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ryan? - April 12, 2017, 9:21 pm

Site Statistics Total [\(Click to View\)](#) Posts: 54,546,175 (+0.22%)

Threads: 3,771,200 (+0.29%)

Members: 3,528,470 (+0.48%) Average [\(Click to View\)](#) Daily Posts: 13,669.24 (-0.13%)

Daily Threads: 945.06 (-0.06%)

Daily New Members: 884.23 (+0.13%)

Posts Per Member: 15.46 (-0.26%)

Replies Per Thread: 13.46 (-0.07%)

Ban Statistics Last Weeks Bans [\(Click to View\)](#) Staff Bans: 66 ... Change from Last Edition: +20

Vacation Bans: 7 ... Change from Last Edition: +2 Combined Bans: 73 ... Change from Last Edition: +22

Forum Counts Tab Counts [\(Click to View\)](#) Notable Sections [Lounge](#) Threads: 531,510 (+0.25%)

[Lounge](#) Posts: 7,907,124 (+0.19%)

[RANF](#) Threads: 68,849 (+0.15%)

[RANF](#) Posts: 1,097,130 (+0.1%) Common Threads: 828,351 (+0.27%)

Posts: 12,435,242 (+0.23%) Hack Threads: 694,963 (+0.19%)

Posts: 6,061,704 (+0.18%) Tech Threads: 209,821 (+0.14%)

Posts: 1,758,354 (+0.13%) Code Threads: 169,324 (+0.15%)

Posts: 1,446,516 (+0.1%) Game Threads: 457,246 (+0.1%)

Posts: 4,728,130 (+0.09%) Groups Threads: 7,748 (+0.23%)

Posts: 335,927 (+0.19%) Web Threads: 84,621 (+0.2%)

Posts: 610,818 (+0.18%) GFX Threads: 135,506 (+0.07%)

Posts: 1,012,195 (+0.06%) Market Threads: 1,021,014 (+0.28%)

Posts: 9,040,106 (+0.24%) Money Threads: 144,186 (+0.42%)

Posts: 1,884,453 (+0.4%)

Membership Counts Groups [\(Click to View\)](#) Aequitas 16 Members (-2) Baka85 Members (-14)

Dawn 45 Members (+2) Echo 34 Members (-2) Eclipse 13 Members (-1)

Equilibrium 30 Members (+1)

Escrow 2 Members (~)

Genesis 3 Members (~)

Illuminati 2 Members (-12)

Legends 22 Members (-2)

The Marketers 12 Members (-5)

Notorious 31 Members (-28)

Red Lions 13 Members (~)

Royalty 33 Members (+2)

Skill 147 Members (+142)

Torque 41 Members (-13)

The Brotherhood 59 Members (+25) The Order 37 Members (-7) *Done as of the Saturday prior to release.

Group Changes Illuminati has been purchased by [zSerity](#).

Leadership Changes [Nevieth](#) & [Tsunidere](#) are now leaders of Baka.

[MoneyManeLaFlare](#) is now a leader of Illuminati.

Group Programs[\[Official Group\]](#) [Notorious - Apprenticeship Program | Join and Learn!](#)
[Join Royalty - \[Ethical Hacking STUDENT PROGRAM \] - Official Group](#)

Group Recruitments[Aequitas | Recruitment | IT Security | Programming | Malware Removal](#)
[\[Official Group\] Baka - WallFlower Sector Recruitment #3](#)
[Dawn - Innuendo Recruitment](#)
[Dawn - Student Recruitment](#)
[Echo | Lounge recruitment](#)
[Hack Forums Wiki - Recruiting Journalists/Flaggers \[L33T/UB3R\]](#)
[\[LEGENDS RECRUITMENT \]](#)
[\[Official Group Royalty\] Recruitment to New Sector! Ethical Hacking](#)
[Royalty Official - Pentesting Club](#)
[Official Gaming Group - Skill - Recruitment #2](#)
[The Brotherhood | Official Recruitment #1](#)
[The Brotherhood - SRPP/Debate Sector Recruitment](#)
[The Marketers - Recruitment](#)

Informational and Buy-in Threads

[Aequitas - Information](#)
[\[OFFICIAL\] Dawn Sector --- Dawn Innuendo || Information Thread](#)
[Marketers - General Information](#)
[\[Royalty\] Official Group Subforum + Leadership spot](#)
[\[Official\] The Brotherhood is Back || Information Thread](#)
[\[Official Group\] The Order | Purchase A Group Spot](#)

User News [Bow N' Arrows](#) has reached 1,000 posts.

[Charger](#) has reached 5,000 posts.
[Nate](#) has reached 10,000 posts.
[Mr. Robot](#) has reached 20,000 posts.
[Gt403cyl](#) has reached 1,000 prestige.
[Medd](#) has reached 1,000 reputation.
[Dredd](#) has reached 1,000 reputation.
[Ombra](#) has reached 1,000 reputation.
[H3God](#) has reached 2,000 reputation.

Bans*[TheVBScripter?](#) was banned.
[Codefuser?](#) was banned.
[Picoloco](#) was banned.

Vacations*[Quinck?](#) has taken a vacation.

Closures[Tides](#) was closed.

Rep Kills[Picoloco](#) was rep killed.
[Codefuser](#) was rep killed.

Awards[Parker](#) has received the [Turkey](#) award. Happy Thanksgiving!
[Vanguish](#) has received the [Eclipse](#) award.
[Marwix](#) has received the [Gold Clover](#) award.
[Travis Bickle](#) has received the [Gold Clover](#) award.
[NGMA](#) has received the [Black Hatter](#) award for [these threads](#).
[Steve](#) has donated for [Master Donator](#) and subsequently received the [Genius](#) and [Green Apple](#)

awards.

[Computer Craft](#) has received the [DaBomb](#) award for his work on the HF API.

Interview - [Kanami \(Click to View\)](#)

[b?xxy](#): Hello and welcome to the 338th edition of the HF News. Before we begin, would you like to make any shoutouts?

[Kanami](#): Shoutout to Kyoto eSports. It will forever be my Company, Child, and Challenge.

[b?xxy](#): That's what's up. I'd like to start the interview off with something simple. What brought you to Hack Forums, and what keeps you visiting and being active within the community?

[Kanami](#): I was brought to Hackforums in 2012 when I had an interest in simple low capital investing, small venture capitalism to be precise. I remain active today because the community continues to develop in unprecedented ways and the marketplace remains one of the most prodigious on the internet.

[b?xxy](#): Very interesting. Hack Forums has been through a lot, and has changed in many ways. Do you feel the site is headed in a positive direction, or going downhill since you're stay here?

[Kanami](#): I would say positive direction but unfortunately the marketplace over the past year has seen new levels of saturation.

[b?xxy](#): I agree on some aspects. Now I want to add on to your previous response. Has Hack Forums in general played a particular role in shaping, and or helping yourself improve and succeed? This could be in terms of financially, emotionally, etc.

[Kanami](#): Financially speaking, yes it has. By selling few of my methods on HF, I have helped others learn how to earn online which also provides me with emotional fulfillment.

[b?xxy](#): Ah, nice. Do you have any advice for new users trying to get into the Marketplace, and tips for being safe while partaking in Marketplace activities?

[Kanami](#): Try your hardest to look at people's reputation, never go into a deal with someone who has a deal dispute against them, and if something looks too good to be true then simply put it is too good to be true.

[b?xxy](#): Ah, plus we have the Deal Dispute Database which makes things a whole lot easier. Aside from the thriving Marketplace infrastructure here on Hack Forums, what other forums/aspects do you particularly enjoy?

[Kanami](#): I enjoy the groups and have just recently started partaking in them. I am in wallflower and am soon to be added to the marketers.

[b?xxy](#): Groups have indeed changed over the years, I kind of miss the old style and environment they provided. What is your opinion on groups in general, and or how they've either gotten better or worse over time?

[Kanami](#): I think they have slowly declined in activity and need a surge in members to return groups back to their old glory.

[b?xxy](#): I agree. The group market used to be insane a bit back, with groups selling easily for over \$9,000 USD. Now groups aren't reaching those prices anymore. Do you think groups are a good 'investment' as some users on the forums would see it as that?

[Kanami](#): Some may say that, however, it really depends on the price. With the current market saturation of groups, the prices will stagnate. Nevertheless, if members come back to utilizing groups as a second community on HF, then we will see a price increase.

[b?xxy](#): Hmm, interesting. Going to switch things up a bit. Now I'm going to assume that you take interest in Anime based on your profile. Do you have any advice for shows to get into for someone like me that doesn't particularly seek out Animes?

[Kanami](#): I would recommend to take a look at shows like Attack on Titan, One Punch Man, or Sword Art Online; these shows are massively popular with American audiences and hold wonderful narratives. However, if you're willing to take a step outside the box, watch Cowboy Bebop.

[b?xxy](#): I actually recognize those titles, and from what I've seen I can somewhat agree already. Now before we wrap this Interview up, is there anything else you'd like to add/say?

[Kanami](#): I would like to say to anyone reading this interview, challenge yourself. Whether it be, picking up a new instrument, playing a sport you've never played, or simply talking to a girl you've never spoken to, try to challenge yourself at least once a day. Thank you Boxxxy, Omni, and HF!(edited)

Minor Edition

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ryan? - April 13, 2017, 2:46 pm

U.S Takes Down Kelihos Botnet After Its Russian Operator Arrested in Spain

Peter Yuryevich Levashov, 32, was recently arrested by the FBI for being the suspected operator of the Kelihos botnet. The Kelihos botnet had a global network of over 100,000 infected computers which all carried out tasks to steal login passwords, deliver spam, infect ransomware and malware, since 2010. The Russian computer programmer was arrested over the weekend in Barcelona. Levashov, also known as Peter Severa is also listed as one of the World's top 10 worst spammers, maintained by anti-spam group Spamhaus, and has given him 7th in the list.

[>>Source](#)

Shadow Brokers Group Releases More Stolen NSA Hacking Tools and Exploits

The hacking group that released multiple tools belonging to the NSA have released even more information on other tools once again. The hacking group Shadow Brokers gained fame last year in August 2016 after releasing the hacking tools belonging to the NSA that contained malware, zero-day (0day) exploits, and implants and now leaked a portion of those tools are back. The Shadow Brokers group claim that these new tools that they have leaked belonged to "Equation Group", an elite cyber-attack unit linked to the NSA. It seems this time around the Shadow Brokers group took to auction for these new NSA tools, asking for 1,000,000 Bitcoins (around \$568,000,000). As the auction failed, the Shadow Brokers group took to an underground website that hosted the exploits for direct sale, categorising them as Exploits, Trojans, and Implant. Each of the NSA owned tools within these categories were all ranging from one to 100 Bitcoins (\$780 to \$78,000). However, the Shadow Brokers has finally released the password which will decrypt the cache of NSA's files, which forwards the ability for anyone to be able to unlock and download the

auction data dump.

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Nevieth - April 13, 2017, 3:43 pm

Oh damn is it out? Yay its looking good.

TB12 - April 13, 2017, 4:11 pm

Nice edition good work, keep them coming <3

Charger - April 13, 2017, 4:12 pm

Nice! I made the news for the third week (excluding last weeks).

BTB™ - April 13, 2017, 4:14 pm

Nice addition News team.

Cheers.

Mr Kewl - April 13, 2017, 4:22 pm

Good stuff HF News team. Keep up the work.

Xeenon - April 13, 2017, 4:31 pm

Amazing edition as always. Good job, HF News team.

Copywriter - April 13, 2017, 4:37 pm

Loving the comics, great edition!

SIM-2501407 - April 13, 2017, 4:41 pm

What was the reason for linking the "Think Into Royalty [Official Group] #4"? It is from 3 months ago, and a user already found out the answer.

Arbitrage - April 13, 2017, 4:56 pm

Great edition of the news, thanks for sharing!

Saltpeter - April 13, 2017, 6:13 pm

Good work guys. Hopefully you can get the issues you've been having sorted soon.

M?xim - April 14, 2017, 4:02 am

Short but sweet edition. All those awards hurts my soul.

Good job HFNT.

LouisXIII - April 14, 2017, 4:09 am

crazy that the nsa tools are leaked the possibility

Katarina Du Couteau - April 14, 2017, 4:50 am

Skill

147 Members (+242)

That doesnt add up

test - April 14, 2017, 4:59 am

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Kind of confused how they are only listed as having 147 when they gained +242 members. Either something's wrong or I am retarded. Great edition as always - loads of awards this week!

Pulz - April 14, 2017, 5:03 am

(Apr 14, 2017 04:59 AM)testaccountplsignore Wrote: [CITE](#) Skill 147 Members (+242)

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Probably meant to say +142?

Would make more sense, since there were only a handful of people in the group before recruitment started.

Korvo - April 14, 2017, 5:22 am

Another great HF news! I love reading these each and everytime. Keep up the great work guys! I look forward to the next awesome issue ya'll put out.

bzr? - April 14, 2017, 6:05 am

Nice, got my weekly dose of HF news. Good work as always everyone, a pleasant read :)

Leroy Jethro Gibbs - April 14, 2017, 6:28 am

Quote:As you can tell, we only have a few sections out. This is due to a few factors: inactive members, not enough members, and the switch to our new backend system. Hoping 339 will be back to normal but we may be still adjusting to things so please bear with us for the next two editions. To clarify, backend system is essentially how we work behind the scenes. I've decided the old way wasn't good enough and caused a lot of problems. On-Call team was created to minimize those problems but it took us one step forward, two steps back. The new system breaks people into groups who govern each other but also have some oversight implemented. It's a HF-oriented SCRUM system if you're familiar with it. MeshCollider and Computer Craft will be developing a website platform to complement our new system with tools and a better structure than forums and threads. Thank you.

Sounds like the HF News Team will be getting some pre-release API features. ;)

Cylow - April 14, 2017, 6:56 am

Never seen you publish an HF news edition throughout my entire time on HF ryan, but maybe that's because it hasn't been 3 months yet. Anyways thank you for the great edition!

blackweather - April 14, 2017, 3:45 pm

This is a cool concept for a forum. I've never seen anything quite like this.

No?orious - April 14, 2017, 4:59 pm

Good read, Ryan! ?

J?son - April 16, 2017, 8:18 am

I feel like this edition was very short?

FamousHater - April 16, 2017, 8:21 am

(Apr 16, 2017 08:18 AM)Jas?n Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I feel like this edition was very short?
short and right to the point
perfect

M?xim - April 16, 2017, 8:22 am

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Leroy Jethro Gibbs - April 16, 2017, 8:27 am

(Apr 16, 2017 08:22 AM)M?xim Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) For good reasons
API integration much? lol. I think that would be nice though.

SIM-2015410 - April 16, 2017, 3:14 pm

(Apr 16, 2017 08:27 AM)Leroy Jethro Gibbs Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) API integration much? lol. I think that would be nice though.

This is actually a completely seperate project haha, nothing to do with the API. Just Mesh&Zach Development™

M?xim - April 16, 2017, 3:27 pm

(Apr 16, 2017 08:27 AM)Leroy Jethro Gibbs Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) API integration much? lol. I think that would be nice though.

No i think that it is just iHydra who is goofing around. dont slap me senpai hydra

Captain Steve Rogers - April 17, 2017, 2:37 am

Nice edition.

(Apr 16, 2017 08:18 AM)Jas?n Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I feel like this edition was very short?
Feeling same.

ryan? - April 17, 2017, 9:54 am

(Apr 17, 2017 02:37 AM)#Programmer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice edition.

Feeling same.

If you take a look at the memo, we are implementing a new system as well as having some issues with activity which we are working to resolve promptly. Expect much more seamless and thorough information in our future editions.

KelseyM - April 17, 2017, 2:19 pm

I came here for the comics. Not going to lie.

Hydra - April 17, 2017, 2:40 pm

(Apr 16, 2017 08:27 AM)Leroy Jethro Gibbs Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) API integration much? lol. I think that would be nice though.

API integration is a separate project for HF News.

This mini edition was due to us moving over to a completely different system. Still not a in a stable position yet, a couple more weeks until we're solid. The API will complement the new system very well although we were making the switch with or without the API.

API will bring in a lot of useful tools for us such as automating some of our sections and allowing us to work a lot more efficiently (API + New System = Powerful System). We'll bring back some of our retired sections such as Anime, Business, Music, etc. (however nothing is rock solid, just ideas).

Captain Steve Rogers - April 18, 2017, 7:36 am

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Next edition will be amazing I'm sure.

API + Userbars <3

Mizzy - April 19, 2017, 6:46 am

Great !! Keep it up ?