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Mix - October 6, 2025, 1:32 pm

Hack Forum News - Edition 17

Welcome back to the Hack Forum News. Where we keep you up to date on the weekly events and news happening on site and around the world. If you have never heard of the Hack Forum News, don't 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 the events happening around the world.

This week we have seen some massive changes around the site with the release of the OctoberFest 2025 event and all we can say is strap yourselves in for this edition. We have been busy this week tracking a lot of the site's activity, and we think you will all be surprised.

Writer - [Mix](#)

[OctoberFest 2025](#) By [Omniscient](#)

Octoberfest is here! We have seen a massive increase of activity across the site and, with the event, [Omniscient](#) has announced a giveaway that includes over \$2000 worth of prizes to be won. And the award for this year's event has been released, and a few members have already managed to get it twice. If you haven't seen this yet, then it's worth checking out and seeing what prizes are up for grabs this year, and you might even get lucky and get yourself a free \$500.

[Hack Forums News Team - Become a Writer](#) By [Mix](#)

Are you looking to join the HF news team? Do you enjoy making threads or even want to become a better writer? Well, we are looking for members of the site to help write each week and are looking for anyone who has any interest. We have a few new sections opening up right now, and we would love for you to see if they would be anything of interest to you. If you are interested, please check out the thread or contact [Mix](#) to discuss joining the team behind the HF News.

Writer - [Mix](#)

Last Week:

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Writer - [Mix](#)

With this week being the start of Octoberfest, the award section has never been so packed. For the ease of people obtaining the award twice, we have only mentioned them once.

[JoshAllen](#) Has obtained the "Dicey" award -

[Vectura](#) Has obtained the "Bronze Tutorial Award" award -

[P??sonl?af](#) Has obtained the "Lounge head" award -

[Yanix](#) Has obtained the "Stanley Fan" award -

[The Pact](#) Has obtained the "Stanley Fan" award -

[DemonAsylum](#) Has obtained the "Hustler" award - Well Done on winning the Easter Egg!

[Oh_Well](#) Has obtained the "Dynamite" award - Congratulations on winning the award from @yakless Contest!

[Stepdad](#) Has obtained the "King Decade" award -

[IDK](#) Has obtained the "King Decade" award -

[King Joey](#) Has obtained the "King Decade" award -

[Laughing Man](#) Has obtained the "King Decade" award -

[Sithis](#) Has obtained the "King Decade" award -

[Terry A. Davis](#) Has obtained the "King Decade" award -

[Numinous](#) Has obtained the "King Decade" award -

[Tjm](#) Has obtained the "King Decade" award -

[Justinpk](#) Has obtained the "King Decade" award -

[W1NK1LL3RX](#) Has obtained the "Octoberfest 2025" award -

[Mooookie](#) Has obtained the "Octoberfest 2025" award -

[Au Jus Demon](#) Has obtained the "Octoberfest 2025" award -

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[JoshAllen](#) Has obtained the "Octoberfest 2025" award -

[Jamika](#) Has obtained the "Octoberfest 2025" award -

What a crazy list this week. We can't wait to see next week's list as we know this month is going to be a massive increase in awards each week and each edition. If you haven't managed to get the Octoberfest 2025 Award, then you have the whole month to get it, so get yourself the award and get a shoutout from us!

Writer - [Oh_Well](#)

[How Do You Feel About The Octoberfest Award Being Purchasable Now?](#) - by [DemonAsylum](#)

A timely discussion as Octoberfest kicks off once again. [DemonAsylum](#) opens the floor with a thoughtful question: should the classic pumpkin award remain an earned badge of honor, or is it fine to make it purchasable too? From 2021 to 2024, the award could only be earned through forum activity, but now, it can be bought outright. The thread captures a mix of nostalgia, practicality, and appreciation that Octoberfest continues at all, even with this new twist.

[What's your progress on the Octoberfest award?](#) - by [account_](#)

Octoberfest 2025 is in full swing, and [account_](#) starts a simple but fun community check-in: how far are you on the new Octoberfest award? The replies show motivation as members compare their progress. A seasonal thread that keeps the festive spirit going while encouraging everyone to stay active through the month. Jump in and share your progress!

[How did you pick your username & why is it better than SUI-3183372?](#) - by @Poisonleaf@

A nostalgic thread where members share the stories behind their usernames. @Poisonleaf@ kicks things off by explaining how their name came from a World of Warcraft character, Frostleaf turned rogue, and the moniker "Poisonleaf" has stuck for two decades. The thread invites others to dive into the origins of their digital identities and reflect on what makes a username memorable - share yours too!

[From Grammar to Meaning: Building Semantic Similarity Analysis for HF Octoberfest](#) - by [itcorp](#)

[itcorp](#) continues to raise the bar with another impressive WPF-based NLP project, this time diving deep into semantic similarity analysis. Building upon their previous Token Visualizer tool, this upgraded version goes beyond grammar and explores how sentences relate in meaning - a perfect fit for content discovery during HF's Octoberfest.

Featuring visual graphs, similarity scoring, and detailed code samples, the thread walks you through the process of embedding-based sentence comparison and cosine similarity. It's a masterclass in turning NLP theory into a functional, interactive tool, complete with visual flair and practical insight for anyone curious about machine understanding of language.

[You've been given a 100m budget to continue a game franchise.](#) - by @Laughing Man@

Gamers' dream thread unlocked: if you had \$100 million to revive a dormant franchise, which one would you choose? The discussion quickly turns into a wish list. It's the kind of thread that sparks passionate debate and reminds everyone why certain series still live rent-free in our minds. Make sure you join the discussion!

[Laravel Queue vs Kafka: Don't Confuse the Tools](#) - by [newQuery](#)

In another practical read from this week, [newQuery](#) drops a reality check for developers who think Kafka is just a "cooler Redis queue." Mixing up Laravel Queue and Kafka can burn servers, literally, as one unlucky startup learned after replaying millions of emails twice.

The post breaks it down cleanly: Laravel Queue is your framework's task list for background jobs,

while Kafka is an industrial-grade event streaming platform for distributed systems. The takeaway? They can connect, but they serve very different purposes. A must-read for anyone scaling their architecture beyond basic queues.

Writer - [Chrome](#)

GROUPS FOR SALE AND SOLD

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

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

Casino has been sold to [NERO](#)

RECENT GROUP CHANGES & EVENTS

No reported changes this week.

RECRUITMENTS:

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

Writer - [Mix](#)

Recently we introduced a brand-new section to the HF News. This section will grow over time to more things, but for now we are just going to be doing Song of the week. We are open to what more we could bring to the section from your suggestions, but as a start, we feel adding the song of the week will be a great start for the section and lead the way forward for more things in the future.

Now we know some of you may question what the song of the week is all about, and we have thought of what a great answer. We feel like the song of the week should be a meaningful song that goes deeper than just general music and has meaning to it all. Granted, we may have a little fun with it sometimes. (Yes, we will have a Halloween version and Christmas version too.) But we want to keep it at a level where we have found the song has a true message behind it all and not just something that everyone will just see as another song that is just a bit catchy or got a good few beats to it. We hope this helps those with that question and if anyone has anything that they wish to ask, please feel free to add them below. We are more than happy to give the reason behind it.

This weeks Song Of The Week:

[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AG-erEMhumc>]

Writer - [Chrome](#)

[\\$100 Crypto Contest - Celebrating my entrance to Quantum](#) By [Oh_Well](#)

A new contest has been created this week by [Oh_Well](#) . He is celebrating hi entrance to the new group Quantum by giving away \$100. Make sure to enter!

[5 free months of Apple Music - CC NEEDED - PROMO CODE - only 10 ENTRIES! HURRY :\) by Rsynced](#)

Music lovers make sure you enter this giveaway to win 5 months of free Apple Music. The OP alleges they're legit codes. Please note: this giveaway is for USA only.

Writer - [Mix](#)

[ItsMeFox](#) has reached 1000 posts.

[Dotexe](#) has gone on vacation until Tuesday, November 4th, 2025
[account](#) has gone on vacation until Thursday, December 4th, 2025
@Lavish Living@ has been banned and pending closure.

Remember if you have reached an achievement on your account feel free to post about it on our weekly reports thread. That way we can add you to the news for the next edition. [Click Here To See The Weekly Reports Thread](#)

Mix - October 6, 2025, 1:56 pm

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

Almost 1 billion Salesforce records claimed stolen in cloud breach
A hacking group calling itself Scattered LAPSUS\$ Hunters claims to have stolen nearly 1 billion records from Salesforce clients. The breach allegedly focused on users of Salesforce rather than Salesforce itself.

[Source](#)

Oracle warns: extortion campaign targets E-Business Suite customers
Oracle confirms clients of its E-Business Suite have received extortion emails, urging customers to patch and upgrade to avoid further risk. The ransomware group Cl0p is linked to the campaign.

[Source](#)

Cyberattack squeezes Japan's Asahi, beer supply at risk
Asahi Group's systems remain impaired after a cyberattack disrupted operations. Domestic beer supplies, including its flagship *Super Dry*, are facing shortages as the impact drags into a fifth day.

[Source](#)

JLR secures £2B funding line amid cyber fallout
Jaguar Land Rover arranges a £2 billion emergency credit facility as it recovers from its recent cyber shutdown. The funds will help stabilize operations during the phased restart.

[Source](#)

EU push: AI-first strategy for Europe's mobility sector
European Commission President von der Leyen calls for a continent-wide "AI first" approach to accelerate self-driving car development, which is framing AI as pivotal to Europe's industrial competitiveness.

[Source](#)

Renault reports third-party data breach; customer info exposed
Renault (and Dacia) discloses that a cyberattack on a third-party processor exposed customer data: names, emails, dates of birth, and vehicle details. No banking info was involved.

[Source](#)

Writer - [Mix](#)

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A big thank you to all the members who put in the hard workto bring us another edition of HF News this week

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CL1B - October 6, 2025, 2:08 pm

Love it.

Thanks for the news!

Jamika - October 6, 2025, 2:28 pm

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And congrats all award winners, specially demon [DemonAsylum](#) ? ?

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Thanks mate :)

Mix - October 6, 2025, 2:33 pm

(Oct 6, 2025 02:32 PM)NERO Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks mate :)

Do you have any plans with the group like a rebrand or anything special? Would love to keep up to date for future editions.

NERO - October 6, 2025, 3:31 pm

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Mix - October 6, 2025, 3:32 pm

(Oct 6, 2025 03:31 PM)NERO Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's Gamblers, Always will be :)

Ah okay I thought you might have a differnt plan with the group. I am guuessing you will be keeping the same group recruitment and all?

NERO - October 6, 2025, 3:42 pm

(Oct 6, 2025 03:32 PM)Mix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ah okay I thought you might have a differnt plan with the group. I am guuessing you will be keeping the same group recruitment and all?

Yeah everything will be the same

Chrome - October 6, 2025, 4:13 pm

(Oct 6, 2025 03:42 PM)NERO Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah everything will be the same

Except I get an invite?

Mix - October 6, 2025, 4:13 pm

(Oct 6, 2025 04:13 PM)Chrome Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Except I get an invite?

Think youll have to gamble 100k first mate ?

Chrome - October 6, 2025, 4:14 pm

(Oct 6, 2025 04:13 PM)Mix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Think youll have to gamble 100k first mate ?

Alright, can I borrow 100k?

Mix - October 6, 2025, 4:15 pm

(Oct 6, 2025 04:14 PM)Chrome Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Alright, can I borrow 100k?

Uhm let me check. With 25% interest sound good?

Jamika - October 6, 2025, 4:19 pm

(Oct 6, 2025 04:15 PM)Mix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Uhm let me check. With 25% interest sound good?

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Mix - October 6, 2025, 4:20 pm

(Oct 6, 2025 04:19 PM)Jamika Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Uh forgot to say the comics are funny as usual, good work there too

I think I am going to try and keep them halloween related for the next few edition so they might not be as funny as these but ill see what I can find to keep it alive. Much love with the feedback as always.

hkub - October 7, 2025, 1:21 am

thats a huge increase in forum stats from last month to this month!

Walter - October 7, 2025, 4:08 am

(Oct 6, 2025 01:32 PM)Mix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) @Lavish Living@ has been banned and pending closure. Lavish Living has run off with \$1.5k.

He was acting as the MM and then disappeared.

I never liked his attitude, and my gut always told me not to trust him as an MM.

For a reliable MM, use [Zexi](#) you all.

Mix - October 7, 2025, 5:06 am

(Oct 7, 2025 04:08 AM)Walter Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Lavish Living has run off with \$1.5k.

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For a reliable MM, use [Zexi](#) you all.

Cheers for the insight. Its weird to see lavish doing something like this since they have been around for so very long. Will be a little disapointed in them if thats a exit scam.

Cap - October 7, 2025, 8:44 am

As usual, another solid edition!

Jamika - October 8, 2025, 11:07 am

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I think there is something wrong , he cant exit scam with just 1.5k with all those awards he bought

Anyway whoever lost those 1500 usd hope to be compensated for him by time

Tyr - October 8, 2025, 11:43 am

don't forget about the 3-4 boys who teamed up and got me for 5k as well

i give maybe 5mo at max in fed before they fold from getting less than finer things happen to them

P??sonl?af - October 9, 2025, 10:05 am

Congratz to all the people who got the October fest award!

Personally I'm happy with mine + the Lounge head award.

Not an easy thing to do in a few days but I would do it all again just to piss off those few cry babies!
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King Joey - October 10, 2025, 7:00 am

Great read! As always, keep up the excellent work.

Dragosthethird - October 11, 2025, 6:34 pm

Another great edition. Well put together. Nice seeing so many long term members getting king decade

jcole - October 11, 2025, 6:50 pm

Why did you list everyone receiving the Octoberfest award if they purchased it?

6 - October 11, 2025, 7:27 pm

(Oct 8, 2025 11:07 AM)Jamika Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think there is something wrong , he cant exit scam with just 1.5k with all those awards he bought

Anyway whoever lost those 1500 usd hope to be compensated for him by time
Maybe he got poor and bankrupt and that was the only option?
Never judge appearances.

Hackers - October 11, 2025, 11:54 pm

(Oct 7, 2025 04:08 AM)Walter Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Lavish Living has run off with \$1.5k.

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For a reliable MM, use [Zexi](#) you all.

N said that it's a personal issue & device problem.

Fingers crossed - hoping they can make it right and figure it out.

Walter - October 12, 2025, 2:32 am

(Oct 11, 2025 11:54 PM)enki Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) N said that it's a personal issue & device problem.

Fingers crossed - hoping they can make it right and figure it out.

Tell N to refund the buyer from his pocket.

He been waiting for months now.

Fish - October 12, 2025, 3:11 am

Lovely news, thanks for throwing all of this together!

Chrome - October 12, 2025, 6:40 am

(Oct 11, 2025 06:50 PM)jcole Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why did you list everyone receiving the Octoberfest award if they purchased it?

Why not?

Hackers - October 12, 2025, 7:32 am

(Oct 12, 2025 02:32 AM)Walter Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Tell N to refund the buyer from his pocket.

He been waiting for months now.

Not really sure, but yeah that sounds rough.

People need to have funds available in case they have an issue. sounds like Lavish could've been living Frugal without this padding / buffer room.

jcole - October 12, 2025, 7:52 am

(Oct 12, 2025 06:40 AM)Chrome Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why not?

[Mix](#) already stated in the past that purchasable awards wouldn't be on the HF News. I spent over \$10,000 myself, and never got my awards published in the news.

Why the change now?

JoshAllen - October 12, 2025, 7:57 am

Nice to see the song I posted was song of the week!

Jinu - *October 12, 2025, 6:38 pm*

Seems many of them already got the pumpkin award except me.