

# Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

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Hydra - December 6, 2018, 3:53 pm

## Clover Awards Deactivated and Deprecated

The 3 Lucky Clover Awards for random posting are no longer available to earn. [Omniscient](#), has deprecated those awards and he also said that he might substitute them with the new ones eventually. [>>Source](#)

## Donation Awards Retired and Replaced

[Omniscient](#) has also removed almost all Donation Awards besides The Ace of Spades and has substituted them with six new awards. [>>Source](#)

## Vendor Group Feature

Now, Vendors will have their profile pages. They will get additional controls in their Market CP to edit their profile pages. It will comprise Marketplace thread listings and an editable profile with MyCode. [>>Source](#)

## Site Statistics

Total [\(Click to View\)](#)

Posts: 37,634,286 (+0.06%|+23,283)

Threads: 3,691,495 (+0.06%|+2,060)

Members: 638,628 (+0.57%|+3,612)

Average [\(Click to View\)](#)

Daily Posts: 8,209.53 (-0.06%|-4.74)

Daily Threads: 805.26 (-0.06%|-0.52)

Daily New Members: 139.31 (+0.45%|+0.62)

Posts Per Member: 58.93 (-0.51%|-0.3)

Replies Per Thread: 9.19 (~)

#### Forum Counts

Tab Counts ([Click to View](#))

Notable Sections

[Lounge](#) Threads: 234,499 (+0.08%|+178)

[Lounge](#) Posts: 3,797,550 (+0.08%|+2,941)

[RANF](#) Threads: 72,731 (+0.04%|+30)

[RANF](#) Posts: 1,151,847 (+0.05%|+551)

#### Common

Threads: 562,548 (+0.06%|+359)

Posts: 8,799,724 (+0.07%|+6,027)

#### Hack

Threads: 731,140 (+0.04%|+256)

Posts: 6,381,519 (+0.07%|+4,385)

#### Tech

Threads: 219,389 (+0.03%|+58)

Posts: 1,827,657 (+0.02%|+364)

#### Code

Threads: 175,951 (+0.02%|+43)

Posts: 1,493,114 (+0.01%|+218)

## Game

Threads: 469,095 (+0.01%|+68)

Posts: 4,828,241 (+0.01%|+549)

## Groups

Threads: 8,409 (+0.04%|+3)

Posts: 359,538 (+0.05%|+189)

## Web

Threads: 89,354 (+0.03%|+26)

Posts: 640,729 (+0.03%|+182)

## GFX

Threads: 139,574 (+0.02%|+31)

Posts: 1,038,677 (+0.02%|+170)

## Market

Threads: 1,129,520 (+0.07%|+752)

Posts: 10,077,950 (+0.1%|+9,813)

## Money

Threads: 140,690 (+0.06%|+83)

Posts: 1,754,477 (-0.04%|-754)

Groups For Sale[\[\\$4k BIN\] Selling Official Group \[Payment Plan Available\]](#)

Leadership ChangesNo recent leadership changes!

Group Recruitments[\[Official\] Sui Generis - Graphic Design Recruitment](#)

[\[Official\] Sui Generis - Media Recruitment](#)

[\[Official\] Sui Generis - Literature Recruitment](#)

[\[Official\] Sui Generis - Music Reviewer, Enthusiast Recruitment](#)

[\[Official\] Sui Generis - General Recruitment](#)

[\[Official\] Samaritans | Network Security Division | Recruitment | Apply Today!](#)

[\[Official\] Samaritans | General Recruitment | Join Us Now!](#)

[\[OFFICIAL\] The Wolf Pack | Business Sector 5-Man Recruitment](#)

[\[Official Group\] Terminal - Recruitment #2 - Loungers](#)

[\[Official Group\] Famous - Buy-Ins | Free Instagram Accounts](#)

[\[Official Group\] Famous - Recruitment - Social Media Enthusiasts](#)

[\[Official Group\] Dawn - Recruitment | SRPP](#)

[HACK YOUR WAY IN // \[Official Group\] > {LEGENDS} < // Recruitment - Special Edition](#)

Group Threads[Cyber Gentlemen.](#)

[Appraisers | Informational Thread | Official Group](#)

[Influence | Official Group | Informational Thread](#)

[\[The OLDEST ACTIVE Official Group\] > {LEGENDS} < General Information Thread](#)

[\[Official Group\] Samaritans | General Information](#)

[Sui Generis | Informational Thread | Official Group](#)

[Unity Roadmap](#)

\*As of the Friday prior to release.

User News[Mimikyu](#) has obtained his first 1,000 shitposts.

Bans\*No notable bans this week.

Vacations\*No notable vacation bans this week.

Closures[WageWolf](#) has been closed indefinitely.

[Armada](#) has been permanently closed per request.

AwardsNo notable awards have been earned this week.

\*As of the Sunday prior to release.

#### Announcements

[Donation Awards Retired and Replaced](#) - [Omniscient](#)

All donation awards have been discontinued and replaced.

#### Entertaining Threads

[Awards layout](#) - [Lavish Living](#)

Lavish Living has a little fun rearranging his 70 awards.

[Your English Vocabulary Size.](#) - [Mr. Robot](#)

Mr. Robot starts an interesting discussion about the sizes of our vocabulary.

[No gamble November & 10k bytes goal](#) - [Canny](#)

November is officially over and Canny is now where near his goal. None of us are either.

## [Thanksgiving Table](#) - [Omniscient](#)

In honor of thanksgiving, Omniscient started a thread to share Instagram worthy pictures of our turkey dinners.

Hydra - December 6, 2018, 5:45 pm

We publish the HF News every week yet we have aged members who don't even know we exist! Wear any of the signatures listed below to support us and spread the word about HF News, HF Wiki, and Writers altogether.

Support Signatures [\(Click to View\)](#)

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Short Delay

Finals Week, schools over tho. :) Time to get Interview Team and Podcast launched!

Michael Cohen to plead guilty: Trump ex-lawyers admits lying to Congress

If you've not heard by now, President Donald Trump's ex-lawyer Michael Cohen has admitted that he lied to Congress regarding a property deal that Trump was involved in during the 2016 election. On 29 November 2018, Cohen said he lied to Congress out of loyalty to President Trump. Trump said his former lawyer was 'lying' to prosecutors in an effort to receive a reduced sentence if convicted. A special council led by Robert Mueller is currently investigating Russia's "role in the 2016 election and whether Mr. Trump colluded with it." Cohen pleaded guilty to violating finance laws during the 2016 election in August, where the then-right-hand man handled President Trump's hush money for Trump's alleged affairs in the past.

On Thursday of last week, Michael Cohen, aged 52, pled guilty "to one count of making false statements to Congress." At the hearing he claimed he had submitted an untruthful statement about the Trump Organization and the plan to build a skyscraper in the heart of Russia. Cohen, who referred to President Trump as 'individual 1' stated that he 'made these misstatements to be consistent with individual 1's political messaging and out of loyalty to individual 1.' During October 2018, Michael Cohen was interviewed behind closed doors by lawmakers who were conducting their own investigation into the Trump campaign's alleged involvement with Russia to help sway the US election in 2016. During that investigation Cohen told the committees that talks of the project ended in January 2016. [>>Source](#)

MI6 head claim Russia broke a primary rule of espionage; won't be trusted again

Before reading, you must be briefed on the term "spy swap." Spy swaps date back to the Cold War between the West and Russia. The term itself is self-explanatory, however there are talks behind the scenes that typically go one of two ways. The key goal is to maintain the safety of the spies during the exchange, hence why it is paramount and at the forefront of the agreement. Agencies typically try to keep a "gentleman's agreement" between each party so more spy swaps can be done in the future if need be.

The head of MI6 claims Russia broke a primary rule of espionage and will not be trusted in the future after an assassination attempt took place on a former Russian agent involved in a spy swap. Eyes are already on Russia for numerous reasons, so the revision of assumptions about Moscow after the assassination attempt on Sergei Skripa with a nerve agent was to be expected. Alex Younger, Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) said that the United Kingdom "had partly trusted Russian President Vladimir Putin when Russia pardoned Skripal in 2010 in return for its own agents." Younger said that he and his agents expected the spy swap could build trust and would be honored, however, their opinion has altered greatly after this attack.

In what almost seems like a threat, Younger said: "Russia was in a 'perpetual state of confrontation' with the UK and warned the Kremlin not to underestimate the UK's determination to fight attempts to interfere with its way of life." Younger said his goal with this situation now is to help Russia realize and conclude that whatever the result they were hoping for is not worth the risk that an event like this entails. [>>Source](#)

### Marriott reveals a worrying data breach

This Friday the huge multi-national hotel corporation "Marriott" have said that their guest reservation system has been hacked which has left the information of up to 500 million guests exposed for hackers. It is said that hackers have had access to this information for up to four years, which leads to the question why Marriott has only just revealed this worrying news. Marriott has stated that for 327 million people, the phone numbers, names, email addresses, passport numbers, and numerous other personal information has been leaked. Among this, a few million customers have also been told that their encrypted credit card numbers and expiration dates have also potentially been compromised. With this in mind, many are worrying that the decryption keys for the numerous Credit Cards have also been stolen by the hackers. Marriott has been unable to confirm that the hackers have been able to decrypt these credit card numbers; however, it is clear that they have left many customers in danger of credit card fraud and identity fraud. [>>Source](#)

### 5G to reaches the masses by 2024

Many Mobile Providers are now gearing up in preparation of the rapid 5G adoption. Ericsson, the Swedish telco firm, is expecting North America and Asia to lead the surge with a predicted 55 percent and 43 percent network usage. 5G is anticipated by these large Telecom companies due to their numerous advantages such as much higher network capacity and lower cost per gigabyte. With the introduction of 5G, China itself is expecting to see a massive 79 percent increase in its data traffic which will greatly exceed that of Europe's and North America's.

[>>Source](#)

### Google putting an end to their "Hangouts" service in 2020

According to a report from "9to5Google", Hangouts may be coming to an end at the beginning of 2020. Hangouts, much like Google Plus, has been suffering lack of Support and Updates from Google since its release in 2013 and has actually been losing features, such as the removal of SMS messaging between users. Google announced its new "RCS Chat feature" within Android devices, which is rumored to be a solid replacement for the Hangouts feature. [>>Source](#)

This Week's Battlestation by [Banter.](#)

Want to showcase your own Battlestation (Computer Setup)? [Submit yours now!](#)

TOPIC: Who's your favorite legendary/well-known HF member? Tell us a bit about them.

"Armada, legendary banned! joke aside. He's a very kind dude and definitely a true HF legend."

~Anonymous

"Black shadow - the dude was a fucking legend lmao. dedicated his life to hackforums for multiple

years, long live black shadow."

~Anonymous

"Minimalist would be my favourite from our time from hackercraft staff team. The best example of a high quality user I've ever met."

~Anonymous

TOPIC: Many of us have memories of Hack Forums that we look back on fondly. What is one of your favorite HF memories?

"The one I can most remember was when instinct sub-forum had been closed by Omniscient and then eventually deleted in which our saviour Cryptic made a home for us in his group The Brotherhood with the name "Cancer". That also got closed, but it was a great time."

~Anonymous

"The most memorable moments were shared with now banned and/or closed members."

~Anonymous

"I miss Indendary, he was a communal member whom contruted so much never let us know his personal hurt."

~Anonymous

TOPIC: Rumor has it, we may be seeing the release of the very first Crew features very soon. What do you think Crew battles will be like?

"I think they will be associated with game because Omni mentioned about bringing gaming into HackForums. hoping it is a skill based game. or a fun card game like Uno :D"

~Anonymous

"I was talking with Omniscient and he suggested it may possibly be linked with hackerforever, the online game he recently purchased. Which would be awesome."

~Anonymous

"Wouldn't you want to know business! all i know is motley crue > any and all the other shitty crews"

~Anonymous

Let us know what your opinion is, uncensored. [Begin here.](#)

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**Lavish Living** - December 6, 2018, 6:27 pm

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thanks for the thread shoutout @Bowmanbot <3

**Banter.** - December 6, 2018, 6:39 pm

Amazing read as always Great work to everyone involved! keep up the great work ?  
i am loving the Dark ops so much! ?

**Hydra** - December 6, 2018, 6:42 pm

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Thank you for the support.

**reBELLYus** - December 6, 2018, 6:44 pm

This news edition is wonderful. Nice job Hydra and co.

**Lavish Living** - December 6, 2018, 6:44 pm

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yeah but then it wouldn't be eligible for this - <http://prntscr.com/lrs3kt>

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**Crypt** - December 6, 2018, 6:49 pm

Another great news thread.

Glad my no gamble November thread made it in there ?

**NGMA** - December 6, 2018, 6:51 pm

Quote:Mimikyu has obtained his first 1,000 shitposts.

you put his instead of his\*

**Soulmate~??** - December 6, 2018, 7:09 pm

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**?BowmanBot?** - December 6, 2018, 7:14 pm

Another great edition.

Well done everyone!

**Lavish Living** - December 6, 2018, 7:17 pm

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**Soulmate~??** - December 6, 2018, 7:18 pm

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Nah we all know he would keep it all for himself ?

**Athr** - December 6, 2018, 7:20 pm

Funny comics. Great edition.

Wearing the signature too!

**Pikachu** - December 6, 2018, 7:22 pm

My 1k shitposts made the news. Hell yeah.

**Business** - December 6, 2018, 7:32 pm

Great work this week, let's keep the ball rolling. Everyone should take a second to respond to the Dark Ops questions, and use the report thread to report any interesting HF news so that we can include as much info as possible.

**Hydra** - December 7, 2018, 2:06 am

(Dec 6, 2018 08:18 PM)Soulmate~?? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nah we all know he would keep it all for himself ?

This dude knows me too well. ?

**hash** - December 7, 2018, 5:48 am

Thanks for the news again, definitely appreciated. Might send my battlestations next week ;)

**TCP** - December 7, 2018, 8:08 am

Interesting, will be reading this from now on

**Nick (Name)** - December 8, 2018, 11:24 am

Thanks for the news! Always love reading these every month! Keep it up!

**Bacardi Cola Lime** - December 8, 2018, 12:03 pm

Always excited to read the HF news. Good job Writ3rs, keep it up o/

**Almonds** - December 8, 2018, 12:45 pm

Well done, as usual!

Keep it up.

**Mr. Bean** - December 8, 2018, 1:20 pm

I was wondering if there was a place to sell all submitted battlestation pics ?

**PerfectStorm** - December 9, 2018, 12:31 am

Good job as always with hackforum news!

**Blogger** - December 9, 2018, 1:15 am

How come only one group is listed for sale? There's three right now. Other than that, another good edition. I love reading these things.

• **Enlil Wolf** • - December 9, 2018, 2:26 am

Lovely read as always, great work to everyone who was involved.  
(Also congrats Mimikyu) ?

Regards, Wolf ?

**whit3** - December 11, 2018, 2:44 am

Very helpful, thanks, I just figured it out.

**wizzkid101210** - December 11, 2018, 6:02 am

great read thanks (Y)

keep up the good work