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Thread: [Make the Entire Marketplace Premium Accounts Only](#)

Mark Zuckerberg - March 26, 2017, 10:48 pm

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Thoughts?

Kuso - March 26, 2017, 10:50 pm

The scamming won't stop. Seen this suggested before.

Also thinking about how it may diminish some of the upgrade counterparts.

SIM-3063187 - March 26, 2017, 10:52 pm

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Mark Zuckerberg - March 26, 2017, 11:03 pm

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Don't even get me started on ebooks. Those should be completely banned here anyway lol

M?xim - March 26, 2017, 11:07 pm

Hack Forum's marketplace is stronger than so many other's. This would risk the greatness of it. Just my opinion.

Bluffer - March 26, 2017, 11:22 pm

Do you mean regular members couldn't post or view the threads in the marketplace at all? Or they just couldn't sell?

If you are thinking of the former I think that's been asked about to Omniscent before and he's said he wont do it because it would largely impact HF sellers (believe it or not I think regular members buy the most products).

The latter on the other hand I don't think is that bad of an idea as it would prevent some scamming but honestly I think features like the TRUST SCAN and GAUTH have prevented many scams and do the job nicely... I'm unsure if this is true but I think there are less scams now than there were at

one time.

Cammy - March 27, 2017, 11:35 am

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DevNet - March 27, 2017, 11:48 am

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Lrrr - March 27, 2017, 12:18 pm

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FamousHater - March 27, 2017, 12:24 pm

Won't ever happen

Denied.

Thread/

Charger - March 27, 2017, 12:45 pm

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?pid=5494015#pid5494015>

(Jul 30, 2010 02:15 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The following suggestion types will be automatically denied and the thread locked.

1. Rule suggestions. I will not take them at all. No one but me makes the rules here.

8. Member Restrictions. HF will not be taking suggestions for new restrictions on the site based on post count, registration date, or reputation.

?Synapse - March 27, 2017, 1:15 pm

(Mar 27, 2017 12:18 PM)Lrrr Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Suggestions that remove portions of the site or it's functionality for certain usergroups will not be taken.

Ub3r support?

Mojeh - March 27, 2017, 1:16 pm

If anything premium members are more likely to scam as they look more reputable. I don't think this is a good idea at all as it won't change anything and just limits us non-upgraded members even more.

zSerity - March 27, 2017, 1:27 pm

Upgrades really mean nothing. In my experience, I receive the most chargebacks from upgraded members not nobodies.

Sholi - March 27, 2017, 1:34 pm

Restrict the majority of victims from the marketplace and leave a good portion of the scammers to browse it freely. That's all I could understand from your post.

SXSW - March 27, 2017, 5:01 pm

Omniscient has previously said that he thought about implementing this...Not sure why you guys are hating on the idea.

Saltpeter - March 27, 2017, 5:23 pm

(Mar 27, 2017 11:35 AM)Cammy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Methinks this would have too big of a negative impact on sellers because I'm willing to bet more than half of the customers are regular members. I'd agree with this. I have a feeling that a percentage of users only ever use the marketplace and don't see a point in upgrading.

I am more of an advocate for personal responsibility in this case. As far as I know new users are automatically messaged warning them to be careful about who they deal with in the marketplace.

Panic? - March 27, 2017, 5:31 pm

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I don't agree with the reasoning.

People are going to get scammed regardless of whether they're VIP or not. People are going to scam regardless of whether they're VIP or not. Blocking people who don't want to pay for ub3r or l33t or whatever I don't agree with. Not everyone has the money, thats why they're there buying ebooks to make money.

Obviously.

Also, some very good sellers are non premium.

Black Kodak - March 27, 2017, 5:32 pm

What stops a non-upgraded user from whispering someone selling something?

(Mar 27, 2017 12:24 PM)FamousHater Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Won't ever happen

Denied.

Thread/shut up, don't talk to mark like that

???? - March 27, 2017, 5:32 pm

no

probably 70% of purchases are from non upgraded

VirtualFrost - March 27, 2017, 5:33 pm

Horrible idea, you may as well say there should be a fee to access the marketplace, and that'd only be worth it if staff actually got involved which they won't, meaning you're paying to also have the possibility of still being scammed. You can't make everyone in the world smart and scammers exploit the dumb.

OliFlaw - March 28, 2017, 10:41 am

I do not think this would make a difference to the amount of scamming taking place in my opinion.

SIM-1120829 - March 28, 2017, 10:55 am

(Mar 27, 2017 11:48 AM)DevNet Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If anything this will prevent normal users from raising awareness on a sales thread when they get scammed.

You would quite like that wouldn't you.

oop - March 28, 2017, 11:46 am

scamming will always occur, you would only achieve limiting sales for people.

Nate - March 28, 2017, 11:52 am

Don't think this will accomplish anything, and it will make it seem like Omni is forcing the upgrade to use the forum. And I don't believe omni wants that direction for this forum.

Plus, most of the big scams are by upgraded members anyway, who put bunch of money in to look trustworthy, and then do an exit scam. Almost everyone knows this.

G*59 - March 28, 2017, 12:51 pm

Ub3rs scam quite often, I don't see this solving anything. Plus there won't be anyone to buy peoples shitty ebooks.

LaFerrari - March 28, 2017, 1:06 pm

I can tell you don't run any services or sell any products on the HF marketplace
It would hurt sales

Ubers - March 28, 2017, 2:07 pm

There have been multiple cases where upgraded members have been reported for scamming, mostly in CE section. Best part is that only upgraded people can make thread there.

I have traded with Neat multiple times and my trades were awesome asf. Yet, I see people getting scammed by upgraded users in the same section.

Ebook section is filled with stickies and upgraded members and considering them trustworthy non-upgraded/new-users buy EBOOKS with "No Refund Package". End result of those ebooks are nothing but disappointment.

M?xim - March 28, 2017, 3:28 pm

(Mar 28, 2017 02:07 PM)Ubers Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ebook section is filled with stickies and upgraded members and considering them trustworthy non-upgraded/new-users buy EBOOKS with "No Refund Package". End result of those ebooks are nothing but disappointment.

And what is your point? Are you surprised that dbooks are junk?

Wompus - March 28, 2017, 3:36 pm

I think that it would be stupid to take away the Marketplace from non-upgraded members, that means that if they purchase a product and it's faulty they have no way to contact the seller of the product via the thread in order to try find a solution.

There may also be a lot of HQ products that non-upgraded members want to sell to users and not be able to because of this. I think it's fine the way it is.

?????s? - March 28, 2017, 3:42 pm

Vendors/Sellers would lose entirely too much money.

Lrrr - March 28, 2017, 4:05 pm

(Mar 28, 2017 03:42 PM)????s? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Vendors/Sellers would lose entirely too much money.

next suggestion will be for a vendor bond...

KFC Watermelon - March 28, 2017, 4:16 pm

Very bad idea. A very great majority of buyers are non-upgraded members. The marketplace is such a large part of HackForums, I can't see what good would come to restricting it to upgraded members only.

There are already restrictions for non-upgraded accounts. I believe they work.

Besides, a lot of scams are committed by upgraded members. Being upgraded doesn't mean someone is trustworthy. Being a new member doesn't mean they are untrustworthy either. You can't go by a userbar and a number on a forum.

Then again, this is just my opinion.

SIM-3386134 - March 28, 2017, 4:19 pm

In my few months on this site, the majority of scammers have been upgraded users. The worst thing is, a simple search of their UID clearly shows they have unanswered deal disputes yet they still find business, they are still able to solicit users.

I respect the fact of an open marketplace and I respect staff simply do not get involved but this will not really change anything IMO.

Byakuya Kuchiki - March 28, 2017, 5:54 pm

If you want the marketplace to be for upgraded users only to prevent scamming then this idea will get rejected instantly,

As omni said and always will. Deals are done at your own risk and Hf never get involved in scams. I've been scammed before and I've learnt the hard way,

There is also a life lesson to be learnt here. Never trust anyone apart from yourself. If you don't know that now then now the time to learn.

Boost V2 - March 29, 2017, 11:47 am

OK here's my formula for scamming:

New Non-upgraded: 100%
Standard Non-upgraded: 70%
Old Non-upgrade: -200%
New L33t: 500%
L33t aproved for Ub3r: -50%
Ub3r: 250%
Ep1c+Ub3r: 999999%

Mr Kewl - March 29, 2017, 10:41 pm

It'll kill down the Marketplace in my opinion. HF Marketplace is more like a free market, and there are way too many sucessful trades with normal or even upgraded members than the scams you see. The successful ones aren't being reported though..

Anyway, if a member wants to scam, he wouldn't differentiate between a normal,l33t,ub3r or

whatever.