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Thread: [Group Popularity Option](#)

Omniscient - January 3, 2022, 12:37 pm

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Any group owners interested in discussing this option can Convo me.

False King - January 3, 2022, 12:39 pm

Sockets seem to be down, when they're up again I'll convo some of my thoughts on this.

jcole - January 3, 2022, 12:43 pm

I really like the idea of this, and just had read your post in the giveaway thread prior to you posting this. I'm not a group owner and don't really have much say, but could see the potential of this for your monetization and the positive return in the community for it.

neightworks. - January 3, 2022, 12:44 pm

This is actually something that genuinely increases the value of being in a specific group, I think this is an amazing idea.

Maybe you could do it like the star system where the first +1 is x amount and gradually gets more expensive.

phunted - January 3, 2022, 12:48 pm

I think this incentivises groups a whole lot more!

Great idea.

Omniscient - January 3, 2022, 12:50 pm

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Of course that's how I would do it.

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Trappy - January 3, 2022, 12:50 pm

Super cool idea, but would +/- 5 be the maximum? I'd think some owners would be very happy to pay nicely for +/- 10 or even higher.

Omniscient - January 3, 2022, 12:57 pm

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Demize - January 3, 2022, 1:06 pm

i think it would be a good addition, would give another reason for members to want to be in certain groups

[Lynx](#) get prepared.

Pyro - January 3, 2022, 1:22 pm

ok, i think its time to summon [Kawen](#)

Nuworld - January 3, 2022, 1:54 pm

I like the idea.

I'll be calling you shortly, just got home from work and I'm need of a few ?

Rionxee - January 3, 2022, 2:23 pm

I definitely can see this being a big perk for group owners to have added onto their group incentives.

Cap - January 3, 2022, 2:27 pm

I agree that this could be a huge perk for groups and a great incentive for users looking to join.

Palestine - January 3, 2022, 3:06 pm

Much props & respect to you Omni you've been coming out with some awesome ideas/events lately and everyone loves you even more for it! It's no wonder that HF is as successful as it is today, you the man forreal! But yeah I also think this would be an AMAZING idea and would certainly give people extra incentives to have or be apart of groups. Not to mention it'll help people who aren't already upgraded to do so, that way more users will become L33t and Ub3r ultimately helping to support the forums even more. ?????

[False King](#) love this idea haha hopefully you can make this happen for The Foundation ?????

Bluffer - January 3, 2022, 3:09 pm

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Cap - January 3, 2022, 3:12 pm

I just reached out to you about this Omni. I'm definitely interested.

Vibe - January 3, 2022, 3:15 pm

If a user gets removed from the group is his rep reverted back to his normal group's maximum allowed +\-

Bankrupt - January 3, 2022, 3:17 pm

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yes. this is something we would love to have

Joe - January 3, 2022, 3:30 pm

Sounds like a good idea to me. I'm fairly new here, but it doesn't seem like there's much benefit to groups other than the userbar and color. Of course that's from the outside looking in, I've never actually been in one. Maybe I would feel differently if I were.

Maadcat - January 3, 2022, 3:48 pm

Very good idea, i hope Pink will follow that ?

Omniscient - January 3, 2022, 4:36 pm

(Jan 3, 2022 04:09 PM)Bluffer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I bet the idea of custom canned messages for group members would be very popular.

I've thought about it. But it would take extra coding to work. I am looking into it though. My concept on that is to charge Bytes per custom Pop that will last something like 30 days or maybe longer, maybe a year even.

Wafflemonger - January 3, 2022, 5:13 pm

The idea sounds pretty solid. I'm not in a group, nor would I join one as life is too hectic to devote time to them. However, from a value perspective this seems like a good idea.

In the future, you can also offer other incentives to "upgrade" the groups, which would then add actual value increase to groups. Which I'm sure you've thought of already, but sounds pretty exciting.

Can also add some non-monetary upgrades like goals/thresholds that all members of the group participate in that would promote forum activity.

Lrrr - January 3, 2022, 7:46 pm

This is a great idea and a great way to make money for HF while also improving groups. Fantastic

Lavish Living - January 3, 2022, 8:22 pm

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Charger - January 4, 2022, 5:44 am

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Are your services a "ploy" to get money? HackForums is a business. Monetization in any way isn't a "ploy". What a useless comment.

N - January 4, 2022, 6:15 am

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What's the pricing? [Zero](#) has a trust fund.

Also consider that second row of stars.

20 post star clout over popularity any day.

SUI-3183372 - January 4, 2022, 9:43 am

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Sky - January 4, 2022, 10:37 am

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SUI-3183372 - January 4, 2022, 10:46 am

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I'm a group leader.

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I find an extra +1 or +2 appealing.

While many won't fit the target audience for this to be appealing, many like myself will.

Sky - January 4, 2022, 10:49 am

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(Jan 4, 2022 11:58 AM)False King Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't think group owners would buy the +1 just for themselves.

Right, I'm not saying I don't like the idea of it all.

Roytoy - January 4, 2022, 11:06 am

I think this is a good idea though I don't give popularity any significance anymore.

Charger - January 4, 2022, 2:32 pm

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No.

You'd be a vendor for marketplace perks.

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Oh I agree, the added Pop is just a bonus honestly. I was meaning more along the lines of if someone who leads a group is already vendor this might not appeal to them as much. Unless I misunderstood something.

Zero - January 4, 2022, 10:14 pm

(Jan 4, 2022 06:07 PM)Dyne Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I like the concept for sure, but I think from an entirely sales perspective, +1, +2 and +3 in ADDITION to the individual users + or - pop rating would sell very, very well for groups. e.g.; Ub3r gets +3, in group with +1, gets to +4 or Vendor gets +5, in group with +2, gets to +7.

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Something to consider anyway.

EDIT: Best believe I would like to slap a fat -8 on [mention=2774521]

That's a nice idea.

I still believe it should be the same way the stars are for groups. Same number for everyone.

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As soon as [Lynx](#) buys the +10 option I'm gonna neg you so hard

N - January 11, 2022, 11:21 am

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Maxorg - January 11, 2022, 11:34 am

(Jan 11, 2022 12:21 PM)Nixhxlax Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Congrats to [Zero](#) for getting us the highest option available currently.

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[Zero](#) Congratulations on this big move El Jefe ?

Scoppa - January 11, 2022, 1:07 pm

I love the new "Pink LSZ gang" popularity comment lmao!