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How To Block Direct Image Linking Using .htaccess

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Here's the problem. Webmasters, often amateurs not really understanding why what they are doin

With that excellent and lucrative image referenced above, you may have blogs on both sides inc

But you do have another option: the .htaccess file. This works primarily in Apache servers; if

What Is .htaccess?

.htaccess is a type of file that has, for years, been used to restrict access to protected web

If your text program insists on appending the .txt, you can right-click the file anywhere you

Creating .htaccess Files

Your first step in creating this file should be to open your text editor and save an empty pag

When you upload an .htaccess file, it should be encoded as ASCII, not binary. CHMOD the file t

An .htaccess file affects the directory it's placed in as well as any subsequent subdirectorie

Preventing Hot Linking

The most important thing you want to do with an .htaccess file is prevent hot linking of non-H

Your .htaccess file will disallow hotlinking; instead of the image your thief is trying to use

Your .htaccess file content should read as follows:

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RewriteEngine on
RewriteCond %{HTTP_REFERER} !^$
RewriteCond %{HTTP_REFERER} !^http://(www\.)?mydomain.com/.*$ [NC]
RewriteRule \.(gif|jpg)$ - [F]
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The first two lines you don't have to modify in any way. However, the third line's http://mydc

If your server is set up to deliver alternate content (call your server administrator and ask)

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RewriteRule \.(gif|jpg)$ http://www.mydomain.com/angryman.gif [R,L]
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This delivers an angry-man image you have in your directory; just as above, make certain you c