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Thread: [Is marketplace no longer active here at HF ? Do You Feel The Same?](#)

Jedi Tools™ - July 23, 2022, 12:51 am

Hey Everyone,

Has recession hit HF? Not sure, but Marketplace no longer feels active as it used to be before.

Do you feel the same?

Gary - July 23, 2022, 12:53 am

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Jedi Tools™ - July 23, 2022, 1:44 am

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wtf - July 23, 2022, 1:54 am

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It's not about Truth or Lies.

It's about the curiosity members had back in time to make purchase here at HF only. They were more of a explorer of tech things.

Somehow, that curiosity looks to be dying.

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Damn! That's the reason.

I just started a test contract with you and opened another contract with a non-v3ndor member.

It is really different for V3ndors and Non-V3ndor groups.

[Omniscient](#) Just keeping you in loop here to notice this thing, which you may already know.

V3ndors have exclusive templates for contract which looks to be the reason of why market looks dull. Now members could simply make their purchase without interacting. Now marketplace threads are more of a Pre-sales inquiry threads.

[Omniscient](#) Could we do something about marketplace to make it more interacting?

Lilith - July 23, 2022, 2:24 am

The entire forum is less active than it used to be. Forums are losing their userbase in general and it's summer. Of course the marketplace is gonna lose activity if the whole forum is as well.

Pyro - July 23, 2022, 2:38 am

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the quantity of ebooks has gone up all time high. That is all for the change!

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Yeah, it's a shame. Over the years, I think I've spent \$500+ on eBooks, and \$1000+ on services. Never made a dime back.

Blunt - July 23, 2022, 4:40 am

I do an exchange of \$100-200+ like every other day. But not everyday. Its dead in a way but people (mostly leets) need exchanges but my rate has went up from 8% to 12%

Mark Ronson - July 23, 2022, 5:49 am

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Royal ! - July 23, 2022, 6:37 am

This "dip" happens every year, literally. The best time for HF generating most traffic and sales is

from October to March. Then it stays just about average till "June". From Mid July onward till end of September, things tend to stay a little bit on the slow side.

Its Summer at the moment so things will be a bit quite and slow, considering people tend to go on vacations and all that.

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True,

and LQ Ebooks/methods are the reason why most newbies loose faith in services provided by other users. Thus, reduced market activity.

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Exchange section has lot of use-cases. I think old forums like HF should have a separate module for legit exchangers. (A separate usergroup, other than V3ndors). To be more specific it could be one V3NDOR agnostic section with custom options for buyers/sellers to exchange without interacting.

Though, it will require HF developers to build custom API that Exchangers could use.

NotKover - July 23, 2022, 7:41 am

The market place is very much still active, just need to make sure what your selling is unique etc and in my case there hasnt been many messages on my threads but i still have people messaging me on TG wanting to buy or to ask questions(around 30ish new PMs a day)

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It's not good competition, Discord servers involving these things get closed every other day and Telegram is mostly an infestation of scammers

However, exchanging is not the only thing people do or need, so other activities certainly take place

in those other apps because many things aren't allowed here

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How would that idea even increase "marketplace engagement"? Weren't you complaining about [Stanley](#) autobumps at the start of the thread.

?nder - July 24, 2022, 1:21 am

Well you gotta remember this is a honeypot site foremost. Its still up cause it engages and trains the

next generation of hackers that the government needs, to stay up to date with other countries. But yeah its going down bad. IDK whats up its just feels empty.

wyvn - July 25, 2022, 3:35 am

(Jul 23, 2022 02:38 AM)Pyro Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) bcs bumping isnt allowed so why do i see people like [Ombra](#) bumping their own threads every day with their own posts?

Marketplace imo is dead because of all the scammers and garbage methods, sure, i bet it used to be great with loads of HQ sellers and products, but nowadays i feel like theres just scammers everywhere.

Even some of the most known/trusted people on this forum are scammers, and when they get deal disputed they'll just ignore it and it'll get pushed pages and pages back and forgotten about. And who really looks at a users Open Disputes before contacting?

Ombra - July 25, 2022, 3:39 am

(Jul 25, 2022 03:35 AM)0xj4y Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) so why do i see people like [Ombra](#) bumping their own threads every day with their own posts?

Bumping with own posts IS allowed as long as useful information are provided.

What isn't allowed is Low Quality Posting (LQP - e.g. posts like "I'm online now").

Source: <https://hackforums.net/misc.php?action=help&hid=35>

Subsection: "How do I bump my sales thread?"

Quote:Bumping of your threads with poor posts such as "I am online" , "I am offering support" or "I am still selling";

Quote:You don't do so with LQP and you are not allowed to post/bump/delete either. PBD (post/bump/delete) is where you make a new reply in your thread, wait for another post, which bumps your thread then you delete the post. We take PBD seriously and you can be instantly banned and your sales thread closed for doing so. If you want your thread bumped you should make a quality post that positively affects your sales thread or responds to a pertinent reply to another post. Posts that are not acceptable:

- Not a full sentence

- Add nothing of value to the thread

- Are a duplicate or very similar to previous posts (e.g. restocked whatever OP is selling for the third time)

- Or are otherwise LQ and made solely to bump the thread

That is not an exhaustive list, it is just guidance on what is not permitted.

Omniscient - July 25, 2022, 10:43 am

OP is closed, he no longer has to worry about our Marketplace being boring.

Prick has 2 Deal Disputes and has the nerve to talk shit. Fuck him.