

Ethics in copying blog posts

Posted by ohohdon - 2010/10/17 15:11

I'm sure there are some ethical and probably legal issues to copying articles from article submission sites and other peoples blog posts.

I understand that with article submission sites, it's ok, and even expected that the content is copied to other websites as long as the bio is included intact. Is it also required that we leave links intact in the article body?

It seems to me that there might be a copyright issue with copying someones blog post. Does it make it alright if we simply link to the original work, as the software does for us? Do we have to significantly alter the text or spin the article to make it "different"? Or, do we need to embed that post within our post as a quote with a trackback to the original? What is required to make it ok and right to copy someone elses work?

I'd love to get some feedback on this. Some of what this software does and what we've been taught to do with it just feels a little "dirty" to me and I'm trying to sort through it all. I'd love to make all the money that's been described, but I'm not willing to compromise ethics for it.

Don

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Re:Ethics in copying blog posts

Posted by saltysea - 2010/10/17 20:51

You know if you feel guilty about it (i do too) you can always just rewrite most of the post so it cannot be found. Google would like that even more anyway. New first paragraph (sometimes used by google in serp) drop sentences, add new sentences, I use translation by bing and there are multiple errors, I delete them . they usually are near period so that goes too, quick read through and change to make good sense throughout and I was putting it through dupecop against original article and it was 50% unique and then click the online button and follow the links and there are no pages listed for random phrases tested.

So you won't be found out, nor do you have give a backlink (I hate giving links to people after borrowing their content...how dare they!)

Hope that helps you out

Louis

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Re:Ethics in copying blog posts

Posted by ohohdon - 2010/10/18 19:38

Thanks Louis. It sounds like you feel much the same way that I do. I've put a lot of my stuff through Best Spinner to make it more unique, but that takes a fair amount of time to do a thorough job on an article.

I think the best way to not feel guilty about doing something is to know that it is legal and ethical. I'd really like to hear from someone who knows the rules and laws behind all this stuff. If I know that what I do is right and ok, then there is no guilt.

Another question - is it ok to edit an article from ezine articles, since I give credit to the article to the original author. Sometimes I find misspellings or poor grammar, and I make a few adjustments. Sometimes I don't like the title. Like I questioned above, I don't like links in the body (I don't mind the links in the bio.)

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