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Hydra - October 24, 2017, 12:09 pm

Vast changes incoming

Yesterday, October 20th, our administrator [Omniscient](#) announced that big changes will be made to Hack Forums in the upcoming week. Because of this you may expect the website to be offline a lot, either as closed or simply returning a 403 error. More information about the specific changes that are going to be happening will undoubtedly follow in the near future. [.>>Source](#)

Thread EDIT restriction removed

As many of you might already know, for a brief period [Omniscient](#) added restrictions to the thread EDIT feature. The reason behind this was simply to end the continues thread EDIT abuse by members every day. Thread abuse was done by deleting content from older threads to "erase footprints" or for other reasons, which hurt Hack Forums SEO. The restriction prevented members from editing their threads if it was older then a set amount of days. Yesterday however, [Omniscient](#) decided to lift the restriction again, after which several major changes to the website followed. You can read more about those below. [.>>Source](#)

Mentor site group deleted

Last night our administrator [Omniscient](#) made a thread in the Rules, Announcements, News and Feedback section stating the mentor group had been deleted. No specific reason has been given for this change at this time. [.>>Source](#)

Hack Forums IM Deleted

Yesterday night we were notified by [Omniscient](#) that he would be deleting the Hack Forums IM service. This is the xmpp service that was specifically designed to be used for instant communication between HF members. No specific reason has been given for removing this service although it was known that the service itself was rarely used within the community. The newly launched hacker.im service, which is a public xmpp service for HF users and others alike, will still continue to exist. [.>>Source](#)

Forum Tabs Deleted

Among the changes that were made last night by our admin [Omniscient](#) was the removal of the forum tabs. Omniscient made a thread saying "We will no longer have the tabs on HF". [.>>Source](#)

Update

In response to a member's question asking if tabs will return, Omni posted: "Nope, it's gone. Just like my addition of tabs to HF being innovative to forums and MyBB I have better ideas for index and forum navigation. Ideas which are mobile friendly and modern." Sounds like we'll be getting something better than tabs that work well for mobile and please everything like tabs did.

Purple HF Theme Deleted

Another change that was made yesterday was the removal of the Purple Theme option. Many users used this theme as they preferred it over the standard "Modern Blue" theme. For now we don't know if we will be getting another new or possibly revamped theme in the future however we do know [Omniscient](#) had a liking to the widely used "Flat Darkness" theme made by [iHydra](#) [.>>Source](#)

UB3R Support and Meme Shit Meme sections Deleted

Yet another change that was made in recent days is the deletion of the UB3R Support and Meme Shit Meme sections. No reason has been given for the removal of both sections however it's safe to assume they were removed as one of the changes [Omniscient](#) had in mind for the new HF.

All Non-Essential Moderators Removed

In light of recent changes all non-essential moderators have been removed. This includes but is not limited to (sub)forum moderators and site groups with special permissions such as the mentors group. In the thread where [Omniscient](#) announced this change, he also mentioned he will consider new moderators and other options as we go forward. Furthermore he said "We need a clean slate on a lot of HF.". >>[Source](#)

HF Writers Group and Wiki Deleted

The final change we will report in this weeks news edition is the removal of the HF Writers group along with the HF Wiki. Both the group and the wiki have been deleted by [Omniscient](#) and are said to be done for. As this is a major change for the very news and the people behind it, we would like to make it known that even without the group we will continue to bring the news to you each and every week. This of course assuming we have the permission to keep doing so by the administrator.

>>[Source](#)

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Site StatisticsTotal [\(Click to View\)](#)Posts: 56,108,795

Members: 3,738,738

Threads: 3,915,160

Average [\(Click to View\)](#)Daily Posts: 1,340,292

Daily Threads: 93,523

Daily New Members: 89,309

Posts Per Member: 1,501

Replies Per Thread: 1,333

Ban StatisticsLast Week's Bans [\(Click to View\)](#)Staff Bans: 17 ... Change from Last Edition: -32

Vacation Bans: 4 ... Change from Last Edition: +2

Combined Bans: 21 ... Change from Last Edition: -30

Forum CountsTab Counts [\(Click to View\)](#)Notable Sections [Lounge](#) Threads: 542,570 (-0.06%|-336)

[Lounge](#) Posts: 8,048,963 (-0.04%|-2,983)

[RANF](#) Threads: 70,252 (+0.03%|+20)

[RANF](#) Posts: 1,108,374 (+0.06%|+641)

Common Threads: 786,879 (-8.22%|-70,430)

Posts: 11,737,945 (-8.63%|-1,108,620)

Hack Threads: 712,633 (+0.04%|+288)

Posts: 6,205,599 (+0.01%|+637)

Tech Threads: 214,563 (+0.03%|+63)

Posts: 1,796,522 (+0.02%|+409)

Code Threads: 172,400 (+0.03%|+52)

Posts: 1,471,049 (+0.02%|+272)

Game Threads: 463,338 (+0.02%|+72)

Posts: 4,785,825 (+0.01%|+501)

Groups Threads: 8,062 (+0.05%|+4)

Posts: 349,541 (+0.06%|+200)

Web Threads: 86,757 (+0.04%|+34)

Posts: 626,604 (+0.03%|+207)

GFX Threads: 137,498 (+0.02%|+33)

Posts: 1,025,898 (+0.02%|+208)

Market Threads: 1,062,823 (+0.06%|+672)

Posts: 9,455,336 (+0.09%|+8,963)

Money Threads: 155,325 (+0.08%|+130)

Posts: 2,036,457 (+0.06%|+1,254)

Membership CountsGroups [\(Click to View\)](#)Consensus 20 Members (-2)

Dawn 23 Members (-2)

Eclipse 18 Members (+4)

Equilibrium 32 Members (+1)

Escrow 2 Members (~)

Harmony 54 Members (+3)

Influence 50 Members (-15)

Legends 22 Members (~)

Limitless 23 Members (-1)

Notorious 6 Members (-6)

Polyzen 16 Members (-1)

Red Lions 11 Members (-1)

Terminal 38 Members (+29)

Skill 64 Members (~)

Socialites 27 Members (~)

The Executives 2 Members (~)

Torque 70 Members (~)

Transcendence 7 Members (+1)

Unity 11 Members (~)

Hydra - October 25, 2017, 6:29 pm

Group ChangesD?niel is now a leader of Eclipse.

Mentors group has been disabled.

Sheep Gang has been rebranded to Terminal. [\(Click to View\)](#)

[TopKekeroni](#) is now a leader of Transcendence.

Writers group has been disabled.

Group Recruitments[Dawn Coding Recruitment](#)

[Dawn Cyber Recruitment](#)

[Dawn Forum Development Recruitment](#)

[Eclipse General Recruitment](#)

[Harmony General Recruitment](#)

[Harmony Faces Subgroup Recruitment](#)

[Legends RAT Recruitment](#)

[Polyzen General Recruitment](#)

[Terminal General Recruitment](#)

[Torque General Recruitment](#)

[Transcendence Pentesting Recruitment](#)

[Unity Hacking & Programming Recruitment](#)

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

[Harmony Information](#)

[Harmony Fidelity Subgroup Information](#)

[Harmony Buy-Ins](#)

[Influence Information](#)

[Legends Information](#)

[Limitless Information](#)

[Socialites Information](#)

[Terminal Buy-Ins](#)

[Transcendence Information](#)

Groups For Sale[Escrow](#)
[The Executives](#)
[Limitless](#)
[Notorious](#)

*As of the Friday prior to release.

User NewsNo user news this week.

Bans*[Linux™](#) was banned for reputation abuse, pending closure.

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

Closures*[Vana](#) was closed for [this](#) post.

Awards[imscheurkie](#) received the Grammar Nazi award.
[Steve](#) received the Sticky Man award for [this](#) thread.

Hydra - October 25, 2017, 6:51 pm

Welcome to MyBB 1.8x

Let me first say that I'm very excited with what the future of Hack Forums entails. MyBB 1.8x opens the opportunity for more custom features to be created by Omniscient. We got cool features like the ability to add a poll to a thread within 12 hours of posting the thread and edit reason but the features Omniscient can create now that MyBB 1.8x brought a better (but still buggy) foundation to work with is what everyone should be excited for.

However, we should also understand that the forum is still under development. Lots of work needs to be done and it'll take 1-2 weeks or so according to Omni so let's try our best not to bother him too much. I keep seeing the same threads over and over: quit it. We don't need 20 threads talking about how shit or awesome the theme is or how we want the ability to add avatars.

Future of Writ3rs

Many of you have raised the question if Writ3rs is returning. No clue, I'm in the same darkness you all are. Omniscient will decide eventually. What I do know is that Writ3rs won't continue unofficially. The work we do, the hours we volunteer, it just wouldn't work efficiently enough without a subforum for us to privately post our sections in. No, pastebin and Discord isn't enough. If Writ3rs isn't back by this coming Monday, expect another short edition until the ruling has been revealed. Till then, shoutout to all the members who worked on this edition and to those who support us every week.

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Froggy - October 25, 2017, 7:11 pm

I like the new formatting of the Group News. Thank you to [Cylow](#) for the suggestion.

SIM-3658605 - October 25, 2017, 7:13 pm

Sexy new formatting. I love it guys!

Views - October 25, 2017, 7:15 pm

Hope to see writers return at some point even if it just the News team, even if interest in the News has declined the work you & the other members have put in has not.

Nice to see everyone put in work to get an edition out this week anyways.

Saltpeter - October 25, 2017, 7:40 pm

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B?ker - October 25, 2017, 8:31 pm

(Oct 25, 2017 07:40 PM)Aerodactyl Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I get knocked down, but I get up again, ain't never gonna keep me down!

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That's not how it sounded towards the end of the paragrusbout the writers

EDITN- Totally forgot to mention I got 1k rep in the reports RIP

bzr? - October 26, 2017, 5:34 am

Great to see this edition out as usual, thanks iHydra & team. It's nice having our usual weekly news in all this chaos recently.

EddyProject - October 26, 2017, 6:05 am

Hopefully the News finds a place to operate efficiently.

Best of luck.

SIM-1729678 - October 26, 2017, 6:13 am

Would it be possible to change the "harmony buy-ins" to Faces and Fidelity buy-ins, people are not buying into harmony itself.

Baby Groot - October 26, 2017, 6:16 am

Great to the edition actually out week in and week out still. The new and upcoming changes will only be the better for HF and for us!

'Ryan - October 26, 2017, 9:18 am

Aww that memo for sure gave me the feels.

New group formatting is very nice.

Vitani - October 26, 2017, 10:46 am

I actually love this edition. It's short and sweet and just the sections I usually read. With or without official group, let's keep this running for a long time!

D?ath - October 29, 2017, 3:10 pm

i got my avatar. dunno about you

akamit - October 30, 2017, 5:51 am

HackForums looks awesome now.. I am very happy with the current design.

Thanks Admin.

Biggy - October 31, 2017, 1:05 am

Great edition as always, nice job team!

VirtualFrost - October 31, 2017, 2:09 am

Not sure if anyone ever saw but Writ3rs may have a chance of returning, Omni has just removed them but is undecided on if it'll return again in the future

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5741402&pid=56126440#pid56126440>

Deflate - October 31, 2017, 2:22 am

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M?xim - October 31, 2017, 7:33 am

(Oct 31, 2017 02:22 AM)Deflate Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why omni change the forums to this old theme and removed tabs? Woah.

Theme is temporary. Tabs are not mobile friendly.

AC3 - October 31, 2017, 2:21 pm

Haven't been here for a while and I come back to THIS, feels like I took a leap back into the past. Wow, those are some major and surprising changes. It will be interesting to see how this all works out.

Steve - November 1, 2017, 12:02 pm

Thanks for featuring me in this edition of the news!