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Thread: [Member Pruning](#)

Omniscient - May 20, 2019, 11:18 pm

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Enjoy.

DOG - May 20, 2019, 11:22 pm

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Wow. 250k it's a crazy number?

I suppose because of gdpr or whatever regarding the law?

Luckily my username is DOG don't need anything else. But I'm curious to see some new interesting name change.

Elara - May 20, 2019, 11:27 pm

Oh my god, thank you Omni! Maybe I can get a newer username that is a lost OG! Can't wait to try some names I have in mind.

Omniscient - May 20, 2019, 11:30 pm

These are closed accounts from years and years ago. No sense in keeping them in the database.

CyberPhunk - May 20, 2019, 11:30 pm

Would be great if you can share a page with list of those usernames would help for looking at available names !

Cheers!

SIM-3257834 - May 20, 2019, 11:32 pm

Hope I can make kill joy happy by changing my name to bat. Now he's got BTC, ETH, and bAt in his crew.

Omniscient - May 20, 2019, 11:32 pm

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Cheers!

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Eagle 95 - May 20, 2019, 11:33 pm

That's great news for those username whores. ?

Bear - May 20, 2019, 11:33 pm

Thanks alot boss. Now I can be OG Bear.

Dorrance - May 20, 2019, 11:46 pm

Thank you, guess my new username.

Pancake Boat - May 20, 2019, 11:48 pm

I love my new username. Thanks, Omni.

Herbert - May 20, 2019, 11:50 pm

Awesome, I finally got the username I wanted since 2014 :)

SIM-403479 - May 21, 2019, 12:25 am

I can now have the username I always wanted but I enjoy Halo way too much.

Pyro - May 21, 2019, 12:29 am

Just got shorter OG version of previous nick. Thanks boss ?

AntonGigabit - May 21, 2019, 12:32 am

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Spaark - May 21, 2019, 12:38 am

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Bacardi Cola Lime - May 21, 2019, 1:16 am

(May 21, 2019 12:25 AM)Halo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I can now have the username I always wanted but I enjoy Halo way too much.

If you can get Jamie and you don't... I hope I can remember the avatars so I recognize the members you will change their names. GFX artists who made animated banners writing '500k members' will have to change it as well.

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SIM-403479 - May 21, 2019, 1:34 am

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Nah I would rather have Jamieeee than Jamie. It was something completely different.

SIM-3205632 - May 21, 2019, 1:35 am

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Pancake Boat - May 21, 2019, 1:35 am

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Motusora - May 21, 2019, 1:39 am

(May 21, 2019 12:32 AM)AntonGigabit Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) so many members wow. can take names? you can now change to your OG name Antonia ?

AntonGigabit - May 21, 2019, 1:40 am

(May 21, 2019 01:39 AM)Motusora Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) you can now change to your OG name Antonia ? xd I need upgrade to do that though right?

Deany - May 21, 2019, 1:45 am

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Motusora - May 21, 2019, 1:49 am

(May 21, 2019 01:40 AM)AntonGigabit Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) xd I need upgrade to do that though right? yeah i forgot about that part , go steal money from your momma now and buy upgrades ?

AntonGigabit - May 21, 2019, 1:49 am

(May 21, 2019 01:49 AM)Motusora Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) yeah i forgot about that part , go steal money from your momma now and buy upgrades ?
lol never steal from your Mother ?

Motusora - May 21, 2019, 1:50 am

(May 21, 2019 01:35 AM)P I M P Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Sadly I still cannot get Pimp. Guess I'll stick with P I M P for the time being thanks Omni. <3
how about ' Pussy ' ? it's sounds same right ? ?

tweety - May 21, 2019, 1:55 am

(May 21, 2019 01:45 AM)Deany Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) @Tweety. lose that ugly period on it chief

Happeh - May 21, 2019, 1:59 am

(May 21, 2019 01:39 AM)M0HX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Omni = Thanos confirmed.
snaps fingers
?

Perfectly balanced, as all things should be. ?
Spoilers man. Way to spoil a good film.

Stoner - May 21, 2019, 2:04 am

I'm happy with my username right now but this is good.

(May 21, 2019 12:38 AM)Spaark Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm genuinely curious how these members were closed.

Does yourself and the staff team really close this many accounts manually?
No, probably a query showing accounts inactive for longer then_

curious - May 21, 2019, 3:11 am

yoooo thanks for this :D

got curious

Dotexe - May 21, 2019, 3:13 am

Damn, finally got mine. Thank you Omni!

dredos - May 21, 2019, 3:29 am

Just checked if there are any nice usernames, there's a lot of cool usernames in hacking niche.
Password

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Trojan & trojan

Worm

Hacker

James Burnham - May 21, 2019, 3:31 am

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Awesome edit

macaroon - May 21, 2019, 3:48 am

Cant change my username right now, i want to use cool username. i really need to upgrade. thanks
admin.

You going to post all the deleted user or not ??

Motusora - May 21, 2019, 3:51 am

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Not planning to stick with this one. This was just for testing purposes. I'm not into hacking so it
doesn't fit me anyway.

S2K - May 21, 2019, 4:20 am

My luck :(I missed the MS-DOS username with 6 months, the closed account is still there and I can't grab it and have to stick special chars

4158996621556 - May 21, 2019, 4:47 am

omfg i just got doge im shaking im shaking im shaking but im still hackingdoge everyone ok calm down

The AI - May 21, 2019, 4:51 am

That's a huge cut! 250k freed usernames is no joke!
But I'm okay with mine :P

4158996621556 - May 21, 2019, 4:52 am

(May 21, 2019 04:48 AM)M0HX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) congrats.. wooof!
u dont hacking anyways so doge is purfect.
hey mohx how about u go and help ur mom and dad and aunts and uncles and goldfishes to fix their pc? just hacked them all

b careful when u talk about doge. clear? WOOF /BARKS MENACINGLY

? ?

BTC - May 21, 2019, 5:02 am

All I have to say is good riddance with them 250k closed accounts ?

muzzy. - May 21, 2019, 5:02 am

The name 'Muzzy' is taken by a member who joined this year and has one post.

Three more years I guess :(

Banter. - May 21, 2019, 5:31 am

Awesome stuff dude some cool username names will pop up now , and ill need to relearn who the fuck they are lol

Happeh - May 21, 2019, 5:38 am

(May 21, 2019 04:42 AM)M0HX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) you must be living under a rock if u didnt see infinity wars or atleast the memes from 1 yr ago lol.
im just not 14 anymore so it doesnt appeal.

iNuke - May 21, 2019, 5:41 am

The name I want is on a 2017 profile. Guy went online for 7 minutes, made 2 posts asking for stuff in giveaway section and that's it :(
FML.

Cool pruning though! ?

BottomNotch - May 21, 2019, 5:44 am

Everyone changing their username always throws me off when I'm trading. Thanks for the prune anyways!

?BowmanBot? - May 21, 2019, 6:13 am

(May 21, 2019 05:38 AM)Happeh Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) im just not 14 anymore so it doesnt appeal.
I can see the appeal of super hero movies but I just don't like them, never have, probably never will.

I hate the subliminal messages that these movies portray.

"You have to be special to do anything meaningful in this world."

And as a women,

"You have to be pick by this special man for you to have any worth."

It's fucking horrible that we teach kids these "lessons", I am a firm believer that, along with social media, super heros play a huge part in mental illness in the world.

Saint - May 21, 2019, 6:21 am

Thats great haha, got my OG name last user prune so i'm happy where i'm at.

SIM-3257834 - May 21, 2019, 6:27 am

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(May 21, 2019 06:27 AM)bAt Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Could cite the specific moment these movies imply that? -.- I think you have misunderstood what I have said.

Superman:

He has super powers, only he can save the world.

Spiderman:

He was bitten by a spider, now has super powers, only he can save the world.

Ironman & Batman:

They are both rich, the make themselves machines to give them powers, only they can save the world.

Captain America:

He was given super powers, only he can save the world.

The Avengers Saga:

They all have powers, only they can save the world.

In reality, there are no super powers and no super villains but there are bad people and situations in the world. These movie whole message is "unless you have superpowers you can't do anything to improve the world". But just holding a door open for someone can make their day. Volunteering at a homeless shelter, safe injection site, soup kitchen, hell even volunteering at a community event makes the world better.

These movies portray that it must be a big action to save the world but in reality it's a bunch of small actions that make the world a better place.

funtela - May 21, 2019, 6:38 am

(May 21, 2019 12:32 AM)AntonGigabit Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) so many members wow. can take names?
Yes we can

Nas - May 21, 2019, 8:48 am

Finally got rid of the - that was in front of my name!

Goku - May 21, 2019, 9:22 am

Oh fuck, sometime ago I wanted an username but now I forgot which one...

thanks for pruning tho!

Well took Goku if anyone wants KFC now is the time :)

?BowmanBot? - May 21, 2019, 10:39 am

(May 21, 2019 09:19 AM)M0HX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) chillax dude.. theyre just movies and kids wont think like you do.. thats just weird ?

No it's not about them actively thinking about it. It's subliminal messaging.

It's the same as seeing a fast and furious movie and then thinking ricing out your car is cool or wanting a "cool car" when you're older. They never specifically state that but it's portrayed that way and that's all that matters.

Also, I'm not saying that people shouldn't watch these movies, I personally think it's over hyped and causes damage to society both in through our children as well as the popular movie industry as a whole. But this is just my opinion, that is all.

Omniscient - May 21, 2019, 10:57 am

Quote:I'm genuinely curious how these members were closed.

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Years ago we had a database user table breach. I forced a lot of password changes but there was still issues with the accounts getting stolen because of the email exposed. There was also problems with inactive members deciding to sell their accounts to scammers. So I started closing inactive accounts regularly. If you didn't log onto HF in a year you were closed. Eventually this led to 300k closed accounts.

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That's awesome. Saving it for future use. :)

Mix - May 21, 2019, 11:03 am

I am happy with my username since the whole 3 character usernames came out, but this should allow members to have some really OG names again

Michael - May 21, 2019, 11:43 am

Haha perfect, after all these years, I now have my name with normal characters.

Riyu - May 21, 2019, 2:44 pm

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Bluffer - May 21, 2019, 2:46 pm

Great idea. I got Bluffer finally.

Tonight - May 21, 2019, 7:55 pm

Oh wow, finally got my username after four+ years.

The old account was inactive for 7 years next month so I had it bookmarked and would check it.

Good timing, yeehaw!

Hex - May 21, 2019, 8:09 pm

(May 20, 2019 11:33 PM)Bear Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks alot boss. Now I can be OG Bear.
Haha, me too! Instead of I'm Hex, I can just be Hex now.

Admire - May 21, 2019, 8:16 pm

Didn't see this happened, just changed my name today wonder if it was part of it.

(May 21, 2019 02:44 PM)Riyu Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm done changing my name but this is cool
I would hope so 403 name changes LOL

Cryptic™ - May 21, 2019, 8:48 pm

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DOG - May 21, 2019, 8:50 pm

(May 21, 2019 08:48 PM)Cryptic™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have to wait a few more years for the OG Cryptic to be available
You still didn't get it :(

I think it's the 3rd time I see you posting about it ?

Happeh - May 21, 2019, 9:14 pm

Can't even find a member using the username I want but still not available.

Fuuuuck.

Cooligan - May 21, 2019, 9:27 pm

I'm sure tons of members will highly appreciate this.

Thanks as always Omni. ?

Dorrance - May 21, 2019, 9:44 pm

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I have the same issue dawg, I'm tryna get my official name.

Kosmos - May 21, 2019, 9:58 pm

I appreciate this very much. I was able to get Kosmos back without having to use special characters. I figured this would happen eventually so I didn't bother you about it before. Hahah. Thank you again Omni!

ama - May 21, 2019, 10:06 pm

Nice to hear, been seeing some cool usernames around recently.

ggNoRe - May 21, 2019, 10:10 pm

thanks boss, finally a better name

Maskin - May 21, 2019, 11:56 pm

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Omniscient - May 22, 2019, 12:02 am

(May 21, 2019 11:56 PM)CIA Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You're talking about the latest breach which was in 2010 if I remember correctly, right?

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Maskin - May 22, 2019, 12:14 am

(May 22, 2019 12:02 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I like how "latest breach" is 9 years ago. :)

Crazy that 2010 is 9 years ago!

I'll buy you a white hat on the 10 year mark ?

Mr. Robot - May 22, 2019, 12:19 am

(May 22, 2019 12:02 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I like how "latest breach" is 9 years ago. :)

Can you do one of those days without incident workplace things and hang it off the banner lmao

Dorrance - May 22, 2019, 12:20 am

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Tonight - May 22, 2019, 12:56 am

(May 22, 2019 12:20 AM)Dorrance Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can't seem to find the profile to the username I want, but it's taken.

Not too hip on how big ol servers and databases and all that stuff works but could it be possible the username isn't currently associated with an account on the front end but still is on its deleted account on the backend until everything gets processed/archived/published or whatever.

Maybe it'll become available to claim soon.

It's 1 AM. I don't know how anything works. I hope you get you username.

Dorrance - May 22, 2019, 12:59 am

(May 22, 2019 12:56 AM)Tonight Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) -snip

I think I want the username Tonight so let me know when it's available ?

Tonight - May 22, 2019, 1:01 am

(May 22, 2019 12:59 AM)Dorrance Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think I want the username Tonight so let me know when it's available ?

This is a half a decade old alias by now. This username dies with my account when that fateful day comes.

And to add on to my previous post.

My only logical reasoning for that is that both my old username (with special character) and the old account the username was on (in lowercase) still show up when you search for it so I don't think the DB is fully updated yet.

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

Happeh - May 22, 2019, 1:31 am

Fuck, the name I wanted must have been pruned before because a user registered it May 10th, 2019, came on for 17 minutes then left. Faaaaaaaaack.

Kosmos - May 22, 2019, 1:44 am

(May 22, 2019 01:31 AM)Happeh Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Fuck, the name I wanted must have been pruned before because a user registered it May 10th, 2019, came on for 17 minutes then left. Faaaaaaaaack. That's honestly pretty shitty. People who take good names and leave forever are scum of the earth. Hopefully you'll get it next prune. I thankfully got mine (not insanely different) and I can login with my username now.

Riizq - May 22, 2019, 2:40 am

idk I am thinking of a username change. Hmm, I'll need a good avatar too with it. How do I change my userbar tho?

How do I check for a new username without changing it? If I update username it will change my username right?

flavoral - May 22, 2019, 2:55 am

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Happeh - May 22, 2019, 3:21 am

(May 22, 2019 02:55 AM)flavoral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) LOL BIG OOF. inb4 it's someone who know you and made a multi just to claim the username before you
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What was it?

Happeh - May 22, 2019, 4:11 am

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flavoral - May 22, 2019, 4:55 am

(May 22, 2019 04:11 AM)Happeh Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thats a secret for next time.
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Happeh - May 22, 2019, 5:00 am

(May 22, 2019 04:55 AM)flavoral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) inb4 it's just "Happy" lol
Definitely not.

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Mac - May 22, 2019, 6:50 am

Dope. Finally got a different username. Thanks.

Lonely - May 22, 2019, 7:12 am

Thanks I just snagged Lonely.

Lonely Star ---> Lonely

WhatTheGox - May 22, 2019, 8:17 am

I got a cool name because of this prune i think :)

Omniscient - May 22, 2019, 9:27 am

Quote:what was the reason behind another prune?

Was just in the mood to do it. Idle time usually leads me to prune page in the ACP.

Also if a recent account took a name but it didn't make any posts, it will get pruned within weeks.

Zeus - May 22, 2019, 9:46 am

Meh, i don't think any name can beat the one i'm using now thats available :)

Have fun name hunting peeps.

Warbiest - May 23, 2019, 6:59 am

Aaay, finally I can take my old friend's username. Took me long enough.

Pikachu - May 23, 2019, 11:25 am

Sweet. And just like that I'm a Pikachu now!

Porn - May 23, 2019, 11:41 am

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Just wondering because I assume 20% were closed for breaking rules/scamming and the other 80% are just inactive.

Cryptic™ - May 23, 2019, 4:27 pm

(May 23, 2019 02:56 PM)M0HX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) is it just me or older posts now say "29 hours ago" lol looks like anything more than 48 hours says the actual date.

anything less than 48 hours says hours

Game - May 24, 2019, 12:51 am

Awesome, just changed my name to Worm. I don't know why but I like it; for now anyway. Thanks.

If only Xbox Live would do the same lol.

I'll have a look for a few other names that interest me in meantime as I'm sure there are better ones available. If only 3 char's were available again.

Angel - May 24, 2019, 2:15 am

Thanks for the update boss! I already got the username I wanted in the previous prune!

Traum - May 24, 2019, 5:56 am

Nice, too bad the name I want got grabbed in the pruning earlier this year. Dude hasn't come online since then, but I guess that's just my bad luck.