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Thread: [Short-term vs long-term \(Scammers, read this.\)](#)

Minus9 - April 4, 2018, 12:54 pm

Lately, I have noticed that the biggest users in HackForums are always getting away with their scams etc. and I would like people to know the following:

You've been provided a huge community where you can share value and build connections for the long-term. You have so many benefits being a user of this forum or any other forum for that matter but you're thinking very short-term. You can easily destroy these connections which can benefit you now and in the future.

If you want to build a reputable long-term business with a steady income, be smart. To be able to make money in the bigger stages, you need to understand that you can do that by providing something for people. Whether that's value, product or service. But a good one. A lot of the users are thinking very short-term and want the quick money.

Yes, you'll make several grand selling books here with vouches by friends that haven't even seen the product/service itself and end up misleading others (more specifically the new members.). But when it comes to an end, you won't have anything. You most likely will have lost most of your connections and all of your reputation.

Provide value, build a reputation and the money will come around to you. But don't build it at the expense of others.

Think long-term, not short-term. You'll be respected and people won't hesitate to deal with you, building more opportunities for yourself that create a much bigger success than what you have for that short amount of time. It's not hard to see why people are easily making \$10K/month up to \$50k/month by providing a service/product people constantly need due to it being good. If it was bad, no one would come back. I can't stress how important this is.

LONG TERM. NOT SHORT-TERM.

Bluffer - April 4, 2018, 1:10 pm

I agree with you 100%. Like this user for example, been here few years and has high reputation he's a serial scammer, will never lose his account.

<https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=1134879>

I searched his UID and see 18 threads that are scam reports and there are other threads warning the community.

For him, it doesn't matter short term or long term, he will be fine and that is what sucks about the marketplace here.

I try my best to only sell quality products, I try my best to communicate with my buyers and make sure they are happy with what they purchase from me. In the long term that should boost my sales. I've had customers who bought a product off me over a year ago and know I was genuine when I sold that so they came back to me to buy my other products. More than five people have done this.

It doesn't pay to scam or be unethical to your customers, and more people need to realize the value that HF has.

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And:

scam Definition

noun

The definition of a scam is slang for a fake scheme to steal money or goods.

An example of a scam is a company that takes a person's work and never pays him.

verb

To scam is defined as to cheat people out of money.

An example of scam is to sell a product, take the money and then never deliver the product.

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Someone going first goes both ways, either could be scamming. And what if someday the middleman is a part of a scam where there is a huge money involved. (Low risk of that happening, but would that go unpunished? You see what I am getting at?)

I'm l33t and I am not even able to do a trust scan and people can have clean records yet still scam, it still sucks for others. Makes no sense to not punish scammers, even if it takes "time".

Armada - April 4, 2018, 3:09 pm

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Your point is?

First notification you get when you join is to be cautious of the marketplace and trust no one.

Sounds like simple bitching to me. I sadly had to open a deal dispute recently myself, shit happens... This is just the way of the world...

Eagle 95 - April 5, 2018, 1:32 am

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Tell me, I would love to hear that. When a user scams, and a valid report is filed, he should get banned. Simple as that, don't go on about anything else. A valid scam report equals a ban, whether the user did research or not.

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The green number doesn't matter but what's written there does. And if someone are a hundred percent solid and you get vouches from several users that they're all good, you go and do a deal for let's say \$50, 500 or \$5k and they get away with the scam because 'they don't do anything with scammers here'.

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Obviously not.

TRAD3R - June 11, 2018, 12:36 pm

100% agree with this, but just cuz they are ranked how are they not banned? Or does ranks bypass scam reports which is dumb