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Mix - May 18, 2026, 3:48 pm

Hack Forum News - Edition 48

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.

If you prefer reading with the blog format, head over to [HF blogs](#)

Writer - [Mix](#)

[Avatar File Size Increased](#) By [Omniscient](#)

This week we have seen a small change regarding user avatars. With the news this week around them, you are now able to upload a larger sized image. The change is in hopes that members on the site will now be able to have smoother and better animated images as their avatars moving forward. With this change, do you think this could be something you could take advantage of? Let the team know in the replies below.

[HF Summer Kickoff Giveaway \[\\$1500+ Prizes\]](#) By [Omniscient](#)

The summer is here, it's brought sun, fun and a massive giveaway on site! That's right, we got this year's massive giveaway for all members of the site. Up for grabs this year, we have a large range of things to win, ranging from user upgrades to l33t and Ub3r, all the way to a complete custom award for one very lucky member. This event only happens once a year and isn't worth missing. If you have not seen the thread already for more details about how to enter, then you should check this one out as it's one you can not miss out on.

[HF News Archive Project](#) By [xadamxk](#)

A project [xadamxk](#) The HF News Team has known about for a little while now that was in the works has now been released. With the project, it allows users to find older HF news threads from the past where you can find all the older threads. With this project, this will be the first step towards future projects around these areas and is also planned to be a big step helping with the HF Wiki.

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Last Week:

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

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

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

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

Writer - [Chrome](#)

GROUPS FOR SALE AND SOLD

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

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

RECENT GROUP CHANGES & EVENTS

[7](#) has been added as leader to both Olympians group & Benevolence

RECRUITMENTS:

[Hack Forums News Team Recruitment](#)

[The Brotherhood Recruitment](#)

[Pink LSZ Recruitment](#)

[Warriors Recruitment](#)

[Gamblers Recruitment](#)

[Olympians leader recruitment](#)

[The Academy Recruitment](#)

Writer - [Thoth](#)

Steam Machine, Gaming's next major console?

The Steam Machine is an upcoming console being released by Steam, otherwise known as Valve, later this year. Bringing the power of a PC to your living room, Steam boasts that the Steam Machine will have 30x the power of their portable gaming console, The Steam Deck, upon its release. At launch, the Steam Machine will be rolled out in two versions, a 512gb version as well as a 2tb version. To me, someone who has over 100 games in my steam game collection, the idea of getting to play the games in my steam library from the comfort of my couch is an idea I am extremely fond of. What about you?

The Dark Pictures: Directive 8020

The Dark Pictures Anthology is a 'choose your own adventure' series that recently released its fifth title, Directive 8020. After the end of season one, which consisted of Man of Medan, Little Hope, House of Ashes, and The Devil in Me, Directive 8020 started off season 2 with an entirely new structure in which the game is played. In the previous season, the gameplay consisted primarily of exploring, finding collectibles, making choices, and quick time events. Although this structure of gameplay worked for me personally, I must admit that Directive 8020 feels much more like an actual game than just an interactive movie. Sneaking past enemies, electrocuting various 'enemies'. For spoiler's sake, and a much larger map with many different options to reach your goal, it felt like an actual game this time around. It may be due to the newly structured gameplay, but the choices you can make in this title seemed to feel as if they had much more of an impact than the games in the previous season. So, whether you are a 'choose your own adventure' fan, or just a gamer looking for a new game to try, Directive 8020 is a title you don't want to miss!

Game of the Week

This week's Game of the Week goes to Crimson Desert, a semi-newly released RPG that has grabbed the attention of a lot of gamers recently. What makes Crimson Desert such an impressive title are three main things. The first, how incredibly in-depth the game world is, whether it's gambling, breaking a horse you want, or fighting in full scale wars. Crimson Desert is a title that has thoroughly impressed me, and has certainly earned the title Game of the Week.

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This weeks Song Of The Week:
David Guetta - Just One Last Time

[Video: <https://youtu.be/xyqQ4iT4leU>]

Writer - [Jamika](#)

People Notice Energy More Than Words

You can say all the right things and still leave a bad impression if your energy feels negative, arrogant, or fake. On the other hand, calm confidence, genuine interest, and good attitude can make people remember you even after a short conversation. The way you carry yourself often speaks louder than what you actually say.

Advice of the week

Protect your energy, but also pay attention to the energy you bring into a room.

Quote of the week

"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change." — Charles

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Movie Of The Week:
Boy Swallows Universe

Trailer:

[Video: <https://youtu.be/raizBMsLYug?si=kWL6rtfzQGz5spw2>]

[\[HFNews\] Movie Of The Week](#)

This week's submission is a personal favorite of mine that I suggest for pretty much any adult viewer. Although it's a series, it immediately came to mind when I started writing this even 6 months or more after watching it. I would rank this series in my top 5 list without a doubt.

If you are interested in submitting a movie entry for Movie of the Week, send all submissions to [Thoth](#) or submit them to the thread above.

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

Google shows off new Gemini AI features for Android

Google revealed several new Gemini powered features for Android phones including smarter notifications, better AI suggestions, and tighter integration across devices.

[Source](#)

Apple unhappy with new European Union AI rules

Apple criticized new European Union proposals that may require companies to open their AI systems to competitors, saying the changes could create privacy and security issues.

[Source](#)

Nvidia continues pushing deeper into self driving tech

Nvidia is expanding its autonomous driving technology as more vehicle manufacturers begin using the company's AI powered driving platforms.

[Source](#)

Foxconn ransomware attack may have exposed company data

Foxconn confirmed a ransomware attack affecting some North American systems after hackers claimed they stole internal company information linked to Apple and Nvidia operations.

[Source](#)

Google working on AI powered browsing inside Chrome

Google appears to be testing deeper Gemini integration for Chrome that could help users search, summarize pages, and complete actions faster while browsing.

[Source](#)

Android 17 adds stronger scam and malware protection

Google introduced new Android 17 security tools focused on scam detection, suspicious APK warnings, and stronger biometric protection features.

[Source](#)

Amazon gets closer to 3 trillion dollar market value

Amazon's value keeps climbing as investors continue betting heavily on the company's AI and cloud computing business growth.

[Source](#)

Graphon AI launches with millions in startup funding

Startup company Graphon AI officially launched with fresh funding aimed at building enterprise AI systems focused on handling large amounts of business data.

[Source](#)

Writer - [JoshAllen](#)

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

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ModernEHustle - May 18, 2026, 5:05 pm

Clearly I play too many slots lol

Mix - May 18, 2026, 5:07 pm

(May 18, 2026 05:05 PM)ModernEHustle Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Clearly I play too many slots lol
Nothing wrong with getting an award for it. ?

Mastercarder - May 18, 2026, 5:35 pm

Love me some HF news and updates. Can't go wrong ?

Thanks for this!

(May 18, 2026 05:05 PM)ModernEHustle Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Clearly I play too many slots lol
Congrats on the award bro. Nice shing red dice. Love it

flyingduck - May 19, 2026, 8:34 am

made it to 10 years. wild. to 10 more years! :)

Jahad - May 19, 2026, 9:54 am

Appreciate the effort and hard work y'all put into the hf news threads.

What is the difference between a group, and a crew?

Jamika - May 19, 2026, 10:28 am

Excellent work buddy , hope everyone enjoyed it too

HerrWinston - May 19, 2026, 10:50 am

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Mix - May 19, 2026, 2:52 pm

(May 19, 2026 10:50 AM)HerrWinston Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) As always, gotta support the Hack Forums News and all of the writer in them! Doing a wonderful job as always, although i thought subnautica 2 would get the game of the week xD

I have a feeling that wil be coming, gaming news has a new lead writer and I have a funny feeling the section will transform soon.

(May 19, 2026 09:54 AM)Jahad Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Appreciate the effort and hard work y'all put into the hf news threads.

What is the difference between a group, and a crew?

a Group here is a VIP section subforum owned by a member on the site that has its own sub forum/s a crew is related to the HF game and was used back in the day with hackuman which has been defunct. Crews give members a standalone userbar without the sub forum but give the members a crew vault with bytes.

xadamxk - May 19, 2026, 7:45 pm

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Quote:Forum Stats

Members: 5,759,434

Posts: 62,957,714

Threads: 6,325,667

Mix - May 19, 2026, 9:09 pm

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Sure,I recall they just put a plus with the amount from last week. I will see what I can cook up.

xadamxk - May 19, 2026, 9:40 pm

(May 19, 2026 09:09 PM)Mix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Sure,I recall they just put a plus with the amount from last week. I will see what I can cook up.

Ideally the actual stat numbers but the difference with it would be even better, thank you!