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Thread: [Individual wrongfully banned for competition](#)

Bleeping - November 22, 2017, 6:54 pm

An individual that has been getting into sales here recently, known as [Ice](#) has been banned and this was the reason that was given to him:

Code Ban Reason: Advertising competing site (discord)

His Discord channel is about the simple talk about money, and monetizing techniques as well as trading + it only has 110 members, this was in no way a competition to HF. It's also a plus to mention there are no direct rules stating this either.

Edit: His Discord was dubbed 'MarketPoint' and no, he didn't want me to post this either but I thought there is a feasible mistake that was took into assumption here.

M?xim - November 22, 2017, 7:00 pm

Wasn't he hosting a marketplace discord? That's a competition against a majority of this forum.

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Bleeping - November 22, 2017, 7:01 pm

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Indeed, it had that as well. Nothing that was in competition with HF though.

Gt403cyl - November 22, 2017, 7:12 pm

The part about no direct rules on advertising a competing forum are in the [Help Docs](#), I just read it again on my phone.

That said, the ban must have been warranted, they don't make a mistake often when it comes to bans...

Armada - November 22, 2017, 7:21 pm

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Monetization, Money making crap, I fail to see why they would be banned, it is all gibberish anyways.

Bluffer - November 22, 2017, 7:23 pm

Tell him to use the contact form as it was Omni who banned him.

Trappy - November 22, 2017, 7:24 pm

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This. But lets be real, the focus of HF isn't hacking anymore.

M?xim - November 22, 2017, 7:30 pm

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M?xim - November 22, 2017, 7:46 pm

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It relies on common sense i would like to say.

Hack Forums is (in my opinion) a lot of a marketplace forum. Would make no sense to advertise a competitor.

And

Quote:10. Advertising of competing sites is not allowed. This refers to any website with a hacker forum that's similar to HF or has a relatively similar forum structure. Advertising includes signatures, PMs, profiles, and posts.

Omniscient - November 22, 2017, 7:46 pm

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Or as a "relatively similar forum structure"....

I'm very close to disallowing all linking to Discord. It's being constantly advertised here and it brings away traffic.

Fuck it...adding it to rules right now. Discord advertising is officially disallowed 100% anywhere on the forum.