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Hydra - June 14, 2017, 9:06 pm

Server Blocks Have Been Adjusted

After posting a thread about this, Omniscient has now went through and adjusted the server blocks in place. Read the thread for the details but here are the juicy bits: China and Russia unblocked, VPN/Proxies allowed, and predicted to increase activity. [>>Source](#)

See You Next Year, Good Will Monday!

From 2010 and onward there has been a yearly holiday that Omniscient hosts: Good Will Monday. You're asked to give 5 positive reputations to members who enhance the Hack Forums experience in a positive way. It's come to an end but for those who took part in the holiday, see you next year!

[>>Source](#)

Site Statistics Total [\(Click to View\)](#) Posts: 55073819 (+0.11%)

Threads: 3819384 (+0.14%)

Members: 3598482 (+0.25%)

Average [\(Click to View\)](#) Daily Posts: 13586.64 (-0.07%)

Daily Threads: 942.24 (-0.04%)

Daily New Members: 887.74 (+0.07%)

Posts Per Member: 15.3 (-0.2%)

Replies Per Thread: 13.42 (0%)

Ban Statistics Last Weeks Bans [\(Click to View\)](#) Staff Bans: 129 ... Change from Last Edition: -20

Vacation Bans: 15 ... Change from Last Edition: +6

Combined Bans: 144 ... Change from Last Edition: -13

Forum Counts Tab Counts ([Click to View](#)) Notable Sections [Lounge](#) Threads: 537431 (+0.19%)

[Lounge](#) Posts: 7999360 (+0.42%)

[RANF](#) Threads: 69341 (+0.09%)

[RANF](#) Posts: 1104665 (+0.08%)

Common Threads: 838443 (+0.18%)

Posts: 12596093 (+0.33%)

Hack Threads: 700663 (+0.08%)

Posts: 6100678 (+0.05%)

Tech Threads: 211443 (+0.1%)

Posts: 1770633 (+0.02%)

Code Threads: 170388 (+0.05%)

Posts: 459386 (+0.05%)

Game Threads: 4748278 (+0.05%)

Posts: 7823 (+0.13%)

Groups Threads: 339685 (+0.16%)

Posts: 85303 (+0.08%)

Web Threads: 615219 (+0.07%)

Posts: 136114 (+0.06%)

GFX Threads: 1016282 (+0.05%)

Posts: 1033696 (+0.13%)

Market Threads: 9162087 (+0.16%)

Posts: 148494 (+0.38%)

Money Threads: 1947784 (+0.45%)

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Membership Counts Groups [\(Click to View\)](#) Aequitas 5 Members (-11)

Baka 73 Members (-5)

Dawn 61 Members (-1)

Echo 32 Members (+3)

Eclipse 10 Members (~)

Equilibrium 33 Members (+2)

Escrow 2 Members (~)

Genesis 78 Members (+2)

Legends 27 Members (+1)

Notorious 40 Members (-1)

Novus Ordo Seclorum 19 Members (+12)

Red Lions 15 Members (+1)

Royalty 26 Members (+1)

Skill 129 Members (~)

The Brotherhood 53 Members (+2)

The Marketers 9 Members (+4)

The Order 35 Members (~)

Torque 72 Members (-2)

Group Changes[Cryptic™](#) has decided to sell The Brotherhood. [>>thread](#)

[eCoLoGy](#) has decided to sell Baka. [>>thread](#)

Group Programs[\[Official Group\] Notorious - Apprenticeship Program | Join and Learn!](#)

[Join Royalty - \[Ethical Hacking STUDENT PROGRAM \] - Official Group](#)

Group Recruitments[Dawn - Innuendo Recruitment](#)

[Dawn - Student Recruitment](#)

[Hack Forums Wiki - Recruiting Journalists/ #2 \[L33T/UB3R\]](#)

[\[LEGENDS RECRUITMENT \]](#)

[\[Official\] Notorious - Recruitment #4 | Pentesting Challenge](#)

[\[Official Group\]Novus Ordo Seclorum - Recruiting 5 People](#)

[\[Official Group Royalty\] Recruitment to New Sector! Ethical Hacking](#)

[Royalty Official - Pentesting Club](#)

[\[Official Group\] SheepGang Recruitment](#)

Informational and Buy-in Threads[Aequitas - Information](#)

[\[OFFICIAL\] Dawn Sector --- Dawn Innuendo || Information Thread](#)

[\[NEW UB\] \[Official Group\] > {LEGENDS } < General Information Thread](#)

[Marketers - General Information](#)

[\[Official Group\] Novus Ordo Seclorum - General Information](#)

[\[Official Group\]The Order - Official Group & Sub-forum recruitment.](#)

[\[Royalty\] Official Group Subforum + Leadership spot](#)

[\[Official Group\] SheepGang](#)

[\[Official Group\] The Order | Purchase A Group Spot](#)

*As of the Friday prior to release.

User News[Plugs The Plug](#) has reached 1,000 posts.

[Veze1](#) has reached 1,000 posts.

[Impsy](#) has reached 1,000 posts.

[Not Your Average Orange](#) has reached 1,000 posts.

[Romania](#) has reached 1,000 positive reputation.

[Vito Scaletta](#) has reached 1,000 positive reputation.

[Vitani's Mate](#) has reached 3,000 prestige.

Bans*[Jason](#) was banned for [this](#) post.

[CryptoFuture](#) was banned.

[G0dzSoldiers](#) was banned.

[Danny Khalifa](#) was banned.

[McDolands](#) was banned.

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

[dopeGFX](#) has taken a vacation.

[Skilo](#) has taken a vacation.

[The Arrow](#) has taken a vacation.

Closures*[Heresys](#) was closed.

[Stealth™](#) was closed for "Pump & Dump."

[Bronco](#) was closed.

Rep Kills[Jason](#) was Rep Killed for [this](#) post.

[Heresys](#) was Rep Killed.

[CryptoFuture](#) was Rep Killed.

[Stealth™](#) was Rep Killed.

[Bronco](#) was Rep Killed.

Awards Lots of nerds purchased the new award known as; [Stratis](#).

[?Maximus](#) has received the [Spy](#) award.

[Views](#) has received the [Award Whore](#) award.

[AJ911](#) has received the [Genuis](#) award, for [this](#) post.

Announcement Threads ["Blocks and Less of Them"](#) - [Omniscient](#)

Omniscient announces that China and Russia has been unblocked along with many privacy changes. These changes include the alteration of datacenter blocks to CAPTCHA. Omniscient reminds the community that all deals made onsite should still be done with great caution. He states that these changes will theoretically bring more and more activity on this forum.

Informational Threads ["Ethereum is Changing Algorithms to Proof of Stake"](#) - [Kill Joy](#)

Very interesting read to all cryptocurrency enthusiasts. This thread contains detailed information on the algorithm that Ethereum uses and what effect it has on us.

Entertaining Threads ["How to Properly Research for Your Investments"](#) - [?Maximus](#)

An extremely comprehensive thread to guide people on how one should research their investments in the cryptocurrency world. The user provides many tips from experience and is worth a read.

Member Feedback Threads ["Light Tomorrow with Today"](#) - [Lookin](#)

A great feedback thread with a touch of inspiration by Lookin.

Contests and Giveaways ["Up to 50\\$ Giveaway"](#) - [Mr. Reviewer](#)

A generous giveaway by Mr. Reviewer for any chosen e-book up to \$50.

["5\\$ BTC Giveaway"](#) - [Skyion](#)

A generous giveaway by Skyion for \$5 worth of BTC.

Miscellaneous [Happy Good Will Monday](#) - [Omniscient](#)

The first Monday of June has always been a day celebrated by HF members, but this year Omniscient forgot, hence Goodwill Monday was then celebrated on the second Monday into June.

Hydra - June 14, 2017, 9:31 pm

We publish the HF News every week yet we have aged members who don't even know we exist! Wear any of the signatures listed below to support us and spread the word about HF News, HF Wiki, and Writers altogether.

Support Signatures [\(Click to View\)](#)

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Recruitment

If you're interested in joining Writ3rs as a HF News Journalist, PM me (iHydra). Please make sure you have the time to dedicate for this. It isn't time consuming but you'll need 1-2 hours a week to get your section done.

India Launches 'Monster' Rocket

June 3 was an exciting day for India. They successfully launched their largest rocket, weighing in at approximately 2204 tons, into orbit. This is a fairly significant event for the country because they are looking to shirk independence on private companies to provide the means for them to launch their own satellites into orbit. India would also like to start offering their own satellite launching service to get their own cut of this fairly lucrative market. India's GSLV Mark III now allows them to launch payloads up to approximately 2 tons in weight. Their long-term goal of this project is to be the fourth developed nation to launch a man into space. [>>Source](#)

Juno Mission First Results: Jupiter Isn't Like What Researchers Expected

Until recently, much of Jupiter has been a mystery to us due to the clouds surrounding it. Much more has become clear to astronomers from NASA's latest observatory mission Juno. Contrary to our popular belief, the spacecraft observed two dark spots on either pole which would later be determined to be humongous cyclones. Also surprising to those on the ground in Huston was a detection of varying concentrations of ammonia in the gas giant's atmosphere. Another product of Juno is that we now know Jupiter has a magnetic field ten times that which we have on Earth. It may seem that this mission has created far more questions than it has answered, however, fret not there will be a second chance to gather more data on July 11. [>>Source](#)

Big Asteroid to Whiz (Safely) by Earth This Month

Scientists have discovered a huge asteroid barreling towards us, but as the title suggests this should not be any cause for alarm. This asteroid, known to us as 2014 JO25, is reported to be approximately 2,000 feet in size. This is the closest recorded passing in thirteen years, with the rock being expected to be 1.1 million miles from Earth. According to the statement released by NASA "Although there is no possibility for the asteroid to collide with our planet, this will be a very close approach for an asteroid of this size." Any amateur astrologists should also take this rare opportunity to view an asteroid this closely; there is no telling when we witness another event such as this.

[>>Source](#)

Otto Warmbier, American Student Released by North Korea, is in a Coma

Otto Warmbier, after being held for over seventeen months, has been released and is scheduled to arrive at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center on June 13. The college student has been in this coma since March of 2016; it was reported by North Korean officials that Warmbier fell into the coma shortly after contracting botulism and ingesting sleeping pills. You may now be asking yourself why this American college student had been detained for so long. North Korean officials claim that they have footage of Warmbier attempting to steal a banner containing a political slogan hanging from the Pyongyang hotel he was staying at. His family released the following in a statement, "We want the world to know how we and our son have been brutalized and terrorized by the pariah regime in North Korea. We are so grateful that he will finally be with people who love him."

[>>Source](#)

Russia Protests: Is Putin Feeling Heat as Navalny Campaign Grows?

On June 13 the main street of Moscow was littered with citizens protesting corruption in government. According to a reporter on the scene, "Police are pulling people out at random." This protest was called by the leader of Putin's leader, Alexei Navalny. According to a few accounts, there were thousands of people pouring onto the street to show that they "aren't afraid of Putin," most of these protesters appeared to be from the younger generation. This protest was the second that Navalny has called in the past two months, both being similar in nature. This demonstration caused Russian political commentators to remark how the temperature of the political climate is

"rising." [>>Source](#)

Panama Ends Diplomatic Ties With Taiwan, Teams Up With China

Earlier today, on June 13, Panama cut all economic ties with Taiwan and instead attached themselves to China instead. Previously, Panama had been one of Taiwan's longest allies and was their third largest trading partner. This news isn't good for Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen who is currently losing the battle with China to maintain any sort of international presence. Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela said at the announcement " [>>Source](#)

OnePlus 5 Low Light Sample Image Shared by Company CEO

The organization CEO Pete Lau has adequately shared a OnePlus 5 camera test picture in the past on Chinese microblogging site Weibo. Presently he has at the end of the day posted a picture demonstrating the low light shooting abilities of the smartphone.

The image illustrates a building shot amid early morning hours. The noise levels are insignificant, and the picture appears to be sharp. The camera points of interest, however, were not said. Gossipy tidbits making rounds on the web propose the gadget to sport dual back cameras. However, OnePlus has not yet confirmed the points of interest. [>>Source](#)

WeChat Introduces New Feature Aimed at Fighting Fake News

China's popular texting application WeChat has propelled another element that warns users if a news thing coursing on its records is false. The component will tell users if a bit of news that they have gotten is regarded fake by Chinese censors, police or authority media outlets, reports Efe news. [>>Source](#)

Augmented Reality Company Meta Sues Former Employee for Stealing its Tech

Augmented reality organization Meta has sued a former worker for taking competitive advantages on its innovation and market methodology. The startup recorded suit in California yesterday against departed head of optics Zhangyi Zhong and his new AR organization DreamWorld, and also 20 anonymous respondents.

Zhong worked for Meta for 16 months before withdrawing in July of 2016. DreamWorld declared its first item, called the DreamGlass, a month ago. The headset should cost under \$350, contrasted with the \$949 Meta 2 headset, which began delivering a year ago. [>>Source](#)

New Final Fantasy 12 Remaster Story Trailer Released

Fans of the Final Fantasy series will soon be getting the chance to replay Final Fantasy 12 with this brand new remastered version of the game. The remastered version of the game will be released sometime this summer, and a teaser trailer has already been created for the game. Things you should expect is improved graphics and audio changes as well as a speed mode and the addition of the autosaving feature. For those who owned a Japanese version of the game should be familiar with something called the Zodiac Job System. For those who do not know what this is, basically, you are given twelve jobs. You get the option to choose up to two of your choosing and are tasked with completing those missions. Feel free to check out the trailer by clicking [here](#). [>>Source](#)

"Dragon Ball Fighting" Game Announced

If the Dragon Ball anime is your obsession, then there is some good news coming your way. You will now have the chance to play as some of your favorite Dragon Ball characters with the brand new Dragon Ball Fighting game which will be in stores before you know it. The awesome fighting game will be arcade style, so games like Tekken and Mortal Kombat where you pick a fighter and fight it fistcuff. The game will be coming out for the PlayStation, Xbox, and the PC. There is no information on whether or not the game will be translated into other languages. This means that it will only be released in Japan as far as the information tells us. The game is not planned to be released until 2018, so that does give developers some time to translate the game, but who knows. Characters such as Vegeta, Cell, Majin Buu, Frieza, and Goku have been confirmed to be in the Dragon Ball game. In addition to this news, Dragon Ball Xenoverse will be getting a sequel and will even be getting a Nintendo Switch version of the game. [>>Source](#)

Star Wars: Battlefront 2 Multiplayer Beta Coming This Fall

Star Wars: Battlefront for the new gen consoles may not have received the positive feedback that EA wanted to get, but that does not stop them from creating another game in the series. Star Wars: Battlefront 2 will be released on November 17 of this year, but Star Wars fans all around the world will get the chance this fall to try out the game beforehand. If you pre-order a copy of the game, you will unlock a code that gives you beta access to the game. That is not all you get with pre-ordering, so do not think it is just a plot to get money. EA is offering the following: Star Wars: The Last Jedi outfits for Kylo Ren and Rey

Instant access to six hero and starfighter epic Star Cards

Kylo Ren: Power Reach and Solid Freeze

Rey: Far Sight and Deep Mind

Starfighters: Enhanced Auxiliary Power and First Order ship upgrade

Instant access to Star Wars: The Last Jedi Millennium Falcon with updated sounds and appearance (Source=Gamespot)

But wait there is more! If you chose the deluxe version of the game which EA has called the "Elite Trooper Deluxe" you get access to the game even earlier (full game) and the Battlefront season pass. [>>Source](#)

Gaming Video of the Week Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

Russian Hacking in 2016 Election

Reports of the 2016 election and Russia's involvement have been discussed many times over the past few months. Recently, it turns out that a total of 39 states were involved in the hacking, where the hackers tried to tamper with the election data. However, at the current time, it is unsure whether or not these hacks had any impact on the outcome of the election. It is important to note that very vital information could have been possibly leaked and that Russia could have had the chance to compromise major companies. In addition, this shows that there is a risk that something like this can

happen again. Russian delegates have denied that Russian hackers were involved. One notable state that was hacked is Illinois. Ken Menzel is general counsel for the Illinois state board elections. Menzel states that over 15 million people were affected and personal information was obtained which includes full names, birthdays, social security numbers, and much much more. [>>Source](#)

French Police Seize 6 Tor Relay Servers in WannaCry Investigation

The WannaCry ransomware infamously known for infecting over 300,000 computers recently hit one block on the road. French police have seized 6 Tor relays that are believed to have ties with the WannaCry ransomware. Investigators believe that it originated either in North Korea or China, but at this time are unsure of the origin. Governments across the world are doing their best to research this ransomware after the global attack that occurred on May 12 of this year. For those who are unaware, the ransomware uses Tor nodes to communicate with the central server. Two nodes, Kitten1 and Kitten2, were seized back in May. Described as a hacktivist, French hacker "Aeris" who owned the two Kitten nodes gave some information to the website TheHackerNews that he is aware of the other seizures that occurred for a total of 6 different Tor relays in total. [>>Source](#)

Malware Can Cause Electric Power Outage!

Did you know that there is malware out there capable of causing a huge electric power outage? Last year in 2016 there was an attack on Ukraine's power network. As a result, which is pretty obvious, was a huge power outage. Thousands of citizens were affected and the outage lasted a little over one hour. ESET, mostly popular for their anti-virus application ESET NOD32, researched and analyzed the malware that caused this attack and titled the malicious virus as "Industroyer" or "CrashOverRide". Apparently, this malware was originally developed by the United States in 2009. The reason for this was stopping the Iranian nuclear facilities, and as you can see, the virus is very effective. This is how the virus works. The first thing to note about that virus is that it doesn't use any vulnerabilities at all. There are four things this malware relies on which are all contained inside the industrial communication protocols. Once in, it will allow the hacker to get the complete access to the remote server. [>>Source](#)

Over 800 Android Apps on Google Play Store Contain 'Xavier' Malware

Are you an Android user? Please be aware that there is currently a malware being spread around the Google Play Store. The name of the malware is called, "Xavier" A total of over 800 Android Apps have been infected with this malware that collects user data and can also possibly perform dangerous actions that you are unaware of. Trend Micro is a Japanese IT security program. They have announced on their website that the malware is usually hidden inside popular applications such as photo editors, wallpapers, and even ringtone changing apps. Taken from TheHackerNews, Xavier has the following features in it: Evade Detection: Xavier is smart enough to escape from being analyzed, from both static and dynamic malware analysis, by checking if it is being run in a controlled environment (Emulator), and using data and communication encryptions.

Remote Code Execution: The malware has been designed to download codes from a remote Command & Control (C&C) server, allowing hackers to remotely execute any malicious code on the targeted device.

Info-Stealing Module: Xavier is configured to steal devices and user related information, which includes user's email address, Device id, model, OS version, country, manufacturer, sim card operator, resolution, and Installed apps.

Remember, question what you are downloading prior to clicking the download button. A good way to see if the app is fishy or not is by reading reviews, as well as trusting your gut feeling. Be safe.

[>>Source](#)

Hydra - June 14, 2017, 9:43 pm

Want to showcase your own battlestation? [Submit yours now!](#)

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grail - June 14, 2017, 10:13 pm

very great stuff we have here thanks

Kaleb™ - June 14, 2017, 10:13 pm

Good read. I also hit 1000 posts but I didn't know who to tell.

illuminati? - June 14, 2017, 10:16 pm

(Jun 14, 2017 10:12 PM)Tsendere Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What a great edition, I'll read it tomorrow.
I second this users post.
Will read tomorrow.

Good job everyone,
such a good edition.

Gustav. - June 14, 2017, 10:17 pm

Thank you again, always a great read.

Manipulation made by Jim Morrison is incredible holy!

Kill Joy - June 14, 2017, 10:23 pm

Great addition! I always love the hacking news. Always bummed when it isn't included in the news.

B?ker - June 14, 2017, 10:30 pm

Overall a great addition once again guys!

M?xim - June 14, 2017, 10:45 pm

(Jun 14, 2017 10:33 PM)Leroy Jethro Gibbs Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) FIRST PAGE. Thanks for this edition!
This is pretty sad to read. (We're at page 2)

Vitani - June 15, 2017, 1:30 pm

(Jun 14, 2017 10:12 PM)Tsunidere Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What a great edition, I'll read it tomorrow.
How do you know it's a great edition if you didn't read it boi.

Great work everyone, I read it and it's a great edition!

Leroy Jethro Gibbs - June 15, 2017, 1:39 pm

(Jun 14, 2017 10:45 PM)Maxim Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is pretty sad to read. (We're at page 2)
I literally didn't have enough characters lol. I was trying so hard to be #10.

ama - June 15, 2017, 1:47 pm

Nice read, good job on the edition boys.

Louka- - June 15, 2017, 4:06 pm

Thank you for an amusing read.

ComputerJi - June 15, 2017, 4:08 pm

Nice to read a new enjoyable edition of HF News. Great job as always.

Copscalled - June 15, 2017, 4:20 pm

HQ post as always!

Nice to see a new addition!

?ictor? - June 15, 2017, 4:22 pm

First edition with the HF News Team, glad to be here!

Yui-Senpai - June 15, 2017, 4:23 pm

I loved reading fake news on facebook and mocking it then sharing it to mock people who believed it.

Motusora - June 15, 2017, 7:22 pm

i guess nobody here notices that " genius award " got misspelled .

Vitani - June 16, 2017, 3:00 am

(Jun 15, 2017 07:36 PM)Tsunidere Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Because Alpha Team (the team that handles those sections) is LQ compared to Bravo Team (my team).

But even Bravo can't compare to the Charlie team though :)

M?xim - June 16, 2017, 9:07 am

(Jun 15, 2017 07:36 PM)Tsunidere Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Because Alpha Team (the team that handles those

sections) is LQ compared to Bravo Team (my team).

(Jun 16, 2017 03:00 AM)Vitani Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) But even Bravo can't compare to the Charlie team though :)

But even Charlie can't compare to the retired team though :-P

Black Shadow - June 16, 2017, 1:01 pm

Well done guys that was a great read.

M?xim - June 19, 2017, 4:52 am

Read the edition when it came out, was a nice read.