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Thread: [Reputation is now 100% useless](#)

Gooked - July 11, 2019, 4:55 pm

This isn't a dig at the site, but how the users are using it. Since b-rating got introduced the reputation system has been pretty much useless, the b-ratings became the system to more or less follow to see if someone can be seen as trustworthy or not whilst reputation just became vanity points (to a certain extent).

Now onto the real problem at hand, MOTM automation. The new MOTM system relies on reputation to decide the winner of each month. I've not long been back at the forum but ever since I for upgraded to L33T/UB3R, I've received +3's from members I've never interacted with before or left any reason on threads for them to updoot me. Now this wouldn't seem like such a problem if everyone realised that they're only doing it in hopes that they'll get +rep back. The reputation is a huge mess and is completely useless as of now with the current system. B-rating has left reputation pointless and should no longer be such a big factor of someones profile. Besides what you think b-rating might've done, people will still go off normal reputation points to see if someone is trustworthy or not.

Yin Yang - July 11, 2019, 4:56 pm

I've been getting messages too since you need X amount of popularity to upgrade now.

DamienVC - July 11, 2019, 4:56 pm

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SoulZeh - July 11, 2019, 5:29 pm

I mean it's not even classed as reputation anymore hence why the name is Popularity, doesn't really mean anything at all anymore. However I somewhat agree on it being based off of B-ratings as it would make a little more sense on MOTM.

emotionull - July 11, 2019, 5:31 pm

I get random ones from people I never interacted with and I see them on other accounts as well. You're right about that part there is quiet a few trying to rep for rep. It doesn't equate to anything so I don't believe it's a number one priory at the moment but I can understand your view point, it does make it seem sort of useless.

Spaark - July 11, 2019, 5:47 pm

It'd be a bit silly to make the MoTM a B-Rating award. If anything I think members who don't sling their shit on the market are often better members.

If popularity means something to you IRL, you need to get a reality check. If popularity means ANYTHING to you on HF, you seriously need to get a reality check. That doesn't mean you shouldn't give it out where you think it's worthy... just that you shouldn't judge someone by their "rep".

Pyro - July 11, 2019, 5:59 pm

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I like the idea too, but the problem is that someone will always boost their b-rating with \$1 transaction

Steve - July 11, 2019, 6:02 pm

Quote:Since b-rating got introduced the reputation system has been pretty much useless, the b-ratings became the system to more or less follow to see if someone can be seen as trustworthy or not whilst reputation just became vanity points (to a certain extent).

This is exactly the intention.

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MOTM is just a fun thing for the site. Not everything has to be so serious all the time. This is not a "real" problem.

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Because population is largely useless all rules regarding it were removed. It isn't a mess because it is not intended to serve any important function.

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This isn't our problem. It isn't Hack Forums' job to fix stupid.

In conclusion, reputation is a thing of the past. It was replaced with population and has taken a backseat. Hack Forums evolves and older members need to realize that some things that they once considered important on the forum may no longer be so important. That's just the way it is.

CPA Exposé - July 11, 2019, 6:06 pm

Depends who you ask.

I still see people asking for + rep all the time. If it was that useless I don't see why they'd want it.

Just like thumbs up is useless on most sites, yet people engage with it.

There is some use to the feature, it's just a different use with less importance.

int - July 11, 2019, 6:15 pm

popularity should be removed, just another green number for noobs to get confused with.

Fire - July 11, 2019, 6:36 pm

What's your point?

Reputation was never, even 1% "useful". It's a vanity metric.

rabbi - July 11, 2019, 6:40 pm

does anyone actually judge based off rep? it just a flex honestly, but i agree rep should be more "reputable". see what i did there?

mrtrademaster - July 11, 2019, 6:41 pm

(Jul 11, 2019 04:55 PM)Chief Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) ever since I for upgraded to L33T/UB3R, I've received +3's from members I've never interacted with before or left any reason on threads for them to updoot me. Now this wouldn't seem like such a problem if everyone realised that they're only doing it in hopes that they'll get +rep back. The reputation is a huge mess and is completely useless as of now with the current system.

I completely agree, popularity is mostly only used if some wants a +rep back or a -rep for when people disagree with something someone says. or when they lose an argument.

Quick - July 11, 2019, 7:04 pm

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MOTM is a title attributed to a member which was quite active and helpful over all the forum, if we base it on B ratings it would mean that only the marketplace matters in all the forum.

Hitler - July 11, 2019, 7:06 pm

Regardless of "Reputation" being useless due to people rep/repping I don't +3 someone just because they +3 me.

Kaleb - July 11, 2019, 7:41 pm

I don't mind reputation not meaning anything, honestly it shouldn't. The system is easy to manipulate and it was easy to manipulate even back when you weren't allowed to ask for rep and what not. There are members here who are reputable, and just generally well known and they are well known for reasons outside of the green number near their name.

I don't see why MOTM would become automated around reputation though, given how like I said it shouldn't really mean anything, it can be bought, sold, everyone my self included is just repping everyone in hopes of getting 1K for the award and so on.

SIM-38442 - July 11, 2019, 8:11 pm

It's always been kind of easy I feel like. But I do see myself getting repped for no reason now. Even though I'm not even on here as much as I use to. This forum changes so much 0.0

DamienVC - July 11, 2019, 8:17 pm

MOTM is meant to be a popularity/rep/vote based award after all, I definitely don't mean to suggest its criteria should be based off marketplace orientation, but a version of MOTM for the marketplace isn't a bad idea at the same time.

Almonds - July 11, 2019, 10:52 pm

I think it's perfectly fine the way it is. It's not super important, but still apart of hack forums.

Zeke - July 11, 2019, 10:55 pm

I don't think there's a problem with MOTM, it should be based on popularity... however, I don't really like the way reputation works now. I miss the custom reputation messages and I think they made the site more of a community than it is now, it was fun reading them.

These premade rep selections feel rather boring and limited, and almost all of my reputation except the first 12 were given by people I've never even talked to, for reasons unknown and they aren't

gonna PM me to tell me why they repped me, obviously. It was either a post I made or maybe they are just fishing for reputation.. thing is, I'll never know.

Custom rep messages would make reputation much more valuable, as a user would have both the B-ratings and rep points to check how legit a person is. Maybe instead of having negs in popularity, just have + and leave the negs for the B-ratings for verified deals.

It doesn't even need to be called reputation for all I care, it would just be fun to have the ability to write cool, weird shit on someone's profile like older days.

Evanescent - July 11, 2019, 11:07 pm

You never know if some new feature pops out of no where when the popularity will once again gain it's popularity.

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Grammar Nazi for being poetic please ?

NoSuchAgency - July 11, 2019, 11:20 pm

Rep was always useless.

Popularity just shows how many members decided to up your popularity. Regardless of their intent, you don't have to +rep back.

I think the most popular member typically would be the one who gained the most rep in a month. Could be faked but oh well

just my two cents.

Omniscient - July 12, 2019, 12:00 am

Quote:whilst reputation just became vanity points (to a certain extent)

It's not reputation, it's "Popularity" points which is exactly as you described as vanity and not a system of trust.

You can go back up to 10 years to find threads complaining about reputation and wanting it removed.

2010: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=417306>

2007: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=256577>

2011: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2039795>

2015: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4629779>

2009: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=137933>

Quote:I think it's perfectly fine the way it is. It's not super important, but still apart of hack forums. Well said. Currently it serves purpose for MoTM. It doesn't have a largely negative effect on Marketplace. It's not hurting anything really. And the canned messages ensures there is zero comment abuse.

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than it is now, it was fun reading them.

Zack Fair - *July 12, 2019, 12:17 am*

(Jul 11, 2019 10:52 PM)Almonds Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think it's perfectly fine the way it is. It's not super important, but still apart of hack forums.

I second this. At first I was hesitant about the change but it has served well.