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Pentatonix - January 29, 2023, 8:06 pm

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Announcement

We are excited to announce the formation of The Gold Standard, a group of dedicated individuals who have set the standard for excellence in their respective fields. Our group is invite-only and focuses on various forms of expression including writing, music, graphics, videography, poetry, debating, and more.

Our goal is to provide a platform for our members to showcase their talents and share their work with the community. Our members will use their experience and skills in their areas of expertise to share knowledge and various guides to the Hackforums community. These guides will be designed to help others improve their skills in these areas and learn new techniques.

In addition, The Gold Standard will continue the volunteer project of Writ3rs, the HackForums News, which is a thread posted bi-weekly that covers important forum announcements, statistics, notable awards, and user achievements, various spotlights and showcases, and other notable external news revolving tech and such. We will also feature the work of our artists, writers, and musicians. This will be a great way for members to stay informed and up-to-date with the latest happenings on the forum. More details to follow regarding this!

Member Expectations

As members of The Gold Standard, we have high expectations for our members in terms of activity and participation. We expect our members to be actively involved in the group, contributing to our monthly showcases and events, and participating in the discussions and activities within the group. We also expect our members to be dedicated to improving their skills and learning new techniques through our guides and tutorials. Additionally, we expect our members to be respectful and professional in their interactions with other members of the group and the Hackforums community as a whole.

To ensure that our members meet these expectations, we have set certain activity requirements. These may include regular participation in group discussions and events, regular contributions to our monthly showcases, and consistent engagement with the group's resources and materials. Failure to meet these requirements may result in removal from the group. However, we will also provide support and resources to help members meet these requirements and maintain their active status within the group.

We also plan to engage with the community by hosting giveaways and events that will be open to all members of Hackforums. Additionally, we will foster a positive and supportive environment within the group, where members can share their ideas and collaborate to improve their skills. We will also take feedback from our members and the community to ensure that we are always improving and providing the best experience possible.

We believe that by consistently providing high-quality content, resources, and support, we will become the top group on Hackforums. We are dedicated to this goal and will work tirelessly to achieve it.

We are proud to be a part of the Hackforums community and look forward to contributing to its growth and development through our talents and skills.

We are The Gold Standard.

MEMBERS

Owner

[Pentatonix](#)

Leaders

[theDuke](#)

[jcole](#)

Members

[Hydra](#)

[akhi](#)

[SecureOp](#)

[Komodo](#)

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[Deany](#)

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[Envy](#)

[Cap](#)

[Cooligan](#)

[Koyote](#)

theDuke - January 29, 2023, 8:10 pm

Glad to be a part of this! Can't wait to show you all what we have in store. I'm most excited for continuing the work on HF News.

jcole - January 29, 2023, 8:19 pm

Have been looking forward towards the official announcement thread since the rebranding of the group by [Pentatonix](#). A big thank you for your leadership mentality and ideas for the group. I hope to see more talented and creative individuals in the group in the near future.

StuffSneak - January 30, 2023, 1:52 am

Good luck with your new group!

akhi - January 30, 2023, 3:24 am

All praise be to God. I'm beyond excited to see how much of a revolution this group is going to cause here.

The news is back !!!

#TGSTTM

Xamarin - January 30, 2023, 3:34 am

It looks like a solid group with solid members and contributions. Good luck with the project :)

SMMFlare - January 30, 2023, 3:44 am

Love the group name, and excited to see what you have in store for the community. Good luck!

Vince - January 30, 2023, 6:15 am

Ah rip, looks like my idea didnt make the cut! Regardless, good luck with your group!

Dorrance - January 30, 2023, 6:19 am

Looks like a secret society

Fortunate - January 30, 2023, 6:23 am

The rebrand is awesome.

Glad to be a part of this.

Sky - January 30, 2023, 7:49 am

(Jan 30, 2023 07:19 AM)Dorrance Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Looks like a secret society
It's like the illuminati, just without the sex trafficking.

Cap - January 30, 2023, 8:50 am

Best of luck with the group man. Rebrand looks great and I'm excited to see what you guys bring to the forum.

Nostre - January 30, 2023, 8:53 am

It's nice to see HF News coming back with the help of your group.

Best of luck to you and the members. ?

Cooligan - February 2, 2023, 5:53 am

I'm not gonna lie, I've been waiting for a group like this for quite a while now. A group focused on giving back to the community as a whole and overall focused on quality, but with the whole latin/exclusive aspect it has. I absolutely love the "Optimis Optimus" you have at the end of the thread, great meaning behind two simple words. Curious how many people noticed that.

I would love a shot in this group, am very excited to see what comes from it and would love to be a

part of it. ?

Pentatonix - February 2, 2023, 9:26 am

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You're the first person I've noticed that's pointed it out. Optimis Optimus is "The best of the best" in Latin. Well done.

Rionxee - February 2, 2023, 10:14 am

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Thank you very much for the kind feedback. Stay tuned for some group releases.

Seaking - February 2, 2023, 12:10 pm

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Pentatonix - February 2, 2023, 6:45 pm

(Feb 2, 2023 01:10 PM)Seaking Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The group is looking really nice. I enjoyed the news and I'm glad to see a continuance of it. Hope to see more and more of those UB's around the site. Thanks for the kind words. I hope to be seeing my group grow soon enough.

theDuke - February 2, 2023, 9:21 pm

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and can't wait to continue growing the group.

Eran - February 5, 2023, 3:23 pm

Always nice to see a new group on HF. Good luck with it.

Game - February 9, 2023, 12:22 pm

I'm loving the rebranding. As a graphic designer, and a fan of steampunk styles of work, the graphics for this group are amazing. Perhaps one day I'll be able to share my work/knowledge under your name.

I'm rather excited to see this group's path and hope you meet your goals. Let's see if you truly do become the "Optimis Optimus".

Pentatonix - February 10, 2023, 1:19 pm

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You're welcome to send me some of your work. Thanks for the response!

DashPHP - February 10, 2023, 9:05 pm

Loving the direction of the group. Nice and small too. Can't wait to see what you guys produce!

Komodo - February 26, 2023, 1:10 am

Good group, great people.

Jumping the gun right from the start and showing HF how a group can impact the entire community.

Cooligan - February 26, 2023, 1:25 am

(Feb 26, 2023 02:10 AM)Komodo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Good group, great people.

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Eran - February 26, 2023, 5:49 am

TGS is an outstanding new group. Cannot wait to see what the future brings.

Pentatonix - March 2, 2023, 8:14 am

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Thank you both for the kind feedback. TGS has some big plans for the future. Stay tuned to see what's happening next.

Pentatonix - March 7, 2023, 7:29 am

(Mar 3, 2023 08:17 AM)vvvvvvvvvWrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Best of look with the group
Thank you very much for the support.

Koyote - March 7, 2023, 7:31 am

A great group which has already established its place and shown how it gives back to the community; it's a pleasure and honour to be a part of it now!

SIM-3323508 - April 12, 2023, 6:05 pm

Good to see a newer group look so HQ

Vip?r - April 28, 2023, 1:39 pm

Absolutely love the design. Props to whoever made the userbar, probably one of my favorites.

Pentatonix - April 28, 2023, 2:57 pm

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Vip?r - April 28, 2023, 5:32 pm

(Apr 28, 2023 02:57 PM)Pentatonix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thank you! The designer is not on HF, he is extremely talented.

I assume Doge made it?

Gary Clark Jr. - April 29, 2023, 10:57 am

Are you guys actual free masons?

Vip?r - April 29, 2023, 12:23 pm

(Apr 29, 2023 10:05 AM)-Scrub Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Doge makes everything here lol, yes doge made it. Curious, how much does he charge for one of these if you don't mind sharing?

Cap - April 29, 2023, 4:11 pm

(Apr 29, 2023 12:23 PM)Vip?r Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Curious, how much does he charge for one of these if you don't mind sharing?

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The total package ended up being around \$550 if I'm not mistaken. That includes animated and standard userbar/stars, header, thread divider, forum icon, animated icon for Discord, and he did another random image for free he threw in. That's what I'm currently using as my pic on HF.

[Vip?r](#)

AdobeHub - May 23, 2023, 12:24 pm

Hey!

I am writing this letter with great enthusiasm to express my deep interest in joining The Gold Standard. As an individual passionate about creating AI Art, making your personal agents and help managing with everyday tasks, I am captivated by the group's dedication to excellence and its focus

on various forms of expression.

The opportunity to showcase my talents and share my work with a community of like-minded individuals is truly exciting to me. Moreover, the prospect of utilizing my experience and skills to contribute valuable knowledge and guides aligns perfectly with my desire to help others improve and learn new techniques.

I wholeheartedly commit to actively participating in the group's showcases, events, and discussions. I am eager to engage with fellow members and contribute to a positive and supportive environment where ideas can flourish and collaborations can thrive. I understand the importance of professionalism and respect in interactions, both within the group and the wider Hackforums community.

Recognizing the significance of consistent activity, I assure you that I will meet the established requirements with dedication and enthusiasm. I am committed to continuously improving my skills, leveraging the resources and tutorials provided by the group. Should I face any challenges along the way, I am confident that the support and guidance offered by The Gold Standard will be instrumental in helping me succeed.

Furthermore, the prospect of participating in community-wide events and giveaways adds an exciting dimension to my desire to be part of this group. By actively contributing to the growth and development of Hackforums, I aim to make a meaningful impact and elevate the overall experience for all members.

I firmly believe that The Gold Standard's commitment to delivering high-quality content, resources, and support will propel it to become the top group on Hackforums. I am thrilled to embark on this journey with you, working tirelessly to achieve our shared goals.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute my talents and skills to the Hackforums community as a proud member of The Gold Standard.

Sincerely,
AdobeHub

Stanley - June 16, 2023, 2:46 pm

I'm Stanley HF's helper bot. The OP (original poster) of this thread wants everyone to see this page and has elected to bump it to the top of the showthread listing. Since HF doesn't want a ton of LQP (Low Quality Posts) this is the best method of bumping your content. There is a small ?yte fee for each bump. Any OP can bump any of their threads on HF from the linked icon on the top of their first post.

If you haven't already read the first post of this thread we encourage you to do so.

Thanks,
Stanley

Airbourne - June 28, 2023, 6:33 pm

I won't disrespect the group by using GhatGPT as AdobeHub has, I am just looking for a group like back in the days, high rep, experienced and no bullshit. I left the scene for years but now I am back, looking for people who aren't just for show. I want to come back and I want to come back big.

7 - July 1, 2023, 1:56 pm

Good luck with this group. I have a child so keeping up with daily tasks is already too much.

If you want to add a resourceful member, count me in. But I ain't group whoring... you know me anyway bruv

Stunner - *July 11, 2023, 12:59 am*

I love the rustic effect on the logo looks clean af