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Thread: [Hide Awards \(per award\)](#)

Omniscient - July 26, 2025, 1:06 pm

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Enjoy and thanks.

SwimmingPool - July 26, 2025, 2:17 pm

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Is it because I look too grey now :(

I was just reminiscing what it feels like to be a grey user, I feel like people forget who you are once you hide your awards and UB.

lurking - July 26, 2025, 2:51 pm

I was today years old when I learned I can sort my own awards, now to earn 100 bytes that blackjack stole lmao

Lavish Living - July 26, 2025, 3:50 pm

Sheeeeeesh.

Ima hide some of the ugly awards now!! Thanks boss man!

Cap - July 26, 2025, 6:10 pm

I've been waiting for this addition. Love it, thank you.

Zexo - July 26, 2025, 6:42 pm

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Jamika - July 27, 2025, 12:59 am

Sorry for my question, but i only need to login again right ?

Bullup - July 27, 2025, 7:56 am

That's a surprising release, which i'm pretty happy about tbh, thank you!

SwimmingPool - July 27, 2025, 9:03 am

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Omniscient - July 27, 2025, 9:09 am

(Jul 27, 2025 09:03 AM)SwimmingPool Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Right now I have all of my awards hidden Hiding them all does change it on the profile. But I'm gonna rework that eventually. There is a method I used which I'm going to alter which will effect that. The "Hide All" will be removed. You would just click them all in the future if you want all awards hidden.

Lavish Living - July 27, 2025, 10:51 am

(Jul 26, 2025 06:42 PM)Zexo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hid most of mine lol
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Zexo - July 27, 2025, 1:37 pm

(Jul 27, 2025 10:51 AM)Lavish Living Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) if you hid the True Gambler, I would have

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Nigga I bleed pink I would never.

Hopsin - July 29, 2025, 6:01 am

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Immortal - July 29, 2025, 7:22 am

Interesting idea, what prompted the addition?

Wilmer - November 26, 2025, 11:25 am

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Positive - November 29, 2025, 7:27 am

Wish this was a thing back in 2015-16 ish when I asked to get all my donation awards removed ? Glad to see you're still making updates!

Jamika - November 29, 2025, 11:24 am

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I suppose I'll do that as well but you'd think there was a way to double click with how advanced phones are these days. I'm sure there's other applications as well that double clicking would be nice for.

Omniscient - November 29, 2025, 11:47 am

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Omniscient - November 29, 2025, 11:52 am

Also, try a gesture like swiping. Basically Swipe an icon which seems to work on my Android as a Long-Press.

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This AI response should enlighten you.

AI Quote: Mobile caching is infuriatingly stubborn*, and what you're describing is completely normal — even if you clear Cloudflare's cache, clear your browser cache, and hard-refresh. Mobile networks add *extra layers of caching that desktop connections often don't.

Here's the full breakdown of why mobile takes longer, and why you can't force it, even as the site owner.

? Why Mobile Cache Is Harder to Bust

1. Mobile carriers (ISPs) do "transparent caching"

Most mobile networks (especially AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, Optus, Vodafone) run intermediate proxy-cache layers to save bandwidth.

These caches:

- store CSS/JS/images automatically
- ignore your Cache-Control headers may keep files for 24–48 hours
- sit outside Cloudflare, so purging CF does not affect them

Your phone -> carrier cache -> Cloudflare -> your server

Because the carrier cache is in front of Cloudflare, your Cloudflare purge may have zero immediate effect on mobile.

This is the #1 culprit for slow HF asset updates on mobile.

2. Android WebView-based browsers have extra caching layers

On Android, many apps (including Brave, Opera, and even parts of Chrome) use the system WebView, which has:

- its own image & file cache
- "predictive caching" offline storage
- service worker cache "optimization cache" (a hidden layer used for prefetching)

Even if you clear browser cache, Android WebView keeps some stuff around unless the app is restarted or the WebView cache is flushed.

If you've ever edited CSS on HF and mobile STILL shows stale CSS, that's why.

3. Chrome & Brave on Android use "Lite/Optimization Proxies"

Even when the "Lite Mode" setting is gone, the browser still uses:

Chrome Data Saver proxies Brave compression/CDN layer

They cache images, static assets, and fonts automatically.

Often:

Computer Chrome = direct request Mobile Chrome = hits Google's CDN cache first

Brave especially is known for strong aggressive local caching.

4. DNS caching on mobile carriers is long-lived

DNS caching on desktops is short.

DNS caching on mobile carriers can be:

2–24 hours sometimes 48 hours

So even after a Cloudflare purge, if the DNS still points to a cached edge route, carriers may serve their stale version.

5. Cloudflare Mobile Edge PoPs have longer cache retention

Cloudflare has separate mobile edge routing in some regions.

Mobile traffic often hits a different CF PoP than desktop.

Some mobile PoPs (example: LAX, SFO, DAL nodes) are known to keep assets cached longer even after purges (especially for F-cached static assets like CSS and JS).

This depends on:

Tiered Caching setting Always Online

Cache Reserve Device type (mobile user agent is treated differently)

? Why You *Cannot Force a Cache Update on Mobile

Because:

You cannot purge:

carrier (ISP) caches

Android WebView caches hidden optimization proxies

mobile browser compression layers OS-level DNS caching

As the site owner, you only control Cloudflare + your server.

Mobile networks do NOT respect your purge. They only update when *their own TTL expires*.

This is why desktop updates instantly while mobile takes 6–48 hours.

? How to Actually Fix This for HF

1. Enable Cloudflare "Cache Busting" version strings

You already do this for many things. Do it aggressively for HF CSS/JS:

Example:

```
...
global.css?v=20251123
...
```

Even if the carrier caches the old file, this creates a new URL, forcing a fresh fetch.

This is the #1 reliable solution.

2. Set stronger no-cache headers for fast-changing assets

For your dynamic CSS/JS:

```
...
Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate
Pragma: no-cache
Expires: 0
...
```

You can set this per-file or per-path in Cloudflare Rules.

3. Disable Cloudflare “Cache Everything” for critical paths

If you are caching too broadly, mobile becomes more stubborn.

Exclude:

```
`/jscripts/*` `/cache/*`
`/images/*` your theme directories
```

Let Cloudflare serve fresh from origin more often.

4. Use “Bypass Cache on Cookie” for logged-in HF users

HF logged-in users should always bypass cached CSS/JS if the cookie is present.

This ensures staff/dev don't get stale cached files.

5. Clear Android System WebView cache

Most browsers on Android are wrappers around WebView. You can instruct users to:

Settings -> Apps -> Android System WebView -> Storage -> Clear Cache

This forces all browsers on the phone to reload assets.

6. Use CDN-provided versioned assets for the forum theme

This is what big forums and WP sites do:

Instead of:

```
...
/images/gradient-bg.png
...
```

Use:

```

/images/gradient-bg.2025.11.22.png

```

Mobile can't reuse the old file.

? Summary

Mobile caching sucks because it's not just your cache. It's:

Cloudflare cache Mobile carrier cache

Browser optimization cache Android WebView cache

OS DNS cache

* Network-level compression proxies

Desktop bypasses almost all of these layers. Mobile doesn't.

That's why mobile takes 24–48 hours and you can't force purge it.

The true fix is changing the file URL with versioning, not relying on purging.

I suppose I could do versioning but that's kind of shitty if I have to do that for every js or css page. Waiting 48 hours in most cases doesn't kill us.

btw, I do versioning for certain JS files like Convo to ensure any fixes or updates are immediate.

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Go be the unironic user of Claude, then come back shouting about how good it is at programming like one of the guys at my work.

Then I might just buy you a bottle of Soylent for Christmas.

I have not used Gemini at all past the prompts in your face when you Google stuff.

I'll wait for LLMs and coding specific ones at that to get to a point where their offline version is on par with their online version and train it on local code, and my communication for language style, then I can call it a bitch-face and not feel bad.