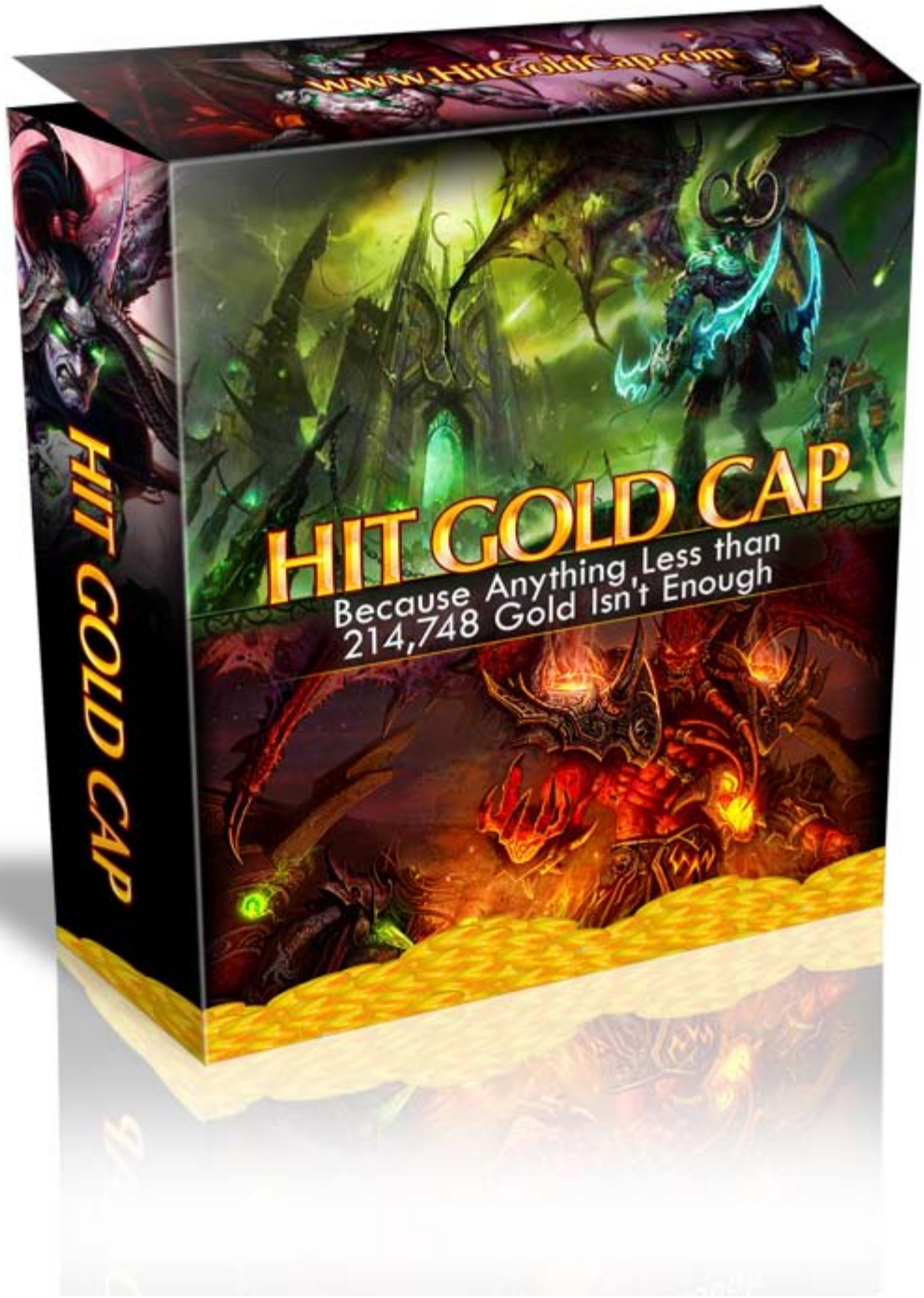

Module 2 – Add-Ons

In the first module, I told you which add-ons to install on your game, and showed you the client most players use to do it. In this lesson, I want to show you exactly how to use each of those add-ons and what they do for you in the game. I'll break down each add-on by what it does and what you should be doing with it to ensure you get the most out of it.

Using Auctionator

Auctionator is the newer of the two big auction house add-ons. It provides the best buying and selling interface to date. It does not, however, offer quite as much data as Auctioneer, which is why the latter is still on the list. However, if you had to have just one add-on I would go with this one, if only for ease of use.

Using Auctionator

When you install Auctionator, you will receive three new tabs on your Auction House UI – including Buy, Sell, and More… Here are details for each of those tabs and how to use them when you boot up your Auction House UI for the first time after the installation.

The buy tab will allow you to view other auctions in the game and browse the items in them to pick up new items for yourself. There are almost no instances in which you'll use the Browse tab anymore – save for looking for BoE gear in particular. But, since BoE gear is not something I

recommend investing too much time or gold into, the Buy tab is going to be your best friend almost always.

The problem with the browse tab is that it requires you to search for something and then throws every auction at you in a long, seemingly impossible list to navigate. Here's an example, using Infinite Dust:

5	[Infinite Dust]	70	12h	Nikeboi	8 01 00 9 00 00	92%
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5	[Infinite Dust]	70	12h	Nikeboi	8 01 00 9 00 00	92%
1	[Infinite Dust]	70	12h	Bramsted	1 58 79 1 98 48	102%
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As you can see, there are dozens of different auctions here that make it nearly impossible to find what you're looking for. On the other hand, if you look in the Buy tab, you'll get a much better breakdown of your options. If you look up that same item in the Buy tab, you'll get the prices in ascending order, followed by the number of stacks at each price, and even better, it will save a detailed price history in the form of daily and monthly averages for that item – all you have to do is scan the auction house. Take a look at Infinite Dust in the Auctionator interface:

1	55	0		2 stacks of 20	31g 00s 00c
1	72	0		1 stack of 12	20g 64s 00c
1	73	25		13 stacks of 5	8g 66s 25c
1	74	53		5 stacks of 2	3g 49s 05c
1	75	0		1 stack of 8	14g 00s 00c
1	75	0		6 stacks of 1	
1	78	10		43 stacks of 5	8g 90s 50c
1	78	20		16 stacks of 5	8g 91s 00c
1	79	95		2 stacks of 20	35g 99s 00c
1	80	0		9 stacks of 5	9g 00s 00c
1	80	0		2 stacks of 20	36g 00s 00c
1	81	12		1 stack of 6	10g 86s 72c

The key here is that you have multiple demographics to draw from before you make a purchase. You'll be able to see individual prices and the bulk pricing that each person uses, allowing you to more effectively control and manipulate market values, something we'll need to do later if you're intent on hitting that gold cap any time soon.

The sell tab is going to be a very useful tool for you to start selling off the auction items you load up on in your bank. The original Auctions interface is hard to use, harder to master, and mostly useless for making any kind of a profit. Of course, because of that bad interface, you'll eventually be able to take advantage of all the people who generally don't know what they're doing when they post their own items. The most valuable thing you can do here is split up massive stacks of items without needing to manually bust up your stacks. Auctionator will do it for you automatically.

As soon as you drop your item into the Sell Tab, you'll be able to see all the prices that you would see in the buy tab, so that you can compare them to each other. Instead of choosing which price to undercut manually, you can just click on a price in this interface and it will allow you to undercut that price with all the stacks you end up selling. You'll be able to determine

what the best undercut values are and how to post them – in terms of which stack sizes will sell best at which prices.

Once you select a row, the add-on will do all your pricing and posting automatically. You can manually enter your own values if you like, by using the top left corner at any point in time. However, if you have no urge to make adjustments, you just leave it as is and save a tremendous amount of time.

This final tab will allow you to see all the current auctions you have in the game and scan them for anyone that is attempting to undercut you. Of course, the undercut detection isn't perfect because it compares all prices by single item – rather than by stack size. Someone selling 20 of something is probably going to undercut your price for a single item – you'll need to use this wisely for this reason to ensure you don't make poor decisions about buying out undercutting auctions.

Additional Options

Beyond those three tabs, there are a few additional options that you can use to master a variety of different aspects of the content in the Auction House. To start with, there are Shopping Lists. You can select a number of items to search for at the same time and then get the values for them all together. This is valuable for things that you'll look for every time you login like crafting mats and orbs.

Additionally, you'll be able to access more options from the options/interface/addons menu. Here, you can adjust your undercutting to be higher or lower. I like to keep my own values semi-reasonable. Here is a screen of my current settings:

Additionally, you can adjust many other settings that directly relate to particular items and item types. Here are a few more of my favorite things you can play with in this menu. Be careful and you'll generally find that they work well together.

Using Market Watcher

The next add-on I want to discuss in Market Watcher. Generally speaking, Auctionator does most of the things you want from this add-on, and does them better. However, there is one feature that I absolutely could not live without from Market Watcher – the graph view for price

comparisons. To use this effectively, you'll need to scan your realm's auction house repeatedly with Market Watcher to get data that can be used in these graphs. Here is a brief rundown of what the Market Watcher looks like and does:

The History Tab is where you'll find all your graphs. You can add items to track from this interface, allowing you to keep close tabs on whatever you want as the game progresses. Choose the item, then press "Get Item Info", then when it appears, press "Add" to keep track of that item over the long term.

The Scanning feature in Market Watcher will scan all of the items you've added to your watch list. I don't recommend doing this too often as you won't get all that different of data over time. Definitely do it whenever you login, but no more than every 8-12 hours – between 2 and 3 times a day tops. If you do it constantly (at least once daily for two weeks), you'll have some very handy graphs that show you data over time.

Using Postal

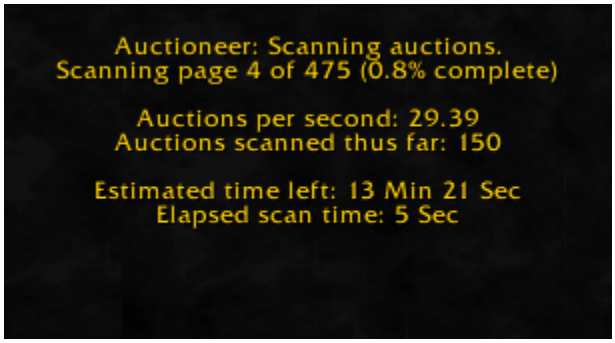
This is a relatively simple add-on, but absolutely vital to maintaining your speed at making gold. Have you ever filled your mailbox, and then had to wait forever, going through each one, opening it and removing what's in there? Postal fixes that by summarizing what you have, and how long it takes to go through and pull it all out. There are other options out there that have similar functions, but I like the reporting features of Postal, so I stick with this one

Using Auctioneer

For a very long time, people said to use Auctioneer. And, if you pick up a gold guide, you'll probably see just that. But, those guys just haven't updated their guides in a while. The truth is that most of your work will be done in Auctionator, whereas Auctioneer is a supplemental tool that ensures you can view iLvL when looking up gear in the Browse functions and see some of the other data that only this one offers.

In normal searches, Auctioneer offers you both iLvL and Pct., telling you item level for disenchanting and Pct. For the percentage of the standard value of the item (assuming you're scanning the auction house regularly). I generally maintain my percentages and histories with the other two ad-ons I've already showed you. They are more accurate and better suited to what we're doing. The big thing I like with this one is the search functionality, very useful for the early gold making you'll be doing later on. You can do a full scan of the auction house and

then find items that can be immediately bought and flipped for a profit to vendors (without auctions).



You can do a normal scan too, but you want to do a full scan, using the fast forward button atop the screen. Once you scan your data, you can search through it to find items that convert to quick profits. Each search is pretty much the same, regardless of what you're searching for. Once you do your scan, look in the vendor search tab:

Item	Pc	Profit	Stk	Buyout	Bid	Reason	Seller
[Burnished Shield]	11	9 06	1	0	1 16	Vendor:bid	Mybankbabe
[Heart of Darkness]	48	1 02 50	1	10 72 50	97 50	Vendor:bid	Ordi
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[Heart of Darkness]	48	1 02 50	1	10 72 50	97 50	Vendor:bid	Ordi
[Revenant Legguards...	49	4 01 66	1	19 50 00	3 97 98	Vendor:bid	Shirra
[Heart of Darkness]	50	1 00 00	1	11 00 00	1 00 00	Vendor:bid	Rom
[Heart of Darkness]	50	1 00 00	1	11 00 00	1 00 00	Vendor:bid	Rom
[Book: Gift of the Wil...	57	37 25	1	1 40 00	50 25	Vendor:bid	Ashliee
[Eight of Furies]	78	55 00	1	19 50 00	1 95 00	Vendor:bid	Aurind
[Book: Gift of the Wil...	78	18 48	1	1 46 25	69 02	Vendor:bid	Llbankpriest
[Star of Elune]	80	58 56	1	3 01 80	2 41 44	Vendor:bid	Ainiayo
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[Star of Elune]	80	58 56	1	3 01 80	2 41 44	Vendor:bid	Ainiayo
[Frostweave Cloth]	80	19 20	8	1 21 20	80 80	Vendor:bid	Tokroka

Do your search and you'll find all items that are worth more to vendors than they're being auctioned for. These items can then be bought and immediately flipped for profit at the local vendor. You can also use powerful search tools like the Disenchant Search don't forget Auctioneer comes with Enchantrix too), or Resale and Arbitrage searches that show you

auctions that meet resale standards. Another thing that is very useful in Snatch, which will allow you to set a threshold and scan for that at any time. If you want to scan for all auctions of Goldclover at less than 20 silver each, it will do that every time you press the button and then you can click “buy all” to get them all at once – super useful for making huge profits at once.