



Forge - End of the Tin Plan

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Hi Miauw,

It's with regret that I've decided that having an open-ended free plan for Forge sites is simply no longer viable. Here's why...

1. The only downtime Forge has experienced in the last 3 years, aside a couple of far-reaching AWS outages, can be attributed to issues related to people abusing the Forge free service to create Phishing sites. Most recently, this caused our domain hosting company to quietly pull the plug and leave sites unavailable on the getforge.io subdomain.
2. Forge is run by a team of two people, and the considerable effort that it takes to police the service, working with AWS Abuse teams to react to reports of abuse and remove sites, block IP addresses, respond to reporters of abuse on Twitter (many thanks to you people, genuinely) is just not feasible. It prevents us investing time and resource in building features for our paid customers.
3. The risk of impact on our paid customers is too great, as AWS terms can mean that our global service can be shut down at short notice.
4. The rise of cryptocurrencies has brought an influx of scam crypto sites, aiming to steal your crypto.

So, with this in mind I've decided that, as of the 1st May 2018, we will revert to a time-limited trial period whereby new users have access to all of the premium features of Forge, including increased bandwidth limits, custom domains, hosted form responses and more.

I still want people to benefit from Forge's service and **will grant free accounts** to:

1. Open Source Projects
2. Students & young coders
3. Women in tech

To start with, these groups can apply for a fully enabled premium account and I would love to expand this offer in future.

What that means, is if you are currently on a free plan, you will need to at least upgrade to the Tin plan (\$4 a month) by the 1st May, otherwise your site will be deactivated. I'd really hate for you to lose the service, so please do take care to do this with time to spare...

Thanks for your understanding. If you're one of the scammers reading this email - shame on you.

All the best

Steve

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