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SRT - October 11, 2023, 5:40 am

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DashPHP - October 11, 2023, 5:49 am

Brilliant idea. Not only does it allow more members a chance to wear unique & rare awards, this will definitely increase bytes volume.

Good luck!

Cooligan - October 11, 2023, 5:49 am

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We'll there would only be around 12 Awards given out per year, since it's a monthly lottery. It would be a really unique and cool feature for users to grab some rare awards.

I am talking about awards like DaBomb, Flamer, Cool, Litecoinage, Legend, Legalize It, Ghoul and similar ones.

I'm not talking about the really prestigious awards however if Omni does decide to offer some high-end awards in the lottery then the price for that lottery entry should be high.

CrypticHatter - October 11, 2023, 6:15 am

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i think its good for the bytes market and why not get a chance to win some of HF's OG awards also it will boost the lottery pages activity

BiNBo - October 11, 2023, 6:19 am

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flyingduck - October 11, 2023, 6:20 am

could be also "custom made awards" - but yeah, nice idea that would give bytes more usability.

Charlie Sheen - October 11, 2023, 6:20 am

I like this idea. Kinda reminds me of the member of the month we used to do.

Eran - October 11, 2023, 6:22 am

I'd definitely love to see this, even if it's for a limited amount of time.

Mac Miller - October 11, 2023, 6:24 am

Good idea but I think omni should just bring back the lucky clover awards instead

Komodo - October 11, 2023, 6:26 am

(Oct 11, 2023 06:20 AM)Charlie Sheen Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I like this idea. Kinda reminds me of the member of the month we used to do.

I was legit just about to bring this back up.

If we're doing a monthly award giveaway it might as well be MOTM where we can award whatever member deserves it the most for what they did that month.

I don't think popularity is the way to do it anymore since people just spam repped everyone to get the award in the past.

Some kind of voting system where we take the top 5 or so contributors of posts, HQ threads, giveaways, etc and put them in a poll thread and just vote for the best member.

Not as automated as the last system, but would be awesome.

toterkerl - October 11, 2023, 6:27 am

Sounds like a good idea to me. Not only it would incentivize users to increase bytes volume but also encourage them to post more since bytes are a requirement to participate.

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Blockonome - October 11, 2023, 6:57 am

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Bastille - October 11, 2023, 7:23 am

I love the idea but I think Omni said that he will never bring back award lotteries, however as it's through a different system maybe he could think about it

Lavish Living - October 11, 2023, 8:14 am

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Dorrance - October 11, 2023, 9:12 am

The only thing about monthly awards... if you have control of choosing the system could become faltered. Some old awards I prefer to stay OG, I would rather they be handed out for good reasoning. I do suggest new awards based on post or activity. A lot of holidays coming up.

SRT - October 11, 2023, 12:29 pm

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This pretty much. One of the largest reasons people love HF awards so much is because they're harder to obtain than a lot of other forums award requirements. It always feels good getting a new award on HF even if it's a donation award. They just have that "feeling" again more so than other forums or sites that have a badge system or something similar.

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1 Award Lottery per month means only 12 awards yearly, this would encourage people to attain more by putting in genuine effort and they would look forward to gaining bytes and trying to get awards to make their profile more HQ. I think more people would also start buying donation awards.

He could also have 1 contest monthly which includes tasks to complete such as hosting giveaways, creating HQ threads, gaining a certain amount of B ratings, providing free services etc depending on the award and whichever user completes the tasks or outperforms the users competing wins the award.

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I mean the Awards Market is still listed on the Extras Page, so who knows what the future might hold.

However I'm not necessarily for bringing the AM back either, it really took away from the value of earning OG awards rather than just buying them. I honestly prefer the earning system compared to the ability to just buy them outright. It would definitely take away more value as time went on imo.

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Oh I'm with you like I mentioned above in this post ^

If it came down to a vote on whether to bring the AM back; I'd most likely vote No.

SRT - October 11, 2023, 1:38 pm

(Oct 11, 2023 08:14 AM)Sox Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I like this suggestion a lot, and it will ensure the Bytes economy stays active within the site.

Yes, I'd personally buy a lot of entries for an awards lotto.

Aeowulf - October 11, 2023, 2:41 pm

I'm all aboard this train. Love the idea!

SRT - October 11, 2023, 2:56 pm

(Oct 11, 2023 06:57 AM)Stan Marsh Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Strongly believe this is a positive idea, I support it all the way.

It would be so good if it actually happens.

[Blockonome](#) [Aeowulf](#) [mention=420] Thanks for the feedback.

r1see - October 11, 2023, 3:06 pm

With all of that to consider, it's no wonder that you might hit a bit of writer's block when you put pen to paper. Don't fret. Sending a thank you card is simple. If you're stumped on what to say, we're here to help. No matter the occasion, from birthday thank you notes to wedding thank you card wording, here is what to say to express your appreciation.

Gary Clark Jr. - October 11, 2023, 3:09 pm

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LeetSpeed - October 11, 2023, 3:21 pm

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SRT - October 11, 2023, 10:55 pm

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Koyote - October 13, 2023, 5:41 am

I like the idea too. Bringing Testimonials and MoTM back would be nice too, and would encourage more activity/promotion for the site. I'm sure there's good reasons for why not too, but yeah.

Nostre - October 13, 2023, 5:41 am

(Oct 13, 2023 05:15 AM)-Scrub Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Notice you don't have the trophy Only because I was operating it in the past and Staffers were unable to enter the nomination process. ?

Not sure how it was with the automated system, but that's how it was handled back then.

Yanix - October 13, 2023, 5:51 am

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That's some valuable feedback.

During an award event everyone can get the award, lotto makes it much more exclusive since there's only 1 winner. It would also be beneficial for the Bytes market and people would automatically post more to gain Bytes. I suggest only Permanent L33T's, UB3R & Higher members should be eligible to enter the awards lottery.

1 award lotto per month is only 12 awards per year so I doubt it would have a negative impact on awards. It would be a fun feature which people would look forward to every month. It would also make the lottery feature more active.

Let's just say most of the people going for the Purple Pumpkin award would probably be interested, if they can put in the effort to make 600 posts for an award event then they would definitely be interested in the awards lotto.

Having an award event yearly would also boost the awards lotto even more because people would look forward to getting more awards after they've completed the tasks for the awards event.

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Blazin - October 13, 2023, 5:08 pm

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Glad you like it, and yeah my profile is definitely in the top 3. Long time I've been here, lol.

Grim - October 13, 2023, 5:09 pm

Hmmm this is an interesting idea! Seems like it would promote more bytes being traded/sold

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Also in terms of overall user quality amongst the top 3 I'd probably think you're number 1.

There could also be an awards statistics, which contains a list of all the top 100 users with the most awards.

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

[Grim](#) awards statistics would be cool too, so we can see the rankings of which users has the most

amongst top 100.

Yanix - October 13, 2023, 7:16 pm

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Yeah hopefully the lottery gets revived in one way or another. Sucks seeing good HF features getting killed off like Google does.

Migos - October 13, 2023, 7:44 pm

(Oct 13, 2023 07:30 PM)shatter Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) yea but it sounds like it defeats the purpose of the award

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SRT - October 14, 2023, 12:02 am

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[Yanix](#) yes my suggestion is HF should have 1 - 2 Official Award Events Like October Fest and then 1 monthly lottery.

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NERO - October 16, 2023, 4:38 pm

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Im more for just keeping it in the vault than bringing it back anyways. Was mostly just discussing that if it ever did comeback then, well, yeah.

V?rt - October 20, 2023, 1:03 pm

I think it would be cool, for the discontinued awards that were bought. Not really for the ones that were earned in unique ways. Then it would lessen the value of awards.

7 - October 20, 2023, 1:06 pm

I havent read the overall view.

But this is a good idea.

Especially for some and the right price

illuminati? - October 20, 2023, 5:52 pm

i think this would be a fantastic idea, it would also promote activity.