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Thread: [HF API V2 Suggestion | PM Write/Read Ability? Convo Write/Read Ability?](#)

Semmenial - January 22, 2021, 9:43 pm

I don't know if this should be posted here or in the HF API V2 section, if this is the wrong section please let me know and I will delete this thread and make one in the HF API section.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5663026>

Looking at this thread, it seems it was planned to add an ability in the HF API to send PM's/read PM's.

Is this still a work in progress or probably not going to happen?

I think it would be a great addition, especially for Vendors when sending messages about their product. I also think that since I feel like Convo is taking over as the primary method to directly communicate with someone on HF, maybe a Convo WRITE/READ feature would be a GREAT addition.

I personally think that: PM or Convo WRITE Abilities in the API would be a much better feature than PM/Convo Read abilities as it will allow for more user privacy.(Owner of API could potentially read all their messages)

Pros:It would be easier for Vendors to send product updates to their clients. Instead of having to use 3rd party applications as a source of getting product updates, customers will get updates straight to their PM box(or potentially their Convo box).

Users could create their own variation of a PM/Convo Notify tool. Allowing users to be able to quickly respond to messages as well.

Would make life a lot easier for people who receive a lot of important PM's/Convo on the daily, to be notified about them.

Cons: Potential for Abuse(Mass Messaging). But I don't think many users would even think about doing this, since every API request is logged. Maybe even set a limit to how many PM/Convo's you can send per hour.

Owner of the API tool could potentially read all their messages. (Way around this: only allow PM/Convo Write ability as a feature. OR Users can set their own 'encryption key' so that they can decrypt messages.)

Owner of the API tool could potentially send out messages. (Since API requests are logged, user can report the owner of the tool)

Thanks, and what do you guys think?

Euro - January 22, 2021, 9:45 pm

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SIM-4931551 - January 22, 2021, 10:35 pm

Bumping to blindly support this movement. Lol.

Isolate - January 22, 2021, 10:36 pm

I support this as well, vendor property only.

SIM-4704770 - January 22, 2021, 10:37 pm

To improve upon this possibly make it so api can only message open convos and not be the first to message others, as to prevent spam.

Xerotic - January 24, 2021, 12:27 pm

(Jan 22, 2021 10:45 PM)Euro Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I agree this should exist but for Vendors only

(Jan 22, 2021 11:36 PM)iSoLaTe Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) vendor property only.

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Isolate - January 24, 2021, 1:09 pm

(Jan 24, 2021 01:27 PM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why Vendors only? It isn't even a Market feature. Honestly this was before I figured out what vendor was (been afk) but still a cool feature nonetheless.

Euro - January 24, 2021, 2:14 pm

(Jan 24, 2021 01:27 PM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why Vendors only? It isn't even a Market feature. Potential for abuse as stated in the OP

SIM-964740 - January 24, 2021, 3:08 pm

(Jan 24, 2021 03:14 PM)Euro Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Potential for abuse as stated in the OP
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Euro - January 24, 2021, 3:25 pm

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Euro - January 24, 2021, 4:37 pm

(Jan 24, 2021 04:52 PM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Each person approves access to the API. What abuse?
Spam primarily.

(Jan 24, 2021 05:15 PM)James Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Then you make it for all upgraded users, not just vendor, if that's your primary concern...

My thoughts at the time, were that vendors are more established than upgraded members and would be less inclined to abuse the API.

Since prevention is the best protection, it's probably best to stop it before it even occurs, by adding a daily rate limit (as opposed to my former suggestion).

Euro - January 24, 2021, 6:27 pm

(Jan 24, 2021 06:52 PM)James Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So add a feature that many people would love but limit it to a minute fraction of a percentage of the user base because you don't want anyone to use it more than once a day. You may as well be against adding it.

Well I honestly do find some merits to this, even when rate limited, such as informative notifications regarding their products and/or services

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Semmenial - January 24, 2021, 8:29 pm

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(Jan 24, 2021 08:22 PM)James Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So you see no practical applications for access to read/write for convos and pms outside of marketing? How about every user including myself who would like a mobile app for convo and pms and whatnot to use them in an optimized way instead of through the HF web version which imo isn't the best on mobile. It can be used way beyond marketing. Open your mind. Think about the endless possibilities. I could have a desktop application for my convos and get desktop notifications for convos when I don't have the tab open. My gosh.

Some other good applications for this.

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Calm down James, you can clearly see I am in support of this, even if I don't see any other uses for it outside of the marketplace.

You do however, raise a very valid point.

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I just don't want to see such a thing (that everyone would find a good thing) to be given and then taken back because one bad egg wants ruins it for everyone.

Semmenial - January 25, 2021, 10:02 pm

I still think this would be a great option and addition to the API. There are a TON of uses for this and I feel the usage of the API will increase a ton.

Omniscient - January 26, 2021, 11:03 am

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Semmenial - January 26, 2021, 12:15 pm

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Looking forward to seeing what you guys have cooking up.