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Thread: [Contract Required for ALL Vendor Sales & Ban Autobuy Links, Offsite Communication](#)

Hackers - February 29, 2024, 4:10 am

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Nostre - February 29, 2024, 4:15 am

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Hackers - February 29, 2024, 4:20 am

(Feb 29, 2024 05:15 AM)Genuine Wrote: [\[CITE\] Contracts No Longer Required](#)

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Definitely a great thing to encourage the use of contracts, and understand it used to be a strict rule. My suggestion is that to be a Vendor, you are required to use contracts once again. Contracts on HF are an incredible feature and I know many vendors who use them frequently. I think this would be a great improvement to the site. Vendors can lead the way on how to properly conduct business & others will follow.

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If you were a Vendor, you would understand how silly this sounds.

Hackers - February 29, 2024, 5:53 am

(Feb 29, 2024 06:48 AM)-Scrub Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) They pay the \$100 for a reason, to be able to link the auto buy, (off site) and to have unlimited thread edits.

Why limit it now when users have already paid the bill to join and have this feature.

I hear that & can understand that - I wasn't aware that the autobuy links was a perk that vendors were upgrading for specifically.

What if there was an autobuy link that also triggered a contract creation via webhook? not saying that's easy to do, but just curious what your thoughts would be if autobuy was available AND a contract was created for each sale.

Hackers - February 29, 2024, 6:07 am

(Feb 29, 2024 07:00 AM)-Scrub Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I typically always use contracts I don't ever do any sketch shit where I'd feel the need to not use one. At the same time I do a lot of deals and some come from hf some don't but all typically start from offsite. I can't say I go out of my way to bring the deal on site, but I can say if it starts on site it has a contract and remains on site.

To add to that idk nom bout the webhook idea, to far over my head makes sense, and agree with what you said.

For webhook it would basically be like:

- auto buy site processes a sale
- upon successful transaction, it sends data to a new HF API that creates a contract between two UIDs & starts it

a webhook just means:

"when Event is complete, send a HTTP request to another website/API to let it know the Event is complete"

I think it would be a lot of effort to implement securely, but was just wondering.

- it would also limit sellers to using autobuy platforms that have webhook options available.

Komodo - February 29, 2024, 6:07 am

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Haha, I don't think I am running DD section...

I would say the vendor role is respectable and this suggestion is primarily to increase contract usage and have vendors lead the way in general. The current system is perfectly fine for avoiding any issues because buyers are encouraged to use contracts and have the option to. If you see a Vendor title, you know you can trust them to fulfill the service/product, so I hope this thread is not being interpreted as a dig on vendors. I'm sure the dispute to successful deal ratio is probably as good as 0.0000001% disputes or something, possibly being less than the average ecomm site's

refunds, but I don't have any stats on this and haven't looked into this angle at all.

(Feb 29, 2024 07:08 AM)-Scrub Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Idk if I'd use it tbh, then it's just like bringing every person who purchased off my auto buy to this site, (which isn't bad per say) but then if they found me from a different site clicked my auto link there and it send the contract stuff here I think it would be conflict.true, would require 2 diff links. you're right about that flaw.

Skorp - February 29, 2024, 10:12 am

Dont you think your suggestion might hurt Marketplace activity? As what you wrote in the OP may be safer, having freedom as a seller usually has its many positive benefits.

Scrubspooof - March 1, 2024, 1:57 am

There is absolutely nothing wrong with the way things are.

StuffSneak - March 2, 2024, 10:38 pm

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LaDullahan - March 3, 2024, 12:36 am

I'm a noob I don't really have a say here, but lets say for a second I was on the marketplace looking for a good, or service. I would feel much safer if they were required to have a contract for every sale, however this is just my opinion. I'll stay posted to see how this turns out. It's VERY interesting.

Hackers - March 3, 2024, 7:28 am

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Do you think it would be acceptable if it was still autobuy, but a contract was auto started before the autobuy link was given to the buyer?

Jamika - March 4, 2024, 10:17 am

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I don't think they will agree, they pay to sell whatever they want the way they want, that's what differs them from other upgrades

Omniscient - March 5, 2024, 9:05 am

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They can already do that with the API. Unfortunately it's not really used by any Vendors that I'm aware of. Potentially after we upgrade our backend maybe the API can be improved.

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Sure, but we're not there yet. Not sure we ever will be. The best would be if HF had an official Autobuy site partner with actual integration with Contracts. To me that's the best way to improve the whole setup.

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From a technical standpoint that's why HF would need the Autobuy site to have HF integration directly. HF would send the call first to them, they'd respond after payment was made, Contract would get marked accordingly. Otherwise, how it is now, the Vendor has to be the go-between and code both ends from the middle. I know you're not tech savvy so I'm trying to explain it in a way I think you'd understand.

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Correct, it's not uncommon for a Vendor to not be on HF for a week or more but they use their Stickies to advertise their Autobuy sites. The Vendor Contract Templates do most of the work. It's fairly automated for them.

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You can tell any seller that you want an HF Contract. It's not yet policy, but I'm fairly close to officially saying that anyone refusing an HF Contract to do a deal on HF is subject to being CLOSED. I see no reason why anyone should refuse to do a Contract. I haven't yet because far as I know, it's rare that people refuse a Contract.

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Thanks, I understand this now. I wasn't originally aware that it was a big reason they upgrade, but had a good few people reply here and reach out to me privately to tell me this. Understood & I definitely wouldn't vote for an idea that would possibly lead to less sellers being here. Would much rather keep the current system as it's very robust and I've never seen a seller tell someone not to use a contract.

On the other points, I am working on an HF autobuy - I have working login, auth, access token refresh, and bytes sending working in a PHP web portal as well as a Python codebase. I haven't gotten into the contract integrations yet, but my goal is to make a fully working autobuy with an option for contract integrations. I'd be happy to share this with you if you are interested in it, otherwise will see what I can do about releasing an open source version so anyone can use it easily.

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No problem, 99% of the code I write outside of work is for fun, to add to my github, to learn, keep up to date, etc so no hard feelings :)