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Thread: [My account was hacked a long time ago, and someone scammed from it.](#)

Vuz3 - January 4, 2020, 2:37 am

I have not been on hackforums in about 2 1/2 years. One day I decided to try to log back into the site and access some old posts for nostalgia, and my login wouldn't work. It kept telling my username does not exist, etc. never thought anything of it. just tried logging in again, and it didn't work. so I decided I would try to make a new account and see if maybe I forgot my username. via search bar I found this: /showthread.php?tid=5881857 (I cannot post the link)

It seems as if the person imitating me (Vuzion) is not even English. I am from Florida, speak fluent english, and was a trusted member. I was the leader of Rat's Crew (when it was a thing). a part of the Reviewers (when they were first released) and had nothing but good rep. If you check my previous posts I was into gaming, some blackhat, and whitehat. I was nothing but helpful to others. admins/mods, you will notice a change in activity if you look into the account, that IPs do not match up from logins. and that stuff isn't right. I would never do anything to tarnish my reputation or my account that had Ub3r. I tried contacting admins once before about my account not working (not knowing the circumstances). I never setup 2fa or guath protection on my account in 2017?(Member since 2009!), and I'm assuming my account was compromised sometime around then. Big loss for me, tons of time put into an account and a community just for some scumbag to take it. Everybody, be smart and put extra protection on your account, it could happen to you too.

Here is my old account that was hacked: &uid=85928

SIM-3205632 - January 4, 2020, 2:45 am

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Vuz3 - January 4, 2020, 2:46 am

(Jan 4, 2020 03:45 AM)Ace Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Damn you scammed that guy for 2,500\$ holy crap!

Definitely wasn't me, my guy. Any admin that looks into the account and sees the login records, the way things were changed, the way the person spoke, can tell. -- I'm a hard working individual and would never rip someone off. A look at my old reputation can show that (pre-2017) I did nothing but help others. I never once sold or purchased anything having to do with instagram, or any kind of "OG" accounts or handles. Looking at their grammar and spelling (the scammer), it looks atrocious. If I were impersonating a way more trusted member than myself, wouldn't I be using good spelling/grammar/punctuation and English?

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Ahh okay, what did you buy with the 2,500\$ though?

Eagle 95 - January 4, 2020, 2:49 am

Just to save you all from typing, [link to account.](#)

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Only once there was a gauth reset but considering you didn't have any security enabled, that doesn't really concern you. Either way, account recoveries haven't been a thing for years so that's why your requests were ignored. I highly doubt you'll get your account back.

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If he had no additional account security then this could be a safe bet. For someone going through a DB, since his account was aged and reputable, it would presumably be one of the first targets.

Unfortunately OP, I think this ones on you. Your carelessness caused someone to lose \$2.5k. Sure you worked hard to build the account, but so did that guy for his \$2.5k. If he isn't compensated for a legitimate cause, why should you be for your carelessness? Nothing personal, just my opinion. If you still think your account is so valuable then offer to compensate that guy and I think Omni may throw you a bone for making things right.

spiral - January 4, 2020, 6:58 am

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Prince™ - January 4, 2020, 7:05 am

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Oh gotcha. After looking through his threads I noticed he didn't have any of the threads that Mini did have.

Xerotic - January 4, 2020, 9:56 am

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OT: I was a Rat's Crew leader in 2011 before joining the Staff team. Such a long time ago.

Omniscient - January 4, 2020, 10:16 am

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pro0 - January 5, 2020, 1:04 pm

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AND NOW YOU CRYING AND SAID ITS NOT YOU?

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He just change his handle using some charts to make it looks like Minimalist and scam me with 2500\$...

and now he is crying ...

Grizzly - January 6, 2020, 10:40 pm

Everyone should enable 2FA and use actual information. Based off what I have read on this subject lately, I do not think its possible to recover at all. So use 2FA, takes 30 seconds to do.

Psilocybe - January 6, 2020, 11:04 pm

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