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Thread: [Posting Permissions for Non-Upgraded](#)

Omniscient - January 24, 2023, 7:16 pm

Well, I gave it a try for about 2 months.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6228166>

As of now non-upgraded members can again post threads and replies under the Hack tab and the Social tab too.

I was fed up with the scams and spammers and LQP. I've enjoyed the better quality of the site but realistically it's hurt activity. I'm glad I gave it a try though.

I also changed the minimum characters for a post to be 20 characters, previously 25.

I don't want members reporting to me LQP unless a member is spamming the forum in multiple threads. If someone just has a short post, please don't report it. A better guideline to report would be nonsense posts like "wwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww". If it's English, if it's readable, then just let it be. This may get adjusted if I feel there is a problem. HF is always a changing and evolving situation. If we don't adjust with the times, we will not thrive and risk dying.

More changes to come but this one was big enough to get its own thread.

Thanks.

InspectorGadget - January 24, 2023, 7:18 pm

I certainly noticed both changes, higher quality posts but less activity overall. Gotta do what you gotta do.

jcole - January 24, 2023, 7:21 pm

I'm sure many people visiting the forums and deciding if they want to stay or not will appreciate this

clean - January 24, 2023, 7:30 pm

I think this is a good idea hopefully for the activity of the forum, and we grow. I've liked all the adjustments you've been making recently, they are looking good [Omniscient](#) !

theDuke - January 24, 2023, 8:41 pm

This should increase activity and hopefully keep the quality high!

Nostre - January 25, 2023, 8:29 am

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Bullup - January 25, 2023, 9:01 am

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About a 35% increase on avg in terms of threads and especially posts according to

<https://hackforums.net/stats.php>

New members stayed the same.

SMMFlare - January 25, 2023, 9:10 am

Glad to see this, I'm sure this will motivate a small number of the new members to stick to the forum and hopefully become reputable members!

Omniscient - January 25, 2023, 9:24 am

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Very well said.

I noticed reduced deal disputes too since the original permissions were set. Those two months were taken to clean up the mess they created.

Endorphins - January 25, 2023, 11:11 pm

This is much appreciated and thank you for considering adjusting the current policy for the non-upgraded member.

I'd like to continue my journey as a non-upgraded boi but they upgraded my account.

Hopefully to see new interesting threads to dive into.

Dread.Reaper - January 26, 2023, 10:03 am

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Omniscient - January 26, 2023, 10:06 am

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Dread.Reaper - January 26, 2023, 10:25 am

(Jan 26, 2023 11:24 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Fixing now. I see the problem with perms. Give me 15 mins.

Thanks you good Sir.

The thread I made in the Lounge can be closed I suppose. ?

Omniscient - January 26, 2023, 10:28 am

Should be fixed now.

laidback - January 27, 2023, 7:18 am

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Beladonis - January 27, 2023, 8:49 am

(Jan 27, 2023 08:18 AM)laidback Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What about allowing non upgraded users to be automatically upgraded after reaching 100-150 posts and a couple HQ threads? it will boost activity further

It's only going to encourage shitposting and LQ content. Just upgrade with bytes.

I've never had to spend any money on HF to get my account upgraded, somebody gifted me l33t upgrade, and then I won a permanent ub3r upgrade from this giveaway

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6194296>

bronzegods - January 27, 2023, 9:03 am

Bracing myself from the splurge of shitposting in social. It was a nice two months of giving away to the community.