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Mix - August 18, 2025, 11:11 am

Hack Forum News - Edition Ten

The Hack Forum News Team welcomes everyone back this week with another update on the weekly news to keep you up to date on the latest news on site and around the world. If you have never heard of Hack Forum News, dont worry we have you covered. We are a team of members from the Hack Forums community who are journalists and writers, and we are here to keep you in the loop of the changes around the site and now even around the world.

Writer - [Natha](#)

[Bulk Upgrade Deals \(OMUP\)](#) By [Omniscient](#)

[Omniscient](#) is introducing a new opportunity for vendors to purchase upgrades in bulk at discounted rates, which can then be gifted as value-adds to their customers. This allows vendors to bundle premium benefits with their own products or services, enhancing their overall offering. A dedicated control panel will also be provided, giving vendors full control to manage and distribute these upgrades directly to buyers at their convenience.

[Hack Forums News - Weekly Reports & Suggestions](#) By [Mix](#)

A quick reminder to all members: we do our best to catch as much Hack Forums news as possible, but we're only human and can't cover every single development. If you come across something you believe is noteworthy, we encourage you to post a submission in the official thread so it can be considered for inclusion.

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GROUPS FOR SALE AND SOLD

[Succubus group](#) is still listed for sale by [SecretAchiever101](#)
[Benevolence](#) are listed for sale by [Neil](#)

[Mystery Inc](#) listed for sale by [Scooby](#)

No recent group sales.

RECENT GROUP CHANGES & EVENTS

[Yakless](#) has been added as leader to Olympians
[Trust](#) has been removed as leader from Olympians and Benevolence

RECRUITMENTS:

[Casino Recruitment](#)
[Pink LSZ Recruitment](#)
[Warriors Recruitment](#)
[Gamblers Recruitment](#)
[Legends Recruitment](#)
[Allegiance Buy-in](#)
[Olympians leader recruitment](#)
[The Academy Recruitment](#)

Writer - [jcole](#)

Notable console & hardware releases:

ROG Xbox Ally leaked release date:

A reliable insider has claimed that the highly-anticipated ROG Xbox Ally handheld consoles will launch in October 2025. While Microsoft and ASUS have yet to formally confirm these details, all signs point to a Gamescom 2025 reveal for the ROG Xbox Ally release date.

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

ASUS could be teasing towards a new Xbox controller:

The first ASUS controller was released back in 2023, giving the company more than enough time to weigh customer response and adjust this new controller in whatever ways necessary. Through a YouTube Short on its official channel, ASUS has given a sneak peek at a new Xbox controller. The short video shows the general Xbox shape of the controller with a small sighting of paddle buttons

on the back.

[Video: <https://youtu.be/WyRyHC0t6zc>]

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Notable News (August 2025)

McDonald's plans to crack down on Pokemon scalpers:

McDonald's has recently announced new rules aimed at fighting scalpers for the next wave of its Pokemon-themed Happy Meals in Japan. Platforms such as eBay currently have offerings going as high as \$1,000 for 50 sealed packages, and individual cards like the Pikachu reaching out for the burger costing between \$20 and \$40.

The State of Louisiana is suing Roblox:

The state of Louisiana has filed a lawsuit against Roblox for its failure to protect kids from predatory behavior. More than half of the player base, 56 percent, is aged 16 and below, yet there is no minimum age to play the game, no age verification, and no need for parental permissions. On August 14, Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill filed a "child protection" lawsuit against Roblox for "permitting and perpetuating an online environment in which child predators thrive."

This has led to multiple documented instances of children being groomed and even abused as a result of their interactions with predators while playing. In July, a Des Moines, Iowa, [family filed suit against Roblox after their 13-year-old daughter was abducted and assaulted by a stranger she met on the gaming platform](#). The girl had been playing Roblox since she was eight years old, which her parents allowed because they believed it was safe. But the "child" she was chatting with and later agreed to meet up with turned out to be a 37-year-old man named Martin Amaya Sandoval, who already had statutory assault charges pending against him in another state.

Rumor: EA wants Battlefield to become an annual release:

A new rumor has suggested that EA wants to turn Battlefield into an annual franchise in the vein of Call of Duty. Battlefield General Manager Byron Beede, saying, "their goal is three studios making Battlefield on a three-year basis. So they can get to Battlefield annually. He said it's going to take five or six years before they get two in a row, so we're not going to get there for a while."

Call of Duty: Black Ops 7 Leak reveals how many 6x6 maps there will be at launch:

There will be a lot of maps to play on for the upcoming BO7. Black Ops 7 will feature 16 6v6 maps at launch with three BO2 remakes.

Game Releases - (August 2025)

Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) Wander Stars (PC, Switch) (August 1)

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba – The Hinokami Chronicles 2 (Multi-platform) (August 1)
Hello Kitty Island Adventure (PS5) (August 1)
Turbo Kid (Switch) (August 1)
Gradius Origins (PC, Switch) (August 7)
The House of the Dead 2: Remake (PC, Switch) (August 7)
Operation Night Strikers (PC) (August 7)
Ritual of Raven (TBD) (August 7)
Tiny Bookshop (PC, Switch) (August 7)
Mafia: The Old Country (PS5, Xbox Series X|S, PC) (August 8)
Echoes of the End (PC, PS5, Xbox Series X|S) (August 12)
Ra Ra BOOM (PC, Consoles) (August 12)
Senua's Saga: Hellblade II (PC, Xbox Series X|S) (August 12)
Dorfromantik (PC, Switch) (August 14)
Drag x Drive (TBD) (August 14)
Madden NFL 26 (Multi-platform) (August 14)
Midnight Murder Club (TBD) (August 14)
Warhammer 40K: Dawn of War Definitive Edition (PC) (August 14)
Bendy: Lone Wolf (TBD) (August 15)
OFF (PC) (August 15)
Delta Force (PC, Consoles) (August 19)
Sword of the Sea (PC, PS5) (August 19)
Black Myth: Wukong (PC, PS5, Xbox Series X|S) (August 20)
Discounty (PC, Consoles) (August 21)
Grit & Valor: 1949 (TBD) (August 21)
The Legend of Heroes trilogy (PS5, Switch, PC) (August 21)
Ariana: The Books... (TBD) (August 21)
Gears of War: Reloaded (Xbox Series X|S, PS5, PC) (August 26)
Helldivers 2 (PC, PS5) (August 26)
Neptunia Game Maker R: Evolution (Switch, PS5) (August 26)
Space Adventure Cobra (TBD) (August 26)
Story of Seasons: Grand Bazaar (Switch, Switch 2, PC) (August 27)
Destiny: Rising (TBD) (August 28)
Kirby and the Forgotten Land – Switch 2 Edition (Switch 2) (August 28)
The Knightling (TBD) (August 28)
Lens (TBD) (August 28)
NOROI KAGO (TBD) (August 28)
Super Robot Wars Y (TBD) (August 28)
Varlet (TBD) (August 28)
Metal Gear Solid ?: Snake Eater (PS5, Xbox Series X|S, PC) (August 28)
Lost Soul Aside (PC, PS5) (August 29)
Shinobi: Art of Vengeance (PC, Consoles) (August 29)

? E-Sports

BLAST Bounty Season 2 - Counter-Strike 2 ? Team Spirit (August 17, 2025)
Pokémon World Championship 2025 VGC ? Giovanni Cischke (August 17, 2025)
Pokémon World Championship 2025 TCG ? Riley McKay (August 17, 2025)
Pokémon World Championship 2025 Pokémon UNITE ? South American team PERÚ (August 17, 2025)

[\\$100 USD \(BTC\) Contest || Celebrating My Acceptance in The Academy](#) By [W1NK1LL3RX](#)

A new contest has been created this week by @W1NK1LL3RX@. They have recently been accepted into The Academy, and they feel like it's time for them to share the love by making a massive \$100 BTC giveaway to one lucky winner. Let's make sure to spread the love, and thank them for the contest. The contest ends September 30th, 2025. Make sure you get yourself entered before it's too late.

[\\$75 ETH Crypto Contest | Celebrating my upgrade to L33T](#) By [CyberGiggler](#)

If you are looking to get your hands on some free ETH, the user known as [CyberGiggler](#) has the thread for you. They have recently started a contest for everyone on site, and you can get your hands on an entry right now. All you will need to do is head over to the thread and follow the three steps to enter, and you could get your hands on that \$75 ETH on the 2nd of September. Good luck to everyone who enters!

[\\$50 Crypto Contest || Celebrating my upgrade to Ub3r](#) By [Oh_Well](#)

Another contest is also giving away \$50 worth of free crypto too. This member has recently just got themselves Ub3R on site and is celebrating becoming Ub3R by giving away to one lucky winner a \$50 crypto. Once again, they have a few requirements for the contest, but everyone can easily enter this lovely contest and will get themselves an easy \$50 to do whatever they want with it. Make sure you check this one out as it's worth checking it out!

Writer - [?????????????](#)

IBM and Google claim quantum breakthrough

IBM and Google say they are closing in on practical, large-scale quantum computers after major engineering milestones, with IBM outlining a roadmap for the rest of the decade and Google touting new error-correction advances. Both claim the tech could move from lab to limited commercial use sooner than expected, though others urge caution on timelines.

[Source](#)

Australia eyes cashless, cardless future by 2030

A new Australian Mobile Technology Association study predicts physical cash, plastic cards, and even passwords could disappear by 2030. Driven by advances in 6G connectivity, biometrics, and wearable tech, the shift would see payments handled via phones, smart rings, and glasses seamlessly integrated into homes, cars, and workplaces.

[Source](#)

Pixel 10 leaks continue ahead of launch

Fresh leaks for Google's Pixel 10 series show marketing renders and confirm specs such as a 6.8" Super Actua display, Tensor G5 chip, up to 16 GB RAM, and refined camera hardware. Alongside

the phones, the Pixel Watch 4 is tipped to debut with new colors and a redesigned dock, while Meta teased new “Tiramisu” and “Boba 3” VR prototypes at SIGGRAPH 2025.

[Source](#)

Afterpay Day 2025 brings major tech discounts

Shoppers in Australia rushed to take advantage of Afterpay Day 2025 deals running August 14–17. Discounts included Samsung Galaxy S25, iPhone 16, Dyson vacuums, TCL TVs, and more. Many offers required Afterpay, making it one of the biggest retail events before the holiday season.

[Source](#)

IonQ sets sights on trillion-dollar quantum future

Quantum computing firm IonQ announced ambitious plans to become the “Nvidia of quantum,” raising \$1 billion in funding and targeting a \$1.1 billion merger with Oxford Ionics. CEO Niccolo de Masi says the company is positioning itself to dominate the quantum race within the next decade.

[Source](#)

Jumia stock surges 71% in one month

African e-commerce giant Jumia saw its stock price soar by 71% in the past month and 50% year-to-date. Analysts say the rally reflects renewed investor optimism, although the company’s fundamentals remain under scrutiny.

[Source](#)

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Trump-Putin summit fallout continues

Vladimir Putin described his August 15 meeting with Donald Trump in Alaska as “useful and timely,” though no formal agreement was reached. Meanwhile, media reports suggest the U.S. may host a trilateral meeting involving Trump, Putin, and Zelenskyy before August 22 to address a broader peace settlement, amid concerns that Ukraine could face pressure to concede the Donbas region.

[Source](#)

Pakistan Flash Floods

A rare cloudburst triggered flash floods in Buner, claiming hundreds of lives and leaving widespread devastation. Water, rocks and trees were swept down the mountainside after two days of intense monsoon rains, burying people and homes in their path.

[Source](#)

McLaren duo locks battle for championship

Oscar Piastri, leading the 2025 F1 standings with 284 points, says it’s essentially a “two-horse race”

with teammate Lando Norris, who trails closely on 275. With ten races to go, Piastri remains focused on a disciplined, race-by-race approach.

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We would like to say a big thank you for you reading and a big thank you to the HF News Team members

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padrino - August 18, 2025, 4:30 pm

Nice Post! I'll have to add the signature

Dragosthethird - August 18, 2025, 6:03 pm

A great read as always. And I didn't notice any incorrect links this time ?. Grats to the HF news Team

Tyr - August 18, 2025, 7:39 pm

Looking good as usual. New Spec Ops edition is coming soon.

Mech - August 18, 2025, 8:47 pm

Great post. Look forward to the next one!

Frap - August 19, 2025, 12:28 am

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Chrome - August 19, 2025, 1:08 am

(Aug 19, 2025 12:28 AM)Frap Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm closer to two decades than one decade so why did I just receive the "King Decade" award? Tell me mister news!

Hmm that's interesting... [Omniscient](#) thoughts?

HerrWinston - August 19, 2025, 5:24 am

Very nice Post, thanks as always looking forward to edition eleven! :D

Radi - August 19, 2025, 7:25 am

Yay I finally made it in the news.

Jamika - August 19, 2025, 7:28 am

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jcole - August 19, 2025, 7:31 am

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Chrome - August 19, 2025, 7:49 am

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Yes but he's been here since 2009 but only just got the award over the past week. That's what we're questioning.

jcole - August 19, 2025, 8:08 am

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Mix - August 19, 2025, 9:43 am

(Aug 19, 2025 12:28 AM)Frap Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm closer to two decades than one decade so why did I just receive the "King Decade" award? Tell me mister news!

Not sure why it took so long to register for you, but it looks like the award for you was auto-granted on 16.08.2025 so I would guess it was behind a little, might be a glitch with the progress towards the award, maybe.

(Aug 19, 2025 07:25 AM)Radi Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yay I finally made it in the news.
Congratulations! Glad to see you on the news this week :)

(Aug 19, 2025 07:28 AM)Jamika Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Comics are so funny man , good work on this week edition as general

Glad to see you have enjoyed the comics. Really miss how funny they once were, but I guess that comes with age for me. But overall, glad to see you are enjoying my selection of good ones :)

Cap - August 19, 2025, 7:22 pm

Nice read as usual! Good job guys.

Chrome - August 19, 2025, 9:09 pm

(Aug 19, 2025 08:08 AM)jcole Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You have to claim the award on <https://hackforums.net/awardgoals.php> manually.

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jcole - August 19, 2025, 9:27 pm

(Aug 19, 2025 09:09 PM)Chrome Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't think so? Every award goal I have gotten gets applied automatically

If that's the case then there would be thousands of the King Decade award automatically applied to accounts that have met or exceeded the requirements.

<https://hackforums.net/myawards.php?awid=194>

Arrogance - August 20, 2025, 6:28 am

Fuck, I'm old. Thanks for the shout-out. I've also received the decade award despite not claiming manually (I've been around for 15 years now), interesting though!

Oh_Well - August 20, 2025, 9:58 am

Awesome read! Congrats to the writing team!

Frap - August 20, 2025, 8:55 pm

(Aug 19, 2025 08:08 AM)jcole Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You have to claim the award on <https://hackforums.net/awardgoals.php> manually.

I definitely didn't claim it but I did visit that link for the first time a couple weeks ago so that may have triggered it.

CL1B - August 22, 2025, 12:09 pm

Confound - August 22, 2025, 5:41 pm

Nice addition once again. Good work team

Mix - August 24, 2025, 6:56 am

(Aug 22, 2025 12:09 PM)MarlboroMan Wrote: [CITE](#) Suprised you're not rocking the green one to match the group colours. ?