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Hydra - February 18, 2020, 10:11 pm

No headlines this week, check back next week!

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Threads: 6,050,120 (+0.03% - +2,000)
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Average Daily Posts: 12,414.5 (-0.1% - -12.67)
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Tab Counts [\(Click to View\)](#) Notable Sections [Lounge](#) Threads: 242,479 (+0.07% - +178)
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Groups For Sale [Official Crew For Sale - \\$750 BIN](#) by Cameron
[Group 1.5k + Fees](#) by Iani

Leadership Changes [Mix](#) is now leader of Mafia.

Group Recruitments [W4TCHL1ST // Invitational Recruitment](#)
[Wolfpack - General Recruitment](#)
[Dawn - Recruitment | SRPP](#)
[Sui Generis Regeneratione - Recruitment](#)
[Equilibrium | Lounge recruitment](#)

Group Threads [First Ston3rz Group on Hackforums](#)
[Allegiance Group & Prevail Crew Buyin](#)
[Olympians Crew + Wolfpack Group Buyin](#)

*As of the Friday prior to release.

Announcements [Valentine's Day BOGO Scratchcard Sale - Omniscient](#)
Omniscient has announced that if you buy one scratchcard you will get one for free. (Crypto scratchcard's only.)

Informational Threads [PLANE THAT DISAPPEARED IN BERMUDA TRIANGLE IN 1945 LANDS IN FLORIDA - Motusora](#)

A plane that went missing in 1945 has suddenly appeared in Florida. The two men who were flying the aircraft claimed to have no memory of what happened to them over the last 75 years.

[LA Attack or Drill? - Maxorg](#)

Los Angeles thought they were under an attack as black hawk helicopters swarm the sky in formation and even land for a few seconds.

Entertaining Threads [\[Poll \] Should women HAVE to work? - Spiritual](#)
working isn't easy we all know but we all have to do it to get along with life. Spiritual is asking members "Should women have to work." What is your verdict of this?

[Members of HF, What is the most useless fact you know? - theoldbrit](#)

Facts. We all know so many but what is your most useless known fact that you are willing to share with the community.

[Game is finally live! Well our Kickstarter <3 - Mr. Robot](#)

Mr. Robot's game has finally started a Kickstarter. The game has been in the works for almost a year from being announced on the website. If you are interested in the game then make sure you check the thread out!

Contests & Giveaways

[\\$30 BTC Giveaway | Multiple Entries Allowed | - F?re](#)

Fire is giving away \$30 bitcoin to one lucky member of his contest. If you are after some free coins then make sure you enter the giveaway now.

[\[CONTEST\] \\$250 BTC || 20k Bytes || 10K Bytes || Account Upgrade || Multiple entries - Vitani](#)

The user known as Vitani is hosting a community giveaway that everyone may enter. You don't need to give any population points nothing. All you have to do is post a reply. Also better yet, you may post an entry once a day.

Hydra - February 20, 2020, 8:44 am

We publish the HF News every week yet we have aged members who don't even know we exist! Wear any of the signatures listed below to support us and spread the word about HF News, HF Wiki, and Writers altogether.

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Global Shares Steady but Virus Concerns Keep Buying in Check

Global shares regained their balance on Friday after continuing tensions over the spread of the coronavirus which began in China and affected the market gains. According to investors, the maximum economic and financial effect of coronavirus has reached the current quarter, with an approximate 3-4 week time-line recovery of the equity markets since the 2003 outbreak of SARS. These economic effects will be channeled towards the second quarter as supply chains, production lines and travel restrictions become unlikely to return to normal. The outlook of the market this year will be determined by how the outbreak of the virus develops. [>>Source](#)

U.S Charges Chinese Military Officers in 2017 Equifax Hacking

On Monday, four Chinese military members were charged for hacking Equifax in 2017 which is among the biggest American credit reporting agencies. Trade secrets and personal information belonging to almost 145 million Americans were stolen during the cyber-crime. China had violated the 2015 agreement with the US that prevents cyberattacks aimed at economic power and influence. The cyber-attack was among several data thefts planned by the Chinese intelligence agencies and the People's Liberation Army. Names, Social Security numbers and birth dates of about half the American population were stolen and used to reveal medical histories. China has been steadfast in obtaining information about such sectors as medicine and agriculture from other countries to advance its economy. [>>Source](#)

Oil Rises over 1% on Hopes Demand Will Rebound from Coronavirus Effect

On Friday, oil prices rose by 1% and experiencing a weekly gain for the first time since the start of the year. However, investors predict a short economic effect from the outbreak of the coronavirus. The price of Brent Crude LCOcl increased by 1.74% to arrive at \$57.32 per barrel. Nevertheless, the ease of the monetary policy and the reopening of factories in China has improved the market sentiments. The International Energy Agency (IEA) reported that the crisis is bound to reduce the first-quarter demand for oil since the 2009 financial crisis. OPEC+ is considering deepening production cuts in response to the slump as they hope the commodity demand to recover. [>>Source](#)

Amazon – Moving the Smarter Way

The tech giant Amazon started delivering their own packages just a few years ago. Amazon is now manufacturing 100,000 electric delivery vans, as electric vehicles have become increasingly popular in recent years. In cooperation with Rivian (producing emission-free electric vehicles), Amazon is on the path to gradually support the environment and comply with the Paris Agreement standards. Jeff Bezos said, "We're done being in the middle of the herd on this issue – we've decided to use our size and scale to make a difference." Based on the delivery route, there will be three types of vans and different battery configurations. Such vans have also been built with drivers' aid, so they can make the distribution as efficient as possible. Features will include, "automated emergency braking, front-wheel and all-wheel drive options, lane-assist, pedestrian warning system, traffic design recognition and an automatic warning system that detects and alters distracted driver behavior." By 2022, Amazon plans to have 10,000 vans on the road, and 100,000 by 2030. [>>Source](#)

Goodbye Essential

Essential is shutting down immediately. Android founder Andy Rubin launched the Essential (startup) company with the Essential Phone back in 2017. A pure, consumer-friendly Android phone, following the Google Pixel line. They were able to raise \$330 million from external funding and once worth \$1 billion, but that didn't last long since the Essential Phone wasn't doing well on the market. Project Gem was teased in 2019, but nothing ever came out of it. "Despite our best efforts, we've

now taken Gem as far as we can regrettably have no clear path to deliver it to customers. Given this, we have made the difficult decision to cease operations and shutdown Essential” stated in a company blog post. [>>Source](#)

Huawei Back in The Spotlight

Huawei has recently been a big talk in the world of smartphones, with charges being filed against them. Huawei clapped back and said that the allegations of “back doors” into networks around the world is “complete and utter nonsense”. The US said Huawei had access to law enforcement software that gave them the ability to hear and track phone calls around the globe. “We have no access to this equipment, we don’t know what call or information is being intercepted, we don’t know when it is intercepted. All we do is provide one side of the box which is blind to what’s happening on the other side of the box,” John Suffolk, global cyber-security and privacy officer said. This is not the first time the US has accused Huawei of illegal practices, the DOJ has recently pressed charges against Huawei for racketeering and theft. [>>Source](#)

Final Fantasy VII Remake is only part of the game

The game is still scheduled to be released on March 3; Final Fantasy VII Remake has just been treated to a slew of new images that take us to the heart of Midgard, where we await full of side quests. Players that have played through the entire game will still experience the same pursuits as before but with a handful of new and or updated quests. This news shook the community when it was first released via PlayStation on their blog, but since then, developers have begun to release what exactly is in the works, and the reaction has been stable thus far. [>>Source](#)

GTA 6 locations leaked in 2013 document by Rockstar Games’ co-founder

Good news if you're a fan of the Rockstar Games franchise Grand Theft Auto. It's been confirmed by officials inside the company that GTA 6 locations have been leaked. The YouTuber “GTA Expert” who claims to have the first really credible leak on the title: according to her, a confidential document dating from 2013 and whose author is Dan Houser , co-founder of Rockstar and ex-artistic backbone of all the games of the firm, would have fallen into the hands of insiders Yan2295 and Razed.

[>>Source](#)

Naughty Dog is putting finishing touches to The Last of Us Part II

Consumers were disappointed when Naughty Dog revealed the release of The Last of Us II would be delayed, but it wasn't for lack of effort on their part. The Last of Us 2 was originally scheduled to release this month before Sony pushed it back until May 29th, still exclusively on PS4. Naughty Dog recently commented on the issue and clarified that the studio is in fact putting the finishing touches on the game and everything is scheduled to be on time for the release in May. “We are happy to tell you that we have entered the last phase of production and that we are currently applying the finishing touches to The Last of Us Part II. The end of development brings us even closer to launch.”

[>>Source](#)

Coronavirus Delays Nintendo Switch Production, Shipments for Japan

The coronavirus scare keeps spreading and spreading and with that, Nintendo made an announcement that Japan will not be getting shipments in for their Nintendo Switches anytime soon. Since the materials used to make the Switch itself, as well as the Joy-Con accessories and other controllers like the Ring Fit accessory that is needed to play the Ring Fit Adventure game, are made in China, Japan has further delayed when they will be receiving them for health and safety reasons.

As for the Switch itself, there is no current news on whether or not another model will be made. The latest version, the 2.0 has made its way into the market and replaced the original model. With the 2.0 you have increased battery life and much more! Check out our Gaming News section for future updates whenever more Switch information comes out. [>>Source](#)

A3! Anime Episode 4 Delayed Again for 2 More Weeks

The anime, A3! Season Spring & Summer will be delaying the fourth episode once again, however, for two more weeks this time. The anime, which has a MyAnimeList rating of six out of ten is about a group of teenagers who join a troupe, or a group of individuals who perform together. The troupe's goal is to have a sold-out show for their very first performance. Of course, there are obstacles across the way the members have the face to prepare for the show! Last week, Feb. 3, the anime was delayed until further notice. With the most recent announcement on when the anime will return which was Feb. 10, you should expect to see the anime back on its feet Feb. 23. More information shows that the "Summer" part of the show will be discontinued. At the current time, no one is sure what this means as the anime is still airing and that could mean anything. This does not let us know if further delays will be made, episodes will be canceled, or anything of the like. For now, stay tuned. [>>Source](#)

My Hero Academia Manga Updated With Villain's New Name

In last week's edition of the Hack Forums News, an article was written about a My Hero Character whose name created controversy not only in the manga industry but in real life. If you have not read this far into the manga or did not read last week's article, it is advised to skip this as there may be some spoilers! Daruma Ujiko, also known as Maruta Shiga, is a villain in the popular shonen manga whose name caused backlash since "Maruta" was secretly used to identify people who were captured by the Imperial Japanese Army in World War II and used for human experimentation. The result of choosing this name led to China removing the anime and manga series from the whole country itself. Yep, My Hero Academia is now banned from China. The Chinese were some of the victims of this crime. In Japanese, maruta translates to log or wood. The excuse that the Japanese decided to use at the time was the facilities used for these experiments were actually a lumber mill. However, this was not the case. The "logs" they were referring to were actually people, which included children, women who were pregnant, and even the elderly. The experiments that took place was purposefully giving diseases to people, dissecting them, and even amputating them all while they were alive. Disgusting, that is for sure. Back to My Hero though, Kohei Horikoshi has finally changed the name of the villain and the name Kyudai Garaki was decided. Before the name change, a magazine was sold in Japan, Korea, and China with the original name of the character which ended up leading to the ban of the entire series. [>>Source](#)

Japanese TV Channel Stops Airing Interspecies Reviewers

Last week an article was written about Interspecies Reviewers. In that article, it was discussed that Funimation and other streaming services have decided to pull the plug on the airing of the anime Interspecies Reviewers, due to the explicit nature of the anime. With that being said, unless you illegally find a link to watch it, the only streaming services that offer the controversial anime is StreamLabs for those in Australia and New Zealand, as well as Wakanim in France. If you live in Japan, you can watch it only on the following channels: KBS Kyoto, Sun Television, and AT-X. Most recently, Tokyo MX, a television channel in Japan, has announced that they, too, are going to be discontinuing the broadcast of the anime. This has, once again, brought up another discussion among anime fans. Some think it is plain silly, while others may agree. Ecchi, or anime that resembles adult content but not to the extent of pornography, is a prevalent genre, and every season, there is an anime that has that genre as their central aspect. Why is it that this anime went too far and caused all these networks to stop allowing it to be streamed? Well, for instance, if you have not watched the anime yet, without any spoils, it can be justified that this anime should not be allowed to be seen on these family-friendly, public websites. But because these articles should not be biased, further discussion of that will end here. What are your opinions on this matter? [>>Source](#)

Anime Tourism Association to Hold 'International Correspondent' Experience at AnimeJapan 2020
AnimeJapan is one, if not, the most popular anime, manga, and cosplay event you can attend in Japan. At the event, participants can view different panels of their favorite anime and manga, meet new friends, try awesome food, and even see upcoming titles that will be making their way to the public eye. The event will go on from March 21 to March 24. If you are interested in attending, there is an event going on at the current moment you can sign up for. The Anime Tourism Association is hosting a contest for 120 lucky people to win. To get started, head over to [this](#) website! At the current time, there is nothing inclusive. You will have to pay for your hotel room and flight to Japan. Additionally, you will need to purchase tickets to the event. The tickets are 8,900 Japanese Yen which converts to \$81 or 62 GBP. Well, what makes this event so special? You can just attend the event without the special privileges, right? Yes, that is true! However, the perks of winning the lottery allow you to gain press access. What this means is you are able to interview people within the anime industry. It has not been mentioned whether or not you will be meeting VA (voice actors) or anime directors, but this is still an awesome opportunity to learn more about the anime industry! Do note, there are certain requirements in order to participate in this. The first thing is you must be over 18 years old with a valid passport or tourist visa. Basically, you need a travel identification pass allowing you into the country. Not only that, but once at the venue, you are required to participate in special events that are held. In short, these special events are surveys that are being conducted. So far, the only thing known is certain questions will have to be answered, but these special events will not be hard, you will still be able to enjoy yourself at the event! A coupon worth 1,000 yen will be given to each individual to spend on whatever booth they would like. Not bad, huh? Well, what are you waiting for, go apply! [>>Source](#)

Hydra - February 20, 2020, 10:28 am

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Lrrr - February 20, 2020, 10:41 am

I love getting to read the news, I should really apply to be a writer as it seems you guys are working really hard to produce the news each week and I'd like to help. We've worked together before in RL so who knows, maybe you liked the way I worked or maybe you didn't. In any case, thank you for another great edition.

When will the user interviews be brought back in?

Geralt - February 20, 2020, 12:15 pm

Great news as always, thank you!

Bastille - February 20, 2020, 12:28 pm

Thanks for the work for this thread too, lot of crew are recruiting, I'm waiting for one oriented security / ethical hacking, maybe one day :)

Roytoy - February 20, 2020, 12:36 pm

Daily New Members: 959.76 (+0.04% - +0.37)

Thanks actually interesting I don't know if it was in the positive anytime recently.

Tyr - February 20, 2020, 1:18 pm

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(Feb 20, 2020 11:41 AM)Lrrr Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) When will the user interviews be brought back in? I too, am wondering the same thing. I suppose it has to do with whether or not they need the help or not. Regardless of such, I think the news in its current state actually something that is overlooked far too much on HF and it should receive more publicity.

MavenGradle - February 20, 2020, 1:20 pm

(Feb 20, 2020 02:18 PM)Fad3d Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is actually a fascinating read. I recommend everyone checking this out. Also a great HF news article, as usual. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this.

It's also completely fake. Should probably be removed.

Tyr - February 20, 2020, 1:23 pm

(Feb 20, 2020 02:20 PM)MavenGradle Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's also completely fake. Should probably be removed.

LOL, it's funny you say that because I started googling about it and it came up with absolutely no information in regards to it at all... I was just about to come here and edit my post and ask what the deal was.

Dorrance - February 20, 2020, 1:57 pm

Great news, I did not know Mr Robot's game went live.

Lrrr - February 20, 2020, 2:19 pm

(Feb 20, 2020 01:28 PM)Yseurk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for the work for this thread too, lot of crew are recruiting, I'm waiting for one oriented security / ethical hacking, maybe one day :)

I was about to suggest OP8, but then you said ethical...

Luca - February 22, 2020, 3:49 am

Thanks guys! I always love reading through these!

webdev77 - February 22, 2020, 6:54 am

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Mix - February 22, 2020, 5:31 pm

(Feb 22, 2020 07:54 AM)webdev77 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Lol as those Los Angeles people. Blackhawks are US helicopters. A drill is supposed to be a close replica to actual mission exercises.

When I was writing about this I was very interested in the whole thing since I am in the UK and live near a helicopter base.

Lavish Living - February 22, 2020, 5:34 pm

Lmao.

Who let Zeus do group news. I'm weak. What a joke.

Mix - February 25, 2020, 7:50 pm

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Lavish Living - February 25, 2020, 8:02 pm

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Lavish Living - February 25, 2020, 8:12 pm

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FBI - February 25, 2020, 8:17 pm

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If anyone should do HF news its Zeus, no one else cares as much as him ?

OBAMASELF - February 26, 2020, 6:38 pm

Who needs news, when you have Hydra :). Appreciate your work.

Hydra - February 27, 2020, 12:45 pm

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Lrrr - February 27, 2020, 1:18 pm

(Feb 27, 2020 02:05 PM)Lavish Living Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Could still limit this by not having a group owner/leader write the group news.

I tend to agree with this idea....group owners writing group news would be really biased.