

Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [Marketplace Requires Upgrade To Create Thread](#)

Omniscient - October 13, 2022, 5:23 pm

Starting today all Marketplace forum sections require at minimum a L33t upgrade to create a new thread. All sections previously that allowed Regular members to create threads is now for upgraded accounts only.

These sections include...

[Member Sales Market](#)

[Virtual Game Items](#)

<https://hackforums.net/forumdisplay.php?fid=206>

[Online Accounts](#)

<https://hackforums.net/forumdisplay.php?fid=309>

[Adult Zone Accounts](#)

<https://hackforums.net/forumdisplay.php?fid=195>

[Ebook Bazaar](#)

[Hosting Services](#)

[Social Media Services](#)

[Buyers Bay](#)

[Service Offerings](#)

[VPN and Proxy Services](#)

[Graphics Market](#)

[Service Requests](#)

[Hash Bounties](#)

[Jobs and Partnerships](#)

If you are not upgraded, you will not be able to create a thread.

Yes, HF just became a pay to play website.

Enjoy.

Omniscient - October 13, 2022, 6:44 pm

Quote:If a normal member has a sales thread open, will it remain open?

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mickeh - October 13, 2022, 6:53 pm

(Oct 13, 2022 06:44 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm almost certainly going to mass close non-upgraded member threads in Marketplace. Big task, can't do it right now.

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I've noticed a few you've banned today, the more spammers and scammers out of here the better.

Aeowulf - October 13, 2022, 8:03 pm

(Oct 13, 2022 06:44 PM)Admin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I do know that I just destroyed a ton of spam and

scammers with this decision.
OH YES.

I'm a big fan of this move, just because the sheer volume of LQ threads and products and outright scams.

On a roll tonight.

jcole - October 13, 2022, 8:10 pm

I like this being implemented great job Omni!

Charlie Sheen - October 13, 2022, 8:29 pm

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Omniscient - October 13, 2022, 8:36 pm

(Oct 13, 2022 08:29 PM)Charlie Sheen Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Will you be merging secondary sellers market with premium, or possibly making it where Premium requires UB3R?

Yes, Premium will require Ub3r or Vendor. I'll make that change probably next week.

Charlie Sheen - October 13, 2022, 8:39 pm

(Oct 13, 2022 08:36 PM)Admin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, Premium will require Ub3r or Vendor. I'll make that change probably next week.

Awesome, looking forward to this. Thank you for responding so quickly.

SIM-3878067 - October 13, 2022, 8:45 pm

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Fantastic, and I agree. 90% of the people who tried to scam me were regular members. This place is going in the right direction. I picked a good time to return to the forums!

Th3SiNz - October 13, 2022, 11:14 pm

(Oct 13, 2022 10:56 PM)Yung Zel Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Not a fan of pay for marketplace thread posting permission. I think you should be able to meet criteria to post for free.. HF is a hub for coming as a poor noob, and grinding some dollars up. This marketplace ruling gatekeeps that feeling a bit imo

Not a fan at all. Don't see why someone with 1 year registered, 500+ posts and 10 B-rating should be forced to pay .. I really think there should be an alternative to paying.

It's \$25, it's not like it's a \$500 buy in. If you've been here for a year and can't support HF with \$25 then I'd probably look for a new job.

LeetSpeed - October 13, 2022, 11:31 pm

This is a good move. I see too many LQ market place threads, and now lets see how much scamming will happen in the future.

Eran - October 14, 2022, 1:02 am

This is a great move towards minimizing scamming on HF.

Net - October 14, 2022, 1:05 am

(Oct 13, 2022 11:29 PM)Yung Zel Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Are you worried about activity or not? Sometimes you seem like you are, and other times you don't.

I think it is more about what kind of activity he is worried about. I am guessing he is looking for Quality > Quantity.

DashPHP - October 14, 2022, 2:20 am

Scamming has become large lately and this combats that well. Thanks Admin.

PxPxPx - October 14, 2022, 3:29 am

Wouldn't it make sense to allow just 'buyers bay' for regulars?

Can't really do much scamming besides super elaborate in there, no one is going first with a regular

Charlie Sheen - October 14, 2022, 3:40 am

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They can't start a thread. That's it. They can still buy from here.

I have never bought from a non-upgraded. Too many scams. If I'm going to a site and I'm brand new, I feel I have a little bit of insurance knowing that the seller has paid for the ability to sell his product.

Koyote - October 14, 2022, 3:43 am

Good idea! This will increase the amount of HQ posts and will cost scammers a little bit every now and then when they try it on, then they'll get called out for it and lose out even more. Perfect.

Omniscient - October 14, 2022, 4:48 am

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I'd honestly be shocked if you've planned all these changes for awhile, because it all seems incredibly rash. It feels like you've mapped out what is wrong with Hackforums (or what is not working), and just been like 'well I'm going to implement all these changes and let's see if the mob cheers'.

Are you worried about activity or not? Sometimes you seem like you are, and other times you don't. Does it matter?

SIM-587985 - October 14, 2022, 8:08 am

This is awesome.

Thanks for this Admin.

Non upgraded sellers sketch me out.

Like, do I really want to deal with someone who can't afford \$25?

Blockonome - October 14, 2022, 8:45 am

I think this is a good idea, allows more space for proper sellers to sell their products, compared to the "I got a Youtube method that will earn you millions, DM for me to send you link". lol

Bullup - October 14, 2022, 9:56 am

Maybe have regular members auto link to the upgrade page once they click the post thread button.

Upgrader - October 14, 2022, 10:01 am

I like this implementation, what is secondary sellers now? L33T then Premium for UB3R?

Nostre - October 14, 2022, 1:31 pm

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Are you worried about activity or not? Sometimes you seem like you are, and other times you don't. Perhaps they would upgrade and look at it as an investment to sell their product or services. I personally think it was a nice change.

1337GAMER - October 14, 2022, 1:44 pm

I really like this change, hell yeah. ?

StuffSneak - October 14, 2022, 3:12 pm

This will definitely help decreasing the scams to an extent. Great decision.
It might also push L33ts to get ub3r in order to post in premium.

SwimmingPool - October 14, 2022, 3:35 pm

Thanks Omni. I like this.

Vince - October 14, 2022, 5:49 pm

Honestly on the fence because I can see both sides of this. Also been on both sides of this on another website that implemented a change like this. It did help curb scams a TON, but it also killed activity in those sections for a long while. Guess lets see how this plays out in the long run. Short-term loss for a long-term gain?

Lrrr - October 14, 2022, 5:53 pm

I feel like this is probably a good idea...but the secondary sellers market was so damn good I might miss some of the more questionable content

jcole - October 14, 2022, 5:55 pm

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Oh no I understand that. Ive seen this tactic on various other websites and it has worked. It just took awhile to get the activity rolling in that section again. That being said, Omni has his work cut out for him because sales and such are already such a huge draw for HF already.

Blazin - October 14, 2022, 6:09 pm

Yeah, upgrades and awards are all investments/support to keep the forum running smooth.

Server costs don't just pay themselves.

Money- - October 14, 2022, 7:25 pm

Good for the forum, but I feel I might miss out some interesting stuffs from regular members. You never know honestly. I have seen some good stuffs and services from regs.

But the leet upgrade should be affordable.

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Interesting stuff from regular members, in the marketplace, who can't even afford \$15 for a simple upgrade?

Gary - October 14, 2022, 9:49 pm

(Oct 14, 2022 09:48 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You've had some attitude in the last 24 hours. Who pooped in your shoes

I'm pretty sure he's a multi. Old account being Eeluminati since he randomly PMed me about that account upon my return to the forum lol.

Blazin - October 14, 2022, 10:02 pm

(Oct 14, 2022 09:47 PM)Yung Zel Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) LOL because the servers are oh so expensive! How could he continue bearing such an expense!

Not just servers, costs to live, medical insurance, food, etc.

Also the servers cost millions, support it.

Gary - October 14, 2022, 10:17 pm

(Oct 14, 2022 10:11 PM)Yung Zel Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) LOL god it was not that deep. I just tried spooking you because a closed account guy told me you were an annoying fuck and I just was seeing if you even knew who he was.

I honestly think majority of support are yes men. I'm just being the voice of reason. Don't shoot the messenger.

A closed account magically knew I was active again. Right.

Gary - October 14, 2022, 10:22 pm

(Oct 14, 2022 10:19 PM)Yung Zel Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Skeptical mind you have. Go off. DYOR

Its not hard to find out you're a multi bro. Maybe don't use the unique name of Zel next time.

Quote:Not going to bother with a too-fancy application, since I don't believe it should affect my

application..

Name: Zel / Eeluminati

Age: 17

Gender: Male

Religion: Atheism

State/Country: QLD/Australia

Time Zone: +10 GST

Explain, with detailed examples, what your skills are:

Games: Played a wide variety of games since I was very young. Currently I play WoW and LoL the most, but I often trend on to games such as Habbo, Runescape, Minecraft, Starcraft 2, Diablo 3 and Hearthstone. I have played at multiple Lan tournaments in my city for LoL which I really enjoy. I consider myself very competitive and will most likely play games for many years to come.

Design: I have done 3 areas of design work for just over a year now. I have done Industrial design, Graphic design and Architectural design which I all very enjoy. The programs I use are AutoCAD, Inventor, Revit and Photoshop. I have always loved drawing designs such as buildings, logos and what not. It's a big passion of mine which I wish to apply in my future working career.

Which section are you most active in and why? This is important as we will have specific sections of the group based on member interests.

When I come to Hackforums, I mainly look to post in the gaming sections, just because I feel like it's a form of discussion where people generally have the same views and don't always start a keyboard war. Not only that, but I am generally interested in what others have to say about whatever they play. Some categories I also use are music, videos and movies, rate my graphic and the Infamous Sub-forum.

Oh shit. I just realized I missed half the questions. If I am interesting enough, just tell me and I'll do the rest. <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4024861&pid=38042704#pid38042704>

Crazy how both of you do graphics as well.

Gary - October 14, 2022, 10:28 pm

(Oct 14, 2022 10:26 PM)Yung Zel Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) We've known each other for 12 years through Sythe and he used to use my LEGAL NAME as his alias which is how we became friends through RuneScape. Want the time stamps? weird he donated under the name Jay multiple times? Oh you can't see that mb. But sure I'm a multi accounteer who used the Nickname of someone who got banned when I was trying to buy some RuneScape gold a few years ago.

Its alright bro. There's a time and place to be a clown.

You've been banned before for being a multi, shouldn't mean anything to you anyways. You just seem to be a messenger for a lot of people then huh.

Omniscient - October 15, 2022, 9:33 am

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Gary - October 15, 2022, 9:38 am

(Oct 15, 2022 09:33 AM)Admin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) A deleted account due to inactivity.

Might have been deleted due to inactivity but the user was still a scammer with multiple unresolved scam reports back in the day.

In fact it appears you put him on a vacation for a very long long long time according to the ban message.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4476977>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4316954>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2292985>

Oh well, at the end of the day you know more about which accounts were purged and what not.

Here's a CommAlert you even commented on.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4074774>

Parks - October 15, 2022, 12:06 pm

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Both with an extreme interest in rapping?

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4307586>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5823504>

Here's you plugging your SoundCloud from the Eeluminati SoundCloud.

<https://m.soundcloud.com/zel-eeluminati>

<https://m.soundcloud.com/yungzelig>

Oh and also here is a picture of yourself from 2014.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4290061&pid=40722050#pid40722050>

And here's the now version of you in your YouTube rap video

[yt]<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ZldVqVkErjE>[/yt]

Gary - October 15, 2022, 12:53 pm

(Oct 15, 2022 12:36 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) RIP. Saw that one coming though.

Special thanks to the big homie [Parks](#) for coming in with some supporting evidence.

Reminds me of the Op [Orgy](#) and I had back in the day for exposing multis xD

Covalent - October 15, 2022, 1:15 pm

Yeah this was pretty needed.

Prawnster - October 15, 2022, 1:24 pm

Pretty decent change, I see it on other forums (like BHW for example that charges multiple hundreds just for a forum posting - LMK if that counts as advertising competing forum n I'll remove it) and seems to definitely help deter scammers because most of them don't have the initial investment required to jump into a scam of that size haha. Much more affordable here but still will make some of them think twice.

?nxy - October 15, 2022, 1:39 pm

I don't like your new username at all stay omni

Cyam - October 15, 2022, 1:51 pm

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Prawnster - October 15, 2022, 2:01 pm

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Yeah much harder for the scammers to get in easier with requirements like this so happy to see some of them making its way over to here.

tv911 - October 15, 2022, 2:33 pm

well they are moderating every dispute now, i never seen that happen on any forum small or large, im sure this is a necessary rule so the admin doesnt spend all day dealing with disputes...and theres more costs then jus servers im sure theres alot of time being spent keeping hackers away from this place ...

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Blazin - October 15, 2022, 5:21 pm

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Staff we have now.

Only staff we need, tbh.

tv911 - October 15, 2022, 5:31 pm

"You do understand ALL staff have been removed "
didnt know that
alot of new changes it seems

but my point is everyone needs some \$ for the efforts etc

skull - October 15, 2022, 9:39 pm

I like this initiative.

Will stop a lot of scams.

However they will most likely just go to PM with their offers accordingly to other members requests.

Punisher - October 16, 2022, 9:25 am

(Oct 15, 2022 10:39 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Then the seller would get closed for not using the contract system.

Doesn't seem worth the risk to me?

I'm guessing he means that scammers will potentially prowl threads for people interested in more info about a product and try to steal a sale and then scam

I haven't been active in the marketplace in years, I mostly lurk so I'm not sure exactly how it works, but do you need a thread to be able to start a contract?

Scenario:

- User posts in someone's sales thread that they're interested in "hacker tool v69"
- Potential scammer swoops in and PMs the user offering a lower price, convinces them to buy from them instead
- Potential scammer starts a contract, then scams user who thinks they're getting a better deal
- User is kinda fucked

I mean at that point it's on the user for not being careful and it's not anything that couldn't have already been happening.

I think this new restriction to the marketplace is a good one, it'll limit a lot of low quality products and hold people to a higher standard as they're now making an investment into HF. No safety net of just starting a new account if they get banned for scamming, they'll have to upgrade again and risk getting caught as a multi.

Nice work, Admin.

INCREDIBLE - October 16, 2022, 9:42 am

Maybe give them their own marketplace and let them see if it's really worth paying for the premium which sure is, but they don't know yet.

I mean wouldn't it be nice to allow new members to feel welcomed but with limited privileges?

I know you already considered many of these options and that's what many forums such as blackhatworld do where new users are restricted from posting into the marketplace threads unless upgraded. but I'm trying to think of a middle ground for both the buyer and the seller. I know there's no effective way to put an end to scams completely and I'm also aware that you are working tirelessly for the betterment of the HF community and you're the only one administrating the whole thing which makes it not just hard but quite tedious sometimes.

but for the time being. I think it's what it is. and as always, the majority of the HF community is standing by your decisions and implementations. ??

Will-i-am - October 16, 2022, 9:52 am

It cool to see new rules been set, this should at least limit the rate new user comes on and post shit.

Omniscient - October 16, 2022, 10:16 am

Actually enforcing only upgraded accounts can initiate contracts seems perfect.

Gary - October 16, 2022, 10:35 am

(Oct 16, 2022 10:16 AM)Admin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Actually enforcing only upgraded accounts can initiate contracts seems perfect.

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I agree with this 100%

I feel like more non-upgraded users buy on the marketplace than people who are upgraded, especially tools and ebooks

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Won't it scare sellers away and forcing people to deal outside of HF since not everything or every deal requires a thread but does require a contract, for example a partnership between people, a simple currency exchange without someone wanting to be an active currency exchanger, a web developer or designer being hired, a marketing deal on someones website or discord server, plenty of reasons for quick deals to happen with the contract system being a safe guard as it always was right.

I'm sure you have good reasons to initiate such a big change and limit the contract system though, perhaps a change with bigger meaning that we members don't see right away.

TrueSocks - October 17, 2022, 8:15 am

can I upgrade my account with debit card ? I can't find this option anywhere I want to sell some services in marketplace.

JetskiEnthusiast - October 17, 2022, 8:48 am

Positive decision. Should've been implemented a long time ago. Nice job!

Motusora - October 17, 2022, 8:50 am

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thanks bro for your help i didn't know but i did

Carl Elias - October 17, 2022, 4:43 pm

I am so glad for this change! I rummage through the Partnership section frequently, and more recently I feel like there has been a lot more regular accounts asking for money or offering big returns with no information and asking for way too much (time, resources, funding, etc) to the point I don't really use it because so many of them are too sketchy for me. Very curious to see the impact this has on that section.

The Pact - October 17, 2022, 5:45 pm

Well there go all the fourteen year old's chances to get us to hack their girlfriend's Facebooks. ?

Omniscient - October 18, 2022, 11:30 am

I have added [Marketplace Discussions](#) to restricted to upgraded only as well.

Komodo - November 6, 2022, 2:14 pm

Any update on if previously opened non-upgraded sales thread will be closed or not?
I still see a few being used.

Omniscient - November 6, 2022, 4:21 pm

(Nov 6, 2022 03:14 PM)Komodo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Any update on if previously opened non-upgraded sales thread will be closed or not?
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Yes, I am working as hard as I can. I already said yes.

Komodo - November 6, 2022, 4:28 pm

(Nov 6, 2022 05:21 PM)Admin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, I am working as hard as I can. I already said yes.
Just checking, not trying to rush you.
If you need help making a list of non-upgraded threads, or anything we can do to lessen the load let us know.

ExchangeGuy - November 6, 2022, 7:23 pm

(Oct 13, 2022 11:31 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It was nice knowing you Yung Zel.
May you rest in pepperonis.
Something like this is actually the reason why I chose to just lurk around this site rather than actively posting.
It seems like you get banned so easily for not following the site's echo chamber.

To give my two cents on this topic, I don't feel like locking everything behind a paywall is the way to go. I can't even change my avatar and it's not like storing a 150x150 picture costs the site anything, especially when you can compress it and change the format to WebP or AVIF.

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[mention=3865317] is not banned.

Omniscient - November 7, 2022, 8:37 am

(Nov 6, 2022 08:23 PM)ExchangeGuy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Something like this is actually the reason why I chose to just lurk around this site rather than actively posting.
It seems like you get banned so easily for not following the site's echo chamber.

To give my two cents on this topic, I don't feel like locking everything behind a paywall is the way to go. I can't even change my avatar and it's not like storing a 150x150 picture costs the site anything, especially when you can compress it and change the format to WebP or AVIF.
Says the ban evading scammer who I keep closing accounts on.

<https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=5222786>

That's him.

Omniscient - November 7, 2022, 8:42 am

(Nov 7, 2022 09:37 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) As a result anyone that cares about their account just keeps their mouth shut and talks shit in a private channel elsewhere.

I have no problem with that. Ever see me close an account for talking shit behind my back? If you want to disrespect me, do it somewhere else, not on my site. When you're in my house, you show some fucking respect.

Carl Elias - November 7, 2022, 1:50 pm

Not sure if has been asked/answered already, or if you can without giving away too much information, but is there anything that is stopping members from joining the site and paying for the upgrade just to scam? I know you would already have the money so they will lose some money, but I just saw a thread from an upgraded member with only 2 post and 7 threads and was just thinking. I would think any post or online/activity limit would help at least prevent scammers from joining and straight out paying, and force them to post or be active for a period at first. It also could help boost activity in the non-market forums before they upgrade to post where they really wanted to. The downside would be less revenue and possible LQP just to hit the limit though...

xVulnerable - December 19, 2022, 2:15 pm

(Oct 13, 2022 05:23 PM)Admin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, HF just became a pay to play website.

Enjoy.

Only makes sense if we're making profit.