

www.code-authors.com aids PHP-Nuke users

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Recently the PHP-Nuke community has seen an increase in spammers. Guardian of code-authors.com is aiding the PHP-community in preventing this rising concern by creating tools to identify, stop, and track particular sites and or users. [Spam Blocker™](#), one of Code-Authors recent releases which has just been updated to version 0.2 Beta, is an excellent addition to the tools we all rely on to help prevent malicious behavior. A quote within the [Spam Blocker™](#) module:

*"Referer spam is a kind of **spamdexing** spamming aimed at search engines. The technique involves making repeated web site requests using a fake referer url pointing to a spam-advertised site.*

Sites that publicise their access logs, including referer statistics, will then also unwittingly, link to the spammer's site. This benefits the spammer because of the free link, and also gives the spammer's site improved search engine link placement due to link-counting algorithms that search engines use.

*Such 'Spamdexing' techniques waste valuable bandwidth and can actually **harm your Page Rank** and have other detrimental affects on any search engine optimisation techniques you have employed."*



I understand that most individuals would like to create a website and then just sit and enjoy it, and the community that grows around it. But if you choose to have an online presence, you should also make it **your responsibility** to maintain your site by keeping it secure.

General guidelines to having a great site:

- Create a site, add content and watch it grow: *The "fun part."*
- Maintain up to date versions (LOOK for updates for the scripts, programs, add-ons, modules, etc. you have installed). *The "not so fun part."*
- Make Backups regularly of both your site (files), **and** any database(s) you depend on. In the event of a System Failure, or malicious user(s). *The "you'll be thankful you did part!"*
- As technology and interests changes, you must learn, adapt, and be prepared. *The "Keep on the lookout for additions to your site that improve, sustain, and secure your website part!"*

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