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Thread: [Bytes FAQ || Everything you need to know about Bytes](#)

Vitani - April 29, 2020, 12:52 pm

Bytes FAQ || Everything you need to know about Bytes

This thread will explain what HF Bytes are, how you can use them and what you can use them for. This thread was created to introduce new members to this system and will hopefully avoid repeating questions about Bytes, or features related to it.

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What are Bytes

Bytes were first [introduced](#) on June 30th, 2018 by our administrator [Omniscient](#).

The system is based on the MYPS (MyBB Points System) that was coded and first released in 2007 by [Omniscient](#) himself on the official MyBB website.

Since the release of the new feature changes were made over time. Currently it is possible for all members to earn Bytes and use them to donate to others and more. It's important to note that Bytes are not a currency and should not be used as such. It is intended as a rewards system for the site and meant for fun and entertainment only. If members do use Bytes as a currency, it is up to them, but it's not the intention of HF and it will not be used as such in any official capacity now or in the future.

You can view your Byte history or that of another member by clicking on the Byte amount on the profile.

Hack Forums has an official symbol that is used for Bytes: ?

You can use it by typing the following code in your thread title/post (remove the X's).

Code X\$bytesX

In this guide we will cover what Bytes are, how to get them, how to use them and what you can use them for. Finally we'll cover the selling & buying of Bytes and how that works.

How to get Bytes

There are several ways to get Bytes. You can earn/win them in a game, purchase them from another member, or simply make a thread/post anywhere on the forum to earn them! Below you will find every way to get/earn Bytes. All of these will be explained further in this thread.

Earn them through one of Hack Forums Byte games

Win a Byte lottery

Purchase them from another member

Receive a donation / quick love from another member

Win the daily donation bonus
Post on the daily Check-in thread
Get replies on your thread
Make threads & posts!

Bytes as a reward

Here we will go into how you will receive or spend Bytes as a rewards system. We'll go into the way donations work, what so called "Quick Love's" are, what the daily donation bonus is and how many Bytes you will receive for each thread, post and reply you will make or receive.

Byte Donations

The main feature of the Bytes rewards system is to donate something to another member when you think he/she deserves it for one reason or another. If and when a member donates is entirely up to them, as well as how much they wish to donate. You can donate to another member using the postbit or directly on the profile of the member you want to donate to. Simply click on the green "+" icon and fill out the form that pops up.

When you click the "Donate" button the member will receive the following automated PM from your account:

The user has sent you [amount] ?ytes. The reason is [reason here]

Quick Love

We've all seen the pink heart icon on the top right of every post. This is the [Quick Love](#) feature. If you like a post that a member made, or you want to quickly reward them some Bytes for any reason, simply click this heart icon and 10 Bytes will be sent to the user that made the post. The user in question will get a notification from the HF Alerts feature that you Quick Loved their post, and will be granted the 10 Bytes.

Daily Donation Bonus

The [Daily Donation Bonus](#) is a neat little feature that was introduced at the end of 2018 to give members more incentive to donate to others and use the Quick Love feature more often. Every day a task runs on the HF server that selects one member that donated to another member with a post association within the last 24 hours. The donation must have been 10 Bytes or more.

If you are selected you will receive 250 Bytes and get a PM from Stanley (HF's Help Bot) with the following message:

Congratulations, because you donated 10.00 Bytes to [user] for [link_to_post] you have won 250 Bytes as a bonus. Thank you for using your Bytes to reward other members for their quality content.

Daily Check-in Thread

Another way to earn Bytes is to make a post in the Daily Check-in thread which you can find stuck in the [Lounge](#) section.

If you post in the check-in thread you will receive 25 Bytes. In addition to that, one member that posted in the check-in thread will randomly be granted 500 bonus Bytes. There is a new check-in thread every day, so be sure to post in it! In addition to the Bytes you'll receive, you will also receive the [Everyday Ninja](#) award after 100 days of posting on the Check-in thread uninterrupted.

Byte Rewards

By far the easiest way to earn Bytes is to be active on the forum. You can earn Bytes by making threads, posts, creating a poll, voting on a poll and getting a reply on a thread made by you. You

can view the current reward amounts [here](#). Note that if you are an upgraded member you will have an earning bonus. L33T members have a 150% Bonus and UB3R users have a 200% bonus! No character restrictions are placed on posts in order to be eligible for these rewards.

Normal:

- 1 ? per reply
- 3 ? per new thread
- 0.2 ? for thread starter on each reply
- 1 ? default on Signup
- 2 ? per poll creation
- 1 ? per poll vote

L33T:

- 1.5 ? per reply
- 4.5 ? per new thread
- 0.3 ? for thread starter on each reply
- 4.5 ? per poll creation
- 2.25 ? per poll vote

UB3R:

- 2 ? per reply
- 6 ? per new thread
- 0.4 ? for thread starter on each reply
- 4 ? per poll creation
- 2 ? per poll vote

Bytes in site games

Hack Forums has several games where you can spend your Bytes, and also earn some if you play it right. Below you will find a list of every game that uses Bytes, along with a short explanation of what the game is and how it works. You can find a link to all the games by clicking on the controller dropdown icon on the top right of the page. [The Hack Game](#)

The [Hack Game](#) is one of the first and biggest site games on Hack Forums in terms of complexity. It's an original game, losely based on another game that was aquired by Hack Forums early 2019. In the game you are a hacker trying to improve his skills by doing certain jobs online, in exchange for XP points and Bytes. You can play as a whitehat, greyhat or full on blackhat. In the game you will be able to play alone as well as against other members.

This game is intergrated with the so called Crews of Hack Forums. Crews are groups of people that work together within the context of any of the (multiplayer) site games in order to dominate the game. You can join a crew by applying to one in the [Group and Crew General Discussions](#) section. If you are already in a crew, you can check out crew information within the game [here](#).

Crews have the ability to share / contribute their members Bytes in the Crew vault and use them for specific purposes. This feature is still in development at the time of writing.

[Hackúman](#)

The hackuman game is by far the most popular game around right now. It's a Pokemon Go like game, but entirely original in its own way. The goal of the game is to find an egg by posting on Hack Forums. Eggs are randomly granted by Stanley (HF Helper Bot). When you've found an egg, you can incubate it within the game and raise it using your Bytes. After the egg has hatched you will have your very own Hackuman. The hackuman will need regular feeding, which you can do using Bytes.

You can earn Bytes in this game by killing other hackuman. If you kill another hackuman, you will

get the entire bounty that was attached to that hackuman.

[Scratchcards](#)

The Scratchcards game is fairly straightforward. You can purchase a scratchcard for ? 1000 and you can scratch the three boxes within the game. If you are lucky, the three boxes will have the same picture, and you will receive a prize! There are different prize tiers with corresponding odds to win them. You can read about that in the official release thread [here](#).

[Blackjack](#)

The Blackjack game is exactly what it sounds like. It's a game that Hack Forums offers where you can use your Bytes to play blackjack against the dealer (bot). If you're good at this game, you might be able to use your Bytes to win even more of them! Fun fact, there's a random chance that you will be granted the Dicey award playing this game. You can read more about this game in the official release thread [here](#).

[Slots](#)

Slots is for those that just love to gamble. There's not much to explain about this game. It's a slot machine where you can use your Bytes to play and hopefully win some more Bytes! While playing this game you may also be granted the Dicey award, like the Blackjack game. You can read more about this game in the official release thread [here](#).

[Sportsbook](#)

Sportsbook is a Bytes game where you can bet on real life sports matches that are going on or will be played in the near future. There are different leagues and sports added into this game, such as NHL games and more. You can read more about this game in the official release thread [here](#).

[Crypto Game](#)

The Crypto game is an exchange simulation game, where you can exchange your Bytes for any Crypto currency coin in the listing of the game. In this game one Byte are equivalent to one dollar. When the Bytes are exchanged the coins will be added to your portfolio within the game. You can exchange them again for Bytes at any time. If you are into crypto currency investing there's definitely chance for you to make a lot of Bytes in this game! You can read more about this game in the official release thread [here](#).

[HF Lottery](#)

The HF Lottery system is another game where you can use your Bytes to win more Bytes. You can use your Bytes to enter a lottery by buying tickets for said lottery. After the lottery ends the system will select a winner and grant them the prize pool. The system will keep 10% of the prize pool and the Owner of the lottery will also be able to take a cut (they can set their cut beforehand when initiating the lottery). If you like your chances and you want to press your luck, the lottery is one way of doing so!

Selling & buying Bytes

If you want to quickly get your hands on some Bytes, or if you want to sell of your own Bytes to another member, you can do so through the Hack Forums marketplace. The community determines the rate of the Bytes, along with how many Bytes are in circulation. If you want to buy or sell Bytes, the Do's and Don'ts below are for you.

ALWAYS use [Contracts](#) when dealing on site!

If you want to buy or sell Bytes, use either the [Currency Exchange](#) or the [Buyers Bay](#) sections of the marketplace

Keep in mind that Bytes are NOT meant as an on site form of currency and should NEVER be treated as such!

You may PM members who have Bytes to ask if they are willing to sell them, but PM Spam and otherwise LQ / off topic posting will NOT be tolerated.

Mr Kewl - April 29, 2020, 1:17 pm

Great job, amazing thread!

I haven't seen such a detailed thread in a while.

Zero - April 29, 2020, 1:24 pm

Another stickyhead?

Great job [Vitani](#) ! This is very detailed and organized. I've seen so many new members (Also old members that got back recently) wondering about this.

Thank you so much for making this for the community!

Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) can you align your stickyheads already???

Aedan_ - April 29, 2020, 1:32 pm

Sucks that Sportsbook isn't going on right now :(to hell with the virus.

Great thread however!

Dorrance - April 29, 2020, 1:32 pm

Great job with another thread. Another sticky man will be added to the 5th row for its completion.

cig - April 29, 2020, 2:14 pm

Thanks for the solid thread, clarified a lot for me.

Grim - April 29, 2020, 2:15 pm

Very informative thread! i thought i knew everything about bytes already but learned a couple new things !

123 - April 29, 2020, 2:17 pm

Another quality thread from Thread Master itself.

Really well versed and explains everything about Bytes. Good job [Vitani](#)

Bastille - April 29, 2020, 2:21 pm

Nice thread man, should be read by all new members ?

Vitani - April 29, 2020, 2:59 pm

Thanks for the positive feedback guys, I hope this will help people understand the system a bit more and get them even more interested in Bytes!

Quick note, I completely spaced out and forgot about the daily check-in thread rewards. I've added them to the OP.

Lorem Ipsum - April 29, 2020, 3:12 pm

Amazing thread, my man!

I gave it a read and I didn't know you could use ? code to use the official term.

Turns out it's not for new members only, since my proud joining date of August 2019 haha thanks

for this big and well educating thread :-)

Toosii - April 29, 2020, 3:13 pm

Very detailed and well written, hats off to you m.

Yin Yang - April 29, 2020, 3:13 pm

Really nice thread here on ?

Cooligan - April 29, 2020, 3:14 pm

Great thread [Vitani](#) , extremely informative and a good read.
I never knew about the ? symbol code until now either.

I'm happy to see threads like this still being created.
A1 effort my man.

Mix - April 29, 2020, 3:20 pm

Another sticky award is coming your way for sure. Great work on this thread!, Maybe update the footer image to the new HF logo?

Pyro - April 29, 2020, 3:30 pm

Vitani, your guide threads are SO FCKING HOT

Vitani - April 30, 2020, 4:05 am

(Apr 29, 2020 03:20 PM)Mix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Another sticky award is coming your way for sure. Great work on this thread!, Maybe update the footer image to the new HF logo?
Thanks for the positive feedback!

As for the logo, I tried adding it but it didn't look too clean with the post background color so I decided to just use this one.

flavoral - April 30, 2020, 4:12 am

ofc it's Vitani ggwp buddy

01001 - April 30, 2020, 2:57 pm

You did a great job by writing such comprehensive guide for new and existing users. Besides, I'm not sure if this counts, but you haven't added how much Bytes a Vendor earns per post, thread?

SecureOp - April 30, 2020, 5:39 pm

Thank you for the bytes information, but where are the cheat codes ?

Demize - April 30, 2020, 5:40 pm

(Apr 30, 2020 05:39 PM)Din Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thank you for the bytes information, but where are the cheat codes ?
in groups secret forums. we must get us one of those.

IPIKIN - April 30, 2020, 5:48 pm

Really keen for the sportsbook to reopen so I can give it a shot

Toosii - April 30, 2020, 5:49 pm

(Apr 30, 2020 05:48 PM)IPIKIN Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Really keen for the sportsbook to reopen so I can give it a shot

I can't wait too, watch me make some major Byte flips.

SaintJimmy - April 30, 2020, 6:17 pm

Great job with this. It's extremely well organized and detailed. I shall start referring members here who need or ask about bytes help from now on.

de_g3ntl3m4n - April 30, 2020, 6:57 pm

Awesome post man much appriate thank you man feel like i know so much more now thank you hahahah

much respect! keep up the work

Cameron - April 30, 2020, 9:52 pm

Great thread man. Saving this for future reference. I'll be linking this to new members who are looking to get more involved with bytes and HF games.

Luca - May 6, 2020, 12:12 am

Nice thread man. Watch this one get stickied too.

SuperLover - May 11, 2020, 7:03 am

Now I fully understand the Bytes system lol

Guardians - May 18, 2020, 1:46 pm

How many Bytes does it cost to create a crew and syndicate? I can't find this information anywhere.

flavoral - May 18, 2020, 1:47 pm

(May 18, 2020 01:46 PM)Guardians Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How many Bytes does it cost to create a crew and syndicate? I can't find this information anywhere.

<https://hackforums.net/gamecp.php?action=crewtiers>

Cartel is 500k

Syndicate is 100k

Vitani - May 18, 2020, 2:48 pm

(May 18, 2020 01:46 PM)Guardians Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How many Bytes does it cost to create a crew and syndicate? I can't find this information anywhere.

Whoops, I missed that. Luckily flavoral was on it :)

(May 18, 2020 01:47 PM)flavoral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) <https://hackforums.net/gamecp.php?action=crewtiers>

Cartel is 500k

Syndicate is 100k

Thanks bud!

?Dødgygeez - June 18, 2020, 11:42 am

Great thread, thank you for the information!

Just what I was looking for after losing all my bytes on slots!

Spearmint - June 20, 2020, 3:56 pm

Great thread, thanks for taking the time to write this saved me a lot of guessing. It would be great if you got bytes for successful reports, might give incentive .

Skateboard - June 20, 2020, 4:07 pm

Awesome thread. There's a lot of info about Bytes that I did not know before. Thanks!

Vitani - June 21, 2020, 3:01 am

(Jun 20, 2020 03:56 PM)Spearmint Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great thread, thanks for taking the time to write this saved me a lot of guessing. It would be great if you got bytes for successful reports, might give incentive .

Thanks!

I have thought about something like that as well. The issue there would be that we would start getting a lot of invalid reports.

That could possibly be fixed with an option to mark a report as invalid. Interesting idea to think about though!

HERMES - June 23, 2020, 3:27 pm

Isn't there a way I can sell my Hackuman eggs for Bytes?

I could possibly be tripping..

flavoral - June 23, 2020, 3:31 pm

(Jun 23, 2020 03:27 PM)HERMES Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Isn't there a way I can sell my Hackuman eggs for Bytes?

I could possibly be tripping..

Only way is put it in lottery

Nate - June 23, 2020, 7:39 pm

(Jun 23, 2020 03:31 PM)flavoral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Only way is put it in lottery

Cool, i was looking on how to do this. Thanks for putting that there

Vitani - June 23, 2020, 11:54 pm

(Jun 23, 2020 03:27 PM)HERMES Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Isn't there a way I can sell my Hackuman eggs for Bytes?

I could possibly be tripping..

Like flavoral said, only Lottery is an option. There won't be a market for them in the future either.

Big E - August 3, 2020, 12:12 am

This is a very cool thread and answered a lot of the questions I was going to ask, so glad I found it.

[Vitani](#) it could be helpful to update the new byte rates for site activity:

<https://hackforums.net/misc.php?action=help&hid=43>

Vitani - August 3, 2020, 11:09 am

(Aug 3, 2020 12:12 AM)Big E Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is a very cool thread and answered a lot of the questions I was going to ask, so glad I found it.

[Vitani](#) it could be helpful to update the new byte rates for site activity:

<https://hackforums.net/misc.php?action=help&hid=43>

Thanks for the reminder! I'll be sure to update the thread this week!

HERMES - August 3, 2020, 4:45 pm

[Vitani](#) always showing out! Thank you guys for the responses - helped me very much.

Halo - August 3, 2020, 4:57 pm

Helpful. All makes sense now.

Elue - August 9, 2020, 3:18 pm

Thread show ub3r will receive 4 bytes per reply, But I am receiving 2 bytes per reply. Any suggestion?

Thanks

Demize - August 9, 2020, 3:20 pm

(Aug 9, 2020 03:18 PM)Elue Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thread show ub3r will receive 4 bytes per reply, But I am receiving 2 bytes per reply. Any suggestion?

Thanks

I believe they adjusted it and the thread was never updated

Vitani - August 11, 2020, 8:52 am

(Aug 9, 2020 03:18 PM)Elue Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thread show ub3r will receive 4 bytes per reply, But I am receiving 2 bytes per reply. Any suggestion?

Thanks

The rates might have changed. This weeked I'm checking them again :)

Cooligan - August 11, 2020, 8:55 am

(Aug 11, 2020 08:52 AM)Vitani Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The rates might have changed. This weeked I'm checking them again :)

I think I've noticed the rate increase and decrease over the last week or so, can't be sure though.

At one point I think we were getting 1 Byte per reply, but now I think we're getting 2? "We're" as in Ub3r + V3ndor upgrade.

Free Kurdistan - August 11, 2020, 9:02 am

Didn't know I got bytes for voting in a poll lmao. Thanks for the thread, bet it'll be for good help.

Il--Exploit--Il - August 11, 2020, 2:20 pm

Well, thank you for the info. much needed.

B FOR BADASS - August 13, 2020, 3:18 pm

This thread should be stickied in my opinion. Looks good for getting info. Cheers

Vitani - August 15, 2020, 2:40 am

(Aug 13, 2020 03:18 PM)B FOR BADASS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This thread should be stickied in my opinion. Looks good for getting info. Cheers

Thanks mate, I appreciate the kind words!

I've just updated the rates in the OP so they are all accurate once again. Hope you all enjoy :)

MightyOne - August 17, 2020, 12:12 am

Hey Vitani!

your main post says now that commenting on Stanley's daily post in the lounge has a chance to win 250 bytes, but on stanley's daily thread it still says 500 bytes.

Which of them is the correct one?

Thanks and have a wonderful day :)

Yanix - August 17, 2020, 12:22 am

(Aug 17, 2020 12:12 AM)MightyOne Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hey Vitani!
your main post says now that commenting on Stanley's daily post in the lounge has a chance to win 250 bytes, but on stanley's daily thread it still says 500 bytes.

Which of them is the correct one?

Thanks and have a wonderful day :)

I guess it was 500 bytes and I win on that few months ago for just once :D

Halo - August 17, 2020, 12:31 am

I fucking love Bytes, brilliant utility.

phunted - August 17, 2020, 12:37 am

I smell another sticky award coming! This is extremely informative and actually taught me quite a few things! (Even after thinking i had it down packed)

Good job man, well deserved.

Cooligan - August 17, 2020, 12:45 am

(Aug 17, 2020 12:37 AM)Grateful Dead Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I smell another sticky award coming! This is extremely informative and actually taught me quite a few things! (Even after thinking i had it down packed)

Good job man, well deserved.

I've always been surprised he didn't immediately get a Sticky award for this lol, it is a great thread.

Though he does already have both Golden Upload and the Genius award which I feel like might be attributed to the 5 other stickies he's made lol.

ScorpionX - November 1, 2020, 7:45 am

Thanks so much for this thread. Very informative, I must say.

TasteNZ - November 20, 2020, 1:51 pm

Very clear guidance cheers

Cosoakh - December 29, 2020, 7:43 pm

Thx for the detailed explanation, I didnt know all about it))

Stellen Sie TT - May 31, 2021, 10:38 pm

Never knew about this this whole time... I'm glad I've been pointed in this direction and I'm glad I've gathered some knowledge on what I'm looking for.

jaylankesh - June 29, 2021, 11:42 pm

This is awesome, really helps a newbie!

TasteNZ - July 2, 2021, 5:41 am

Hopefully this answers all necessary questions for new members, regarding bytes.

Hendry - May 5, 2023, 9:11 am

(Apr 29, 2020 02:14 PM)cig Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for the solid thread, clarified a lot for me.
same
Very helpful
I need more bytes

Sky - May 5, 2023, 9:36 am

(May 5, 2023 09:11 AM)Hendry Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) same
Very helpful
I need more bytes
This thread is wildly outdated and likely wont get updated. Theres a short and sweet explanation thread in the lounge though.
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6238210>

balera2212 - June 18, 2023, 7:09 pm

Such a powerful guide

rootwfwwsf - July 10, 2023, 9:33 pm

say hi proves that I have seen

dxrmi - August 5, 2023, 2:21 pm

Thank you really needed this.

Reactor - August 5, 2023, 5:25 pm

thanks this will be very helpful i was wonder what is bytes lol

Cooligan - August 5, 2023, 6:04 pm

(Aug 5, 2023 05:25 PM)Reactor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) thanks this will be very helpful i was wonder what is bytes lol
They're something that become addicting to collect and gamble with very quick lol

Lots of fun though, tons of different forum games to use them with, and more.

hotdoggem - September 1, 2023, 3:40 pm

Thanks for the solid thread, clarified a lot for me

anish - February 7, 2024, 6:14 am

nice explanation thank you soo mcuch

Hoxen - February 17, 2024, 8:28 pm

Thank you! Answered all questions I had in mind

racc - April 26, 2024, 6:13 pm

Thank you for this thread, it cleared everything! Very well constructed :))

jawad123a - July 30, 2024, 5:29 pm

extremely informative and a good read.
I never knew about the ? symbol code until now either.

TheBreadman - August 4, 2024, 1:09 pm

Understood, my favorite aspect, is the ability to gamble like my missing father

Jamika - August 5, 2024, 2:08 am

Good manual to help all new members, thanx for this excellent thread

Monopoly - *November 16, 2024, 3:08 am*

thanks for the help, this thread was really helpful

RangoWorld - *November 17, 2024, 3:32 am*

The guide is outdated!

Cause you get like 3 bytes per post as normal user, 4.5 bytes as l33t and 6 bytes per ub3r user. There are other activities that pay more as well I believe.