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Thread: [Infamous Contest: Member Upgrade- 1 Winner](#)

Yin Yang - August 5, 2020, 7:31 pm

This is a contest brought to you by Infamous.

Rules: You must be a non-upgraded member.

Only one entry allowed.

Minimum 200 characters to answer the below question.

During these unprecedented times and COVID-19 pandemic, how has it impacted you?

And, how are you progressing forward to accomplish your goals, business/side hustle, whatever it may be?

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The purpose of this contest is for it to be informative, and encourage others to tell their story's, and ultimately that they're not alone in this global epidemic.

End Date is one week from today 8/12 9 PM EST.

I will roll the winner via random.org and record it.

jaded7 - August 5, 2020, 9:00 pm

My activity in the outside world has been limited. I think most of us have been spending more time at home, though I still show up to work full time with my facial shroud. Within the past few months, I have been actively involved in an online business project during my free time. There has been an increase in traffic to my websites, and I have gained hundreds of followers from social media pages. This is a relatively risk-free project because I am using social media as a free tool to generate traffic while promoting a popular product in order to drive sales. Things are going well and I remain hopeful and optimistic moving forward.

xttentation76 - August 6, 2020, 5:43 am

The issue facing each and every one of us is how we manage and react to the stressful situation unfolding so rapidly in our lives and communities. Here we can draw on the remarkable powers of strength and cooperation that we also fortunately possess as humans. And that is what we must try

to focus on to respond most effectively to this crisis as individuals, family and community members, friends and colleagues

What we need to focus on in the unfolding of COVID-19 is new ways of living a new normal. We must organise our world to meet these goals that define a world without poverty and hunger, and a healthy planet with peace and prosperity for all.

I am trying to be myself and stay with my family most of the time .These are my true inspiring to avoid anxiety in these bad times.Thank you

Nebulii - August 6, 2020, 5:55 am

During these unprecedented times and COVID-19 pandemic, how has it impacted you?

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I am an electrician by trade. I am currently attempting to get my journeyman card so I can start doing real sidework.(I'm about a year away now.) Due to the pandemic going on, I have swiftly lost my job seeing as there was no work for a tradesman. Things have been really tough. I've struggled in the past, but nothing compared to this time. I'm not a sob story, but I definitely still feel it and can't land a job.

And, how are you progressing forward to accomplish your goals, business/side hustle, whatever it may be?

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Right now I'd like to get in to some sort of service offering. I know a little about Java, HTML, and VB.NET/C# and I really want to utilize my skills to have a sort of side hustle. I am practicing my coding almost daily that I can so I can become better at my craft. I want to get to the point where I'm anal about how many lines I write and try to take a piece of code, and try to re-write it in as few lines as possible.

The Amazing Sinner - August 6, 2020, 6:08 am

During these unprecedented times and COVID-19 pandemic, how has it impacted you?

COVID-19 has made me focus on the more important parts that make up the foundation of my life. For example, personal education, physical fitness, and an increased look at my future have taken a center stage during my free time. So, while COVID has had some negative effects (i.e. wearing a mask in businesses, not seeing friends as much, little to no social life), it has also had some cool side effects on my quality of life.

And, how are you progressing forward to accomplish your goals, business/side hustle, whatever it may be?

My productivity went up, I got to finish different projects and work on several side hustles. I'm an entrepreneur and digital marketing is my thing.

I'm a system administrator as well, I have worked in a large data-center before COVID-19 & companies still hire me for network infrastructure inquiries & system administration.

Thank you for this opportunity Infamous, Goodluck to everyone and I hope to win this upgrade.
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Halo - August 6, 2020, 6:15 am

I've only been impacted socially and becoming a remote worker apart from that, not much change.

Trading and investing in Crypto projects, given the extra time I have been able to do more research

and find out more quality projects as well as more TA at a higher level.

Cheers for the contest, if the below is too short, that's fair enough but I'm not throwing in loads of fluff and filler words.

racoonweeweesucker69 - August 6, 2020, 6:28 am

During these unprecedented times and COVID-19 pandemic, how has it impacted you?

I would go out every day before the pandemic to workout and chill with my friends, now a lot of them haven't left their house in a long time, and I feel like the impacts of the virus aren't that bad in comparison to the negative health side effects of not going out on sun, not exercising, stuffing yourself with food while you aren't doing anything. And I feel like the countries where they have to survive day to day from their salary, are going to have more casualties than the deaths of coronavirus.

And, how are you progressing forward to accomplish your goals, business/side hustle, whatever it may be?

I got enrolled on college and I don't know how harsh the restrictions will be. The entrance exam was terrible, I felt lightheaded the whole time. Funny thing is I saw some really jacked dude that was overseeing the exam (the guy is on steroids for a shoe). He was sweating and all red in his face, and you could see the guy trying to breathe every second as if he was trying to get a large amount of air before diving in water.

SIM-4772474 - August 6, 2020, 10:06 am

So, this pandemic has impacted me in a strange way that I didn't even expect, at first I thought it's gonna be a lot of tension but for some reason I started to work on a 2 delayed projects (translation) that has been sitting in my laptop for months, I also started to reconnect with a distant relative that I haven't spoken with in a long time. Meantime, I'm trying to really not stress a lot about my goals (I know sounds ridiculous) and learn more about hardware which I've been busy with before the quarantine but so far I fixed an old laptop and a PC for a friend, not enough but I'm still learning. Thank you for allowing me to participate in this contest.

Artisan - August 6, 2020, 10:20 am

A really nice gesture from you and Infamous. Hopefully this will help new members reach new heights. So thank you for hosting this.

I can't take an entry since I'm already maxed on upgrades but just wanted to show my support. Added this to my thread too. ?

SIM-4747314 - August 6, 2020, 10:36 am

Very nice of you doing this brother, would love to enter if you decide to make for ub3r upgrade :)

shakur123 - August 6, 2020, 4:11 pm

During these unprecedented times and COVID-19 pandemic, how has it impacted you?

We are all familiar with the struggle of lockdown, job loss and frustration over uncertainty. But for me this pandemic has impacted me additionally in a stress because of the NEED of going to several hospitals. A close family member is sick and had a surgery planned, of course it was postponed several times but when the time came up it was a stressful situation, we end up with the choice of either wait or have the surgery in a COVID-19 attention center. In the end we choose to have the surgery and although it was the right choice it was painful because of the fact that just 2 floors below us was the COVID-19 area, the following visits to ER in other hospitals because of the complications was a mind opening, every single hospital is in crisis, and let me tell you, for the non-believers out there just a quick peek on the floors or the ERs and you instantly change your mind. This virus is a real killer.

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And, how are you progressing forward to accomplish your goals, business/side hustle, whatever it may be?

Family, socially and mentally, just stay stronger and when ur about to blow up, take 5 minutes walk it off and talk, talk and talk. Sometimes you got a lot of things going and the best way to solve it or easy up is talking. Job side, its hard because now its not the time for me to ask for vacations so i managed to keep things done with a lot of focus but mainly with help of a couple of coworkers / friends. i really think that in this time the best asset are the good people around us I strongly believe that talking is an excellent way to cope with our issues

stay strong and safe!!

The Dude - August 6, 2020, 7:04 pm

During this period and pandemic it been very hard for me for living as I became jobless right now and trying to earn a little from forum here as my dedicated to do job right here day and night for the few dollar for some basic need and been hard for me .As I am non upgraded member people here dont trust much to give jon so have to wait and search more I think . At this time as I m jobless I can even spend my remained money on upgrade cause there is a chance that I will broke in few days . In here the cases is increasing day by day so the lockdown is not ended yet to go out and find job and if I get upgrade I would prefer work online .

Thanks for hosting this giveaway hope the nerdy one get the upgrade .

noskin - August 7, 2020, 6:09 am

During these unprecedented times and COVID-19 pandemic, how has it impacted you?

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When Covid-19 started i didn't think it would make it to my country. But it did. When they closed down school i was kind of happy to have a "little" vacation. I liked it, until they shut down almost everything. I was bored and they started setting up online classes. This is when i lost my motivation for school. I failed my first year in software development. Now i have to re-do this year + another year (they re-newed it and made it a year longer). So instead of being done in 3 years, i'll be done in 5. I'm starting in my first year again at the end of august and i'm really motivated.

And, how are you progressing forward to accomplish your goals, business/side hustle, whatever it may be?

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First no. But now with this much free time, yes. Starting up my own buiness again, making some money on the side and using my spare time to code.

PetiteBoulette - August 7, 2020, 6:19 am

Hello Hackforums & Infamous. ??

First sorry for my bad english in this text but i want to participe.

The coronavirus don't affect me personaly because i'm not work but i move to new house 1 week before the virus come on france.

I don't go outside all time then not disturbs me but my girlfriends yes because she like beach and sun.

me i passed the time to play valorant, rust, csgo and smoke so much weed and smoke all my money because the weed price increases.

I have training to make good website and i have sell my first website for a gaming community (g-storm.fr).

How can I tell you that it hasn't really changed my life ?! xD

but yes one problem on the confinement, I am with my girlfriend since 6 years.

And I'm 5 years younger i have 23 and she have 28.

I'm lost and I don't know what to do because she is too calm and she doesn't enjoy life.

I love her more than anything but we do not enjoy life...

What can you advise me?

the good news i come back on hackforums during the confinement. ?

i don't know what say now i wish you a good day and good luck for the Contest.

And post on your profil for more member play the contest !

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thorr - August 7, 2020, 6:29 am

Nah, I'm not that lucky :-)

Mick567 - August 8, 2020, 7:37 am

During these unprecedented times and COVID-19 pandemic, how has it impacted you?

Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) It has impacted me as a whole in a positive way despite the bigger sufferings that has been caused and my family and I being a subject to the virus although nothing serious came of it.

I've had time whilst at home from working 2 jobs to 1 which allowed me to reflect and focus on my bigger long term goals and write a personal development plan.

And, how are you progressing forward to accomplish your goals, business/side hustle, whatever it may be?

Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) The way I'm progressing is as mentioned above with the additional time I have being on Furlough on one of my jobs I've planned and spent time making sure I'm enroute to achieve realistic goals whereas before it was to 'become rich' (lol cringe but honest, I'm only 21)

I've set up a my first masternode and recieve 1/3 of my monthly passive income goal and I have been more involved with taking more risk during this time which has resulted in me earning quite a bit.

I've also going to be documenting and promoting this financial freedom journey through Instagram; at the moment I'm still in the planning phase with this and just completed graphics, I'm sure I will make a thread soon to encourage others!

Great gesture team, really nice of you giving back.

Skisuit - August 8, 2020, 10:59 pm

During these unprecedented times and COVID-19 pandemic, how has it impacted you?

Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) It taught me not to take many things for granted. Although my family and I are fortunate that we are not too badly affected by this ongoing pandemic, our main concern is how long

is this thing going to last. As a student myself, we are not allowed to go to school due to the lockdown, therefore all lessons are now taught at home via video conferencing. I think many, if not all students can agree that the thing we find most dreadful is exams. When I heard that my school is cancelling all exams for this semester, I felt extremely relieved. However, as the semester is nearing an end, they suddenly implemented assignments to replace exams. Now I wish that they'd rather not cancel exams! The assignments are far worse, I have to juggle my homework with the assignments, ensure I finish it before the deadline and perform a skill demonstration test with my lecturers. At least in exams, all I had to do is complete the questions given within 2-3 hours, no demonstration test and no need to worry about completing it with my homework. I guess this is the only thing that impacted me during this pandemic.

And, how are you progressing forward to accomplish your goals, business/side hustle, whatever it may be?

Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) As of now, the only goal I have in my mind is gain as much knowledge as possible, especially regarding cybersec. Now that I do not need to travel to school, I managed to save a lot of time. As a result, I have more time to read/learn more about topics that are not taught in school. As I joined hf during the pandemic, I read through many useful threads and users' post recommendation of good ebooks.

BiggL - August 9, 2020, 12:13 am

Kinda regret paying for an upgrade to an extent lmao!
Good idea for interaction nice stuff!

shootout010 - August 9, 2020, 10:04 am

During these unprecedented times and COVID-19 pandemic, how has it impacted you?

I've been fairly fortunate during the COVID pandemic - I work in a commercial role, and due to my current industry, we have been very busy indeed - people ordering lots of our products when the lockdowns were announced has meant great business for us.. but lots of problem-solving and stress on our supply chain, warehouse capacity, forecasting etc. It has actually been really interesting, operating in a crisis. I realise that I have been lucky to have kept my job, and I do feel for people who have been out of work for the past few months. We have been trying to give jobs to as many people as possible (in warehouses etc) and we have returned government support funding as we have performed so well and decided it would be better for them to spend it elsewhere. We have a great culture here and have been looking out for each other. Working-from-home is a challenge, and sometimes can be lonely sitting alone at a desk all day... especially when I am used to being in an office and interacting. But for the moment, I am grateful to have my health, happiness and my job.. so I can't complain. Just got to stick at it!

And, how are you progressing forward to accomplish your goals, business/side hustle, whatever it may be?

In day-to-day life, I'm just trying to go above-and-beyond in this crisis to get things done and keep the company going through a great busy period, that brings its challenges. Otherwise I am looking into other ways to invest some of the excess money that I have saved.. from not buying fuel to commute every day etc.. I've made some steps into crypto trading.. and I have always been interested in looking into Amazon or Shopify selling.. so I have been doing research and reading, trying to find a niche. Perhaps in the next few weeks, I'll purchase an e-book or mentorship and give this a shot too.. something new, and I always enjoy a hustle!...

Thanks for the consideration, much appreciated.

Political - August 9, 2020, 11:06 am

During these unprecedented times and COVID-19 pandemic, how has it impacted you?

During this ongoing pandemic, I've been faced with a very hard situation. I've lost all my friends due to COVID-19. The cause for this is me going to a new school, while getting into arguments with my friends. I will not be able to see some of them at all, due to schools being cancelled. What hurts me most is how I've spent years with these people. I didn't expect everything to end in a situation like this. Along with this, I was helpless and couldn't have done anything to soothe the situation.

And, how are you progressing forward to accomplish your goals, business/side hustle, whatever it may be?

One of my goals is to make bots, with programming. I'm doing this using free platforms like Codecademy. It's probably more of a side hustle, as school is my main focus.

Yin Yang - August 12, 2020, 6:07 pm

Just rolled the winner, congrats #12 [The Dude](#)