

Forum: [Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [Harrassment Policy](#)

Omniscient - June 5, 2025, 1:00 pm

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The Joker - June 5, 2025, 1:04 pm

Well, don't really know what to say. But I realised how hard it is to run a forum.

It's like a class of students of all grades. Kindergarten to 12th. The teacher would go mad.

gwiz - June 5, 2025, 1:05 pm

[mention=5658708] bring it on you ugly fat lgbtq BLM supporting cock smoking nappy headed slawg!!

#1st!

Envy - June 5, 2025, 1:05 pm

Great. Did somebody complain about this too?

Having a "run to the teacher" policy was a shitty enforcement to begin with to accommodate ONLY the softy cry babies.

People should know by now that reacting poorly, taking a joke too seriously, or tattling is only going to escalate it.

If you can't handle it, log the fuck off because clearly being chronically online is not helping you.

Pr0m3th3us - June 5, 2025, 1:11 pm

Oh this is going to get gooooooooood....

Going to chat in 3,2,1.....

Omniscient - June 5, 2025, 1:13 pm

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N - June 5, 2025, 1:16 pm

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NERO - June 5, 2025, 1:39 pm

[Zeus](#) Your free! Good luckahaha

Omniscient - June 5, 2025, 1:42 pm

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Yeah, I hate how mobile can take 2-3 days for cache to update. Very hard to work that way. I can make my desktop into a mobile size screen but it's not the same.

Recently found out the HF does some weird formatting on Firefox Android. On my list to review further.

Fixed 3 bugs this morning already. Small minor ones but still bugs all the same. Adjusted the theme a bit more too. I have more ideas for adjustments too. Nothing drastic yet but still minor changes can sometimes make your feelsies nice inside.

A big change would be the Nav Menu on Desktop. I want a Left Slideout. I'm looking for the perfect example to mimic.

jcole - June 5, 2025, 1:55 pm

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Omniscient - June 5, 2025, 2:05 pm

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INCREDIBLE - June 5, 2025, 2:06 pm

18 years of single-handedly managing the forum and the community. No doubt you're tired. You have been doing an Amazing job, Omni.

We're proud of you.

Just give yourself a break. maybe ban those annoying retards giving you a hard time and be done with it.

Omniscient - June 5, 2025, 2:15 pm

Rules updated further....

<https://hackforums.net/misc.php?action=help&hid=10>

Hack Forum Rules

1. No direct links to infected downloads in posts or profiles.
2. No posting of personal information that isn't yours. Privacy is to be respected here. This includes any passwords, logins or dumps.
3. No adult images or links to adult websites.
4. One active HF account is allowed. Multiple accounts are not permitted unless reporting a hacked account or rejoining due to account closure for inactivity. Ban evasion will result in permanent closure of all accounts. No exceptions.
5. Advertising of competing sites is not allowed. This includes any website with a hacker forum similar to HF in structure or purpose. Advertising includes signatures, PMs, profiles, and posts.
6. No posting of fake programs.
7. No threads or posts for donation begging. This includes loan requests or asking for investors.
8. You must read and follow any additional rules posted in individual forum headers and in the profile policies and rules help doc.
9. Marketplace-style threads must be posted only in the Marketplace category under the Market tab. All Marketplace rules and policies must be followed. The Marketplace Discussions forum and its subforums are not intended for active sales or services.
10. Off-site contact methods (e.g., email, Discord, Telegram) are not allowed to be posted by non-upgraded members. Only members in the Vendor group may advertise or post Discord channels.
11. The Disallowed Blackhat Activity list must be followed. These activities are restricted.

Trying to make them as basic as possible. No policy against threats, flaming, or harassment.

Of course please not that I'm not gonna tolerate any Sales Trashing. On HF that's a Golden Rule.

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Jamika - June 5, 2025, 2:25 pm

I dont support this but its your forum afterall and your free to do what you like

Omniscient - June 5, 2025, 2:29 pm

(Jun 5, 2025 02:20 PM)Natha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Genuine question

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Normally that's exactly how it goes. I'm in Convo a lot during the day. I don't like ignoring my own policies. I'd rather get rid of a policy than just ignore violations. I'm getting push-back from members who think they know the rules I created better than me. So it's either indeed my policies are bad or they aren't clear enough. Both cases force me to evaluate and that's fine. Rules do need to be adjusted time to time. HF started I believe with just 3 rules. One of them was about being nice to each other.

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You're describing Terminator SkyNet ?

Skorp - June 5, 2025, 2:49 pm

Hackforums turning into the wild, wild, west I see ?

Omniscient - June 5, 2025, 2:56 pm

Quote:It's your forum and your rules, no doubt. But removing the harassment policy feels like a step backwards for HF. It's probably not going to help the quality long term — especially for new users who come in and see people being insulted freely. Personally, that kind of atmosphere would turn me away from a forum. That's the sort of stuff you see on every other shady forum out there — and it just feels toxic and off-putting

I completely agree. I'm going to step up better anti-harassment features to counter the removal of the policy. Example would be those on your ignore list won't show their Convo messages even in Group Convo. I know someone created a script for that but I can do it better on my end. Another example might be disallowing a person on your ignore list from posting in a thread you created. However that may have to have Marketplace exemption because I don't want it abused by sellers to get rid of legit replies to a thread.

For every action there is a reaction. Just because I got rid of the policy doesn't mean I can't do more to stop harassment. In the end code solves more problems than human moderation.

Omniscient - June 5, 2025, 3:15 pm

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And there is always Word Filters as well. Those can be an effective tool.

Secrets - June 5, 2025, 3:15 pm

I posted a thread on Reddit for my sciatica, when I mentioned key words or the like (type of medication) it deleted the post automatically

Perhaps integrating something of the like if it's a strenuous issue.

I agree with the rule though, it's an online forum.

If you're getting "harassed" or "bullied" simply ignore the post? I don't see how virtual shit can really affect someone.

Not calling anyone a softie or whatever "polite" term needs to be used, but grow up.

Unless like another member mentioned you're getting DOX'd or real life attacked; relax and calm your nerves weirdo.

Keep up the work, and don't burn yourself out.

/rant

Omniscient - June 5, 2025, 4:34 pm

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webdev77 - June 5, 2025, 5:14 pm

I've been waiting quite some time for this to change. Now I can call out [Nachfolger](#) for making a slightly above average Chicken Parmesan.

Nachfolger - June 5, 2025, 5:28 pm

[Omniscient](#) having another manic episode I suspect. DWC DWC DWC!

Nachfolger - June 5, 2025, 6:43 pm

(Jun 5, 2025 05:42 PM)Yung Zel Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I actually hope you get closed you fagg*t. You're nothing but annoying.

This is HARASSMENT

Nachfolger - June 5, 2025, 6:50 pm

(Jun 5, 2025 06:48 PM)Natha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

Tyr - June 5, 2025, 6:58 pm

arrrr yupki benchode

i taking my big stick rite no and doing the scary tings to all of you

Game - June 5, 2025, 6:59 pm

Not a fan of this, definitely a step backwards and creates the perfect environment for those members that represent bacteria to breed hate and toxicity.

I hope you really can get some extra steps in to counter the negative effects this will have.

I understand the standpoint on it and what you have to deal with & having to resolve petty drama bullshit from some of the egotistical keyboard warriors that we have here.

I think it's become too familiar to just close accounts and we've forgotten that smaller interval suspensions exist. Rather than spending a day resolving two dickwads spat, just hit them with a month, 3 month, 6 month or a year suspension and to use the contact form when they've matured enough not to be a brat.

Either way, popcorn in hand, I await to see what comes.

(Jun 5, 2025 06:50 PM)Nachfolger Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)
I think he's just reminding you that you are free to ignore the other guy.

Cooligan - June 6, 2025, 3:31 am

I was going to make a post originally, but my replies below include everything I was going to say or touch on.

(Jun 5, 2025 02:05 PM)MarlboroMan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Perfect timing for the Convo Mute plugin:

Plugin: Convo Mute

Install using: [Hack Forums Plugins 1.2 - Install and manage Hack Forums plugins with ease.](#)
Very nice addition to HFP.

I'll test this out in the coming days for sure. I don't have anyone that I'd need to ignore though so I'll have to test it on you. :P

Also this reminds me of how Discord does it. They add a spoiler over the message of a blocked user with a button allowing you to read it if you choose. Your blur effect and element padding options make it similar imo. Nice work.

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For a while now I've felt that Omni would largely benefit from a team of people who go through a list of reports each day, only having Omni deal with account issues, Admin CP use, or other things along those lines. IIRC, that's how it always worked back in the day and I always remember HF being a clean forum in terms of moderation.

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I don't know, it's obviously your call. But if it were me, I'd seriously consider bringing in more help — maybe revamp the Mentors group, give out some light mod permissions, and get people involved who actually care about improving things, not just big dick swinging the userbar around like a flex.

Just my 0.2c
I partially agree with this.

I obviously don't know how current Staff moderation works in regards to their specific daily roles, but I feel like this could be improved possibly.

*Again, this is without knowledge as to how it's currently setup, so for all I know I'm stating what's already done/in place:

- If Staff were to coordinate with each other and dedicate sections to certain Staff members to keep an eye on, giving an even split between all sections amongst Staff -- I think would greatly help and I would be more than happy to assist in any areas if I could be of help. If there's one thing I'm strongly familiar with, it's HF site policies and rules.

[Omniscient](#) Let me know if there's something I can do to help. I'm sure a million people have asked/said this to you, but with me, you know how dedicated I am to HF and how much time I spend on here. You also know how passionate I am about this place, in this case I'm confident I have the right hands for the job as Staff or Mentor. Also, because 75% of my irl work is WFH, I'm almost always available. Anything you can think of where I could be of help, I'm up for and committed to try anything.

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I heavily agree with this.

HF has always felt much higher quality than any other forum I've ever joined, and I've joined many over my time, going all the way back to around 2006-2007. Part of what gave HF its feel & vibe was the way it was moderated compared to other forums/sites. Staff weren't heavy-modding or anything, just more so keeping people in check.

I'm sure you remember the old days yourself. It almost always seemed like a race to report a post (back when profiles tracked reported posts) so you'd get the credit for it because HF Staff were always so fast at taking action.

(Jun 5, 2025 03:18 PM)vrs Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The harassment epidemic here has been greatly exaggerated for quite some time.

Makes me wonder if any of these people have ever actually been pressed.

You and I both know that if we have to wonder or ask that question, they haven't.

These members are woefully unprepared for irl conflict. I'd say 90% of HF users have never faced a serious irl confrontation. Hell, the majority of HF members I've spoke to in my time here (especially EU members) have never even been in a physical fight. Their inexperience is their downfall.

It's pretty easy to tell who's who imo.

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Regardless of what you may think bossman, we do enjoy your company in Convo. There's not too many sites out there that have a memberbase in the hundreds of thousands, are 16+ years old, where the site admin & owner actively converses with their members on a daily basis.

Most of the time it's just announcements, rule changes, a signed PGP message, official business and such. You're definitely one of the more in touch site owners when it comes to community engagement, so kudos to you on that.

Regulus - June 6, 2025, 5:03 am

Hopsin - June 6, 2025, 5:12 am

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No report option, no warning level and free flame on HF ?
Is this some sort of experiment ?

P.S What about low quality posts?

Omniscient - June 6, 2025, 8:32 am

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I wanted a 2 week ban from convo for the person harassing and all his friends said they would want bans too if he got banned. We're at a point where Convo is run by a gang that does whatever it wants in there. I'm seriously considering shutting it down the public Convo. Woke up to people complaining their photo being released in Convo, that's posting of private data and a different policy violation but it goes to show that certain people here just want to be real assholes and think it's okay.

For now, advise people to stay away from the public convo. I'll be removing it today as the default page and adding helpful information instead including warnings that our Public Convo is full of trolls who will harass you. It's like a zoo in there now and if you get too close to the cage they'll attack you.

Quote:For a while now I've felt that Omni would largely benefit from a team of people who go through a list of reports each day, only having Omni deal with account issues
That's Staff and they do a great job. They just don't idle in Convo. The harassment issues are in Convo but they'll tell you they are just joking and having fun.

What I may end up doing too is considering ways for Private Convo to have more features that the Public Convo room has. Then allow for more members in private rooms. This way a small group of members can be their own room and enjoy the convo features without trolls. Would actually be a solid expansion of Convo into something closer to Discord. Convo imho is an excellent way to get HF into the App store. Could literally just have Convo App for communication. Xerotic was working on that when he quit. With AI's help I may be able to make it happen on my own. But that's a ton of work and I already have my plate full so that concept has to be pushed down the list. If I do that, then closing the Public Convo would be fine and all this gets resolved that way. And yes, if you created a Room, you'd have moderator permission. Would absolutely be a next-step evolution for Convo.

To me being admin on HF means I have to solve my problems in creative ways through code. There is no one for me to run to and complain to fix it for me. I have to do it myself. Closing accounts of problem members has only created more problems. In the end I will win because I will still be here and I will code them into oblivion.

What about making a new punishment system? People seem to be getting mad over permant account closer for minor stuff you could hand out two week bans for example, major stuff 3 months bans and scamming of course perm ban. You could also introduce stuff like a market ban gets the bad people out of the market but keeps them on the forum.

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(Jun 6, 2025 05:02 AM)MarlboroMan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do credit me ?
Don't be ridiculous lol

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Click on their profile, and press the red "Ignore Member" button next to their join date.

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[illegible]

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two steps backwards. We will never be a high-quality website. Not ever.
I feel you, man, you're in a difficult spot. Hope it all works out.

Confound - June 15, 2025, 6:57 pm

I get why you don't feel like dealing with this anymore but i'm concerned about this one. curious to see how long this lasts without issue.

Lavish Living - June 15, 2025, 9:45 pm

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Straight up degeneracy

Sam - June 16, 2025, 2:32 am

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Omniscient - June 16, 2025, 12:02 pm

(Jun 16, 2025 04:58 AM)Infinity. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hi Omni, does this mean we can officially harass you now? :P

Sure. I'll just add anyone bothering me to my ignore list. Which you are officially added to as of now.