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Traum - June 5, 2019, 7:04 am

The Requirements System of HackForums Explained

Introduction:

As you know (or don't) there are requirements around HF that prevent certain usergroups from using the various features HF has to offer.

To give you a better understanding of what you can and can't do, I'll explain the requirements system in this thread.

Take a look below to find the topics that interest you and see what requirements are put in place.

Topics:

Avatars

Changing Username

Custom Usertitle

Popularity / Reputation

Posting Links / Images

Posting / Making Threads & Editing Them

Private Messages

Searching

Signatures

Trust Scan

Upgrades

Avatars:

Default / Premade Avatars

- usable for everyone [>>>here](#)

Custom Avatar

- must be upgraded to L33t or Ub3r
- image can't be larger than 120x150 pixels
- image can't be larger than 100KB

Changing Username:

- must be upgraded to L33t or Ub3r
- username must have at least 4 visible characters
- Ub3rs can have 3 character usernames

Custom Usertitle:

- must be upgraded to L33t or Ub3r
- maximum of 35 characters

Popularity:

Popularity / Reputation can only be given by upgraded members.
Depending on the upgrade you can give more popularity than others.

L33t: +1 | 0

Ub3r: +3 | -3

V3ndor (w/ L33t): +5 | 0

V3ndor (w/ Ub3r): +5 | -5

Posting Links / Images:

Posting Links

- minimum of 50 quality posts / upgraded to L33t or Ub3r

Posting Images

- minimum of 50 quality posts / upgraded to L33t or Ub3r

Posting / Making Threads & Editing Them

Posting

- no requirements

Post Length

Regular Member: 8,000 characters

L33t: 12,000 characters

Ub3r: 30,000 characters

V3ndor: 40,000 characters

Making Threads

Marketplace / Premium Sellers Section

- upgraded to L33t or Ub3r

Science, Religion, Philosophy, and Politics Section

- upgraded to L33t or Ub3r

Other Sections

- no requirements

Editing Posts / Threads

Regular Member: 5x in a 60-day period

L33t: 10x in a 90-day period

Ub3r: 15x in 180-day period

V3ndor: unlimited & no edit time limit

Closing Threads / Deleting Posts

- must be upgraded to L33t or Ub3r

Private Messages:

Sending Private Messages

- minimum of 25 quality posts / L33t or Ub3r

Receiving Private Messages

- no requirements

Inbox Size

L33t: increases the inbox size to 2,500

Ub3r: increases the inbox size to 10,000

V3ndor: increases the inbox size to 25,000

Message Pruning

Regular Member: messages older than 2 months

L33t: messages older than 6 months

Ub3r: messages older than 1 year

V3ndor: unknown

Searching:

Regular Member:

L33t: 5 second search flood limit

Ub3r: 5 second search flood limit

V3ndor: unknown

Signatures:

Signature Text

- no usergroup requirements

- maximum of 250 characters

Signature Image

- must be upgraded to L33t or Ub3r

- maximum of one image

- image can't be larger than 600x200 pixels

- image can't be larger than 500KB

Trust Scan:

- must be upgraded to L33t or Ub3r

Upgrades:

L33t

- no requirements [>>>upgrade here](#)

Ub3r

- must be upgraded to L33t
- account is at least 60 days old
- made 100 or more posts
- have at least 50 popularity [>>>upgrade here](#)

V3ndor

- must be upgraded to L33t
- \$100 fee
- need to get accepted [>>>apply here](#)

flavoral - June 5, 2019, 7:31 am

Can L33T users close threads now?

Traum - June 5, 2019, 7:40 am

(Jun 5, 2019 07:31 AM)flavoral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can L33T users close threads now?
Yes, they can.

?BowmanBot? - June 5, 2019, 7:45 am

Very well done! Glad to see this information all in one page.

Spaark - June 5, 2019, 7:57 am

Good work Traum, you're setting a great example of what Samaritans is striving for into the future.
Well done <3

flavoral - June 5, 2019, 8:03 am

(Jun 5, 2019 07:40 AM)Traum Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, they can.
Nice. Well great thread anyways. This should help some people.

Jiren - June 5, 2019, 8:07 am

Nice thread, I know you've worked hard on this! Keep it up :)

Traum - June 5, 2019, 8:07 am

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Thanks a lot! <3 I hope it does help new and old members out.

(Jun 5, 2019 08:07 AM)Jiren Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice thread, I know you've worked hard on this! Keep it up :)

Thanks <3 I'll make sure to keep content like this coming.

Haseo™ - June 5, 2019, 9:14 am

Looks like you've worked hard on this and it turned out nicely. Well done ^_^

Dorrance - June 5, 2019, 9:45 am

Nice thread boss I was first to see it, but I couldn't post. I am glad someone has finally made a thread like this to help knowledge some users instead of asking simple questions.

Xerotic - June 5, 2019, 10:06 am

Nice. You have a couple inaccuracies though.

Traum - June 5, 2019, 10:09 am

(Jun 5, 2019 10:06 AM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice. You have a couple inaccuracies though. Please feel free to educate me on what needs to be changed in order to be accurate!

flavoral - June 5, 2019, 10:15 am

(Jun 5, 2019 10:06 AM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice. You have a couple inaccuracies though. Oh yeah true.

For usernames, UB3R can have 3 letters usernames.

Traum - June 5, 2019, 10:19 am

(Jun 5, 2019 10:15 AM)flavoral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Oh yeah true. For usernames, UB3R can have 3 letters usernames.

Thanks, I'll update the thread.

RedCupcake - June 5, 2019, 10:42 am

Very nice informational thread buddy. :)

tux1 - June 5, 2019, 11:14 am

Nice, thanks for posting this!

SUI-3183372 - June 5, 2019, 11:24 am

Thanks for helping out, as always, Maxim.

Edit: wait a second....

Dotexe - June 5, 2019, 11:33 am

(Jun 5, 2019 11:24 AM)BV1 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for helping out, as always, Maxim.

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"Status: Online (Reporting a Post @ 11:30 AM) " You're done bro ?

Eagle 95 - June 5, 2019, 11:39 am

(Jun 5, 2019 11:24 AM)BV1 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for helping out, as always, Maxim.

Edit: wait a second....

Wow so harsh, yet so true. ?

@OP - I don't fancy the font. Rest is fine.

Rebornz - June 5, 2019, 11:42 am

Now this is really something informative!

Thanks for this!

Traum - June 5, 2019, 11:43 am

(Jun 5, 2019 11:33 AM)Dotexe Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) "Status: Online (Reporting a Post @ 11:30 AM) "
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Thank you.

SUI-3183372 - June 5, 2019, 11:44 am

(Jun 5, 2019 11:43 AM)Traum Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's for the next guide I'm working on. :) I needed a screenshot of the report menu.

Let me know when it's posted so I can hit it with a: <https://www.instagram.com/p/BtYknIBhGwR/>

flavoral - June 5, 2019, 11:51 am

(Jun 5, 2019 11:44 AM)BV1 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Let me know when it's posted so I can hit it with a:
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SUI-3183372 - June 5, 2019, 11:52 am

(Jun 5, 2019 11:51 AM)flavoral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) >post link

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New context. Fits in better with our posting guidelines now.

Dotexe - June 5, 2019, 11:53 am

(Jun 5, 2019 11:51 AM)flavoral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) >post link

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LOOOL ? BV1 in a nutshell <3

Pyro - June 5, 2019, 11:56 am

(Jun 5, 2019 07:31 AM)flavoral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can L33T users close threads now?

(Jun 5, 2019 07:40 AM)Traum Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, they can.

U sure ?

Traum - June 5, 2019, 11:58 am

(Jun 5, 2019 11:56 AM)Pyro Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) U sure ?

Yes, your answer is located here: <https://hackforums.net/upgrade.php>

BTC - June 5, 2019, 12:00 pm

Nice thread buddy!

(Jun 5, 2019 11:56 AM)Pyro Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) U sure ?

<https://i.imgur.com/9oUhGtK.png>

flavoral - June 5, 2019, 12:01 pm

(Jun 5, 2019 11:56 AM)Pyro Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) U sure ?

Yeah just confirmed it. Made some L33T try to do it.

Traum - June 5, 2019, 12:03 pm

(Jun 5, 2019 12:01 PM)flavoral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah just confirmed it. Made some L33T try to do it.
Thank you for proving the point.

Mix - June 5, 2019, 5:53 pm

You missed the Inbox Size for normal members.

Other than that it's pretty up to date. I am really enjoying these threads.

Blogger - June 5, 2019, 6:43 pm

You should be specific with the things you've listed. Take avatars for example. You should mention the required dimensions. Something similar to what you did for signatures.

This is a nice outline you have going though.

Spaark - June 5, 2019, 8:34 pm

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Spaark - June 5, 2019, 11:55 pm

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So who's getting the tedious job of rewriting the [Help Docs](#) ?

Bacardi Cola Lime - June 6, 2019, 1:24 am

Great thread Traum. Well written! It contains all the useful information a new member needs about

requirements gathered. I can see it helping a lot of people.

Traum - June 6, 2019, 5:00 am

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"Basically". But in reality I didn't.

And there seems to be need for this thread, as the information can't be found in the [Help Docs](#) but is scattered all around the site.

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The point is the information we put together isn't in one place, it's put together from threads and documentation all around the forum.

No new member would search through every [Help Docs](#) site and 2-5 year old threads to get this information together.

mrnelly - June 6, 2019, 10:43 am

I believe there's some form of limit on new members doing sigs? I remember when I joined, I couldn't make a sig until I upgraded. Some member told me they thought the limit was 250 or 500 posts or something as I was over 100 at the time. Might be worth looking into just so your list is super complete :)

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mrnelly - June 6, 2019, 12:11 pm

(Jun 6, 2019 12:08 PM)Traum Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I can't find any information on that but I'll ask some new members.

I remember I couldn't make a signature that's for sure. Good idea asking around, no one seems clear on what the post limit actually is for it though.

int - June 6, 2019, 12:47 pm

huh, I didn't know ub3rs didnt have search restrictions

Faith Connors - June 6, 2019, 1:03 pm

help me i seem to be unable to find the part where anything is 'explained'

SUI-3183372 - June 6, 2019, 1:42 pm

Don't normal users have a post-flood limit, btw? I know a feature of upgrading is 'the removal of that limit' but without being a normal member I have no idea if it actually still exists.

ShinyThings - June 6, 2019, 1:43 pm

Holy comprehensive batman. How long did this take you OP? Great job on it

Traum - June 6, 2019, 2:02 pm

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The thing is there is no documentation on most restrictions that affect regular members.

You can guess the restrictions from the upgrade page but there are no specific numbers to show.

I asked several regular members to test if they were able to put a signature with varying amounts of posts, but I wasn't able to prove if there were any restrictions in place and their specific values.

I may ask a couple more for input on the post-flood limit thing.

Gary Clark Jr. - June 6, 2019, 3:20 pm

Ah yes, it's this thread that has been remade a billion times.

Wick. - June 6, 2019, 7:41 pm

Great thread, will be useful for many new members.

Suwekk - June 6, 2019, 7:48 pm

Nice information. Useful one stop thread.

Thanks.

?BowmanBot? - June 7, 2019, 12:54 am

(Jun 6, 2019 03:20 PM)Praise Kek Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ah yes, it's this thread that has been remade a billion times.

As to my knowledge, it has been made three time within the history of Hack Forums. Each with updated information for the changes that happen on site. The latest iteration before this one was created by a member who is no longer a member of the forums and thus said user cannot update the information on his thread anymore.

Xerotic - June 7, 2019, 9:30 am

(Jun 5, 2019 10:09 AM)Traum Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Please feel free to educate me on what needs to be changed in order to be accurate!

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ven0m - June 8, 2019, 10:01 am

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Pyro - June 8, 2019, 11:12 am

(Jun 8, 2019 11:10 AM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) L33t members have always been able to close their threads. They just can't open them back up.

I knew there was a catch

BTC - June 8, 2019, 11:26 am

(Jun 7, 2019 09:30 AM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You still haven't caught it yet. ?
Search flood limit? ?

It's 5 seconds for ub3r and pretty sure it would be for v3ndor as well. I am not v3ndor so I can't test.
But I know it's 5 seconds for ub3r.

root@HF - June 16, 2019, 3:00 am

(Jun 5, 2019 07:40 AM)Traum Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, they can.

This is perfect. All information in one place it really does make a difference especially for new members who are unfamiliar with the site layout rules and extra details you've included.

Good job Traum!

Xerotic - June 17, 2019, 2:48 pm

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I am referring to his text regarding signatures.

ven0m - June 25, 2019, 11:59 pm

(Jun 8, 2019 11:10 AM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) L33t members have always been able to close their threads. They just can't open them back up.

Sorry, I misread the thread.