ago and he just sits on them until Trust Scan clears the data. His ISP is dynamic too so he doesn't have matching IPs with other users.

For the past two weeks I've manually checked logs looking for his activity. Unfortunately he got 2 scam in on the day after Xmas and I just saw the account today.

I'm considering adding another parameter such as "Country Trustworthiness" but I feel that may be very unpopular.

This is the guy btw:

<https://hackforums.net/trustscan.php?uid=1372269>

A couple other scammer accounts that he bought:

<https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=1351829>

<https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=1331155>

TheWHO? - December 29, 2016, 10:19 am

Great add to the trust scan, keep up the great work Omni.

Juicy - December 29, 2016, 10:21 am

Great addition that will add a bit more security. I would also love to see the country trustworthiness.

SIM-403479 - December 29, 2016, 10:23 am

Nice way to clear a few of the scammers.

Thanks for sharing Omni.

Dredd - December 29, 2016, 10:24 am

Awesome edition thanks for sharing this

Armada - December 29, 2016, 10:24 am

Helpful addition, thanks.

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J?son - December 29, 2016, 10:27 am

Another great addition

Thanks Boss

Refusal - December 29, 2016, 10:28 am

I think it's kind of crazy how immoral some people can be by just scamming someone out there own money. That's a childish act. I could never just steal someone's money, and be ok with it. Growing up I didn't even want to ask my parent for money for anything. Rather work for it.

KING - December 29, 2016, 10:28 am

Thank you for making Hackforums more secure. :)

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Captain Steve Rogers - December 29, 2016, 10:28 am

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God - December 29, 2016, 10:29 am

Pretty helpful addition, thank you.
Hopefully this actually gets used.

Wakka - December 29, 2016, 10:29 am

Great addition, thanks for the improvement omni.

?ody - December 29, 2016, 10:30 am

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Elitas - December 29, 2016, 10:32 am

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InspectorGadget - December 29, 2016, 10:32 am

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Edit: Not sure if you'll like this OMNI but maybe add a "Remember to Trust Scan before deals" banner at the top of all Marketplace sub forums?

Dredd - December 29, 2016, 10:32 am

The trust worth country feature would be a good idea depending on how it was worded. Maybe a region would be a better way of doing it but then again if someone is in the same region as a scammer it's going to look bad on them.

It's a difficult one.

minimalist - December 29, 2016, 10:34 am

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DocShifty - December 29, 2016, 10:34 am

Great addition. Love it. I use the trust scan ALL the time. This is one of the best tools we have, and you just made it better. Thank you.

TheVBScripiter - December 29, 2016, 10:35 am

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I agree. Too many users (who got accused of scamming with proof) are still being seen as "trusted".

Those who flame / troll in groups (rep abuse, trolling abuse, etc.) are considered HQ because they gain or give a lot of reputation to a certain member.

Those who scammed other HF members are often seen as "HQ" because they did some exchanges after.

It's good to see that you're warning us + offering us a new solution for these multi-accounter scammers.

Not only are account sold (HF account) many members who are sketchy / childish / flaming, are putting their heads together to flame / reputate others.

This happens (often) over Skype, so they won't be "caught" breaking the rep abuse rule.

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LilUziVert - December 29, 2016, 10:35 am

Thank you for this, Should help catch some of the sketchy mfs.

Grizzlies - December 29, 2016, 10:36 am

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Sadly you can't let the ocean flow into the river without a few bad fish getting in too.

IE - you can't have a popular site with good members without the trolls coming too.

Who Soup - December 29, 2016, 10:38 am

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I hope this asshole gets caught.

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Until you get scammed and whine and bitch to the staff team why they aren't involved. It's being stupid to get scammed. No such thing as trust in the internet, we are all interacting with strangers here. Anyone finds a opportunity for profit they'll take. I can bet on that.

His hosting deals can do it but would pay consequences just like any other scammer does. It comes back one way or another.

Omniscient - December 29, 2016, 11:41 am

Quote:Nice addition, "Country Trustworthiness" you mean Country Lock?

No, I'm considering that if you're in a certain country then you are labelled a higher risk.

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These are all sold accounts probably done so at an HF clone which is full of scammers. Notice that site was offline and scamming was down. Now we have an increase in scammers in CE again due

to the sold accounts.

Quote:That's a pretty neat feature, but what if someone reports an account because their using HF on holiday?

I DO NOT TAKE REPORTS BASED ON TRUST SCAN. I will close members contacting me for that. I will lose my cool and RKO. DO NOT REPORT BASED ON TRUST SCAN. Says it on the TS page too.

Part of my strategy to combat scammers is giving members the best tools possible to make wise choices. I view a lot of data on the site concerning accounts and activity in Deal Disputes. I close a lot of accounts that are sold or stolen. When I view Deal Disputes I look for instances where Trust Scan would not help and I try to find a way to improve it so that it would have. Unfortunately I do see a lot of Deal Disputes where the person scammed didn't make a good decision and nothing in policy could prevent that.

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The accounts get closed. Notations are added to the account. They are not welcome to come back. I'll close a new account if it's created even if they upgrade. And this happens frequently.

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I don't agree. There are countries where scamming Americans online is a sport and has no consequences.

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No idea of their age but I would not be shocked if they are much older. If you can scam \$200+ online per week it's probably a decent income in many countries.

Egregious Jr. - December 29, 2016, 11:44 am

Looks like a great addition Omni. The "N/A" on trust scan wasn't too helpful, this should help us judge if a member is compromised much more easily.

webdev77 - December 29, 2016, 11:44 am

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Controlled - December 29, 2016, 11:51 am

Love the idea! And love the addition! Will make a lot of people feel more secure!

VirtualFrost - December 29, 2016, 11:55 am

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Armada - December 29, 2016, 12:17 pm

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Pretty sure this was brought up before the last time something like this happened, but for the life of me I cant find the post/reply.

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One would assume if these scammers are buying/obtaining upgraded accounts in bulk, the accounts never had 2FA enabled on them.

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SIM-2501407 - December 29, 2016, 12:42 pm

Thank you for adding this Omni!

Bluffer - December 29, 2016, 12:52 pm

Great addition to the trust scan! Good work Omni.

Grizzlies - December 29, 2016, 1:03 pm

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Was it a few years back Greece had some kind of tragedy for their unemployment rate to increase and fallen to depression?

? Quick ? - December 29, 2016, 1:35 pm

Great addition, keep it up omni :)

webdev77 - December 29, 2016, 1:59 pm

(Dec 29, 2016 02:55 PM)Yani Wrote: [CITE](#) No thanks. If 2FA was available for email addresses, like steam does with their login codes each 30 days, then sure. But requiring a smartphone? That should never be mandatory for a website.

Smartphone not needed. You can use chrome or Firefox browser extensions for 2FA.

Prophett - December 29, 2016, 2:01 pm

Users should always use a middleman when dealing to minimise the risks of being scammed.

Nevertheless, I'm sure this update will make those who are dealing aware of accounts that have been compromised/sold.

J?son - December 29, 2016, 2:04 pm

(Dec 29, 2016 03:03 PM)Yani Wrote: [CITE](#) Last time I looked at that it seemed to be possible to still lose account access if for some reason your hdd crashed.

I'll have a look at it again but could you maybe link me something?

Not if you have multiple devices logged into Google Chrome

Authenticator works on multiple devices

MeltyNet - December 29, 2016, 2:06 pm

Great idea and addition to add to the trust scans.

It could save someone from being scammed in the future!

Wyatt Garcia - December 29, 2016, 4:24 pm

Nice add Omni.

It would be interesting to see the trustworthy thing on trust scan as well.

Patzan - December 29, 2016, 4:31 pm

Really good add, will help a lot.

Hope [my idea will get accepted](#) as well.

Wakka - December 29, 2016, 4:33 pm

How is he able to buy these accounts? Are they stolen and then sold on or something?

fordtough1972 - December 29, 2016, 4:35 pm

Looks like a nice addition, thanks for this.

I personally wouldn't be offended by the second option, but i see how others could. ?

illuminati? - December 29, 2016, 11:09 pm

For people like me, who travel back and forth between two countries, will it eventually say yes?
Just curious.

Eagle 95 - December 30, 2016, 12:07 am

Please don't add Country Trustworthiness. There are scammers everywhere and people from particular country might get flagged because of other idiots living in the same country. You can't choose people that you live with in a country. Also, I think USA would be pretty untrustworthy.

Btw, thanks for adding gauth for l33t subscription. Very generous of you.

Motusora - December 30, 2016, 12:16 am

well, speaking of 'trust scan' , i checked omni's trust scan and i saw this
Latest IP Matching Other Members: 1

does he have other account other than his main ? ?

Motusora - December 30, 2016, 12:21 am

(Dec 30, 2016 01:20 AM)Riyu Wrote: [\[CITE\]](https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=42221)
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is his other account.
thanks for the info?

Bossk - December 30, 2016, 4:13 am

Good job, crack em downnnnnn!

Mr Whiskey - December 30, 2016, 10:45 am

I'm skeptical of the effectiveness this is going to have but it's a nice feature either way. I think country reputation would be much more useful, but wouldn't this open itself up to giving away a members (or at least the IP their on) country?

NYCVN - December 30, 2016, 10:46 am

Interesting add, Omni.

Should prevent a bit more scammers from scamming.

ama - December 30, 2016, 11:23 am

Great work Omni, good job.

ZuGgY - December 30, 2016, 3:28 pm

Thank you for the notice, sir.