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Thread: [Group bbcode tags "Upgraded only content"](#)

Hackers - October 18, 2025, 8:54 pm

The idea is simple... Drive sales for HF to help it grow, and also provide premium content to upgraded users...

I am suggesting specific bbcode that lets us set specific parts of our posts or threads for certain user groups.

Code [leet]You must be leet to see this (or uber, etc). Non-upgraded users would see button to buy upgrade.[/leet]

[uber]If you're not uber or above, you would see button for Uber process[/uber]

[vendor]Only vendors can see this. This could also have button or link to info about vendor group.[/vendor]

[staff]Only staff can see this. Non-staff would not see anything at all here. Useful for staff notes.[/staff]

I think this will be useful for gating premium content, staff notes or comments, and helping drive up membership sales.

An alternative idea would be to turn spoiler tags into an upgraded only feature (to reveal).

This could drive sales of leet when premium content (or specific parts like downloads & links) are gated behind spoilers.

Oh_Well - October 19, 2025, 3:23 am

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Hackers - October 19, 2025, 1:53 pm

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For example the convo project itcorp / tibr0 / MarlboroMan are working on (<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6310986>) , could be shared with the whole HF, the progress etc, but the source code could only be available to Quantum, Legends & Hackers

Omniscient - October 20, 2025, 10:45 am

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For 25 years, long before HF, I've seen this feature in various forms. Always despised the implementation. Never seen it done well where I would agree with adding it to HF. It's like the Shoutboxes which I also feel the same about.

There are 3 things you won't see ever one HF.

1. Escrow
2. Hide Feature
3. Shoutbox

Of those three, if I was to ever reconsider, it would be escrow using blockchain in a such a way that technically I'm not responsible for funds, such as multisig key usage.