

BreachForums Resurfaces on Original Dark Web (.onion) Address

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The notorious cybercrime and hacker platform [BreachForums](#) has mysteriously resurfaced on its original dark web .onion domain. The site appears to be fully restored, including its infrastructure, user-leaked databases, official breach listings and forum posts.

For your information, in early April 2025, both the clearnet and dark web domains of BreachForums went offline without explanation. Members speculated about possible law enforcement action or a forum seizure.

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Then, on April 28, as [reported](#) by Hackread.com, the forum's homepage was replaced with a message stating that a MyBB 0-day vulnerability had left the site exposed to infiltration attempts by law enforcement, and it needed to be taken offline until the issue was resolved. That was the last message before BreachForums disappeared.

Admin N/A?

However, earlier today, Hackread.com spotted that the platform's .onion domain had become active again, now under a new admin handle, "N/A." The identity of "N/A" is unknown, but they claim the forum's clearnet domain was suspended by the registrar following complaints and pressure from law enforcement.

Additionally, they claim the [MyBB vulnerability](#) has been fixed and that the forum was never compromised, with user data remaining protected throughout. "N/A" also addressed reports about the arrests of ShinyHunters members, denying that any original group members have been taken into custody.

For your information, [after the arrest](#) of former BreachForums administrator Conor Fitzpatrick, also known as Pompompurin, the forum [reemerged](#) under the leadership of the ShinyHunters group. However, [in June 2025](#), authorities claimed to have arrested members of ShinyHunters, along with IntelBroker, another active member who had also served as the group's administrator.

"N/A" also denied ever giving admin access to IntelBroker, claiming it was part of a strategy to divert law enforcement's attention away from the original owners. According to the statement, IntelBroker never had administrative access to the forum.

Statement Regarding BreachForums
by N/A - Friday July 25, 2025 at 02:16 PM

6 hours ago #1

[Admin] N/A
Bossman
ADMINISTRATOR

Posts: 1
Threads: 1
Joined: Jul 2025
Reputation: 0

Hello BreachForums users,

In light of recent reports regarding alleged arrests involving BreachForums operatives, let us clarify unequivocally: none of our administrators have been arrested. The individuals named by law enforcement have never been part of our administration. Furthermore, we confirm that BreachForums infrastructure, code, and data remain uncompromised. As far as we're concerned, it's business as usual.

To address specific misconceptions: IntelBroker was never the actual owner of this forum. The title was intentionally assigned to him to divert attention from us, a strategy that evidently succeeded. He never had any "Owner" or "Administrator" privileges to this forum.

As announced previously, we temporarily closed the forum in April due to an identified zero-day vulnerability in MyBB. That vulnerability has since been patched. Shortly after our initial announcement, our original domain (breachforums.st) was suspended by our registrar following a request from law enforcement. Please do not believe conspiracy theories posted online and from people spreading FUD.

[email from nic.st]
We have received multiple complaints regarding the domain name breachforums.st, including reports from law enforcement authorities as well as end users (so-called "abuse" cases). These complaints indicate that the domain in question points to an online resource where unlawful activity is/was taking place.

Following an internal review and taking into account the seriousness of the information provided, we have concluded that continued operation of the domain presents an unacceptable risk. Consequently, we have decided to suspend the domain name and block it from future registration.

We acknowledge that this decision may cause inconvenience, but we are no longer able to guarantee the integrity of the domain in light of the issues raised. We refer in particular to the following provisions in the domain registration agreement:

1. The statement that you made in the registration process are complete and accurate and that you will maintain and update this information as needed to keep it current, complete and accurate. ST Registry may contact account holder or domain registrant in case of any issues or news/highlights about services provided on nic.st website. You as a customer are free to cancel your account and/or service at any time.
2. To your knowledge, the registration of the domain name will not infringe upon or otherwise violate the rights of any third party according to the laws of São Tomé and Príncipe or any other applicable jurisdiction.
3. You are not registering the domain name for an unlawful purpose.

This decision is final and takes effect immediately.

Sincerely,
ABUSE TEAM, NIC.ST

Message from Admin N/A on BreachForums (Image credit: Hackread.com)

As XSS.IS Falls, BreachForums Reemerges

The return of BreachForums comes at a time when law enforcement is intensifying efforts against cybercrime. Less than 24 hours ago, in an operation called "[Operation Checkmate](#)," authorities seized the infrastructure of the BlackSuit ransomware group, including two of its .onion domains.

Just a couple of days ago, the Russian-language cybercrime platform XSS.IS was [seized](#) following the arrest of its suspected administrator [in Ukraine](#). While its dark web domain [remains accessible](#), posts from admins and moderators suggest plans to revive the forum on other domains. Meanwhile, the return of BreachForums presents yet another challenge for law enforcement agencies.

The return of BreachForums on the dark web, along with plans to restore its clearnet domains, may be seen as good news within cybercrime circles, but it raises serious questions. Is it a honeypot set up by law enforcement? Who is "N/A"? Where is the original admin team if they haven't been arrested? If you are active on BreachForums, sign in at your own risk, and consider quitting cybercrime for good.

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