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Thread: [Bringing back Hackforums Discord \(Only Voice\)](#)

ailo - September 19, 2024, 11:40 am

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source - September 19, 2024, 11:41 am

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Syndicate - September 19, 2024, 11:44 am

+1 from me! I'd love to sit in a VC and have a chat with some HF members. It would be cool. Set a text channel to view only so you can post updates/downtime for HF in there. On site communication shouldn't be affected by this :)

Trust - September 19, 2024, 11:45 am

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ailo - September 19, 2024, 1:09 pm

(Sep 19, 2024 12:16 PM)- Sam - Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Pretty sure we had a Discord server for 2-3 years. Too much hassle to maintain especially when it has no quality or monetizing opportunities. You are suggesting we add it back just so 3-4 members can voice chat with each other.

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there was way more than 3-4 members using it.

BiNBo - September 19, 2024, 1:28 pm

Can't say I'd use it very often, but if we had one I'd try to hop in occasionally and hang for sure.

+1 from me.

DashPHP - September 19, 2024, 2:23 pm

Great idea tbh. Voice only discord server + HF Convo would be lit.

SoulZeh - September 19, 2024, 3:21 pm

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Cooligan - September 19, 2024, 3:39 pm

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Back when we had the HF Discord, it did drive more activity to Convo, I remember it well. And they were daily VC's too, not just once in a while. I remember every time I'd scroll my server list, I'd always be checking to see if there was an HF VC at the time. So I think it goes without saying I'm all for this. +1

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3-4 members was when the VC just started, and then people would notice one is happening and they'd all shortly start funneling in after. By the time people are done/tired and leaving the VC, we could've had around 15 people in there.

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Bumface - September 19, 2024, 6:50 pm

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Exactly this. We don't want to drive traffic away so we definitely suggested that there be no text channels available. Maybe one so that Omni can posts updates and downtime. 95% of us use Discord in some way. Also so that nobody can spam or try and sell something.

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Bold of you too assume it would drive traffic away from HF lol. May I ask what traffic? the 5-30 active people in convo? Its a voice channel so not sure how thats keeping people from posting here. If anything like I stated, the word of mouth conversation start happening and people start exploring/sharing threads to refer to the topics they are chatting about. I guess I am bold to assume it would increase traffic as well, call me an optimist but until the stats are proven we are just theoretical on the traffic ideas.

SIM-3257834 - September 19, 2024, 8:10 pm

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Cooligan - September 20, 2024, 5:40 am

(Sep 19, 2024 08:10 PM)cAKe Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm only joining to screaming at my mic. Lies. You only ever posted memes & anime in chat.

Now you'll have to read them aloud in VC.

Mr_Kh4os - September 20, 2024, 9:16 am

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an0nymous78 - September 20, 2024, 1:06 pm

I can't post a new thread so I'm just typing it here. I've used this account for several years to buy domains and VPS'es. However, I'm not using it anymore. First one that gets it, is the lucky one!

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Proof - September 20, 2024, 2:14 pm

I am for it, and let the new Mentors mod it along with staff.

VC was definitely a nice thing to have in conjunction with convo.

Carl Elias - September 20, 2024, 2:47 pm

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Just wondering, what would this achieve? HF doesn't really have the activity to support some giant quarterly voice chat. Either just make it available 24/7 or don't do it at all.

IMO, the world benefited from HF deleting the Discord server. I seriously doubt Omni would waste time recreating it and getting the integration working again.

Mooooookie - September 21, 2024, 12:45 am

As another member mentioned, I think it would be a disadvantage to send users to a discord, when you could just add voice to convo instead. While I don't think a discord would necessarily take traffic away from HF, but it could effect retention time on the site. I don't see it bringing any significant traffic to the site.

Omniscient - September 22, 2024, 6:54 pm

Any voice chat has to be on-site integrated into HF. Simple as that.

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Well them its not likely to happen really, I cant find a simple solution for this.

It not sure whether I agree or disagree with whether discord was damaging to HF or actually built alot of connections through voice chat.

Sometimes there was 20 of us talking and sharing screens and was exciting times.

However, the text chat and channels I understand cause negative effects to HF due to taking content away from the site but at the same time while banning Discord were allowing the advertisement of telegram groups, which also have topics and more activity being taken away from HF.

I hate Discord, TG is better but I wish textual content would remain on site. Lets just agree on this.

Jamika - September 23, 2024, 11:19 am

This will cause more people to get out of here and activity will be lower

ailo - September 23, 2024, 1:33 pm

If the only solution is site only voice chats, what about webrtc, agora or twillo given any thoughts to these?

Epic - September 23, 2024, 1:51 pm

I hate discord, but I'm all for a voice chat feature on the site.

Nachfolger - September 23, 2024, 2:49 pm

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WebRTC is one giant meme to the concept of OpSec. That's why this whole idea of integrating it into HF died off years ago.

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Most options won't work till our backend is updated. So right now this is all just wishful thinking until that happens.

Backend upgrade is going to break everything on HF and take me a lot of time to fix it all. We may not see any real new features until late 2025.