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Drongonia
Ambassador

Posts: 1892
Founded: Feb 11, 2019
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

by **Drongonia** » Mon Mar 22, 2021 11:51 pm

Caribbean Confederation wrote:

Drongonia wrote:

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Not really. In the particular case of NationStates, your factbooks are by their very nature open source as literally anyone can find their code without doing any work. All they need to do is slap a "/raw=" to your factbook's link in dispatch form. Any regulations on your code and who has the right to use it is strictly based on an honour system.

Holy shit I had no idea that was a thing. Apologies to Miku.

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Baizou
Spokesperson

Posts: 124
Founded: Jan 02, 2018
Liberal Democratic
Socialists

by **Baizou** » Mon Mar 22, 2021 11:57 pm

The Lordship of Trokondas wrote:

Aureumterra III wrote:

Anyone else get mildly startled seeing Jennifer Government back on the bar?

Woah, early 2010s flashback...

Mwahaha, the plan to make Baizou's timeline a reality is almost complete! Today, NationStates returns to the early 2000s; tomorrow, the world!

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Zeloria
Envoy

Posts: 213
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Left-wing Utopia

by **Zeloria** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 12:12 am

Baizou wrote:

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Finally I can see what a real video rental store looks like.



Miku the Based
Diplomat

Posts: 665
Founded: Dec 03, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **Miku the Based** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 3:17 am

Drongonia wrote:

Miku the Based wrote:

If you're implying that's contradictory it's not. You can technically have Open source or free software without actually distributing the source to malicious actors. It's out in the wild then it's out and there's nothing you can do about it to restrict the distribution. And if it's supposed to be a security software that's better to let them tinker with it, it's supposed to be infallible or nearly so.

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No it is not contradictory, open source is the legal entitlement for other people to use your code freely and distribute it without legal trouble. Closed source is a legal restriction for people to use your code and inability to distribute it freely.

Simply not publishing your code online does not mean it is closed source. I could have a program licenced under GPL v3 and I choose not to publish it on line and keep it on my computer. If someone acquires it then they will not have any legal repercussions from freely using and modifying the program and distributing it. Just because the only copies are on my computer (or distributed between a closed friend group) does not make it closed source (and the friends can freely distribute it outside the group without legal repercussions).

January 8th, 2021—I vow not to respond to anyone 00€IC/OOC I'm 100% serious

Do not ask me my opinion of LGBT. the mods don't approve.

credit Khoronzon

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The Troas Sector
Bureaucrat

Posts: 59
Founded: Mar 08, 2021
Ex-Nation

by **The Troas Sector** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 3:43 am

Drongonia wrote:

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There's also a link at the bottom of the factbook page to access the raw version of the factbook if you don't want to do /raw or anything and just want to quickly click for access.

But yeah stealing code is still dickish if it's an entire factbook tbh, which is why I think raw is cool for just seeing how something ticks and then using what you've learned to build your own factbook designs.

Stuff



Zeloria
Envoy

Posts: 213
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Left-wing Utopia

by **Zeloria** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 4:12 am

My experience with learning the codes goes something like: "Mmmh, I wonder what that button does. Oooh, so that's how these other nations do it." or "Mmmh, can I make pictures url's, yes, nice. Can I also make pictures as spoiler tags, yes I can." Other times, I just use google.



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Aureumterra III
Diplomat

Posts: 778
Founded: Sep 21, 2020
Iron Fist Consumerists

by **Aureumterra III** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 4:21 am

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Drongonia wrote:

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I'll admit I've used factbook templates a lot, but then again I don't care much for factbooks as much as worldbuilding through forum RP, all of my factbooks are outdated for my current canon already

👑 The Empire of Aureumterra 👑

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- Add 4 years to my nation

TL;DR Nordic Oppressive Absolute Empire

Current RP Canons: Bellverse - Kali Yuga



Zul-ar
Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 399
Founded: Dec 18, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **Zul-ar** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 4:38 am

Zeloria wrote:

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Virgin factbook designer vs. Chad spoiler tag enthusiast

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This nation does not align with my views. NS stats somewhat canon. A Class 2 Civilization according to [this index](#).

[My Countryball art.](#)

Headlines: Female Tourist Released to Nation of Origin After Arrest



FenexOrg
Lobbyist

Posts: 22
Founded: Nov 28, 2020
Libertarian Police State

by **FenexOrg** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 4:40 am

Zul-ar wrote:

Virgin factbook designer vs. Chad spoiler tag enthusiast

VS the Thad Google Docs link

It is the year C.C. 4060 and a Storm is Brewing in the Afterlife

Voice of the Soul We are currently having technical difficulties,

Posts: 213
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Left-wing Utopia

by **Zeloria** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 4:40 am

Zul-ar **wrote**:
Virgin factbook designer vs. Chad spoiler tag enthusiast.

Spoiler tags get used for pretty much everything, except for hiding spoilers.

Last edited by [Zeloria](#) on Tue Mar 23, 2021 4:40 am, edited 1 time in total.

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Posts: 59
Founded: Mar 08, 2021
Ex-Nation

by **The Troas Sector** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 4:45 am

FenexOrg wrote:

Zul-ar **wrote**:
Virgin factbook designer vs. Chad spoiler tag enthusiast

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vs bogpilled notepad screenshots

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Stuff

Posts: 399
Founded: Dec 18, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **Zul-ar** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 4:47 am

The Troas Sector **wrote**:

FenexOrg wrote:
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Founded: Nov 28, 2020
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by **FenexOrg** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 4:48 am

Zul-ar wrote:

The Troas Sector wrote:
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Last edited by [FenexOrg](#) on Tue Mar 23, 2021 4:49 am, edited 1 time in total.

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The Troas Sector
Bureaucrat

Posts: 59
Founded: Mar 08, 2021
Ex-Nation

by **The Troas Sector** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 4:52 am

FenexOrg wrote:

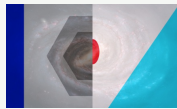
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Physical Factbook that gets printed out so the copies can be mailed to the people who want them.

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Zeloria
Envoy

Posts: 213
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Left-wing Utopia

by **Zeloria** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 4:59 am

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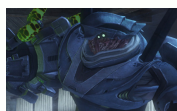
Physical Factbook that gets printed out so the copies can be mailed to the people who want them

The Giga-Gad transmitting your factbooks on a telegraph key via morse code.

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Valentine Z
Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602
Founded: Nov 08, 2015
Democratic Socialists

by **Valentine Z** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 12:04 pm

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Most of you just post and run. So please, help each other out.

Last edited by **Valentine Z** on Tue Mar 23, 2021 12:20 pm, edited 4 times in total.

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The Alkdorian Empire
Secretary

Posts: 31
Founded: Oct 02, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **The Alkdorian Empire** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 12:52 pm

Valentine Z wrote:

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Most of you just post and run. So please, help each other out.

It's a post and run because we must run in order to not get by the po po that be comin for us. 🤔

In all seriousness, I'll add when you ask kindly to fix their post. They just add the eternal pending and never actually edit it.

Last edited by [The Alkdorian Empire](#) on Tue Mar 23, 2021 12:53 pm, edited 1 time in total.

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-Brap (me)



Ponderosa
Ambassador

Posts: 1708
Founded: Feb 10, 2013
Anarchy

by [Ponderosa](#) » Tue Mar 23, 2021 1:27 pm

Drongonia wrote:

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Sengoku Americas
Envoy

Posts: 218
Founded: Feb 13, 2021
Ex-Nation

by [Sengoku Americas](#) » Tue Mar 23, 2021 1:28 pm

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Zeloria

by [Zeloria](#) » Tue Mar 23, 2021 1:34 pm

Sengoku Americas wrote:

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Envoy

Posts: 213
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Left-wing Utopia

Don't worry, just don't call it plagiarism. Call it borrowing someone else's code without asking, and forgetting to return it.



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European Federation Reunified
Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 401
Founded: Jun 20, 2020
Anarchy

by **European Federation Reunified** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 2:46 pm

Valentine Z wrote:

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Baizou
Spokesperson

Posts: 124
Founded: Jan 02, 2018
Liberal Democratic Socialists

by **Baizou** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 2:52 pm

Sengoku Americas wrote:

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fistbump of solidarity on respecting folks' creativity and hard work

It's something I've had to get better at, to be transparent. It's one thing to borrow a piece of formatting here or there, but a while back when I was newer I yonked Zitragrad's Policies table format, which is big enough to go beyond a "borrow." But I've learned my lesson and asked for permission afterward, and Zitragrad was generous and still granted permission.

European Federation Reunified wrote:

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That's been me sometimes; I try to only do that when it would be a double-post or if I don't have time to write a post but am still worried about the thread getting mulched by the forums. ^^;

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Kiu Ghesik
Powerbroker

Posts: 9373
Founded: Aug 25, 2020
Democratic Socialists

by **Kiu Ghesik** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 2:58 pm

European Federation Reunified wrote:

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I find it so funny when the one-liner threads get bumped. I mean, it takes five seconds to make a response to one of those, but even that was too much, apparently...

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Oh yeah, I mean, I'm really into the technical side of BBCode but since there's no real guide past the basics I kind of have to dig around in the greeblies of people who know more than me's factbooks to figure out how they did something. Like, for instance, Khoronzon's [cardinal cities](#) factbook I credit in Ari's rewrite, not because I took any code from it but because when I was learning to use table-in-a-table over the weekend I opened up the dispatch editor and played around with Yxradhar's section until I knew what all the moving pieces did. It was more or less a case of reverse-engineering.

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Threads get mulched at about 3 PM UDT by my estimate, if it helps.

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Bumping too much is obviously bad, but there are times when I don't want to create a response because 1) I've already responded to them many times and want to give someone else a chance, 2) as Baizou mentioned, I don't want to doublepost or 3) I don't feel confident replying to AU yet (usually because their factbook/nation is new and I haven't read them fully.)

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European Federation Reunified
Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 401
Founded: Jun 20, 2020
Anarchy

by **European Federation Reunified** » Tue Mar 23, 2021 3:10 pm

To be clear, my previous statement does not include those who bump the thread to save it from self-purge or to bring it back to the top after a few days.

But for those who bump like to say, "Come on! Come on! Answer me!" and it's only been a few minutes since their post.

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