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Thread: [Experiences as a new member on HackForums](#)

PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS - April 7, 2017, 1:38 am

Hey y'all

First of all, I'm just trying to improve the forum not hating. I'm aware that I can leave anytime if I don't like the forum, but I had to get this out.

I thought it would be interesting to describe the way I experienced my first few days on the Forums, so here we go.

Positive

1. There is so much to learn here. Even though some posts are pure cancer, you'll learn a lot because of the informative posts here. I really enjoyed this, a lot of new doors open for you.
2. The marketplace is a really cool thing, there is so much variety on what you can purchase. Most listed things are unfindable on normal marketplaces or other forums.

Negative

These things really bothered me and are the main reason I made this thread. Ofcourse there are more positives than negatives and I didn't list ALL the positives there are, but these few things make HF a really bad place for newcomers, PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I can understand this forum WANTS new people, not bully them away. Newcomers are good for the financial health, fresh knowledge and brothership.

1. "You must have a positive reputation score to post in our Marketplace. Please read our [Help Docs](#)."

Reputation for the marketplace is a very weird idea. I learned that reputation is a subject that is very sensitive for most, so I'll probably receive some because of talking about it, but that's fine. I don't understand why you need positive reputation in order to post in the marketplace. Especially sub-forums like "Marketplace Discussion, Deal disputes, appraisal and finally the worst of them all Free Services and Giveaways. This means that if I got scammed I can't report someone, if I want to give things for free away I can't make a thread, if I want to appraise something for someone I can't, if I want to discuss any marketplace rules or anything marketplace related I can't. Why not use xx amount of posts/registered time/upgrades/payments/let newbs post in certain sections of the marketplace or not able to create threads, WHATEVER.

2. "You made this because you have negative reputation, just contribute and get positive". That's the second problem that I occured. I've helped like 15-20 people so far, no one gave any fucks. And ofcourse because I'm new, my knowledge is limited. So most of the times there isn't even much I CAN do. Out of these people I helped, only 1 person thanked me. Then I visited the vice section and made fun of someone who said "Doesn't make cents" instead of "Doesn't make sense", this gained me a -3. So helping 15 people eventually gave me a -3. Basically you've got to lick the ass of everyone who is upgraded, is that really what you want? Why can't new members just be themselves without getting limitations. Negative reputation shouldn't influence where you can post, this gives UB3RS too much power.

3. Discrimination. People look to new members as scammers, I can't even deal properly. The moment I had +1 rep for minutes, I tried to get informed about a forum that was for sale. I got the following reply:

"Would rather not sell the site to a new member with little rep."

and

"I've been scammed countless times by newer members. I'd rather deal with a member that knows the forums and is trusted across it."

So... If 5 black guys stole out of your store today, you'll hang a sign with "NO BLACK PEOPLE" inside your store. I don't understand, he apparently is dumb enough to get scammed by not using a trusted escrow. It works on every other forum, you just use a middleman. Why can't a new member like me use a middleman and end up with a safe and smooth deal?

That was it, it's more of a rant now.. Sorry for that, just want to make this forum better than it is already.

tl;dr Be more nice to newcomers!

Have a good day ?

SkietSkiet - April 7, 2017, 2:12 am

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Visual Freedom - April 7, 2017, 2:14 am

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Hahaha lol yet you're the only one who could give a fuck about this thread as well as thanking me.

Thanks for that?

Giga - April 7, 2017, 2:16 am

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This thread has no point at all.

"If everyone used an escrow" that's the fucking thing nobody does. So your point is nothing and bolsters mine.

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That isn't how you use bellwether. Also, no it is not hard to gain reputation if you aren't a total moron. It is basically handed out for free if you just use your noggin'. I mean I've literally already gained 1 point just from this conversation. Seems pretty easy to me.

I'm not saying it is right that ub3rs can abuse their reputation powers to new members, but you clearly know how it works, so why fall into the trap? I feel as if you are blinded by your own anger right now.

Mr. Robot - April 7, 2017, 3:07 am

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And once again Mr. Robot puts another thread to a close.

OT: OP, I would definitely listen to this advice if I were you, and maybe even redo this thread before more people read it and -3 you.

(Also maybe apologize to the people who have negged you, could be an easy fix if you are willing to put your ego aside, I mean it is an anonymous internet forum.)

BR?ND?N - April 7, 2017, 3:19 am

Reputation on HF is exactly that. Your reputation. It's how other users see you.

I can answer your questions relatively easy.

1. Having positive rep before using it makes perfect sense. We want you to experience the forum and look around before blindly walking into the marketplace. It's also a way of preventing newcomers with malicious intent from getting on and scamming. Trust me, it happens a lot. Usually when a new user is purchasing something rather than reverse, because like you said it's hard to be seen as trusted. However, I agree with this rule. Fuck it, maybe increase the minimum.

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3. It's completely logical to be hesitant. This goes back to my first point, reputation on HF is how people see you. If you're in the reds, people think "gee that guy doesn't seem trusted" and is likely to not deal with you. I advise you to use the rest of HF and get to learn the site.

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<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5592663>

Don't get me wrong, not everyone can contribute with such threads but he took the time and advice to work on learning and before asking questions he did what he needed to first.

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I've seen a situation here where someone made a thread in the "E-Whoring section" about DDossing, he got rekt. Not only he received a lot of negative reputation, but also warnings and flame. Why can't people just kindly tell him how it works here and maybe give him a small warning. That way you develop a smart member that can do great things for the forum in the future. Now he logged out and will never try to log-in again. It's a missed chance!

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I've seen a situation here where someone made a thread in the "E-Whoring section" about DDossing, he got rekt. Not only he received a lot of negative reputation, but also warnings and flame. Why can't people just kindly tell him how it works here and maybe give him a small warning. That way you develop a smart member that can do great things for the forum in the future. Now he logged out and will never try to log-in again. It's a missed chance!

From what I've seen so far ... Is it really a good thing to be put up with Black Shadow?? Nah it ain't ? I meant it as more of "he's as well known as him".

Riggs - April 7, 2017, 4:02 am

(Apr 7, 2017 01:38 AM)PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 1. "You must have a positive reputation score to post in our Marketplace. Please read our [Help Docs](#)."

-snip-

Whilst I agree with this rule, I've always seen a problem with it affecting the Deal Disputes section. As it stands, upgraded members are able to repeatedly neg rep the regular members they scam to prevent them alerting the community to it in the DD section. Additionally, upgraded members are protected from receiving a DD database entries against them, as submitting a DD entry against another member remains an upgraded privilege.

Unfortunately, this results in regular members being easy targets, irrespective of whether or not they're new. I've witnessed this happen countless times and acted to upgrade a number of regular members myself whenever I believed sufficient evidence warranted it.

I think this is a combination of issues with certain rules that inadvertently conflict with the wider community interest. Can only hope they might get reviewed again at some point.

(Apr 7, 2017 01:38 AM)PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 2. "You made this because you have negative reputation, just contribute and get positive".

-snip-

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(Apr 7, 2017 01:38 AM)PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 3. Discrimination. People look to new members as scammers, I can't even deal properly.

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Sorry, but I don't sympathise with this statement. If you want to enjoy the fruits of our Marketplace trading affairs, then you should make the effort to mature your account trust posture. For new members this has always taken time, commitment, thick skin, and patience.

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1. A simple post by Omniscient could change a lot, it seems like this guy has a lot of influence here. Maybe some other members can point people on their actions as well as mods/admins

2. Why though? Why is it not possible to use middlemans? I simply don't understand why you need to have reputation or upgrades to be legit? Literally at any point members can decide to scam. While for middlemans it's not worth it because they have such a high status on the forum that scamming for a couple bucks would get them banned and lose all upgrades/awards. I know staff doesn't look into scam reports, but you could make a group of trusted escrows and middlemans and kick them out if there is any suspicious activity or scams going on.

Also the part of "Normal members are scammers most of the times", lets take a look at the deal dispute section.

We'll take the first 10 people of the list

1. Scammed \$50 AGC (Partially Refunded) By AncientWolf (UID=2985297)

Scammer = UB3R

Victim = UB3R

2. Scammed \$100 by Sudo Mafk

Scammer = UB3R

Victim = UB3R

3. Dispute with product "Bustabank" promoted by user vapefag uid=2619090

Scammer = UB3R

Victim = Normal member

4. Scammed for 60\$ by Chax

Scammer = Normal member

Victim = L33T

5. Dispute against Mimri UID: 3484434

Scammer = Normal member

Victim = UB3R

6. Scammed by NotoriousMoneyMaker for \$10

Scammer = L33T

Victim = UB3R

7. Scammed by xXxSexyGirLxXx uid=3519268 \$10 btc

Scammer = L33T (was L33t but gone since he got banned or something, but I'm 100% certain this guy was a l33t yesterday under the name hunter, because I pm'd him)

Victim = L33T

8. Scammed by xXxSexyGirLxXx uid=3519268 \$10 btc

Scammer = Normal member

Victim = L33T

9 Scammed by Bandors \$60 UID=1189774

Scammer = UB3R

Victim = UB3R

10. Stephanie Scammer uid=2987553 Scammed me \$25

Scammer = L33T

Victim = L33t

Out of the 10 cases there are 3 normal members involved, meaning that in this case 30% of the scammers are normal members. All of these cases could've been prevented if they traded more cautious. For example a middleman could be used.

So please tell me why we shouldn't be able to deal?

- L33Ts and Ub3rs scam more often (and larger amounts) than normal members
- You can use a middleman to skip the trusting part.

Tohka - April 7, 2017, 4:29 am

(Apr 7, 2017 02:14 AM)Visual Freedom Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) New members are a bigger risk and older members want you to post HQ stuff. Furthermore some of them abuse the "rep" system in my view. They tend to give you -3 when you cannot give reputation back.

Most of the scammers on this site are upgraded. Also, would be nice if Omni actually banned niggas that publicly say they've scammed someone. The reason most people don't do deals on HF is cause it mostly people scamming. And when someone get scammed they'll scam too.

Mr.Cat - April 7, 2017, 4:29 am

(Apr 7, 2017 01:38 AM)PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hey y'all

First of all, I'm just trying to improve the forum not hating. I'm aware that I can leave anytime if I don't like the forum, but I had to get this out.

I thought it would be interesting to describe the way I experienced my first few days on the Forums, so here we go.

Positive

1. There is so much to learn here. Even though some posts are pure cancer, you'll learn a lot because of the informative posts here. I really enjoyed this, a lot of new doors open for you.
2. The marketplace is a really cool thing, there is so much variety on what you can purchase. Most listed things are unfindable on normal marketplaces or other forums.

Negative

These things really bothered me and are the main reason I made this thread. Ofcourse there are more positives than negatives and I didn't list ALL the positives there are, but these few things make HF a really bad place for newcomers, PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I can understand this forum WANTS new people, not bully them away. Newcomers are good for the financial health, fresh knowledge and brothership.

1. "You must have a positive reputation score to post in our Marketplace. Please read our [Help Docs](#)."

Reputation for the marketplace is a very weird idea. I learned that reputation is a subject that is very sensitive for most, so I'll probably receive some because of talking about it, but that's fine. I don't understand why you need positive reputation in order to post in the marketplace. Especially sub-forums like "Marketplace Discussion, Deal disputes, appraisal and finally the worst of them all Free Services and Giveaways. This means that if I got scammed I can't report someone, if I want to give things for free away I can't make a thread, if I want to appraise something for someone I can't, if I want to discuss any marketplace rules or anything marketplace related I can't. Why not use xx amount of posts/registered time/upgrades/payments/let newbs post in certain sections of the marketplace or not able to create threads, WHATEVER.

2. "You made this because you have negative reputation, just contribute and get positive". That's the second problem that I occured. I've helped like 15-20 people so far, no one gave any fucks. And ofcourse because I'm new, my knowledge is limited. So most of the times there isn't even much I CAN do. Out of these people I helped, only 1 person thanked me. Then I visited the vice section and made fun of someone who said "Doesn't make cents" instead of "Doesn't make sense", this gained me a -3. So helping 15 people eventually gave me a -3. Basically you've got to lick the ass of everyone who is upgraded, is that really what you want? Why can't new members just be themselves without getting limitations. Negative reputation shouldn't influence where you can post,

this gives UB3RS too much power.

3. Discrimination. People look to new members as scammers, I can't even deal properly. The moment I had +1 rep for minutes, I tried to get informed about a forum that was for sale. I got the following reply:

"Would rather not sell the site to a new member with little rep."

and

"I've been scammed countless times by newer members. I'd rather deal with a member that knows the forums and is trusted across it."

So... If 5 black guys stole out of your store today, you'll hang a sign with "NO BLACK PEOPLE" inside your store. I don't understand, he apparently is dumb enough to get scammed by not using a trusted escrow. It works on every other forum, you just use a middleman. Why can't a new member like me use a middleman and end up with a safe and smooth deal?

That was it, it's more of a rant now.. Sorry for that, just want to make this forum better than it is already.

tl;dr Be more nice to newcomers!

Have a good day ?

You know we all started like this right? and also the rep that you get can be changed if you pm the person and explain that you made a mistake.. Its a great way to improve your social skills you know.. Rep is like life and that's what so good about it.. When you are nobody no matter what you do you will not get recognized but one mistake and everyone will hate you... So what you have to do is step up your game and deal with it like we all did. You have to work your way up bro..

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I know you all started like this, however, why look at the past and not at the future? Why can't things change after 10+ years?? Once again I don't think you get my point. Ofcourse you can do this all, but it can be very demotivating to others that instantly get flamed and negrepped. It's not what you want as forum.

You don't want to burn down your newcomers and make their time here as hard as possible. You want to direct and guide them in order to make them help new people and share knowledge.

VirtualFrost - April 7, 2017, 4:40 am

(Apr 7, 2017 02:15 AM)PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hahaha lol yet you're the only one who could give a fuck about this thread as well as thanking me.

Thanks for that?

You shouldn't have this attitude 'Only one person cares here on the forums, everyone else doesn't'. This is asking for trolls to just come -3 you as well. You're forcing a negative attitude onto 99.9% of the forums as if everyone cares for themselves only.

Newcomers have to be treated with caution, the amount of scamming and trolling that happens,

why are you surprised to be treated cautiously? Newcomers may obviously not know this, and other forums work differently, but around here you have to earn your trust and that's just how it is. If you're asking everyone to trust you 100% then you're asking for everyone to be scammed. The positive rep thing is to be sure scammers and trolls aren't flooding the marketplace. I joined in Feb 2012, didn't get a positive rep until January 2013. Like I said, people here need to earn trust, people aren't just going to take you seriously or trustworthy right off the bat, you can't be upset from users being cautious.

Appelmouse - April 7, 2017, 4:43 am

I agree about the reputation thing. I tried to help someone with an download link but it turned out to be a sort of fake site. I didn't know that, but know the person that asked for the link thinks I did it on purpose and gave me a negative reputation.

NurSpec - April 7, 2017, 4:49 am

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Mr.Cat - April 7, 2017, 4:50 am

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Because that life dude... Its not hf, its human nature.. New people on every group of people like a job or school will be like you are right now... Honestly after spending 2 years here my life has improved and i am more trained now in the real world. It might look bad to you know but trust me it will help you grow. You have to earn your freedom and your trust

PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS - April 7, 2017, 4:51 am

(Apr 7, 2017 04:49 AM)NurSpec Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Did you expect to join and instantly be trusted? It doesn't work like that pal.

Did you even read anything I've written here?

Let me guess, you consider yourself HQ with posts like this? What a joke... I never said that people should be trusted, I said that people can use a middleman and that there is no trust needed.

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Marxist - April 7, 2017, 6:14 am

(Apr 7, 2017 02:59 AM)Marshmallow. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You think your "experience" matters? You think out of the thousands upon thousands upon thousands to try and "improve things" in the exact same way yours will make a difference?Actually, I do. Being as how I'm one of the only members helping people in the Linux and Networking sections.

Do not diminish the value of the single user, or the entirety of the community loses value.

'Ben - April 7, 2017, 6:21 am

Reputation required to post in the certain areas is perfectly fine. Already get plenty of people spam posting and advertising shit no cares about, remove that limitation and watch the number of shit posts sky rocket. You should join HF to become a member of the community, not so you can instantly post in the marketplace.

Worrying about rep is pointless and if you go around helping people for the only reason of gaining rep, you'll be dissapointed.

You'll naturally gain rep over time providing you're not a cretin but then again there are a few cretins who seem to thrive on this site, god knows why.

The average age of users is 13, common sense does not exist for the majority of them. If the user can't be professional enough to use a middleman/provide you with information regarding the product then I

personally wouldn't waste my time dealing with them. They are the sort of person that causes unnecessary problems

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Think this really is the case here, but only here it's not one idiot but idiots with multi-accounts and even more random idiots.

'Ben - April 7, 2017, 6:26 am

(Apr 7, 2017 06:24 AM)PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) "It's a case of one idiot ruining it for everyone else"

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Every forum has its share of trolls, cretins, rascists etc.. You get used to it.

Marshmallow - April 7, 2017, 6:46 am

(Apr 7, 2017 06:14 AM)Marxist Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Actually, I do. Being as how I'm one of the only members helping people in the Linux and Networking sections.

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He described this thread as his experience. I'm not sure if you caught on.

and also

The definition of insanity is doing something over and over again and expecting different results
-Albert Einstein

Mand'alor - April 7, 2017, 6:51 am

Rep means not a whole lot. Although it's handy, most users do giveaways for ubers and leets only and most of the time get 20+ rep from it. Doesn't mean they won't scam you for 2k st the bat of a hat.

Make a positive word for yourself, your profile is your business portfolio. High quality posts and contributions sell you as a genuine dude or dudette.

Charger - April 7, 2017, 6:51 am

Those market rules are in place to not only prevent new members from scamming, but to also help prevent new users from getting scammed.

This is a forum, not a market. You should join for the forum, not the market.

? ø??? ? - April 7, 2017, 8:50 am

Sorry to just bust on your thread like this but your PMs are full.

Bolol - April 7, 2017, 9:28 am

(Apr 7, 2017 02:17 AM)PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Where did I complain about reputation? I complain about the reputation system failing considering you can't post deal disputes, freebies.

bolol Wrote:PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS Wrote:bolol Wrote:PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS Wrote:bolol Wrote:PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS Wrote:very cool to -3 me to show how "Powerful" you are.. I can see why not many new members are staying.

If you guys want a big fun and happy community, don't treat newcomers like shit.

???????im not powerfull moron. Rep is just what others think about you fucking retard. Dont cry to me like a little bitchYou're indeed not powerfull.. You're one weak ass bitch, that's very obvious.

16 y/o

Pimples

Glasses

No friends

Ye...i just told you nigga. Im not 16 like you? And i dont cry over some rep. Fuck offwell you do cuz your the one giving it therefore you opened up the discussion lil kid. You just want to hurt me with something because I raped you anally. Now your anus is bleeding and all you could think of was

-3'ing me

awhhh how cute

act like a man you lil bitchi can give back. But i'll must be the adult here. Dont want to argue with a lil kid. That's why you're rep. Last pm from me nigga. just saying.

Marshmallow - April 7, 2017, 9:48 am

(Apr 7, 2017 09:28 AM)bolol Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) just saying.

Thanks for the laugh sir.

Rivalry - April 7, 2017, 10:28 am

(Apr 7, 2017 01:38 AM)PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) ""I've been scammed countless times by newer members. I'd rather deal with a member that knows the forums and is trusted across

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It's a digital trust issue, so your analogy falls over because how we allocate trust irl $\neq$ how we allocate trust online

Because few people on here know each other irl, because it's easy to scam over the internet, and because punishing scammers is harder, trust is at a premium online in a way that it isn't irl. Therefore, members on HF need ways to know that they can trust other people: reputation is one system, and upgrades are another. If a user has invested money into their HF account - the thinking goes - then they'll be less likely to scam you because suddenly there are ways to punish them for that misdemeanour: they have something to lose. New members, conversely, do not; you can ban them and they've lost nothing. This is why many people on here won't trust you or deal with you even in supposedly 'safe' ways such as via a middleman. It sucks for you, but it's possible to become a trusted non-upgraded user; I wasn't upgraded for... 18 months (iirc) and I joined several groups and accrued a decent amount of +rep in that time. Just contribute to the site, be high-quality and mature, and people will start to trust you more :)

NurSpec - April 8, 2017, 3:09 am

OP is clearly upset regarding reputation and also more than likely multi accounting.

He B TeMy - April 8, 2017, 3:25 am

No fucking way you're a new user.

Armada - April 8, 2017, 3:22 pm

(Apr 7, 2017 03:07 AM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think you are missing the bigger picture. Market place rules are there for a reason, it still gets abused a lot but it's better now that it has ever been. As far as helping people - I agree, more people are likely to give new members negatives than positives as they are use to seeing non-upgradeds abusing this place.

I can make shit posts all I want and receive positive feedback - whereas some users can post something a lot less trivial or the same and get negative feedback.

The community once you have been in it for a while is totally worth sticking it out for so don't get discouraged. I was way worse off than you were when I first joined being at almost -100 rep and all I did was help others. Just remember if you want help from others, help where you can. I am sure there is plenty you can offer and plenty of questions users on here can help you answer you just have to prove you aren't a one time leecher who will leave within days or start harassing people as a multi accounteer.

Bit of advice, your username is out of line - simple little things like that make it look like you have had a previous account that was closed. Having a username in full capitals looks offensive to the eyes and can make bad impression especially as a non upgraded who might be not exactly contributing 100% to a thread.

All of this was explained like on the first page.

Right here.

Users need positive reputation to post in the Marketplace as to discourage them from doing so until they spend time on the site and understand the RISKS involved.

Reputation on this site, just, comes...

Sometimes you just have to say something that makes another person laugh.

Other times its a well written tutorial, or any other various reason the +repping member might have. There are few regulations to reputation or the system, other than pretty much no calling someone a scammer unless you link your own deal dispute. That and using basic common sense.

SIM-2053312 - April 8, 2017, 3:42 pm

Why do those people have to be black in your example? RASICT!!!

Omniscient - April 8, 2017, 9:27 pm

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Quote:Why do older members expect us to post HQ when they shitpost all day.

Because those older members were at some point new and treated like shit and were expected to earn their reputation. And if they do have a good reputation then the hope is that it was well-earned in some way.

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- Post deal disputes

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We got a lot, and I mean a lot, of malicious evil slimy members on HF. We hope the reputation system helps to figure out who that is asap long before they start doing deals here.

It's not a perfect system but neither is Ebay and they control their own payment system. So we're an online and we do our best. It is what it is.

Quote:Why don't you want to accept that MAYBE the way newcomers are not threatened right?

It's not a maybe, it's a fact. What's also a fact is that it's not going to be changed to make you feel all warm and fuzzy.

Quote:It's like a student who says the teacher could maybe explain more about [xxxxx] and the teacher replies Shut the fuck up I know what I'm doing

No, more like the new kid that on his first day keeps raising their hands to ask questions when if they just spent a few days listening they may catch up on their own. And while they keep raising their hands it's disrupting the teacher and other students.

Quote:2. Scamming isn't possible if people used their brain and use a middleman on every deal.

What you aren't acknowledging is that it's the new members who are most often scammed. New members don't understand they need to use a MM. Heck, people get tricked into using MM that are actually the same scammer.

Welcome to HF and you'll be fine if you stick it out.

Vitriol - April 8, 2017, 9:32 pm

We were all new members at one point. Get to know some people

Armada - April 8, 2017, 10:25 pm

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Holy shit, I am done.

Answered and done.

You got your Answer man... let it rest...

SIM-2053312 - April 9, 2017, 5:13 am

This is the internet, it's not so serious

SIM-2053312 - April 9, 2017, 5:14 am

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Grizzlies - April 9, 2017, 10:15 am

I still consider myself new. But I mainly stay in the crypto section and marketplace. Met tons of cool members and still more for the time to come. I try not to get comfortable with anyone on here but stick with my limits. Respect and be respected.

liam270591 - April 9, 2017, 1:57 pm

That is the best way " respect " and be " respected " I am still new here, Loving it. Looking forward to meeting more new cool people and learning new ways to better myself.

CitrusII - April 9, 2017, 2:02 pm

Hate the upgrade system because it doesnt depend on me...

liam270591 - April 9, 2017, 2:04 pm

(Apr 9, 2017 02:02 PM)CitrusII Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hate the upgrade system because it doesnt depend on me...

Could you elaborate a little? It " does not depend on me " In which way was you hoping it would depend on you?

Yakless - April 9, 2017, 2:08 pm

Your name being in all caps is triggering me

liam270591 - April 9, 2017, 2:09 pm

(Apr 9, 2017 02:08 PM)? Goat ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Your name being in all caps is triggering me
Who's name is in all CAPS?

Edit I award myself a fail point

Armada - April 9, 2017, 6:34 pm

(Apr 9, 2017 02:02 PM)CitrusII Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hate the upgrade system because it doesnt depend on me...

(Apr 9, 2017 02:04 PM)killerteddy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Could you elaborate a little? It " does not depend on me " In which way was you hoping it would depend on you?

He does not want to pay for the upgrades...?

PACKETSPPOSTSPUNKS - April 10, 2017, 12:45 am

Sorry for not replying everyone, had a great family weekend. Could someone explain why people call me a multi-account?

(Apr 8, 2017 09:27 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Quality members shine over time. Consider initial days or even weeks as part of a hazing process where you're treated like crap because you're the new guy.

You can do that here too. Nothing stops you and it's common actually. imho the people who didn't

want to do a deal with you using a MM were possibly scammers.

A lot of the restrictions in the Marketplace make more sense as your account ages. You'll see the abuse from new members who may be idiots or ban evaders or scammers. We have many open sections for all members to use but yes, we require at the very least a positive reputation. The requirements helps improve the quality of the Marketplace that a 100% free-for-all forum would not.

Because those older members were at some point new and treated like shit and were expected to earn their reputation. And if they do have a good reputation then the hope is that it was well-earned in some way.

The blunt answer. You're new, fuck you until you're not. Learn how HF works. If you weren't new you'd know that giving new members the ability to post deal disputes would be a huge mistake.

We got a lot, and I mean a lot, of malicious evil slimy members on HF. We hope the reputation system helps to figure out who that is asap long before they start doing deals here.

It's not a perfect system but neither is Ebay and they control their own payment system. So we're an online and we do our best. It is what it is.

It's not a maybe, it's a fact. What's also a fact is that it's not going to be changed to make you feel all warm and fuzzy.

No, more like the new kid that on his first day keeps raising their hands to ask questions when if they just spent a few days listening they may catch up on their own. And while they keep raising their hands it's disrupting the teacher and other students.

What you aren't acknowledging is that it's the new members who are most often scammed. New members don't understand they need to use a MM. Heck, people get tricked into using MM that are actually the same scammer.

Welcome to HF and you'll be fine if you stick it out.
Thanks for this information, really all I needed.?

Mr Kewl - April 10, 2017, 3:21 am

Good luck with your journey ahead buddy.