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Thread: [HF's reputation ruined by skids](#)

Dotexe - July 21, 2026, 10:01 pm

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[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZ4E2sHtNuw>]

xadamxk - July 21, 2026, 10:10 pm

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bebonzy09 - July 21, 2026, 10:15 pm

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There is nothing wrong with not understanding certain topics. If you show genuine interest and are willing to learn, you will usually get decent feedback on what you should focus on and improve. What I'm trying to say is that it's pretty obvious when someone comes here without bringing any value and, on top of that, spreads bullshit just to increase their post count or farm popularity. When I

see someone who doesn't know much but is genuinely curious and eager to learn, I'm always happy to help. I try to explain things in a way that makes the information easy for them to understand and grasp.

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And when you create a tutorial and someone asks a technical question, you then wait for the tokens to reset so you can prompt the AI again and give a feedback to the user... I mean AI is good in general, especially for automated stuff, but using it to create tutorials without going through it to clear out the false statemets is wild

ShadowPacket_ - July 22, 2026, 3:24 am

I think a lot of people start off as a skid, the difference is those that then become really interested carry on and take the time to learn and then not become a skid.

Those looking for a 'quick hack' remain skids.

TB12 - July 22, 2026, 7:10 am

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_VOX - July 22, 2026, 7:56 am

To be fair, when you give them places to flourish (ebook section ect) they are always going to be around.

Site needs an overhaul of the sections in my opinion

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Tha Sneak - July 22, 2026, 8:20 am

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Perfect, I'll add you to the roster when it comes also if you could PM me about categories, subforums, topics, skills, etc. that you'd be most interested when you get a chance that would be perfect and that would help me organize whom to contact about what because this is a massive project.

I understand real life, I have it too whatever you could contribute without burning yourself out or neglecting real life is what would be important to me. :)

Also, if you have anyone else you're close to that you think would be interested send them this way as well because each and every subforum will be targeted. Once I finalize the project's contents and all of it is improved I will send a copy of the entire operation to everyone committing to help in some way.

Mix - July 22, 2026, 2:47 pm

HF brought in a 18+ accept page a while ago sadly kids will always bypass this just look at adult content sites, they can get on them day in day out. At the end of the day the internet will always have youngsters come and go, some will stay some will troll, and some will learn and show true passion towards what they have learnt. We all start somewhere and its never going to change sadly.

Phantom_NiNja - July 22, 2026, 5:50 pm

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What kind of slop are you talking about? There's always been skids on HF and on the internet.

Tha Sneak - July 23, 2026, 4:16 pm

Check out the most recent comment someone called him out saying he fabricated the whole thing because it was an AI generated one post one thread account LOL

Eran - July 24, 2026, 4:23 am

Just like mainstream media paints certain things as bad or evil based off just one small detail. Anyone who believes this shit and doesn't do his own research is a sheep.

Mastercarder - *July 24, 2026, 4:25 am*

He ruined his own reputation with that head of his