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Thread: [Discord Policy](#)

Omniscient - June 11, 2019, 5:42 pm

Old rule:

16. No advertising or posting of Discord channels or usernames.

New rule:

16. No advertising or posting of Discord channels. You may share your Discord username only.

While Discord is still imho a huge threat to the community I can't deny that it's a popular service members already use. So if you share your Discord username there will be no warnings or penalties. However, we still strongly advise against using Discord to make deals and you should insist on an HF Contract before doing any deals. Using Discord is going to greatly increase the likelihood you'll get scammed.

Thank you.

Malevolent - June 11, 2019, 5:43 pm

Man, what a guy.

I am pleasantly surprised with this change of policy.

Sigma - June 11, 2019, 5:43 pm

Yay! I use discord all of the time. This will save me a quick PM.

martianhax - June 11, 2019, 5:43 pm

thank you so much for the update omni!

hopefully nobody will get scammed.

webdev77 - June 11, 2019, 5:47 pm

Duly noted.

Hopefully those who use the marketplace are still smart enough to keep deals on site.

For those who plan to use discord for deals, still read this thread:

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5953973>

flavoral - June 11, 2019, 5:48 pm

Interesting change. Hopefully, we don't see a spike in scam attempts in the next few weeks.

Makaveli The Don - June 11, 2019, 5:50 pm

Nice update Omni. Hopefully people will listen and keep deals on-site.

ETH - June 11, 2019, 5:51 pm

Nice update btw I'll follow your way ' on site deals only '

Lavish Living - June 11, 2019, 5:51 pm

Everyone add my discord now!

Thanks

Zeus - June 11, 2019, 6:02 pm

Yeah still people i would highly suggest if your using it for MP reasons to use anything other than discord due to the chatlogs can easily be faked!

Skype is the way!

Kosmos - June 11, 2019, 6:03 pm

Not a bad idea, honestly. Thank you for the transparency you have with us, Reddit isn't even this transparent with its members.

int - June 11, 2019, 6:10 pm

not bad, i would say this could preserve forum popularity as compared to discord groups

Zexi - June 11, 2019, 6:13 pm

I bet Staff is gonna get a break from "Advertising Competing Sites" reports finally lmao

On a more serious note i suggest people still avoid doing deals over Discord and always use contracts in case they do.

We see enough idiots coming and crying on HF how they been scammed on Discord. :)

SoulZeh - June 11, 2019, 6:18 pm

I thought this might of happened eventually due to you trying out Discord previously, also seems like everyone is loving the new Policy, good job.

?rescent - June 11, 2019, 6:20 pm

Glad to see this! Should be interesting to see it's effects in the coming weeks.

Grey Knight365 - June 11, 2019, 6:21 pm

This is such a nice change for the marketplace tbh. Great work!

Trev - June 11, 2019, 6:28 pm

This is cool, definitely stay safe and use contracts when talking off-site!

Nuworld - June 11, 2019, 8:19 pm

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Omniscient - June 11, 2019, 8:22 pm

(Jun 11, 2019 08:19 PM)Nuworld Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm more interested to see how this effectively impacts forum activity.

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Bluffer - June 11, 2019, 8:27 pm

Good change Omni. Literally everybody I've ever asked on here uses Discord. Best practice is to discuss/negotiate terms on Discord then transfer them over to HF and always use a contract before doing a deal.

Bear - June 11, 2019, 8:31 pm

There are no alternatives to contracts imho. Discord might be easy to talk to on and what not, but

dealing completely on Discord with someone who insists on no contract should be a major red flag for anyone reading this.

Omni and HF staff, you guys work tirelessly to provide us with the best products, so no doubt the IM integration will definitely be amazing and I am sure it will be done properly, in comparison to some other forums who have tried it and failed majorly.

Nuworld - June 11, 2019, 8:37 pm

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I completely understand your logic's.

Running our own Discord server has it's advantages to a point.

However? With most new members favor instant "Chat" over Forum posts.

How can we regulate an even field of both Instant Chat and forum posting/activity?

Basically, what will happen to this Forum "Hack Forums" if everyone goes to live/instant Chat?

IMO: I feel this is a valid question.

Kosmos - June 11, 2019, 8:41 pm

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Maybe Prestige could make a comeback and if the chat is integrated on HF, then it could be involved in a ranking system or something else that you'd wanna do as a tiny incentive. Nothing super unfair but it just keeps the chat users engaged. The ranking system wouldn't be outside of the chat, you'd only see the prestige number on their profile. I'm probably overthinking this, but it was a weird idea I had to write out. Wasn't Prestige based on many things related to your own activity?

Omniscient - June 11, 2019, 8:42 pm

Quote:How can we regulate an even field of both Instant Chat and forum posting/activity?

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Nuworld - June 11, 2019, 8:50 pm

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Very well, looking forward to see how this pans out.

Keep up the great work. ?

Dorrance - June 11, 2019, 8:51 pm

I can see clearly now that the changes has come.

Respect - June 12, 2019, 1:43 am

Thank you for this, better late than never! Got a 50% warning for sharing my discord username before lol

duplex - June 12, 2019, 1:49 am

That's pretty good, you can use your Discord name however no channels, brilliant.

popir - June 12, 2019, 2:18 am

thanks omni for lowering the discord rule, i put u back to a part of my heart x3

123 - June 12, 2019, 2:23 am

Discord must be used as a medium of quick conversation but all the deals must be done on-site. One can use "Verify Secret" to carry a deal off-site but Contract must be opened.

Practical - June 12, 2019, 2:24 am

Interesting new change. Thank you for informing us.

S2K - June 12, 2019, 3:19 am

Finally, good to see that change

u?op ?pisdn - June 12, 2019, 3:37 am

Thanks for being realistic with this,

lynxmk - June 12, 2019, 4:28 am

Hey Omni! Give me your Discord username!

Heart - June 12, 2019, 4:42 am

Glad to see this change has been made

SIM-3205632 - June 12, 2019, 4:45 am

I would never replace HF for Discord this forums has way more to offer and is way sexier imo. ?

Angel - June 12, 2019, 4:58 am

Great decision boss, thanks for the update

wraxu - June 12, 2019, 5:35 am

A good decision.....

Bossk - June 12, 2019, 5:45 am

This is a wise decision imo. As you state - discord is huge and many HF members use it, usernames would be messaged over PM if not allowed in threads either way.

kawaii - June 12, 2019, 6:31 am

I think this strikes a nice compromise that users will warm to. Always nice to see positive change.

Happeh - June 12, 2019, 6:35 am

Hopefully people realise you still don't make or complete deals via Discord. Though at that point its Darwin's Law.

Practical - June 12, 2019, 6:37 am

(Jun 12, 2019 06:35 AM)Happeh Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hopefully people realise you still don't make or complete deals via Discord. Though at that point its Darwin's Law.

Yeah I assume it was just getting to be a pain removing the discord username posts possibly. I seen a good amount of them around here I am surprised how many people did it.

Mix - June 12, 2019, 10:35 am

Happy to see this being pushed forward after so long.

TCP - June 12, 2019, 11:10 am

This was a good decision, I don't see discord as a threat to hf rather as a separate chat service I can use from web interface

Hopsin - June 12, 2019, 12:31 pm

Finally, another good decision. I see this as alternative to skype.

Blogger - June 12, 2019, 1:37 pm

Is Discord not dying down yet? So sick of it.

? **Soufian ?** - June 12, 2019, 6:00 pm

(Jun 12, 2019 01:37 PM)Blogger Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is Discord not dying down yet? So sick of it.

lol it's far from dying. I love how it actually listens to the community. Skype was dying, and Discord took the opportunity.

B FOR BADASS - June 12, 2019, 10:49 pm

Nice change of rules. Cheers

LameNick - June 12, 2019, 11:40 pm

Thank you, discord is indeed good for business

Joel - June 13, 2019, 12:08 am

I felt like this "full" ban on Discord was honestly pretty silly. I'm so happy you've made this change and I appreciate it.

TfueNinja - June 13, 2019, 12:12 am

(Jun 12, 2019 06:00 PM)? **Soufian ?** Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Skype was dying, better check your facts as skype is far from dying.

? **Soufian ?** - June 13, 2019, 12:32 am

(Jun 13, 2019 12:12 AM)TfueNinja Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) better check your facts as skype is far from dying. Skype is dying for younger users, it's being actively used by elderly or businesses. Younger users often switch over to Facebook Messenger and Discord.

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wow nice stretch. nothing like taking a users words out context to get himself a few bytes

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Skype is mainly used for business nowadays, so it barely has anything to do with normal communication between people. Friends and families now talk through WhatsApp or Facebook. Active gamers/internetters/youtubers whatever mainly use Discord.

But 4.5m Skype users is literally nothing ?

NYANxCAT - June 13, 2019, 3:24 am

Great news, Thank you.

Many members are already using it for seller-buyer communication.

EvoSat - June 13, 2019, 3:25 am

Pointless policy update #dontgetoffended

? Soufian ? - June 13, 2019, 3:33 am

(Jun 13, 2019 03:25 AM)EvoSat Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Pointless policy update #dontgetoffended
You're most likely the 1% who finds it pointless. ?

Yattaze - June 13, 2019, 3:36 am

So can i change my user title back to my discord username?

Traum - June 13, 2019, 6:30 am

That's a great change and I love the new HF Discord server! I'm glad you changed your opinion.

Shiiza - June 13, 2019, 8:04 am

Really appreciate this change. +Thanks omni

Louis C.K. - June 13, 2019, 8:44 am

what I want really is post discord channel for support for my services

TfueNinja - June 13, 2019, 3:52 pm

(Jun 13, 2019 08:44 AM)Louis C.K. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) what I want really is post discord channel for support for my services
post it on your selly shop. problem solved