

## GOOGLE ARE PIRATES

### Latest news:

July 2016: The BPI organisation in the UK have also experienced issues with google and its owned companies over online music piracy. Go here for their article:

<https://www.bpi.co.uk/home/bpi-response-to-how-google-fights-piracy-2016-update.aspx>

April 2016: A US court has said that google are allowed to place online the extracts from out of print books. Note that they have already scanned hundreds of thousands of books without permission of the authors or their publishers.

Who gave judges in the USA the right to issue judgements over International issues? Do they not understand that books are published in countries other than the USA?

Google as an International company have no rights worldwide to steal authors works and put even extracts online without obtaining the authors permission. This is a classic example of where the UN or the International court should be the only ones allowed to pass judgements on issues of International importance, not judges in just one country. Therefore the piracy by Google is set to continue. They say they are only scanning "out of copyright" materials", I do not believe that after the experience below.

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### Google books project:

In early 2013, I discovered that part of the 'Aromatherapy Practitioner Manual' by Sylla Sheppard-Hanger was available as a .pdf download from a UK website. I informed Sylla, who then contacted the web site owner about this copyright infringement. The owner claimed he "got the copy via google books". If that is true or not I cannot know, but it prompted me to search google books where I found my oldest version of 'Plant Aromatics' was also listed. Some years ago Sylla used to sell her manual and mine as a set, this made me suspect both have been copied at the same time and from the same source. I then contacted google books and they replied that **"their link was only meta data and that my manual had not been scanned"**. After several exchanges, they refused to remove the link despite me telling them that the manual was no longer available and the version they listed was out of date, therefore I did not want or need their link to purchase it.

Next I discovered google books had been involved in long running court cases in the USA over copyright infringement issues. The system they have been using is to do financial deals with University libraries and then it seems scan everything in that library. They do not seem to bother checking if what they are scanning may be private publications intended for a specific audience, or even if they are collections of private papers donated to a library. Google seem to assume everything is there for the taking, **some call that stealing!** Google claim the law in the USA allows them to do this, yet many of the books and publications are written by authors in countries where US laws do not apply.

My concern is about the people around the world who produce instruction manuals for use exclusively in their own trades. These works can require great expenditure in time and money in order to create them. These costs are then recovered by small sales via fees to students, small business publications etc. Google by scanning such works and making them available via their systems **are acting as pirates. They may also severely damage small businesses and/or the finances of individual authors.**

With the ongoing court cases against google, it would seem the big publishers will be able to get their hands into googles treasury. However, individual publishers may not even know that their hard work has been pirated and thus not be able to claim remuneration. In either case it falls on google to declare how many files have been downloaded. **Do you trust pirates? Not me!**

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### Other piracy activities:

It seems you just cannot get away from the spying activities of google. I have only recently noticed that most UK based official web sites such as **Parliament, .gov which includes all local authorities**, as well as numerous commercial sites, use google analytics on the pretext of gaining usage data. This is hogwash because to get such statistics all you need to do is go to your own website and look at the stats kept by your server. The people who run the official web sites can do exactly the same if usage is all they want. Therefore, as soon as you click on one of these sites you are being connected to google without being told. What is being sent to google your guess is as good as mine, but if you do not delete the spyware called 'cookies' after each session, the chances are your web usage is being tracked by google.

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The UK ICO has served an enforcement notice on Google following a serious breach of the Data Protection Act relating to the collection of payload data by Google's Street View cars in the UK.

In the UK google only paid £2 million in tax, despite extracting many billions from UK based advertisers. This is due to them using legal tax avoidance mechanisms. Such schemes indicate a company that has no social responsibility. **At a time when low paid people are struggling to survive, google executives and their advisors are earning a fortune at the expense of ordinary tax payers.**

Google have been fined \$7 million (coffee money to google) by a US court over their collection of private data during their street photography projects.

The European Union has issues with them over the same piracy activities where private wifi data was collected.

In 2012 google were fined \$22 million by the US Federal Trade Commission for ignoring the 'Do Not Track' option enabled by users of Safari web browser.

In 2011 Google was accused of helping Canadian pharmacies to reach American consumers by letting the drug companies place advertisements through its AdWords programs and google agreed to forfeit millions of the revenue they raised.

There are a lot of Internet postings about the way google collect and store data. With **gmail** they claim only to auto scan emails for keywords that advertisers will need to target their ads. With **facebook** if you join up, but later decide to delete your account, **they do not delete your data** but retain it along with any personal information that you may have supplied to sign up. Doubtless the same with **youtube**.

Google claim to only pass on none identifiable information to third parties such as advertisers, but the point is they have data on everything you do on their services along with which other web sites you visit. That is spying on a massive scale. I suggest you delete all cookies after every web session like I have done for years.

### Conclusions:

The company that originally set up a fantastic free search facility seems to have grown too big for its boots. They now ride roughshod over every countries legislative systems designed to protect the individual from having private and business data stolen. They also use every tax avoidance system in the book and then say "it is up to Governments to change their tax systems".

**Dishonourable as well as pirates.**

**I now refuse to use google search engine. I refuse to use facebook. I refuse to have a gmail account.** Gmail has become a spammers paradise, almost every spam email detected by my

server has a gmail address. With these services there are plenty of others you can use.

It costs very little to set up your own website where you can send emails direct to contacts without going via google's monitoring. The latest Google offering is some kind of storing service for any notes you make, what else do they want to know about you? At this rate they will have more private data on you than even the security services - no connection of course!!

Here is an excellent article on how to get google out of your life: how-i-divorced-google:  
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