

Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [Time to Remove L337 or UB3R Upgrade ? \[Request to Change New Marketplace Policy\]](#)

N3CTOR - April 30, 2024, 6:10 pm

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Charlie Sheen - April 30, 2024, 6:38 pm

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Most people pay for upgrade to get market position. L337, UB3R or be any upgrades they want the tag to be perceived as reputated so buyers have more comfortable position when making final call for contracts.

Personally, I feel that 'MEMBERS SALES MARKET' have low traffic and LQ buyers traffic.

Allowing full market access or Removing L337 or UB3R is the perfect way to incentivize these 2 usergroups. For now, there is no benefit of UB3R or L337 (specifically to have a market position) .

Also, L337s are being bullied by having no rights to give negative rep to members. At least they should be allowed to give some neg rep.

Absence - April 30, 2024, 8:30 pm

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Blogger - April 30, 2024, 8:47 pm

Leet and Uber are irrelevant to Marketplace. They're upgrades to your account whereas Vendor is an addition to your account.

Hackers - April 30, 2024, 9:08 pm

I don't think that is necessary.

It's an important distinction in my opinion, and if that section was shared it feels like there would just be another market section somewhere else added, which isn't really needed due to how many sections there already are.

DashPHP - April 30, 2024, 9:20 pm

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Excuse me ? You seem to have been hurt badly on your nuts by some scammer. My thread have nothing to do with your personal experience.

The seller perspective is different than buyers. I am opening this thread from a seller perspective.

There is no gain.

What do I gain by upgrading to L337 ? Just additional Inbox space, Ad free experience and additional perks. Nothing related to marketplace.

How can one gain marketplace credibility when sales are going to be very low (specially when you are L337) in low traffic sections where buyers of LQ will meet.

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For a seller with L337 profile, what gains do they get ?

The new marketplace changes prohibits LEE7 and UB3Rs from posting in premium marketplace section.

And, L337s have no ability to NEG rep any members. (I think this usergroup is most bullied here)

Blogger - April 30, 2024, 10:11 pm

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Skorp - May 1, 2024, 3:39 pm

' Wrote:I think, it is time that one of the upgrade from L337 or UB3R should be removed. I think your suggestion is silly. Those member upgrades support this forum, removing one of these member upgrades will make the forum lose money. The Admin can or can't make it easier/harder for V3ndor as he chooses too, but removing a user upgrade does not seem like a smart move and you never provided examples of "criteria or involve more processes" aswell for the Admin to see.

You could of worded your suggestion better. gl.

Saged - May 1, 2024, 10:28 pm

One of the least though out ideas I've ever seen. Ridiculous lol.

Jamika - May 2, 2024, 2:50 am

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I do agree your point to support the forum. There are multiple ways that HF is getting optimized and more ways could be integrated.

New members with a good product will have no access to HQ traffic because of the restriction.

Again, if not for L337, it is definitely not good for UB3RS to have limited access of the marketplace.

For V3NDORS, the criteria could be :

- Must have X amount of successful contracts
- Must post educational tutorial with full images/ videos before applying (This will increase quality tutorials on forum and at the same time, it will showcase V3NDORS knowledge in their niche)

Ps. the idea could be improvised as deem necessary.

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What about keeping both usergroup but allowing UB3R's to have Full marketplace access ?

It is totally unfair to ub3r's, if not for l337 to have restricted marketplace access.

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Are you sure to have an open mind for this discussion ?

Every new change requires you to have a new perspective.

PERSPECTIVE.

Think from the perspective of a seller. A new seller to HF.

You can upgrade to L337 on day 1.

But,

You need to meet certain criteria to become ub3r.

Restricting UB3R's to access certain marketplace is absurd. Totally unfair to them.

UB3R' were golden goose back in time. Tagged with medals and honor.

With passing time, UB3R usergroup / reputation have diminished.

The entire forum have changed BUT L337 remained same. NO ABILITY TO NEG REP.

L337 are one of the most bullied user group on HF.

So, again, here are my 2 suggestions:

1. Allow at least UB3R usergroup to access 'PREMIUM MARKETPLACE'
2. Allow L337 to give neg rep, even if it is -1.

StuffSneak - May 3, 2024, 1:47 am

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Current system is catering to wide array of users & not just the "marketplace" guys. You will have to look beyond that capability in order to understand the magnitude of the system in use.

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Eran - May 3, 2024, 2:57 am

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N3CTOR - May 3, 2024, 3:53 am

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Yes, I was on HF about 6-7 years ago when UB3R's were considered golden goose. I left HF after staying here for few months to handle irl business. Forgot username, pass etc... so I re-registered to join back the community.

A lot have changed since then. Why not allow L337 to give neg rep ? (Especially when rep popularity is no longer a thing). This will empower L337 user group.

The new market policy does prevent SPAM and Scam. I agree with your point on this. But, this happens more when you allow L337 user group to have access to premium marketplace. So, Now, I suggest allowing UB3R's to have access to premium marketplace. (This is unfair to ub3r's. Because they met certain criteria to become one).

V3ndor user group seems to be good for users having contract history. New L337 members and UB3R's will find it hard to gain contract reputation. Totally understandable for l337 but allow ub3r so they access marketplace and gain contract rep more fast.

Again, I call it unfair for UB3R's because, now they do not have access to good marketplace to build contract rep fast.

Ps. contract reps are only gained after successful contract completion, so you can't just take away the access of good marketplace from this user group (as they are being one after meeting certain criteria).

HF is not just a forum of discussion for various topic but also have a good marketplace. So, one should always consider it's impact on the user groups which are assigned after meeting certain criteria. Unlike L337, you become UB3R after you meet some criteria.

Omniscient - May 3, 2024, 2:19 pm

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