

## Forum: [Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [Writ3rs' REWIND 2016 \(Edition\)](#)

Hydra - January 20, 2017, 11:36 pm

[PM To Submit Missing Events](#) - Will be a Work In Progress for the next couple of days

December 12, 2016

### [Currency Exchange Policy Enforced](#)

Many members were abusing and bypassing the restrictions set in the [Currency Exchange](#) subforum by posting such threads in the [Trader Topics](#) subforum. [Omniscient](#) has closed most of the threads violating this existing policy and also moved the [Currency Exchange](#) subforum from [Secondary Sellers Market](#) to [Premium Sellers Section](#) forum. This was meant to clean up the [Trader Topics](#) subforum as it had lost its original purpose. Exchanges and trades involving gift cards, crypto currency, or fiat must be posted in the [Currency Exchange](#) subforum where it belongs. Members who violate this policy will be warned or banned in addition to having their thread junked.

December 2, 2016

### [Eclipse Award](#)

A surprising award has been added to Hack Forums' collection of awards - Eclipse. This award is the 3rd member-owned award and is quite a rare thing to see around the community.

November 26, 2016

### [Dicey Award](#)

A new award was created for those who love to gamble and there have only been three recipients since it's release.

November 22, 2016

### [Monero \(XMR\) Award](#)

A new currency was added to the payment methods for upgrades as well as an award for it. Members can now either purchase the award using XMR funds and upgrade their or others' account using XMR.

October 30, 2016

### [Testimonial Subforum & Award](#)

A [new subforum](#) was created shortly after Hack Forums started getting media attention due to a member of Hack Forums who released the source code to IoT botnet called Mirai. Hack Forums has changed the lives of many in a very positive direction and the [Testimonial subforum](#) is meant to tell

the stories of the many whose lives Hack Forums has changed. An [award](#) was created along with the subforum to reward the members. You'll have to get your thread approved before being given the award.

October 28, 2016

#### [HF News Contributor Award](#)

HF News Contributor Award is a limited award given to those who help HF News (Writ3rs) on a weekly basis and deserve the recognition. Thank you for your help!

October 4, 2016

#### [HTTPS Support Added](#)

Hack Forums now runs on HTTPS only after the constant badgering of members asking for HTTPS. [Omniscient](#) has forced HTTPS throughout the entire HF community including images and links. You now no longer have to worry about sending through unencrypted data while browsing on Hack Forums so take that tin foil hat off! ;)

September 28, 2016

#### [DNSSEC Enabled](#)

[Omniscient](#) enabled this feature for the [www.hackforums.net](http://www.hackforums.net) domain which essentially improves the security of the domain therefore improving the security of the forum itself. If you want a "Explain it like I'm 5" explanation, visit this [link](#).

September 4, 2016

#### [Username Visible Characters](#)

A new site policy was added stating that all usernames must have at least four visible chracters.

August 31, 2016

#### [Junk and PM Prune](#)

All junked posts/threads and PMs have been pruned.

August 25, 2016

#### [Removing Hidden Chracters in Usernames](#)

After a decent amount of impersonations of members on Hack Forums, [Omniscient](#) has blocked off more hidden characters to prevent members from easily impersonating members on Hack Forums.

July 26, 2016

#### [No More Anime Porn](#)

For some reason, members thought posting or linking anime porn wasn't against the rules but [Omniscient](#) has reminded members that this is not allowed. Members who post or link any pornographic anime will have their account closed. Keep in mind that this is still porn and it doesn't

matter if the media is child pornography or not.

July 24, 2016

#### [Prestige Formula Cracked](#)

[Xerotic](#) and [Steve](#) have cracked the Prestige formula on how it calculates each member's prestige value. Their thread explains it all, from how they figured it out to explaining what each factor does to the value. Shortly after posting the thread, [Omniscient](#) confirmed that the formula is indeed valid.

July 15, 2016

#### [Poke Ball Award](#)

Similar to the Lucky Clover awards, this new award, Poke Ball, will only be attainable by posting and getting lucky. However, there's a slight difference: the Poke Ball award can only be earned while posting in the [Pokemon Go](#) subforum. View the award here.

June 6, 2016

#### [Lucky Clover Awards](#)

Three new awards added in which are purely based on luck and chance hence their name, Lucky Clover. Green Clover is a lot more common whereas the Gold Clover will be the most difficult award of the three to attain. In order to get your chance at earning any, you will have to make posts with at least 100 characters in it. Any post, any subforum, as long as it isn't a post edit or "thread creation post". View the awards here.

May 28, 2016

#### [Ethereist Award](#)

With the trending popularity of Ethereum (ETH) coin, [Omniscient](#) added a new award called Ethereist for members to purchase. View the award.

May 2, 2016

#### [Member of The Month Suspended](#)

A lot of drama and problems were stirred up from MoTM but that has all come to an end as Froggy has resigned from running MoTM. As a result, [Omniscient](#) has decided to suspend MoTM indefinitely and has yet to resume. Maybe in the future someone will step up to continue it but there are no indications of that. Closest thing to this was Eclipse's Member of The Year contest that was hosted by [Views](#) and [Hash G.](#) had won.

April 24, 2016

#### [Award Policy for Closed Accounts](#)

From now on, all accounts that get closed will also have their awards removed. Previously closed accounts have been stripped of their awards as well.

April 20, 2016

### [HackerCraft Blue Award](#)

With the return of HackerCraft Minecraft server, a new award was created to help pay for server costs each month. The award has now been suspended as HackerCraft is no longer online. View the award.

March 24, 2016

### [Prestige Requirement](#)

To clean up the [C/C++/Obj-C Programming](#) subforum from a lot of spammy threads, a prestige requirement was enforced for all non-upgraded members. Members who are not upgraded on Hack Forums must first achieve a prestige value of 5 to be able to post or create a thread in that subforum. This does not affect members who have already upgraded.

March 23, 2016

### [Thread Prefixes Added to Deal Dispute Subforum](#)

A minor but efficient change was made to the Deal Dispute subforum. Four new thread prefixes were added to keep the subforum organized. These prefixes are: Currency Exchange [CE], Product Dispute [Product], Services Not Rendered [Service], and Trade Dispute [Trade]. Members are able to use them for their respective purpose and allows visitors to distinguish between each thread's topic.

March 16, 2016

### [Limited Time: Instagrammy Award](#)

For a limited time, a new award called Instragrammy was being given out for those who made a shoutout video or image advertising Hack Forums. There were certain requirements that you had to meet to earn this award and those who attempted to cheat the system were banned and rep killed. A total of 84 members, excluding [Omniscient](#), received the award before it was discontinued. View the list [here](#).

February 22, 2016

### [Trust Scan Changes](#)

A few changes were made to Trust Scan that adds more functionality to it. All members now have access to Trust Scan regardless if upgraded or how many number of posts they have. There is also a new field in Trust Scan called "Last Gauth/2FA Validation" and it is meant to notify users when the last time that member had verified his/her gauth. The idea behind it is to ask the member to verify his or her gauth by visiting the [Gauth page](#) and testing the code. When that is completed, the Trust Scan will be updated and output the date it was done. This helps members in deciding if the person they are speaking to is the account owner or not.

February 20, 2016

### [Private Data Removed From Orders Database](#)

Since only crypto currency is accepted now on Hack Forums, Omniscient has decided to delete all personal data that was logged previously. Data such as First Name, Address, and Phone were removed from the database and no longer will be logged. With PayPal, there was the possibility of

chargebacks however that cannot be done with crypto currency which is the primary reason these records were kept.

February 13, 2016

#### [PayPal No Longer Accepted, Crypto Currency Only](#)

Due to a change to PayPal's ToS/AUP, Hack Forums violates those terms and in return, [Omniscient](#) can no longer accept PayPal as a form of payment for awards, upgrades, and such. Now, the only way to upgrade or purchase an award is through Bitcoin, Litecoin, Dogecoin, Dash, or Ethereum. Currency Exchange subforum had been removed before this event and since PayPal was removed as an accepted form of payment, the Currency Exchange subforum was reopened shortly after to allow people to exchange their currency to crypto currency.

February 6, 2016

#### [Ub3r Application Requirements Changed](#)

Not much written history on the previous requirements but from what we do know is that Ub3r requirements have increased to make it difficult to apply for Ub3r. If you are denied, you must wait 90 days now to be eligible to reapply. Previously, it was set at 60 days. We also believe you had to make at least 100 posts to apply but this has increased to 250 posts. To read the list of requirements you must meet, visit the [Ub3r application page](#).

January 24, 2016

#### [Morchid Drama and Mods Permission Changes](#)

A day before these changes, Morchid, a former Mentor on Hack Forums, had either been hacked or sold his account. The person controlling the account used his Mentor permissions to move tons of threads all over Hack Forums. Threads such as gaming threads, HF News editions, etc. were moved to the lounge. It was a huge mess that was quickly dealt with thanks to [Omniscient](#)'s safeguards he had set. After threads were moved back to their original place, [Omniscient](#) made changes to the permissions that Mentors and Moderators had. Before this, they were able to move threads but now the only permissions they have is: stick, unstick, open, close, and junk threads. [Read more about Morchid's drama here](#).

#### [IP Change Will Destroy Your Session and Log You Out](#)

Due to accounts being sold and having them share cookies so they wouldn't need to login (and bypassing 2FA), now when there is an IP change while logged into Hack Forums, your session expires and the system will force you to log back in. This is to prevent those who share session cookies and aids in accurate Trust Scan results.

January 22, 2016

#### [Pastebin Embed](#)

A suggestion was made to add the ability to embed Pastebin posts which has been approved and added in under the [paste] MyCode.

January 18, 2016

#### [Inactive Accounts Closed](#)

[Omniscient](#) has closed all inactive accounts as stated in the site policies. Accounts that are inactive for 6 months and wasn't upgraded got closed. Those who had Ub3r or L33t were closed if they had

1 year inactivity. These accounts are closed in order to prevent sales of these accounts and prevent the potential of being used to scam members. Keep in mind that these accounts are not recoverable, however the original owner may create a new account to start fresh on Hack Forums.

January 14, 2016

### [HackerCraft Comeback](#)

After a year since the original HackerCraft was taken offline, [Omniscient](#) has decided to bring back HackerCraft. As of now, HackerCraft was taken offline once again and there's no official word on if it will ever return again.

### [VIP Subforum Deleted](#)

Earlier in the year, there existed a VIP subforum for upgraded members with lots of tutorials, giveaways, free content, discussions, etc. [Omniscient](#) decided to delete the subforum however plans on bringing it back once we're on MyBB 1.8.

**M?xim** - January 21, 2017, 5:35 am

Oh this looks like a cool project. Looking good.

**Prophett** - January 21, 2017, 5:36 am

I joined in July so changes before then were very interesting to read. Nice thread!

**ven0m** - January 21, 2017, 5:50 am

Thanks for the trip to the memory lane. Good initiative from the HF Writ3rs. ?

**J?son** - January 21, 2017, 5:52 am

This is new and I love it

Keep it up

**sHAY** - January 21, 2017, 5:52 am

Love this idea, great work everyone involved.

**J. McCarthy** - January 21, 2017, 6:55 am

Wow I'd forgotten all about morchid

nice overview

**Bluffer** - January 21, 2017, 1:23 pm

2016 was really quite the year for HF. Year #10 will be even bigger.

**SIM-403479** - January 21, 2017, 1:44 pm

Really like this idea.

Thanks for sharing!

**Hydraxus** - January 21, 2017, 3:46 pm

Thanks for sharing this, it's amazing to see what is going on with HackForums. ?

**Armada** - January 21, 2017, 5:40 pm

Really nice summary of the years main events. Thanks for this.

**reBELLYus** - January 21, 2017, 5:46 pm

I am loving this project. Holler if you need any help.

**ZuGgY** - January 21, 2017, 5:49 pm

Awesome thread, great job to the team!

**Princeton** - January 22, 2017, 9:33 am

Great edition! I remembered the VIP Section, Its 2017 and nothing on it yet!

**Captain Steve Rogers** - January 23, 2017, 6:51 am

Can't believe it's an year since Morchid's drama.

Soo many good changes.

**Mom** - January 23, 2017, 7:32 am

This is a nice edition, I started posting mid November, it was very interesting to read what has happened before I started posting, my account age is now one years old! ;D

**Anubis** - January 23, 2017, 1:45 pm

Great work mate. You've always provided some nice stuff.

**Nate** - January 24, 2017, 12:56 pm

I actually like this thread a lot, I've been inactive throughout most of 2016, and this was an amazing read. For Example I never knew the prestige formula was solved I look forward to the next years edition.