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Thread: [Theme Alteration](#)

Omniscient - September 2, 2022, 6:48 pm

<https://hackforums.net/usercp.php?action=options>

Change the HF theme to Mobale Red then do a CTRL+F5 refresh of the page. I have altered the logo and the background. It's a subtle change but I think I like it.

Please if you hate it, use it for an hour before commenting. Probably gonna be bothered more by the red than the background change.

I'm hoping to make this change to all the themes. Removing the background image imho presents a cleaner look. And the logo has some changes but it's technically a previous design by [Novica](#)

EDIT: IGNORE THE RED, DO NOT COMMENT ON THE RED!

Biggy - September 2, 2022, 7:30 pm

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That Red theme is just part of HF, it's never been the default. Just imagine the same changes under your own color choice. I actually rotate between the Green, Purple, and Blue. I like all 3 of them.

Gary - September 2, 2022, 8:07 pm

I like it, the only thing that is kind of harsh on the eyes is the background clashing with the post background.

Like you said, I should use it for more than an hour.

Blazin - September 2, 2022, 8:42 pm

The red will take a little to get use to on the eyes, but I do think I like it. Will try it out for a week.

Lilith - September 2, 2022, 9:03 pm

It's a bit of a visual adjustment initially, but it's far less of a change than it was from the original theme. I'm sure the people who don't like change will decry it but within a few days, if even, most will get used to it.

EDIT: Maybe making the background color of the site darker grey, similar to that of the message box, would make for good contrast.

Nas - September 2, 2022, 9:16 pm

Looks weird on mobile. Box elements have weird outlines.

Bluffer - September 2, 2022, 10:03 pm

I dig it. I know in previous years it took a bit of time to get used to a new look but ultimately was always better.

Edge - September 2, 2022, 10:06 pm

I like it tbh. I never really liked the BG that comes default. This looks way better.

Trappy - September 2, 2022, 10:21 pm

The red will take getting used to but I like the theme alterations.

My only suggestion, theres a lot of empty space. This might just be because I have a huge monitor though, <https://prnt.sc/h0CPt-p86lUk>

Yeah it's just my big monitor. I went back and I see it's always been like this, just more noticeable when the postbit background is the same color as the empty space

trojohn - September 3, 2022, 12:40 am

The solid background makes the whole thing look very clean. Especially if you're someone who always has the top logo hidden.

In my opinion it would be perfect with a softer pastel red like below. It would clash less with the colorful, flashy ads too.

Cyam - September 3, 2022, 4:13 am

The background color is too bright for me personally.

Something like this would be easier on the eyes. For now I'm just using the default one with purple blocks

Goku - September 3, 2022, 6:31 am

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Use this CSS as an example:

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Preview:

Or a radial gradient.

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Carrot - September 3, 2022, 6:38 am

a grey theme'd be nice :P

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noticed a thin line in the screenshot, #logo has border-bottom: 1px solid #0c0c0c; which is creating this.

Vibe - September 3, 2022, 6:45 am

Red is better anyways good change

Cooligan - September 3, 2022, 7:09 am

I actually always used the mobale red theme naturally before this, I've always thought the red looked fantastic. Usually I switch back and forth between red and green, but I mostly stick with the red. In terms of the new theme, I'm not gonna lie I like the simplicity and minimalistic vibe it has. It definitely looks very clean to say the least.

There's a few things I see that I'm not sure about yet, but like everyone else has said I'll actually give the new theme a day or two to see if it'll grow on me more. That's how it was for me when the mobale themes were introduced as well.

Only 2 things I've noticed so far that would need a rework so they stand out (unless this was intentional that is) were these here:

The navigation tabs blend into the background when hovered:

The page tabs also blend into the background until you hover them:

Also here's a before and after for those who are curious:

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

Before:

After:

Zero - September 3, 2022, 7:19 am

The background color is not for me. Hard to use HF with this. Sadly I use the Red theme so now I have to use other colors for the older version.

Bullup - September 3, 2022, 7:19 am

Absolutely love it 100 times more than previous, could use some tweaking here and there but hey, huge improvement already.

Omniscient - September 3, 2022, 7:34 am

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I removed it. It's not causing that line. Someone help me figure it out. Actually, was in response.css too. Fixed it.

Also, I don't like the gradient background concept. With a fixed solid color it's easier to make adjustments.

I would also change the Tabbed Menu hover style.

?lixir - September 3, 2022, 7:57 am

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<https://imgur.com/a/culVhhS>

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This is amazing!

About the logo, I could easily delete the background if Omni could provide me with the source file.

Even without the source file I can delete the BG with Photoshop, he just needs to say the word

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Thanks but we've gone with a bg image for a few years. I think it's time to just be a solid color.

SecureOp - September 3, 2022, 8:10 am

Been using it for a little over an hour, seems pretty smooth.

Moving around different threads feels a little smoother.

SIM-4375709 - September 3, 2022, 8:36 am

Just swapped over, already like it. Nice & clean good stuff

Cooligan - September 3, 2022, 8:47 am

Toying around with the new theme some more and it's definitely growing on me in terms of how clean it is. Almost more modern in a way. I do find myself missing the checkerboard background and other logo though. I keep switching back and forth between mobale red and mobale purple and am kind of stuck on the fence.

Though I really like how the logo stands out and how the profile templates stand out for details such as these, the new theme really makes them stand out and have a great bolded effect:

Gary - September 3, 2022, 9:07 am

(Sep 3, 2022 04:13 AM)Cyam Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The background color is too bright for me personally.

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Yup, this one is much easier on the eyes. Its nice to have the actual background slightly darker than the thread/post backgrounds.

SoulZeh - September 3, 2022, 9:19 am

I oddly find this one so much better, however I would love if there was different colours, obviously I know it's a work in progress.

Omniscient - September 3, 2022, 9:23 am

(Sep 3, 2022 09:19 AM)James Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I would probably make the background a bit more of a darker grey colour that has a very small slight red tint.

No, I want the blend feel.

Omniscient - September 3, 2022, 9:30 am

I did a change to the pagination.

<https://hackforums.net/cache/themes/theme15/global.css> (CTRL+F5 to get new version)

sneezing panda - September 3, 2022, 9:32 am

Currently the only complaint I have with it is it seems to "flat" if that makes sense, but that could be something on my end.

EDIT: After having switched em a few times back and forth, it's really the background being the same color as everything else thats throwing it off. It's just a solid gray color.

Omniscient - September 3, 2022, 9:36 am

(Sep 3, 2022 09:31 AM)Dyne Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I was taken aback by the sudden change at first and I hated it. But after the hour I grew to quickly prefer it.

Looks a bit more modern, too.

That's why I asked people to use it an hour first. It might just be visual shock the first ten minutes. IMHO after an hour, you realize it's just clean looking.

Please note that I'm fairly sure I can find usage for all the negative space in the background. For example I could do event/holiday based backgrounds for limited times. Maybe even do sponsored backgrounds? Also with the sides, I may attempt to do side slideout navigation.

interbellum - September 3, 2022, 10:04 am

Just changed to the red theme, so far I really like it. Will update these few days if anything changes.

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This definitely helped on the eyes. Small change made a massive difference.

Omniscient - September 3, 2022, 10:13 am

(Sep 3, 2022 09:43 AM)Dyne Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah a side listview would be really cool. I don't often see it on MyBB forums.

I did see one that had a "jump to post" with a feed of most recent posts forumwide on the left but I feel like that would get chaotic with a huge forum like HF.

Were you thinking to replace the top navigation header? or in addition to it with hotlinks?

I would move the top navigation to the side imho. That's if I can get it working and looking right. I don't want a feed of new posts on the side. Not under this design. One day I hope to do a totally different index page but not sure that's coming anytime soon.

Omniscient - September 3, 2022, 10:40 am

(Sep 3, 2022 10:19 AM)Lowkey Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Would you consider using like a pastel green or something just a tad easier on the eyes?

I like this new layout, the red color burns my corneas.

HF has 4 current color choices. Red, Purple, Green, and Blue. If you read the first post I indicate

that the red is just the theme I am editing as part of the beta as it's the least used.

Do not comment on the red. That's not the point. Ignore the red.

Malthemar - September 3, 2022, 10:46 am

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Likely within a couple days I'll alter all the themes.

Rionxee - September 3, 2022, 11:57 am

I dig it, looks streamlined and less cluttered. Pleasant surprise seeing the change.

source - September 3, 2022, 12:45 pm

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Cyam - September 3, 2022, 1:53 pm

(Sep 3, 2022 12:45 PM)source Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It feels a lot more pleasant on the eyes when browsing.

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source - September 3, 2022, 1:55 pm

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Cyam - September 3, 2022, 2:07 pm

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source - September 3, 2022, 2:27 pm

(Sep 3, 2022 02:07 PM)Cyam Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

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Gross, I could never go to that

Blazin - September 3, 2022, 5:21 pm

(Sep 3, 2022 05:03 PM)shatter Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Correct. I've always picked Charmander too. Why the fuck would you want a plant or a turtle when you could have a dragon? ?

The debate is still on-going about that one.

On paper it's bulbasaur. As it's the most effective choice against the first three gyms and it was most popular in PVP.

But squirtle is just as effective against the first gym and neutral against Misty. And then it struggles against Lt Surge.

Charmander struggles against both Brock and Misty. And its best fire move will be ember for a really long time [charmander → flamethrower → level 38, charmeleon → level 42]. So begin game it's a bit more of a grind than the other two.

After the first three gyms, in my opinion, it doesn't matter much anymore. Because by then you will have your headstart, level wise. Especially on your starter.

So I'd say:

Bulbasaur

Squirtle

Charmander

Gary - September 3, 2022, 6:00 pm

(Sep 3, 2022 05:40 PM)Dyne Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Judging by what you just said, what I heard was;

Bulbasaur - Easy

Squirtle - Normal

Charmander - Pokemon Master

The choice is yours. Case closed.

piplup is pretty badass and cute

Cooligan - September 3, 2022, 9:40 pm

(Sep 3, 2022 04:41 PM)Dyne Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Totally unrelated but I've always been hard red theme team.

I feel like being the first theme to change is a serious win for Charmander over bulbasaur and squirtle.

Yeah I used the mobale red before this update too. I loved the way certain buttons would highlight red and the overall red accent.

Granted purple is my favorite color though. However somehow I forgot that mobale purple was a theme until today when I enabled just regular "mobale" and it was purple lol. Was a pleasant reminder.

Also yes, Charmander over Bulbasaur or Squirtle any day.
Squirtle would be #2 on that list though.

Nostre - September 3, 2022, 11:39 pm

I switched for about two minutes and enjoy it already. With a few minor tweaks, I think it'll be perfect.

Great choice.

Cooligan - September 4, 2022, 2:52 am

(Sep 3, 2022 11:39 PM)Genuine Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I switched for about two minutes and enjoy it already. With a few minor tweaks, I think it'll be perfect.

Great choice.

This. It's honestly just growing on me more and more. I'd still hope to have the mobale themes as options if we wanted, that'd be really nice being able to switch back and forth if one wants to.

This new theme though is just fitting for HF. Simplistic, extremely clean, dark aesthetic, and modern as a bonus. I find I like browsing and clicking around with it enabled.

(Sep 3, 2022 02:07 PM)Cyam Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

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I have the same font and I'm on Windows 10.

I think the last font change was around 2017 or 2018 iirc. I love the Verdana for HF.

Cyam - September 4, 2022, 4:02 am

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flavoral - September 4, 2022, 4:07 am

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vyactor - September 4, 2022, 4:24 am

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I'm really curious to see what other color options we may get on top of the ones we already have. Unless Omni is maybe thinking of reworking the existing colors into new ones maybe, not sure.

All I know is I really hope the OG purple, the red, and the green will make it through. Those are my favorites in order, so I suppose blue for me would be last. I just don't think I used it nearly as much as purple, green, or red.

(Sep 4, 2022 04:24 AM)vyactor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The borders make it easy on the eyes. Not sure if they were there earlier.

I believe the borders you're seeing have always been there, they're just standing out more now that it has the all grey background. You can really see them pop on profiles too. Here's a screenshot I took yesterday:

SIM-3878067 - September 4, 2022, 8:21 am

Tried the red for a few days but could not get used to it.

Omniscient - September 4, 2022, 8:59 am

(Sep 4, 2022 04:02 AM)Cyam Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Dang, I really like Poppins font with this new theme, but I doubt Omni would implement it

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I was hoping to do the other themes this morning but turns out I don't have the time. Will get to them maybe tomorrow morning if all goes well.

Sky - September 4, 2022, 1:03 pm

Would you ever consider selling group colored themes?

Could have it set to only be available while you're in said groups and add it as another group upgrade.

Omniscient - September 4, 2022, 1:14 pm

(Sep 4, 2022 01:03 PM)Sky Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Would you ever consider selling group colored themes?

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I don't see that as a great value add to groups. Not sure a lot of value would be there to justify the work and pricing required for it. Since you can just do HFX plugin to alter the theme why would group owners pay for such a thing? Most value-adds to groups are also about what is public facing.

If regular members can't even see the theme, would it benefit the group status?

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Sky - September 4, 2022, 1:16 pm

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Fair enough, was just a thought.

Vince - September 4, 2022, 4:28 pm

I like it. It's minimal and doesn't overwhelm the eyes. Definitely a step in the right direction.

SoulZeh - September 5, 2022, 3:40 am

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(Sep 5, 2022 03:40 AM)SoulZeh Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Gonna wait for Adam to reply as I really liked that other dudes Font also, looked clean as fuck.

There is an extension for Chrome (Font Customizer).

You can use it to change the font on site.

SoulZeh - September 5, 2022, 12:02 pm

(Sep 5, 2022 11:53 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Refer to post above.

But if these extensions don't work, I'll consider it.

Someone just let me know

Yea, but don't you think it would be so nice to have in HFX? I hate installing extensions not gonna lie.

Gary - September 5, 2022, 12:03 pm

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What about firefox? I don't use Chrome.

Blazin - September 7, 2022, 5:34 pm

(Sep 7, 2022 04:17 AM)Yung Zel Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I dislike it as it has the feeling of the site is still in development.

Hackforums is always in development. Omni is always coming up with new ideas and tweaks. You have to stay updating in a modern era.

Panda555tordu - *October 11, 2022, 3:20 pm*

interesting why not and do them as you want my needs that apply