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Bandwidth Robbery Through Hotlinking

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Has your income gone up commensurately? No. Has the traffic served by your site gone up? No. W

This means instead of saving your image in their own images directory, they are linking to the

Why Do They Do It?

There are many reasons for image hotlinking. For instance, suppose a relative newbie has start

That's an innocent use, and unlikely to greatly increase your image serving. But what if you'r

A good analogy is someone wiring their home up to your electric utility pole. They don't pay f

Am I Hotlinking?

If you are linking directly out to any image or other non-HTML file that is not hosted on your

You can either host images and other files from your own image directory, or you can upload th

Though it is difficult to prosecute people hotlinking, there are ways to punish them. For inst

There are hotlink checking services that can check your image links one at a time to see if th

But there's a much simpler way to do it, if you have time to check all your images. Simply run

You can protect your images, movies, sound, etc. from hotlinking by proper use of an .htaccess

What Else Should I Know About Hotlinking?

Though there are few formal outlets to complain about hotlinking right now, it is certain that

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