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Thread: [Product review section](#)

Mr. Robot - June 26, 2017, 4:26 am

I would like to put forward the idea for a product review section that doesn't show in view new posts and makes it clear the views on each product are the users personal opinion and hold no ground against the products.

M?xim - June 26, 2017, 4:32 am

Quote:makes it clear the views on each product are the users personal opinion and hold no ground against the products

That sounds quite nice, it is after all, correct.

Space• - June 26, 2017, 4:34 am

Great idea, I'm in for it. Divides the marketplace discussions and reviews from each other. Keeps it clear and easier for buyers to find reviews on products.

Mr. Robot - June 26, 2017, 4:36 am

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Happeh - June 26, 2017, 4:37 am

Would stop the Marketplace Discussions section from being spammed so would be nice. Also, promotes people to actually provide real reviews and helps those out looking to purchase said products/services.

The only thing I can see wrong with this is, is there enough threads for this to need its own section currently?

(Jun 26, 2017 04:26 AM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) new posts and makes it clear the views on each product are the users personal opinion and hold no ground against the products.

Also, that should be a given, on every single review ever, regardless of subject matter.

VirtualFrost - June 26, 2017, 4:37 am

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Even with the above thought, I hate moving as slow as the slowest person, it'd be cool to have a section, would be even more interesting if we had a special 'review database' where people can do

a search by thread/uid to find all reviews for a persons eBook?

sonex - June 26, 2017, 4:39 am

What is stoping people from paying one another to post a good review?

Mr. Robot - June 26, 2017, 4:40 am

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Correct, prevent users from thinking we are official, which we are NOT. Let's await the response from a staff member first though.

Mr. Reviewer - June 26, 2017, 4:41 am

Yes, and it doesn't need to be -official- (like reviewers group in the past)

Just a section where everyone leaves their Reviews of products.

VirtualFrost - June 26, 2017, 4:42 am

(Jun 26, 2017 04:40 AM)sonex Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hence theres no real solution for this ...

Adding this section isn't a solution to stop scamming, more a place where people can post reviews rather than posting it inside the marketplace discussion

Space• - June 26, 2017, 4:43 am

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SIM-1729678 - June 26, 2017, 4:44 am

This whole thing got out of hand. I say no.

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That's an opinion not a statement.

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I cant know that cause I'm not HF police lol. I believe Omni saying "deal at your own risk" says more than enough. People should judge by their own opinion, not someone elses.

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I mean, I don't really see the section happening but of course a small sticky saying reviews are all subjective and personal opinions then hopefully people should be independent enough to form their own opinion. Just because I don't like the Superman films doesn't mean its a bad film.

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Meow - June 26, 2017, 4:51 am

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Its easy to see through bullshit if you use common sense.

theDuke - June 26, 2017, 4:55 am

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Space• - June 26, 2017, 4:55 am

Guys can we stop exploding all this drama around our reviews, and UNOFFICIAL opinions? You guys showed your opinions, just like we do but repeating saying that the previous group got corrupted doesn't prevent us from writing reviews, which are honest and UNOFFICIAL.

This was an UNOFFICIAL reply.

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I don't think it should be reviewed anywhere except the thread itself. That is the cleanest way imo. Not sure how Omni or others see it though.

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M?xim - June 26, 2017, 4:58 am

(Jun 26, 2017 04:57 AM)Travi\$_Scott Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah I noticed that, should be reviewed on the thread itself, there is no need to create a thread imo.

Absolutely not. Would create a lot of off-topic posts from other users.

What Mr. Reviewer and his buds are doing now is correct.

Happeh - June 26, 2017, 4:58 am

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Effexion - June 26, 2017, 4:59 am

I like the idea of this and feel it would put a lot of the issues to bed once and for all.

sonex - June 26, 2017, 5:02 am

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There are a few people but as I said cynicism is always a good thing. There are a few middlemen as I said before that everyone always goes for, Minimalist, for example, heck we have an Escrow group by a former admin. I'm not trying to argue the fact there wouldn't be, I mean there's always that potential, but they'll always be a couple of people that would keep their dignity, myself included in that.

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Magicmann - June 26, 2017, 5:32 am

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I second Happeh here. It's also usually obvious who travels in cliques and is buddy-buddy with product sellers. I can think of quite a few users off the top of my head that seem to be people of integrity and who I believe I can trust with things such as reviews. There are a surprisingly decent number of us that have no intent of doing anyone harm. ?

Wires - June 26, 2017, 5:37 am

Unsure where the speculation of us being "official" came from. As I see it, we simply offer an alternative to those who want a detailed review rather than a one-liner vouch. It's the lesser of two evils. What we do is much better IMHO over things like "vouch for this eBook. Works well and has the potential to make hundreds". Why has this sparked such a debate? What we're doing is nothing new and it isn't against the rules. What we do has been done for many years, the difference is now, we don't say vouch we say review, and instead of a few lines we make it a few detailed paragraphs.

Not forgetting we clearly express it's our own views so I fail to see how this differs from a normal vouch you see in 90% of eBooks here.

Nonetheless, we are not official reviewers, we have not claimed to be official reviewers, and to my knowledge, we don't want to be official reviewers. As long as other people are allowed to "vouch" for each other, we should be allowed to offer our reviews. If you want such a problem to disappear, I'm opting for banning vouches/reviews completely. Reviews suit the Marketplace Discussion perfectly and shouldn't be in its own forum as it's not cluttering its existing forum.

GloryToBe - June 26, 2017, 5:37 am

There aren't enough reviews of products to make it a subforum.

Mr. Reviewer - June 26, 2017, 5:52 am

(Jun 26, 2017 04:57 AM)Travi\$_Scott Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Also making it clear that it's personal opinions doesn't mean shit, 90% of the reviews you see are paid for. Excuse me? Have you seen a seller come to us in the Reviews and say we are only sales-trashing? Do you know why this didn't happen yet? There is a reason for it.

Regulus - June 26, 2017, 5:54 am

Hmm this actually sounds pretty interesting.
I am supporting this idea.

Omniscient - June 26, 2017, 7:48 am

(Jun 26, 2017 04:40 AM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nothing however that's already a problem. Exactly why your idea isn't a good one. It would just be another vouch section. I don't see how it would be good reviews or actual quality posts.

Mr. Robot - June 26, 2017, 7:52 am

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Well, if you're approving people it would come to the conclusion staff gets involved and that people are chosen over others.

Vitani - June 26, 2017, 7:57 am

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Like the Testimonial system.

Mr. Robot - June 26, 2017, 8:00 am

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M?xim - June 26, 2017, 8:03 am

(Jun 26, 2017 08:00 AM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why not give it to the writers group then, set the section as "Moderated By: Writers"

Hey, I'll sign up for that task in that case. Might as well do something while I am always online lol

Space - June 26, 2017, 8:04 am

Will just be another moderated section. Every user has the freedom to write a review/vouch and that should not be taken away.

Vitani - June 26, 2017, 8:05 am

(Jun 26, 2017 08:00 AM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why not give it to the writers group then, set the section as "Moderated By: Writers"

Do you think Omniscient would want the writers to moderate in the marketplace though?

There's a reason mentors only moderate 1 subforum in the whole market tab. Omniscient wants to keep staff (and site groups) from involving themselves.

I'm all for a place on the forum to post HQ reviews but if anything this idea needs to be thought out some more.

(Jun 26, 2017 08:04 AM)space Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Will just be another moderated section. Every user has the freedom to write a review/vouch and that should not be taken away.

The result of this would be a lot of (fairly) LQ threads, which is why a section like this doesn't exist.

sonex - June 26, 2017, 8:20 am

In an enviroment where one could tehcnically "watch out" on a group of people being unbiased and fair towards each and every member, it could tehcnically work, but since its impossible to run a business involving 5 members without one being, or going rogue eventually IRL, let alone HF and clear rule that states HF doesnt get involved.

Main concern here is people going after each another trying to slander their name and create drama that is already all over HF. Simply not worth it, you cant control so-called opinions nor anyone can vouch for their accuracy.

Freakyy - June 26, 2017, 8:37 am

This makes no sense. If you want to leave a review of a product, leave it on the products page. This doesn't fix any problems and just brings more as abuse. eBook sellers can just pay a bunch of people to "Review" their product and spam the whole first page of the section with fake reviews lol.

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You have the freedom to write a review/vouch on a product page instead of making it in a separate place (Marketplace Discussion) like you guys have been doing. More people would see the review on the product page itself.

Ahmad - June 26, 2017, 11:34 am

I would love something like that! Would be very useful to review products from the marketplace

GloryToBe - June 26, 2017, 3:34 pm

(Jun 26, 2017 03:30 PM)James! Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I love this idea, Robot. A place where we can review others products is something needed in order to get rid of fake vouches.

How will this get rid of fake vouches?

J. McCarthy - June 26, 2017, 5:49 pm

Unless you can honestly say a reviewer would turn down \$2,000 which could be made (split 50/50) if a highly trusted reviewer falsely reviewed (10/10) an expensive (\$500-1,000 book) which are common on the market now then the concept can never be secure.

I trust the idea, not human integrity

Enzio - June 26, 2017, 5:55 pm

The idea is good, the users are not like Formula1 said. This won't work and this is like the reviewer group all over again.

Tony Stark - June 27, 2017, 12:52 am

This will just cause a world of drama and fights between members. People will post fake reviews and sales trash others all in one place. Breeding ground for LQ.

I don't think Omniscient would ever implement something like this.

'Fox - June 27, 2017, 12:58 am

If it makes you guys feel any better, I am willing to read any reviews higher than a 7/10 before allowing any of my group members to post them.

Alternatively, if anyone feels like their product was rated too low because of user bias then I can also re-review the product and have the score changed / thread removed if deemed necessary.

Of course, this is only going to work if they're members of Influence. Other reviewers, I will have no control over.

Raymond Reddington - June 27, 2017, 1:06 am

99% of HF drama originates from the marketplace. This wouldn't prevent rigging, so why bother adding another section for more drama?

Nasyr - June 27, 2017, 2:11 am

One of the worst ideas I've seen yet. I mean if someone ends up selling 500 copies of their ebook and those 500 make reviews it instantly floors the forum with useless shit of everyone saying the same thing and giving a larger promotion group. You have a thread, post your reviews on the sellers thread. That's all there should be too it in the end.

Armada - June 27, 2017, 2:21 am

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(Jun 27, 2017 01:06 AM)Raymond Reddington Wrote: [CITE](#) 99% of HF drama originates from the marketplace. This wouldn't prevent rigging, so why bother adding another section for more drama? Sadly I have to say I tend to agree here.

Marketplace is the main reason for arguments and disputes between members. No point in adding a entire section for this to get drawn out even more so than it already is.

Which leads me to my second point. I find it sad I agree with this position because I actually thing a review section would be very beneficial to the community, however the primary problem is the majority of the member bases maturity level when it comes to giving and receiving honest reviews and criticism.

Mr. Reviewer - June 27, 2017, 3:18 am

I understand your point of view, money talks. I PMed Omni first day I joined to suggest something like this and he said he doesn't really want to go that route again due to the corruption that took place in the market.

It's fine, I don't complain, do I? But don't create bullshit topics and accuse us of corruption, because some of us do this on our own will on our time and on our own money. <https://imgur.com/a/ePHoW>

Hackforums works great thanks to our mods Eagle and Minimalist, they do a hell of a job and I do not know if it's for free or they get paid, nevertheless, there is this other forum that uses the next system: before someone posts an Ebook it is reviewed by MODS. Why not let Eagle and Mini do a small review of what each Ebook contains? Now you would say "but Mr. Reviewer, what a dumb suggestion staff doesn't get involved! hur durr" now this is true and it will probably be ignored. But this forum creates an environment that indirectly supports the scams, fake vouches and lq products. This is a matter that really needs to be taken seriously and at some point...months, years... a solution needs to be found.

Cammy - June 27, 2017, 6:49 am

The way I see it people should be leaving product reviews on the sales thread instead of making a seperate thread let alone a whole section dedicated to product reviews