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Thread: [Separate out awards / create super awards](#)

Oak - December 19, 2022, 4:54 pm

As part of HF's movement towards quality over quantity, I wanted to bring up something I'd noticed on my return from 'abroad.' Awards these days seem like pez dispensed candy rather than real on-site achievements. Part of my belief of what helped to drive quality engagement from the community previously was a sense of actual and legitimate reputation on the site. There were reasons to put in effort because you could get recognition or build some level of respect in the community. Similarly with the new popularity system over reputation from back in the day, these small things rewarded higher levels of effort and were harder to obtain; whereas today, awards and popularity are largely meaningless in the community except for show or flare. They don't actually 'mean' anything.

Food for thought on maybe separating out rarer / more achievement awards from donation awards or creating a new tier of rarer awards might be good for promoting more quality as you continue down your path towards remaking the community and site. Giving incentives for quality and separating out these incentives so that they're more meaningful could be of some help in driving the community in that direction.

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Oak - December 19, 2022, 5:10 pm

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Account Trophies would def work. I'm not entirely opposed to being able to show more than 1 at a time, but some of the accounts out there rn with like 30+ awards is a little silly. Is what it is, but I'm just saying that back in the day more than like 3 awards was legit af. Getting up to 10? You were a god amongst men. For myself... I think I was at 8 or so. So basically Hercules.

Seaking - December 19, 2022, 5:14 pm

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Here's my pitch - Allow people to earn Christmas ornaments and other festive awards. At the end release a Christmas tree that people can buy and if they combine all the festive awards they get a rare fully decked out tree. Allow it to only be created during the month of December and you'll have people go crazy in December trying to earn all the awards and finally get that nice hard to get award. It gives us a bytes sink / activity booster.

-edit- I just used the Christmas tree as a base idea, but it works for other holidays and events as well.

Omniscient - December 21, 2022, 10:14 am

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Lavish Living - December 21, 2022, 10:18 am

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StuffSneak - December 21, 2022, 10:22 am

There are purchasable awards and there are awards which are earned through various things. Some awards are very special and are only given when the contribution is worthy and many other things. I think it is fine the way it is. Purchasable awards brings income to HF.

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MightyOne - December 21, 2022, 11:51 am

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Adding them to existing awards wouldn't make them feel more valuable or important. I actually kind fond of what you suggested xadamxk! This sounds like a fantastic idea.

(Dec 21, 2022 11:18 AM)Lavish Living Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) what did you say? ?Oh my this made me laugh hard!!

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Imagine the amount people will put just to have a complete lined gif running as an exclusive award

Sky - December 21, 2022, 4:28 pm

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[Video: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=FQRW0RM4V0k&si=EnSIkaIECMiOmarE>]

Kill them.

Oak - December 21, 2022, 5:11 pm

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Nice. Cool, will be interested to see this if / when it happens. I call firsties.

Steve - December 22, 2022, 7:48 pm

GIFs for awards would be cool. When Xerotic was contemplating what his award would look like I suggested using a GIF, which would have been very unique. He thought that wouldn't be compatible with future award formats.

Lavish Living - December 24, 2022, 8:58 am

(Dec 24, 2022 09:56 AM)shatter Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can we talk about your diamonds for a sec
Excuse me what about my diamonds ?

pms - December 24, 2022, 9:09 am

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I think the award size right now is perfect, i'm sure others agree. Award gifs could be cool if done correctly and not over done with flashing colors and such. Who was the designer for the OG awards and why isnt he making them anymore? Felt like that style of pixels fit so perfect.

Cooligan - October 30, 2023, 3:42 am

Bumping this back up to the top as I think it was a really cool suggestion and I'm unsure what Omni may have though about it fully.

I think it'd be really cool to have "bolded awards" or "super awards" like OP said, where they either have a glow behind it, or a certain bold, to make them stand out from the rest. We could limit this to only allowing for the first row to have bolded awards, or something like that so they're not randomly scattered on a users profile.

Also having award tier sorting on the Sort Awards page would be amazing and I know a lot of members have suggested this/wanted this/ or talked about it in HF Convo. Something like where we can select "Donation Awards" / "Award Goals" / "OG Awards" / "Custom Awards" / something like that.

And this last one is more of a novelty, but being able to sort them by date received, alphabetical order, somehow colored order? Definitely would be very cool, but also very novelty-related as well lol.