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Thread: [\[Suggestion\] Allowing Regulated Discord Groups](#)

Hoodie+ - February 13, 2018, 5:14 am

I do understand the reason behind the Discord advertisement ban and I agree with it, Discord can impact forums quite a bit become it can be used as an alternative to a forum.

I do feel that we are missing a live chat and voice chat, especially in groups and since Skype discontinued the good client I think the only good alternative is Discord.

Allowing Discord advertisement on the forum isn't a solution because the same problem will occur.

I came to an idea that there would be OFFICIAL Discord group servers, I don't believe they would affect the forum activity because there would only be a limited amount of them and they would be regulated.

Each official group on HF would be allowed to create one Discord Server for voice chat reasons and one #main channel on the Discord Server to be used as a lounge.

What do you think? Is this a good idea?

Vyxn - February 13, 2018, 6:13 am

Same result bro, the activity will be redirected on that discord server.

Malicious` - February 13, 2018, 6:16 am

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Elitas - February 13, 2018, 6:56 am

The reason a lot of groups failed is because they had active Discord groups.

You're basically beating up the already dead group scene on Hack Forums, just as it's making a

recovery.

With the discord ban, on-site activity has improved, particularly with groups. Trust me, group discords weren't actually as enjoyable as the forum. They may have been more efficient.

I don't like this idea and I feel like it'd take activity away from groups - A lot of group owners already banned Discord long ago from their groups. What makes you think that group owners (*Divined*) is going to want to have a discord for their/his group(s)?

Vyxn - February 13, 2018, 7:02 am

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Again, as what I've said to my first reply, you're going to redirecting the activity on that discord server instead on the forum.

Vitani - February 14, 2018, 1:17 pm

No, this won't happen. In my opinion the discord ban came in too late already as it did take a lot of activity away from HF.

Discord is a nice voice chat application but the server feature is going to take activity away from the forum. It's something you can't avoid unless discord advertizing stays banned.

The rule is pretty simple though, any competing website can't be advertised on this forum.

Renovatum - February 14, 2018, 1:22 pm

Remember that time Tumblr tried to bring voice/text chat onto the website? Wow, that went well.

Maybe HF could do a group chat on-site, like those webcam group things did, the group chats there. A page for each group where they can AFK talk. The group forums are hidden away from both the main site and Google anyway, so a drop in activity there wouldn't really matter.

But I am not in a group, so I no longer care.

It's a stupid suggestion because it takes activity away from the forum. You can't appeal a change by 'suggesting' a new thing-- it's the same thing, basically to bring back Discord to the forum, which was banned for a reason.

Omniscient - February 14, 2018, 7:37 pm

Quote:I do feel that we are missing a live chat and voice chat, especially in groups and since Skype discontinued the good client I think the only good alternative is Discord.

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grady - February 14, 2018, 7:38 pm

(Feb 14, 2018 08:37 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Also, doesn't Discord ban "hacking" channels? It's likely any official channel setup even if the discussion is benign will get reported and the channel banned.

They ban server directly related to the sales of game cheats/hacks.
Discussion is fine, but using it as a point-of-sale is banned.

FamousHater - February 14, 2018, 7:44 pm

yes it was used to drive traffic away from hf
thanks for stating the obvious

its not coming back op. think about if u were omni and had a forum then all of a sudden users are leaving your site for a skype knockoff. you would disallowed it as well.

Confound - February 14, 2018, 7:53 pm

I don't think allowing off-site advertisements for instant messaging should ever come back. I do think that if Omni were to add some on-site feature though, that would be great.

Bluffer - February 14, 2018, 7:57 pm

I don't see the problem with Discord servers being banned because I see how it takes away forum activity.

I do not like that we aren't allowed to advertise our Discord usernames so we can communicate with users through Discord just like we do with Skype. Not even in a server.

KOTOR - February 14, 2018, 10:11 pm

Don't think this would end well if there were an "Official" discord group. How will you regulate users and rules? Will HF rules apply there? How will you know someone is who they say they are?

DOG - February 14, 2018, 10:15 pm

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Biggy - February 14, 2018, 10:20 pm

I would personally rather stray away from the use of advertising discord on site. It just puts a strain on HF's activity and that's never a good thing. Discord is handy but not worth the risk of the forum.

test - February 14, 2018, 10:26 pm

Official discords would probably hurt the forum activity more than unofficial ones in my opinion. I don't see Discord coming back to HackForums.

Malicious` - February 14, 2018, 10:26 pm

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My server completely revolves around blackhat discussion and hasn't been banned. It's been up for about 3 months and has ~ 100 active members.

As long as you're not posting anything extremely harmful like stolen CC's and spreading viruses they don't seem to care that much.

Edit: don't PM me for an invite link please.

DOG - February 14, 2018, 10:31 pm

(Feb 14, 2018 11:17 PM)Charger Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hacker.im is already in place. Discord takes away from the purpose of an active forum. You didn't get my point...

Rael - February 14, 2018, 11:09 pm

I mean if you gonna revitalize a forum, banning discord servers/groups activity is a good choice, thats totally understandable. What I don't get why it has to be fully banned, alot of people aso use discord for instant messaging because it is good for that purpose. There's gotta be a middle ground.

icy? - March 22, 2018, 2:18 pm

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I really want integrated XMPP to happen Omni, I'll help anyway I can let me know. Not a discord or teamspeak or any 3rd party software. INTEGRATED.

I know I'm coming off in a weird way but that's the huge difference. If we as a community can figure out how to integrate XMPP into HF buddy list (would give buddy list some use), a lot of deal disputes could potentially be avoided. Because the huge difference between these points of views is the third party software. People could have screenshots of the XMPP which is a lot more realistic than relying on discord, Skype, and other mass communication platforms out there. To file a dispute that is plausible you have to backtrack to a uid which can be very difficult because people on this site are so fucking smart when it comes to staying anon.

TL;DR If we can integrate a communication system (shoutbox or integrated XMPP) we can potentially prevent scammers on Discord and Skype while giving users something to do.

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I'm trying to, I wanna hear what staff have to say I'm all ears.

ARIANA - March 22, 2018, 2:44 pm

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horrible idea

why would admins want to waste time trying to "moderate" a discord.

it takes away from what can be accomplished on site and their focus on important shit. not some stupid discord server

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Omni and Xero need to make it happen I'm itching for the integrated XMPP

Omniscient - March 23, 2018, 1:06 am

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Hackforums1337 - March 23, 2018, 1:10 am

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The Director - March 23, 2018, 1:12 am

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Can't knock it till you try it.

Crystallize. - March 23, 2018, 1:14 am

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Couldn't agree more tbh.

Cammy - March 23, 2018, 2:31 am

Integration of xmpp would be preferable

Smile? - March 23, 2018, 2:47 am

<https://community.mybb.com/mods.php?action=view&pid=568>

ARIANA - March 23, 2018, 2:53 am

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Its debatable but they most likely would once enough people who don't like HF report it.

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You could easily get any hacking based server shutdown anyway since its against their ToS.

Vitani - March 23, 2018, 8:49 am

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Quote:As an example, you agree not to use the Service in order to:

....

promote or encourage any illegal activity including, but not limited to, hacking, cracking or distribution of counterfeit software, or cheats or hacks for the Service.

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ARIANA - March 23, 2018, 10:07 am

Possible XMPP solutions:

<https://conversejs.org/>

<https://www.jsxc.org/>

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This is also a potential solution, I can see this happening if enough people care.

Vitani - March 23, 2018, 10:29 am

(Mar 23, 2018 10:26 AM)icy? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I feel like a chrome extension is the way to go based off of what ariana is saying

It would definitely be a possibility but it would be better if it was implemented in HF itself. We'll have to see what Omniscient says.

Omniscient - March 23, 2018, 12:05 pm

Quote:I think the best way to solve this Discord issue is to allow Discord usernames to be shared but not server invites.

Counter-intuitive and confusing to members. Initially I did word filters for the invite links. That didn't seem to be effective enough. And if I allow Discord usernames then they'll just use it to advertise their channels too.

And yeah, I'm absolutely positive that even if I wanted to have an official Discord channel on HF it would get reported and banned nearly instantly.

There are XMPP solutions I am looking into.

Quote:Do you think integrated XMPP is in the near future?

I'd say not in the near future. I think it's not the highest priority and maybe even low on the list of things that have to get done around here. We have to move servers at some point this year. We need more resources and a few things will also get fixed by being on a new setup.

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Oh, I know it can be done. That's not the issue.