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Thread: [Follow a Member Notifications](#)

Omniscient - August 14, 2020, 10:45 am

We are contemplating adding a notification system for new threads by a member if you Follow that member.

I'd like some feedback on the idea. Do you support it? Would you do it differently? What concerns do you have? Is this a bad idea?

Just express yourself on what you think about HF having a member Follow feature with notifications just like threads/forums (Push, PM, or Email).

This is something Xerotic and I have considered more recently. Maybe it's time we add it. But before we commit, I'd like some community feedback.

Thank you.

RIP Juice WRLD - August 14, 2020, 10:48 am

I wouldn't use it to be honest.

EDIT: Now that I think of it, you could potentially follow your favorite programmer to see new releases. I would consider using it for the extremely HQ profiles on here, yes.

Pyro - August 14, 2020, 10:50 am

I like the idea, and I would follow only few members, 3 tops

SIM-4660060 - August 14, 2020, 10:51 am

tbh it would only be useful for a few people but i mean, sure

MrJamesDean - August 14, 2020, 10:51 am

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Zero - August 14, 2020, 11:05 am

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Xerotic - August 14, 2020, 11:11 am

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Artisan - August 14, 2020, 11:13 am

I like the idea. I would use this feature to follow new threads from admin and staff, as sometimes I forget to go into this section or see important threads a bit late.

01001 - August 14, 2020, 11:41 am

It would be an excellent addition to the community, and speaking for myself, I'm quite finicky and won't follow anyone or just a few. Assuming that I follow someone who's not that active, so that person won't make any threads (It's my assumption).

Besides, taking another example of "following a member." If I follow someone who is into programming, and my interest lies in Hacking, but I intentionally follow them. The result would be not checking their thread(s) or check for a moment, but won't interact with it entirely, but I won't be interested in it.

P.S.: Maybe my opinion seems absurd, but I know [Omniscient](#) and [Xerotic](#) put their time and efforts while coding/setting this, so I wanted to be honest with my feedback. Lastly, I'm sure many would be interested in it since you know the community trend. ;)

Nas - August 14, 2020, 11:43 am

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That could be dope!

New award?

MarvinMalware - August 14, 2020, 12:04 pm

I definitely like this idea, I can think of a few members I'd follow.

flavoral - August 14, 2020, 12:11 pm

Yes please!

That way [Nachfolger](#) and [Cooligan](#) can keep up with all the lounge threads i post.

MrJamesDean - August 14, 2020, 12:25 pm

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Ahh okay, thanks for clarifying, that makes more sense!

Omniscient - August 14, 2020, 12:52 pm

Quote:Would it be similar to having followers on other social platforms? Such as a follower counter and view your followers and other people's followers as well?

If the feature gained enough usage I can see adding some metrics for it.

SIM-1729678 - August 14, 2020, 1:52 pm

I would only follow you Omni, in case any announcements come forth. For the rest I don't see any use for myself.

I can see how it would be affective to follow Stanley.

I mean, this feature can't hurt anyone right? If they want to use it, fine, if people don't want to use it, also fine. Right? :)

test - August 14, 2020, 1:57 pm

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Profile feeds were my first test into an HF feed. That was done a long time ago though and it wasn't about finding new content... it was about a specific member's content.

An HF feed could include threads, popularity, blogs, lotteries, HUM stuff, etc. All sorts of different things happening on HF.

Lavish Living - August 14, 2020, 2:08 pm

I would like a notification every time Omni posts.

Thanks.

KyO - August 14, 2020, 2:41 pm

Yes that would awesome, i can think of a few members i would follow

Dorrance - August 14, 2020, 2:42 pm

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Thanks.

That's what I'm saying, but you should notiy follow me.

iNviZ - August 14, 2020, 3:25 pm

I see it being very helpful in many ways.

Really on marketplace type members.

Would be a nice feature to follow someone who is a food programmer or even follow members who always add just great threads.

Vibe - August 14, 2020, 5:57 pm

I'd subscribe to your threads in hopes of increasing my odds for the ass kisser award so I'm all for this!

Plus would be good for everyday ninja

ETH - August 15, 2020, 2:41 am

(Aug 14, 2020 11:13 AM)Zero Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I actually did not think about that!

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I always thanking for the great job

If category segregated like follow threads, posts

It will be really helpful

For blocked people it needs must not allowed or they'll really using for abusing purpose !

Dopamine - August 15, 2020, 2:56 am

Sounds very like a good ideas here, I would use it with max 5 peoples only for prevent the notification spam

It would be also a good add on for everyone who already failed the daily ninja award?

phunted - August 15, 2020, 3:02 am

I think this addition would be neat, I would only follow two people at the moment however at least i'd

know exactly when they release their programs.

Lorem Ipsum - August 15, 2020, 3:17 am

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Good idea to disable the follow-feature for those who are on the Ignore list.

Free Kurdistan - August 15, 2020, 3:25 am

I like the idea, why not. It's like following an Instagram page and turning on notifications for every post and story.

AsSaSs@iN - August 15, 2020, 3:31 am

Good feature. Anything that facilitates community and encourages engagement is a win.

Mr Kewl - August 15, 2020, 4:01 pm

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Bastille - August 15, 2020, 4:10 pm

Would be interested for some ex MRT members, if they post in the white hat section to follow them, but honestly there is no so much activity about this section

Otherwise other members could be interested about members who do lot of contests maybe ?

tux1 - August 15, 2020, 4:43 pm

Seems like a good idea, I think I would use it for the odd member. I think it may be worth putting a limit on it initially at least, can't see why someone would need to realistically follow >100 people

Game - August 15, 2020, 5:35 pm

I like this idea. It would be useful to follow some HQ users that post informative threads and such.

I'd also be able to keep up with all the shit [flavoral](#) posts in The Lounge.

racoonweeweesucker69 - August 15, 2020, 5:42 pm

Yeah, this is a no brainer, could be very useful and there is no down side.

Goods - August 15, 2020, 9:41 pm

I could see myself following a few users. I could honestly do with, or without the feature.

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Id probably follow you to be honest. I like what you post ;)

eXceptional - August 15, 2020, 10:34 pm

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Xerotic already pointed that out.

I'm fine quitting. Only thing I might be interested in is closing a full year.

Ombra - August 16, 2020, 3:39 am

I believe it's something useful when we're talking about site staff and admins. I usually browse your profile to check news/announcements threads like this one.

On the other side I have no interest in getting a notification whenever a member I like is posting something.. he may be posting something useful or trash and I'd rather check it every now and then from user profile.

Nostre - August 16, 2020, 11:59 am

It definitely isn't a bad idea but it could possibly be abused if members are being harassed on their threads. I would give it a shot and see what happens.

MightyOne - August 16, 2020, 1:51 pm

I'd love to see this being implemented! some members are donating nonstop with new tools and guides, and usually great to know what they do instead of lurking their profile.

Bacardi Cola Lime - August 17, 2020, 8:25 am

I'd definitely use this feature. There are members who often post about selling signature spaces so I'd love to follow them.

I N C R E D I B L E - August 17, 2020, 8:32 am

Should be authorized by the user first before anyone can follow him. and may cost 10 bytes per update to make it a useful feature.

T0Bi - August 17, 2020, 9:29 am

Yeah I'd love that feature as well.

I was actually just searching if a feature like this exists because I wanted to follow someone.

Gary Clark Jr. - August 17, 2020, 11:28 am

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Side note: If this hasn't been said already, follower/subscriber counts shouldn't be public. People boasting about followers on social media is already cancer as it is.

Bossk - August 17, 2020, 12:15 pm

Would follow you and xerotic

Xerotic - August 19, 2020, 7:40 am

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Well, I can definitely see the potential as a lot of members love my threads.