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Vectura - October 20, 2025, 12:28 pm

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Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Looking forward to hearing what staff or other members think about it.

RangoWorld - October 20, 2025, 1:32 pm

When did that happened? Never heard about this particular rule being enforced and warned upon for breaking it.

I could understand warning being sent to certain users — mostly new, who make a spaghetti spam post with no proper end sentences, dots or paragraphs. But I haven't seen you post stuff of that kind.

Cap - October 20, 2025, 1:37 pm

When it comes to issuing warnings, it is at the staff's discretion if they consider it a warning or not. As taken from the [Help Docs](#):

Quote:Posting Etiquette of Hack Forums

1. Post in the correct category.
 2. Use good grammar. Basically, start sentences with a capital and end it with punctuation.
 3. Don't double post. That's when you post one after another instead of editing your existing first post.
 4. Don't cross post. That's when you repeat a post in multiple threads or categories. Also, it applies if you post a thread with the same or similar content multiple times across forums or in a single forum.
 5. Don't post leaked content. Leaking is when information is taken from one place and posted somewhere else without giving any credit.
 6. Create relevant subjects for threads. Shit like "OMG" for a subject is immature and asinine.
 7. When posting content from another site, credit the site; use quotes and link to the original content (unless it is a competing forum, in which case you shouldn't be posting the content).
- <https://hackforums.net/misc.php?action=help&hid=10>

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Yin Yang - October 20, 2025, 1:42 pm

I've been trying to do better lately ?

StinkButt420 - October 20, 2025, 1:51 pm

I've never been warned for it, but I do think it's a good thing honestly. I think there's also a pretty telling quality to someone who is actually trying to write, and those that write like ignorant, greasy, baboons. I think it's pretty clear which is which honestly.

"I am not native speaker please just try help me"

VS

"i want 2 lern how to hack de insagram pls help me lern dat rn 4 free pls i have no compewtor"

Having the kind of post like example 2 removed would do a good blow to the amount of new posts, but I'd rather the new posts be engaging and actually worth a damn. Number 2 is just recklessly throwing spaghetti at the wall, won't read forum etiquette, will probably be the first forum post they've ever made period since forums are dying anyway, etc.

Enforcing a "standard of written communication" is going to be weird. Are we going to have ChatGPT analyze everything? Should we start speaking/writing like we're Kaylons? I think there's not much you can do to enforce such thing.

Vectura - October 20, 2025, 1:55 pm

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Omniscient has already reached out about it.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6311706&pid=62854754#pid62854754>

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ClickAds - October 20, 2025, 8:36 pm

I've been getting the same warnings. It feels a bit unnecessary since everyone can still understand the posts. Hopefully they'll relax the rule a little.

7 - October 21, 2025, 2:14 am

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The Pact - October 21, 2025, 2:38 am

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Just to clarify a few things:
No one has ever received a warning for a missing comma or just forgetting a period.

And no one should have felt "discouraged from posting out of fear they'd be flagged for small formatting issues." I explained in PM to each person that the warning was only given when posts repeatedly had neither capital letters nor punctuation. I made sure to reference the Help Documents when I explained it.

No one was warned for obscure grammar mistakes either.

I just wanted to clear up the misunderstanding that people were being flagged for random grammar issues. That wasn't the case. It was specifically about consistently skipping both capitals and punctuation, and I explained that to each person in PM.

Personally, I do think that when posts, especially titles, don't use capital letters, it can make the board look less polished.

That said, I'm new to the staff team, and I also happen to be an English teacher. Since other staff members approach this rule less strictly, it won't be continuing in the same way from me.

Eran - October 21, 2025, 2:39 am

I am certain it has something to do with Octoberfest, so many people just spew out of a few words and count that as a reply.

Joel - October 21, 2025, 2:45 am

This is absolutely atrocious behaviour from a staff member. The fact you're allowed to say the N word is fine but you're not allowed to use a non-capital letter in your thread title is absolutely hilarious. This is what HF is now?

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DramaKing - October 21, 2025, 4:10 am

I fully support staff giving warnings when someone uses one long runon sentence or all caps or the post is otherwise too confusing to understand. Missing a punctuation mark or misspelling something (even with autocorrect and spelling checkers) seems to go with the territory.

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Good one! Make it public for everyone hahaha

Lowkey - October 21, 2025, 4:55 am

This is actually the most ridiculous thing I think I've ever seen on hack forums.

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jcole - October 21, 2025, 4:59 am

Who cares how someone types? It's a fucking internet forum board. There are people of all nationalities on this website. I've already heard about @The Pact@ being excessive in her warnings. I don't think she should be a staff member, but that's my personal preference. Give staff back to [Bastille](#) or let [Lowkey](#) have a shot at it. Both those members I referenced are active, engaging, knowledgeable, and have been around the forum for a long time. @The Pact@ is engaging, but not in the right way. She is a libtard who lived in the SRPP section.

I don't really care what [Omniscient](#) does, because this is his website. Out of the time I've been here, him making her staff was the only decision he's made that I actually questioned the why behind.

Oh_Well - October 21, 2025, 5:06 am

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That's actually genius. Showing up with a solution the moment a problem appears ? Nice one.

Also, I feel a bit lucky that I didn't get warned after so many posts this month.

The Pact - October 21, 2025, 5:51 am

(Oct 21, 2025 04:59 AM)jcole Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) There are people of all nationalities on this website. I don't think a warning for not putting capital letters at the beginning of multiple sentences discriminates against ESL speakers.

Learners typically encounter capitalization rules, especially starting sentences with capital letters, very early in ESL instruction, often within the first week of beginner-level coursework. It helps learners recognize sentence boundaries, which is crucial for reading comprehension and writing clarity.

Anyway the insinuations that I gave warnings for any other kind of grammar issue are untrue.

For some reason you called me a libtard. But also, you accuse me of not being woke enough about all the diversity here? ?

As I said earlier, I will be giving fewer Posting Etiquette warnings.

7 - October 21, 2025, 7:08 am

Now just regionalization, punctuation, and spelling.

I know the regional recognition is off right now; that's because it's reading who you're replying to as well.

Anyway,

Where there is a problem, there is always a solution. So, welcome to Anti-Pact. I'm going to purposely make spelling mistakes while typing this out and not look at any grammar issues or spelling issues to make sure the plugin works. I will also type names of countries like America and the United Kingdom and see if it fixes them all... Welcome to Anti-Pact, the future.

Once I have finished testing with other AI support, I will release this for free to the community. It's going to save a lot of future warnings, and I like to think it solves the concern of the original poster. I also need it to stop messing with BB code.

Thank you to The Pact for the inspiration to build this for the future of Hackforums.

Omniscient - October 21, 2025, 9:03 am

This has been an interesting thread. I had no choice but to give The Pact the Grammar Nazi award.