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Thread: [Blocks and Less of Them](#)

Omniscient - June 9, 2017, 1:56 pm

New policies concerning the HF blocks we've had in place for the past few years.

1. China and Russia are unblocked. These have been blocked for at least 8 years.
2. All datacenter blocks are now altered to CAPTCHA.
3. If you use a VPN your Trust Scan will likely be altered in a way that will make you appear less trustworthy.
4. Staff will be instructed to be more careful when reviewing accounts for ban evaders and possibly stolen/sold accounts.
5. All deals are still at your own risk. And this alteration does present a challenge to members for making safe deals. Ban evading scammers will likely have an easier time avoiding detection until they've scammed.
6. The benefit of this is more activity for the site as well as increased privacy for members. There is also a matter of the API being easier to implement past our blocks.

Thanks guys and be more careful from now on when making deals.

Wet Rag - June 9, 2017, 1:59 pm

Would be cool to see a lot more activity, thanks for this

Yandere - June 9, 2017, 2:02 pm

Neat changes, looking forward to seeing even more activity around the forum. I'll definitely be even more cautious with deals now though.

Nasyr - June 9, 2017, 2:03 pm

Awesome to see the changes now live.

Tipsy - June 9, 2017, 2:08 pm

Thanks for the update! More activity sounds cool

Coton Pker - June 9, 2017, 2:10 pm

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Grim - June 9, 2017, 2:12 pm

I hope this brings much more people to the forum! thanks Omni have quite a few friends that have wanted to join this forum for awhile now they can ?

J?son - June 9, 2017, 2:13 pm

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Views - June 9, 2017, 2:16 pm

I personally don't gain anything from this since I'm not R3kt and I don't use VPNs but I'm sure other members will love the changes.

Appreciate all the constant updates lately.

Cylow - June 9, 2017, 2:16 pm

Thanks for the update Omni. Let's bring in more activity.

?now - June 9, 2017, 2:17 pm

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Omniscient - June 9, 2017, 2:18 pm

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SIM-403479 - June 9, 2017, 2:18 pm

Nice update. Will hopefully see a few more members flood in.

ra1d - June 9, 2017, 2:19 pm

Awesome update.

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I figured it was purely for crypto.
but I just had to be silly :)

Silver Fang - June 9, 2017, 2:21 pm

At least I'm glad i don't have to see chinese and russian text everywhere.

That hurts my eyes when playing games such as CSGO and alike where there is loads of russians, chinese would be the same however never meet those guys anyway =)

I don't mind the unblock, let's see how it goes having my thumbs crossed.

add: If I'm not wrong people like Bull is from Russia, he'll probably be happy about as well as he can connect directly from he's home (Doubt he will though, blackhat award etc) :P

Omniscient - June 9, 2017, 2:22 pm

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The crypto section has definitely seen an increase in activity over the past few months.

Maybe time to add a sub and some cool crypto features?

Yandere - June 9, 2017, 2:24 pm

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That alert feature is a good idea, it'd definitely help reduce potential scams that might take place.

AlphaIndustries - June 9, 2017, 2:25 pm

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yea true, I think it's a smart idea.

Vitani - June 9, 2017, 2:30 pm

I think this is a change for the better. It will definitely increase activity and the amount of users who stick around.

I hope this change won't give to many complications to staff to do their job, I'm confident they'll be more then able to keep HF clean though!

Omniscient - June 9, 2017, 2:33 pm

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im fucking excited as shit. Stfu raid lmao

Mr. Robot - June 9, 2017, 2:39 pm

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I think 5 or 10 might be a bit better to stop the multi accounters from repping each other to gain access. Not much we can do if an ub3r throws a +3 their way knowing who they are, but when they have 0 post l33t accounts repping them to get marketplace access it'll help.

Overall I think it's a huge opportunity for the forum, 8 years is a long time and hopefully Chinese and Russian based individuals can come expand their knowledge here on HF.

I'm sure we will get a few more threads/posts with Chinese characters as to be expected but hopefully the good will outweigh the bad.

I saw what you were saying about the crypto markets + russia/china and I think this is going to be fucking huge for Hackforums.

LePotato - June 9, 2017, 2:42 pm

(Jun 9, 2017 02:36 PM)Nexio Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think is a good idea to increase the minimum rep to post in MS.

I agree, this makes it so people that are dedicated to selling actually go through the struggle of getting some rep.

Saltpeter - June 9, 2017, 2:53 pm

I'm all for giving this a shot, the boosted amount of activity on the forum will be nice. The prestige requirement on the marketplace would also be good to see, I see no problem in making those that want to sell products or services on Hack Forums work a little for the privilege.

Confound - June 9, 2017, 9:20 pm

Seems like a solid move given recent developments in the crypto world and beyond. I look forward to welcoming more incoming members.

DenizZ - June 10, 2017, 2:06 am

This is perfect. Activity will increase with china & russia being unblocked, no doubt.

HughKent - June 10, 2017, 2:17 am

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NurSpec - June 10, 2017, 3:41 am

Interesting to see how this pans out. I'm glad that users browsing HackForums on a VPN will have their trust scan altered.

Shoe - June 10, 2017, 8:36 am

Awesome, Omni! I'm so glad this is happening. With the captcha, will it appear once every x minutes, or is it per x pages, or something else? I don't mind the captcha, definitely glad this change was made! :)

B?ue - June 10, 2017, 8:38 am

So glad to hear Russia is unblocked, I spend a lot of time there and I'm going back next year so I wont need to quit for ages!

Hopefully nobody gives reason for it to be blocked again.

Steve - June 10, 2017, 9:15 am

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ComputerJi - June 10, 2017, 9:33 am

Epic.

Cheers Omni, these updates are definitely worth it. We are counting on our amazing staff.

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PM'ed you my dude. Thank you for taking the time :)

Description - June 10, 2017, 9:43 am

Amazing, been waiting on this for a long time but I don't really have no use for it since my computer

broke.

M?xim - June 10, 2017, 10:30 am

Smart move and I hope the best out of this.

Elegant - June 10, 2017, 11:21 am

Congrats on opening up a forum to a potential 1.4 billion Chinese and 150 million Russians. Hope Putin makes an account.

Mi2414 - June 10, 2017, 11:29 am

Thanks for the new changes, will be glad to see how this goes!

Geass - June 10, 2017, 2:10 pm

I personally believe country unblock it is great idea since A LOT of people live in the specific countries, russian biggest country in the world and china number 1 in human number (not sure how to say in english but you got my point), but VPN's part probably kinda risky but I believe you already know this :P

Anyway thanks for update.

(Jun 9, 2017 02:11 PM)Hajime Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is great for me, my connection blocks Youtube so I have to use a VPN to go on it, but have to turn that VPN off to use Hackforums. Now that I can access HF on a VPN that eliminates the tiresome issue of turning it on and off repeatedly when moving between YT and HF. Thanks Omni.
where do you leave and youtube is banned? o.O

Mirakuru - June 10, 2017, 6:28 pm

Thank you for unblocks! :)

mrnapolean1 - June 10, 2017, 8:33 pm

More Activity is a plus.

Kinda getting bland in the sections I visit.

Blazin - June 10, 2017, 8:43 pm

Looks like a positive update. Hopefully the activity goes up a bit from this and we see a lot of new HQ regulars.

Good job Omni.

Grazty - June 10, 2017, 10:27 pm

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Tech - June 10, 2017, 10:53 pm

From time to time I forget to activate my VPN while accessing this site (and turn it off when I see the "You can't use a VPN while browsing HF" sign), will this negatively impact me?

EthanX - June 10, 2017, 10:55 pm

Will we still have to worry about getting merged/ confused with other users if we the same vpn as another user?

Chief - June 11, 2017, 4:23 pm

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Xeenon - June 11, 2017, 4:24 pm

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TRH4CK - June 11, 2017, 4:27 pm

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Finally! Will be helpful when trying to access from places I was not able to!

Caliban - June 11, 2017, 4:47 pm

I hope unblocking Russia and China will bring some new (hopefully HQ) activity

Overall some good changes!

S????i - June 11, 2017, 4:51 pm

Love the fact China is now going to be unblocked. I'm going there in 2 weeks time.

KFC Watermelon - June 11, 2017, 4:53 pm

(Jun 10, 2017 10:27 PM)Grazty Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) surprisingly Russia has tighter internet laws then US.....

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baadbeef - June 12, 2017, 1:07 am

Great news, thank you very much Omniscient!

I'm sure this will increase the users activity on the site, now that servers and VPNs are allowed.

Also +1 for China and Russia

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Grazty - June 13, 2017, 12:14 am

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It might take them a while. :)

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Alice Dee - June 13, 2017, 1:14 pm

Might need a Chinese and Russian speaking board if enough users join.

justg - June 13, 2017, 1:16 pm

Hopefully we see a big boom in activity, especially with the Chinese coming in.

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Many Chinese learn English in school, and have for the past 10-15 years. I think many of them will be fine.

Mons - June 14, 2017, 10:56 am

Finally my Chinese and Russian hacker friends can join.

ra1d - June 14, 2017, 10:57 am

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Raymond Reddington - June 15, 2017, 8:58 am

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You know the Russians. ?

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Charger - June 16, 2017, 8:31 am

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A long time ago they were the majority of the spam bots.

Prince™ - June 17, 2017, 4:45 pm

Hopefully we don't have to deal with much alien language spams again.

Welcome back China and Russia.

Roytoy - June 22, 2017, 8:55 am

This is definitely good news. Should have been done a long time ago. Thanks, Omni.

Cimex - June 27, 2017, 5:19 am

I like this. Thank you for removing the blocks. I hope activity increases across the site now.

Denzarou - June 27, 2017, 5:36 am

Great news, hope to see some more friendly faces around.