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Omniscient - March 8, 2019, 10:04 am

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Eagle 95 - March 8, 2019, 10:05 am

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Deal - March 8, 2019, 10:08 am

I actually like the fact that thread ratings are gone.

People would gang rate other peoples threads, and you can buy thread ratings for bytes.

So exactly what purpose did they serve when they didn't give a truthful picture of the content of the thread?

Pray - March 8, 2019, 10:08 am

(Mar 8, 2019 11:05 AM)Eagle 95 Wrote: [CITE](#) Those stars were awesome but as you've said, members complained because it lowered their sales. I don't know how's that possible to prove but hey...

Probably just paranoid. I doubt people realistically look at thread ratings, of all things, when deciding whether or not to purchase something.

System never really got used properly in any case.

Omniscient - March 8, 2019, 10:11 am

Quote:So exactly what purpose did they serve when they didn't give a truthful picture of the content of the thread?

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Dredd - March 8, 2019, 10:12 am

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Meowth - March 8, 2019, 10:15 am

It also didn't help that people were paying one another for five-star thread ratings. Sure, you can't prove that it directly influenced sales, but either way, it's surely misleading.

sonex - March 8, 2019, 10:16 am

(Mar 8, 2019 11:05 AM)Eagle 95 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't know how's that possible to prove but hey... In reality it's somewhat true but that's merely few percent. At one point I had so many questions about why my thread is 3 instead of 5 stars that I had to include it in FAQ and I'm not joking about it. The rating system should be buyers-only feature, would make much more sense down the road. IMHO either completely gone or buyers only, anything other than that is pointless unless you think of it as a design thing. Doesnt really serve any purpose if I can go to Marketplace right now and give out 1 star to random people for no apparent reason other than being bored lmao..

SUI-3183372 - March 8, 2019, 10:17 am

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On the other hand the only real use I saw out of them was people using 1-star ratings to piss off members they didn't like.

So, removing a tool that people really only used to be petty... sounds good.

Bluffer - March 8, 2019, 10:17 am

Definitely can recognize the plainness now that rating are gone. Feels like something is missing.

Thornzzz - March 8, 2019, 10:30 am

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Thornzzz - March 8, 2019, 10:38 am

(Mar 8, 2019 11:33 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's because you're 1/2 troll.

I just read the one starred because it's a lot more rare to see than the 5 starred threads. A lot of people will have their threads 5 starred by their friends but the one starred threads were less common and more interesting to read and see why they were one starred.

Mix - March 8, 2019, 10:39 am

RIP them good old stars the only ones you can get now is the awards. Mhmmm

PerfectStorm - March 8, 2019, 10:41 am

Great! I am all for this decision. I prefer without them.

Yeah I noticed it looks slightly boring too but it might just take some time getting used to.

SORRIE - March 8, 2019, 10:47 am

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Lovely? - March 8, 2019, 11:15 am

I liked it, but yea was a bit obselete after b-rating

Nate - March 8, 2019, 11:16 am

bring them back, you ruined my main source of income 30 bytes for a 5 star rating..

I only needed a couple of those deals to be able to exchange those bytes into money for a pizza.

Yin Yang - March 8, 2019, 11:24 am

They don't really add much value when users are getting rep/bytes to 5-star anyways

TITAN OF THE WEST - March 8, 2019, 11:25 am

They added a nice splash of color to the forum, outdated yes but I kind of appreciated them now that their gone :(.

Funny how that works.

Omniscient - March 8, 2019, 11:31 am

Quote:i honestly miss them, it was definitely cool to have dont know why everyone has to complain about everything

Because people in general are fucking assholes who can't STFU most of the time. The world is full of whiners.

TOM - March 8, 2019, 12:40 pm

Of course, Those stars were awesome, One of my sales threads were one of the most rated Active marketplace sales thread on HF (Over 120 + votes I earned it through a long period of time) ..

Anyways myself I never really bothered alot about Sales thread ratings .. ?

Yeh Like everyone else I do miss them definitely it was a good run, it was so nice and cool .. ?

However, this change will stop people exchanging and buying 5 stars with Popularity & bytes.. ?

Bad for me I never did that! ?

Cyber Coder - March 8, 2019, 2:03 pm

i'm glad they are gone, They NEVER reflected the truth of a market thread. It was just a war about morons and competition rating 1 star and buddies + customers rating 5 stars. My thread was made when you could rate anonymously so it had 3 stars while newer threads got 5 stars since you added notification of those who rate your thread. Seems only fair now.

SUI-3183372 - March 8, 2019, 2:09 pm

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\$50

Biggy - March 8, 2019, 2:10 pm

(Mar 8, 2019 03:09 PM)Previously Known As.... Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'll make you a userscript that you can use locally to rate threads still.

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idk what you're talking about.

I wasn't aware of this rule but it's not like I was offering to do that anyways.

You misquoted me.

:)

Who Soup - March 8, 2019, 2:13 pm

You said it best in your own words, it looks boring and plain. Hopefully a solution is found.

Zexi - March 8, 2019, 2:26 pm

Yeah looks like it's missing something now but atleast you will sell more Tags now, since the threads would be way more noticeable with them now.

O.T I never cared about the thread stars tbh never bothered me nor i ever looked at them while buying something.

overlude - March 8, 2019, 2:55 pm

For marketplace threads, maybe a summary (numeric) of trades conducted from the thread and the amount of them finished w/o issue would be a good replacement?

Blazin - March 8, 2019, 3:03 pm

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I would agree the pages look boring, but I think the thread rating was a abused feature. So realistically it's a small thing to lose to gain that.

It's the same thing when people used custom written reps. You get a group of friends who just spam 1 ratings or whatever. A idea could be to let the contracted customers leave a thread rating?

I'm not here to complain, Not saying I didn't like the stars, Just looking at it from a positive point.

Hopsin - March 8, 2019, 3:32 pm

Is the decision permanent? I hope it comes back.

Pronouncer - March 8, 2019, 3:39 pm

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Xerotic - March 8, 2019, 3:44 pm

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Agreed. But don't forget that some competitors or random members or friends of competitors or people who had personal vendetta with OP would 1 rate sales thread which could affect the sales tremendously.

I think the star rating system should be enabled everywhere on HF except marketplace (IMO, don't take it granted). But I do agree that now looks less attractive overall than before.

It was spicy feature, haha. ?

g0han - March 8, 2019, 3:47 pm

Glad they're gone from the marketplace! Its just the marketplace where they were abused, but I guess for consistency you disabled them site wide

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Hey,

I knew it was removed/disabled temporary but didn't remembered the year/dates. Was lazy to use the search function ? ?

Evil - March 8, 2019, 4:04 pm

Maybe create tags that are auto generated on threads that have high amounts of feedback based on the views or replies a thread is getting? Like "hot topic" or "controversial." The equivalent for the marketplace would be to add a thread rating that automatically updates based on the amount of successfully completed contracts using that thread ID. This way it only promotes threads in both area's that are higher quality that are attracting viewership/successful products. Conversely driving more traffic to people who are making good topics/sales threads. Just throwing out ideas.

Tbh, after I got gang negative ratings on a sales thread by other competitors a few years back, I just never used thread ratings or even looked at them when viewing a thread. So, I think this change was very nice.

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(Mar 8, 2019 05:08 PM)Shuriken Social Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Because omni says that in the OP?

Oops. I looked through every post but didn't check that one too closely. ?

Pronouncer - March 8, 2019, 5:20 pm

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Happeh - March 8, 2019, 6:27 pm

I liked them and didn't mind them. People put too much weight into things and if your product isn't getting sales because of your thread having 1 star, maybe that's an issue with your thread, not the system? They're so easy to counteract now; if 10 people gang repped you it'd cost 100~ bytes to counteract that in the first place.

Pikachu - March 8, 2019, 6:53 pm

It does look kinda plain without the rating system, but it's what the people wanted so i can't complain.

Maybe you can set up a system within the marketplace threads where it shows a little banner or something where the ratings used to be that will say something like "Amazing Seller" or "Trusted Seller" or "Popular Seller/Product" or something along those lines that automatically goes based on the amount of completed contracts a specific thread has, like a different kind of rating system that can't really be abused because it goes based on the number of completed contracts within that specific thread.

SIM-888979 - March 8, 2019, 7:50 pm

Back to the old era of HF? ?

I loved the ratings, it wasn't a good representation of what a product was like, because everyone else looked at vouches instead. It was just a visual aspect to make a thread more click-worthy, that's all. So sad that it's gone now.

EDIT: Time to buy sales tag instead!

SoulZeh - March 8, 2019, 8:33 pm

In my honest opinion fuck what everyone else thinks, I loved having the rating system, everything just seems so odd without it now.

BoobsNsex - March 8, 2019, 8:47 pm

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non upgraded users cant even vote lol

Crypt - March 8, 2019, 9:00 pm

I liked being able to rate threads but I suppose it's fairer this way.

DamienVC - March 8, 2019, 9:28 pm

(Mar 8, 2019 11:05 AM)Eagle 95 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Those stars were awesome but as you've said, members complained because it lowered their sales. I don't know how's that possible to prove but hey...
I don't really see why a few stars would lower sales

But they did have a good look with the thread title, and their removal did leave somewhat of a 'void'.

Motusora - March 8, 2019, 9:33 pm

i never noticed that you removed it until i saw this .
well i completely agree with you sir .

thanks for doing what's the best on this forum
cheers !!

Houtarou - March 8, 2019, 9:37 pm

Honestly I think the forums look cleaner now, rather than plainer. But I can understand both opinions.

• **Enlil Wolf** • - March 8, 2019, 9:59 pm

Will miss the thread stars as now with just the sales tag - it looks completely plain & barren.
At least before, threads without the \$20 sales tag had something going on for them with the ratings.

Oh well, whatever you guys think is good for the forums. Good Day ?

Zeus - March 8, 2019, 10:03 pm

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I never really trusted them, you could get 5 stars for 10 bytes.

System[X] - March 9, 2019, 12:43 am

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This is why i suggested in my post, Ratings then can NOT be abused.

Thanks

BITW - March 9, 2019, 12:53 am

My opinion - It was a good decision. :)

CyberError - March 9, 2019, 12:58 am

mostly i seen rating are good for the forum , i always used to rate 1 star to lq threads

Charmz- - March 9, 2019, 1:32 am

I think this is a great change! Thread ratings do not accurately represent the quality of a thread.

01001 - March 9, 2019, 2:19 am

Ratings were quite useful although people used to abuse it by rating other competitive threads. Now, it's good, but we aren't used to such plainness, but we'll use to it. Nevertheless, it's good to disable such an option for a while as people will understand how to differentiate between threads that require attention than hyping a thread on purpose!

iNviZ - March 9, 2019, 7:01 am

I always liked the ratings but I see why people complained about them.

Kill Joy - March 9, 2019, 7:33 am

Doesn't bother me from a mobile perspective of course.

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I actually like that idea. Maybe not in the marketplace though.

TCP - March 9, 2019, 8:29 am

I liked them, I hope they will be back

If a product is good it will sell, no matter the stars number

Night Fury - March 9, 2019, 8:55 am

Dang, I liked them. I'd look at a 3-starred thread as one that was controversial and probably worth reading.

Example:

(Feb 25, 2019 08:22 PM)Dr. Einyel Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) PS: Idiot NKVD underrated (stars) my thread. What an asshole. Stupid communist, ignorant.

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This seems like a general truth outside of the marketplace as well.

Any way ratings can just be disabled in the marketplace alone? Then again, other e-commerce platforms like eBay and Amazon have ratings on all products. There will always be competition in a free market. Fallacious reviews can be removed on Amazon, so could something similar be done here? In this case, if someone was to not purchase a product but give it a rating, that could be a warnable infraction.

Or, is there any way you could make it so only threads with contracts attached to them can be reviewed by users involved in the contract? It would be similar to Amazon's "Verified Purchase" feature. Those ratings hold much more weight than the non-verified reviews.

dredos - March 9, 2019, 9:01 am

Like someone said before, only buyers (contracted buyers/vouchers) should be able to rate the thread in Marketplace.

Outside the marketplace, it should stay like it was before.

Pyro - March 9, 2019, 9:34 am

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yeah i would love to see "hot threads" in lounge

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The replies are already shown on forumdisplay. The folder icon also represents "Hot" topics already too.

Looking at the forumdisplay now what I would consider changing is those folder icons. We could potentially make them a sprite and also larger.

EDIT: I just went into DB and deleted all existing thread ratings.

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Would be awesome to see the red/hot thread icons get a makeover based on this. Get darker as the posts increase or something like that

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Too much work for too little impact. The reviews and B-rating are what should matter, not stars. Doing this would only dilute the importance of the other factors.

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Enable thread ratings but only allow a rating to be posted for "X"-amount of bytes.

This means people will still be able to post ratings if they feel so inclined, but they'll have to actually use a resource thereby reducing the likelihood of spammed ratings and so forth. Maybe even make it pretty expensive, so only people who really want to give a good thread 5 stars will be inclined to do so.

It would also drastically reduce the number of threads with ratings, both giving good threads more visibility as well as preventing the ratings being an eye-sore.

Elysium - March 10, 2019, 9:19 am

I'm a little conflicted or perhaps just indifferent about this change. On one hand I think it leaves the forum looking a little bland but on the other hand I feel that the majority of thread ratings were either paid for with bytes or a way of retribution from other members.

mrnapolean1 - March 10, 2019, 3:42 pm

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Omniscient - March 10, 2019, 4:03 pm

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Awesome, I'm glad to hear it! Is there any hint at what it will be or do we need to wait for the release to find out? ?

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If someone got some negative ratings, they could've just bought some stars with bytes, it was a weird market....

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But were the 4/5 star products better products or not? And were those 3 star products just mediocre? IMHO the star ratings were just fine for reflecting a threads popularity and quality. I know there was some abuse but I don't believe it was rampant. I just think some got butthurt over the random 1 star gangs when it hit their thread and they blamed their lack of sales on the stars and not their shit product/service.

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For the most part, 4/5 star products were better products. 3 star mediocre.

The random 1 star gang ratings were what caused an issue but ultimately, the system was pretty solid.

Who Soup - March 10, 2019, 6:00 pm

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Looking forward to the update, thank you @Xerotic for your dedication and hard work.

mrnapolean1 - March 10, 2019, 8:58 pm

(Mar 10, 2019 04:03 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I already have Xerotic working on a solution I came up with. Hope to integrate the code this week. Members will be very happy.
Cool! Cant wait to see what you and Xerotic cooks up!

GenericSkid - March 10, 2019, 9:01 pm

I literally was just 5-starring the entire java section for funzies. Occasionally people would PM me about it, which was funny. Sad to see 'em go.

Cyam - March 11, 2019, 5:34 am

(Mar 10, 2019 05:23 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) But were the 4/5 star products better products or not? And were those 3 star products just mediocre? IMHO the star ratings were just fine for reflecting a threads popularity and quality. I know there was some abuse but I don't believe it was rampant. I just think some got butthurt over the random 1 star gangs when it hit their thread and they blamed their lack of sales on the stars and not their shit product/service.

Rating abuse decreased since alerts so it's sad to see them go

?BowmanBot? - March 11, 2019, 10:03 am

I think thread ratings should JUST be disabled in marketplace forums as that is where the complaints are coming from. They are somewhat useful for threads in the lounge when trying to decide if a thread is worth opening up and reading. Having it disabled would also almost eliminate the gang thread rating raids as users would be less enticed to rate competitors thread negatively.

This would also keep the forum from feeling "boring". On this note, I would also add in different colours based on the theme of the site. For example, purple starts for the purple theme. This would make the site seem more "seamless."

Just my 2 cents.

Absolute - March 11, 2019, 11:11 am

Its a good thing. People always asked in low Member contests to "leave 5 star review on this 2 threads" etc.

I guess its a f... JOKE. The content doesnt matter , if you have ub3r friends you can ask all to leave 5 star reviews...

But i know a good idea (maybe).

So i think it would be good like this :

- After people buy your method/service they could leave review after 24 hours , i mean STAR RATING, but only for buyery!! So no fake reviews.
- After this they could change it 1 more times, if method stop working or they dont get payments anymore
- Buyers could also rate the method's originality , for example : Public , Medium-Quality, Never seen before, High-Quality or similiar to this

Sorry for my English, btw its just my idea, dont attack me, i dont know if its good idea or not lol

b?xxy - March 11, 2019, 11:12 am

I remember when thread ratings used to be a way to bully members.

Never really cared either way for them, but I see what you mean.

SIM-1349466 - March 12, 2019, 9:41 am

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PerfectStorm - March 12, 2019, 12:04 pm

(Mar 12, 2019 09:41 AM)SlyCoyote Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Took me a full 4 days to realize they were removed. Yeah, it looks kind of boring now that I look at it.

Something needs to take its place to solve this.

Dr. Einyel - March 12, 2019, 12:12 pm

(Mar 8, 2019 11:04 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have disabled site-wide the Thread Ratings. I've never minded them and while only semi-useful I thought visually they added something to the forumdisplay pages. Members have asked me to alter or remove them for a while now. At one point in HF history they were completely disabled. We don't have a plan to replace them but that's something I'm considering. Realistically any system to rate threads is so similar to the Thread Ratings system of MyBB that I don't see why we just don't use it. Adding B-Ratings isn't appropriate because that's only for Marketplace. Running 2 system is too much wasted resources imho.

So for now many of you have your wish and Thread Ratings are disabled. IMHO the forums look a lot plainer now, almost boring. Actually bothers me already how plain the pages are.

Happy now?

I believe that is a good feature to have thread ratings, but maybe a lil more moderated? Like, for example a public history of who rated the thread and a manually description about why, so people know if a thread has 1/5 just because the one that rated is just hating the authour (like the stupid communist that rated my thread just because he is a socialist dumb ass), or 5/5 just because they are friends.

Or maybe just add some rules about when it is allowed to rate, for example after contracts, or for scam, only if you test the service/pdf/method that is being offered, or for breaking the rules, or ban the rates just from friends as a favor, etc...

Also prohibit the rating sells or trades, etc.

I honestly think it is a good and necessary feature

Bacardi Cola Lime - March 12, 2019, 12:15 pm

Waiting patiently to see what you guys will come up with to replace the thread ratings. Always excited to see new stuff, as you manage to never disappoint.

SIM-1349466 - March 12, 2019, 2:39 pm

(Mar 12, 2019 12:04 PM)PerfectStorm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Something needs to take its place to solve this. "PerfectStorm gives this 5 stars"

Blazin - March 12, 2019, 5:15 pm

(Mar 12, 2019 12:04 PM)PerfectStorm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Something needs to take its place to solve this. Solve what? fake thread ratings are removed and it looks much cleaner now.

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PerfectStorm - March 12, 2019, 5:30 pm

(Mar 12, 2019 05:15 PM)Blazin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Solve what? fake thread ratings are removed and it looks much cleaner now.

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