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Abusive Practices

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On the Ufomind server we depend on our users for new data and give them a lot of power. Unlike Yahoo and other major web indexes, your links and comments are added immediately to our web pages and our reviewed only later. Unfortunately, this power can be abused by someone who is not really interested in the topics we cover and merely wants to make his presence known. For these individuals, we have established a set of policies and safeguards, and we will add others as necessary.

Abusive practices include:

1. Posting of nonsense links and comments, obscene comments, racial slurs, etc.
2. Repeated posting of irrelevant links and comments to pages where they don't belong, including "spamming" of the same item to multiple pages.
3. Repeat re-posting of a link or comment after it has been removed by our staff.
4. Impersonating another user.

To combat such abuse, our system automatically records the host location, routing information and any other information your browser provides whenever you add a link or comment. We do not look at or do anything with this information, except in the case of abusive posts, where we preserve it indefinitely.

In extreme cases, it is within our power to:

- Register a complaint with your service provider.
- Restrict your access to our server. Not only will you be barred from input, you might not be allowed to read any of our web pages either.
- Collect any information available about you and publish it on the net, including your home address and a list of your abusive postings.
- If you are an adolescent (as most abusers are) we will complain to your parents.

To prevent "bombing" of our system, we have implemented various safeguards regarding the quantity of messages allowed within a given time period.

If necessary, we can also discontinue our immediate-update features and force all responses to go through the webmaster before posting. We'd like to avoid this, however.

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