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Thread: [Unique Passwords for HF](#)

Omniscient - June 23, 2020, 12:26 pm

This is a warning and a notice to members that if you use the same password you have on HF as any other forum you are risking not only your account but also that if you're compromised the account will then be used to scam members.

In the past year at least one competing site had their database breached multiple times. Recently someone is using that database to do attempts at logging into HF accounts. If that database has the passwords cracked and you have the same login to HF (email+password combo) then it's possible they can log into your HF account if you don't use 2FA.

To prevent danger to the community please ensure the following.

1. 2FA is enabled
2. You use a unique password to HF.

So play it smart and make good choices in your security. Thanks.

Who Soup - June 23, 2020, 12:30 pm

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Nas - June 23, 2020, 1:05 pm

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RIP Juice WRLD - June 23, 2020, 1:16 pm

2FA should really be common sense ...

(omw to activate it)

Eagle 95 - June 23, 2020, 1:31 pm

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SIM-74411 - June 23, 2020, 1:34 pm

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connect my account if that is the case.

tux1 - June 23, 2020, 1:46 pm

Thanks for the heads up! I would of hoped that most people used a unique pass anyway haha

Bacardi Cola Lime - June 23, 2020, 1:49 pm

Thank you for letting us know. I use 2FA but I'm going to change my password as well!

Temp_reassign - June 23, 2020, 1:54 pm

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Xerotic - June 23, 2020, 2:29 pm

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Yes, we added the random password generator on the registration page sometime within the past couple of years. It's a quick optional tool to improve your security online.

Sajuuk - June 23, 2020, 2:38 pm

While I'll use 2FA, nothing beats a pen and pad for safely storing passwords. Those password managers have made me anxious for the years they've been around. If the passwords are on your computer, what's the point of storing them with any kind of encryption at all? Might be old fashioned, but the sh*t works. Because who the hell is going to bust into my place and steal a forum login?

Semmenial - June 23, 2020, 3:13 pm

Yes! Do the same with any other forum/website you register on.

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No one said anything about banning anything, if you want to use a VPN just verify the login with the code you obtain from your email?

The fact is members are idiots and not all of them will have 2fa enabled so at least if an unusual IP is logging in it gives an extra layer of defense by forcing the intruder to attempt to login to the member's email to get the verification code. Which then they will face a roadblock from the email's provider's account security as well.

Br?dley - June 24, 2020, 3:18 am

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Eagle 95 - June 24, 2020, 7:57 am

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Lrrr - June 24, 2020, 11:00 am

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this actually solved an unrelated issue I was having, thank you sir.

Omniscient - June 24, 2020, 11:56 am

Quote:Also knowing how to properly use password managers.

I don't recommend them. I don't use them personally. I don't trust them.

Quote:I know you gave us a lot of features to protect our accounts but I'm not sure if this would be a good idea where if someone logs into their account with an unusual IP they have to do an email verification.

We could do that. Personally I find that crap annoying though. We all log into sites from dynamic IPs on our phones or whatnot. Stolen accounts technically are a rare problem.

Quote:Thanks for the heads up. Are you sending Important site announcements on discord? I will have to connect my account if that is the case.

No, we are not using Discord to make announcements. We recommend you follow our Twitter account.

<https://twitter.com/HackForumsNet>

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That's a time sync problem.

? Soufian ? - June 24, 2020, 1:08 pm

Isn't 2FA required already?

If not, what do you think about forcing users to enable 2FA when they reach certain statistics?

Cooligan - June 24, 2020, 1:51 pm

It still baffles me that people use the same email and password for multiple forum accounts, or any multiple accounts in general.

Just isn't smart whatsoever.

I'd also hope that the majority of users who have accounts that are even upgraded have 2FA enabled, never mind those in the community that have an account someone would want to go after. Truly don't see why someone wouldn't in 2020.

?ytes - June 24, 2020, 2:47 pm

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Velma - June 24, 2020, 2:56 pm

Never use the same password keep switching up and if you do not have 2fa enabled just do it its the ultimate security mechanism.

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This couldn't hurt I don't think either.

Having a mandatory 2FA verification check and password change wouldn't be too much to maintain as a member, especially if only once per year. Especially for those who don't remember their passwords and/or don't write them down/keep track of them.

ven0m - June 24, 2020, 8:33 pm

(Jun 23, 2020 12:30 PM)Who Soup Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) People need to just enable 2f already, best invention since sliced bread

This is the truest thing I have seen on the internet today.

Jinu - July 2, 2020, 9:36 pm

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ETH - July 2, 2020, 10:56 pm

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You can host your own, it is a real feature most like