MacShadows.com

History
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MacShadows.com is the evolution of the UndergroundMac community started on April 12, 2002 by Spratt_. This site will continue to serve the community with all the resources they need, be a place to communicate with others, and help introduce people to Macs as well as the underground community. Teamed with the founders of two other great Mac sites (Fire of Cowfight and Nessno of Nessno's Network), in July of 2002, Spratt_ created The Shared Forums (otherwise dubbed [TSF]). This forum was an underground alliance that allowed all three sites to pool their members into one large community. To this day, [TSF] is an ever-growing collection of active members still pouring in from other sites and especially newcomers to the mac community. Along with [TSF], in July of 2002, Spratt_ pioneered the UGMPT (UndergroundMac Programming Team). This team quickly became the largest contributor of programs for Mac hacking and security after the dismantling of Team2600 so that the community would still be provided with resources.

In time more teams formed up, and quite nicely, so UndergroundMac began running at a high productivity rate. UGM's inventory of programs, text files, tutorials, and active member contributions on the forums peaked, pushing UGM into a commanding force in the community of Mac users. In February of 2004, Vaccine, a prominent member of [TSF], opened a channel on IRC for the members of the site and forum to be able to talk in real-time. #UGM has remained on UnderNet ever since and has provided both information and a much-needed social aspect to the community.

Fire made a very welcome return to UGM and [TSF] in 2004 after retiring the Cowfight team. He now brings us tons of independent research and knowledge. Nessno slowly disappeared from activity on the forums and is still rumored to lurk online but has since left [TSF] and the community.

Machacking.net was officially opened in March 2004. Machacking became a compilation of all the knowledge resources at UGM and included many other contributions from other members who hadn't gotten their texts posted before. The Knowledge Base on that site served as an authoritative resource to the entire community, and it has the largest collection of links relating to the community.

As of September 2005, the UndergroundMac.com domain was officially sold and [TSF] was temporarily moved to Machacking.net. Now, in early 2006, UGM has re-emerged with new downloads and the instant hit that is the MacShadows Knowledge Base (MSKB). The MSKB is an active community wiki that contains an immense archive of tutorials and resources, that anyone can edit, allowing knowledge that might ordinarily be lost in a sea of posts on the forum, to marinate in the wealth of knowledge our users possess.

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