

DigitalOcean Security/Abuse issue

1. Introduction.

1.1. This is a draft of a letter intended for DigitalOcean General Counsel and/or lower-level staff. It discusses an open issue related to the company's Security/Abuse Dept.

The short version is that Security/Abuse has ruled that email which is non-consensual is, on that basis alone, "harassment" even if each of the following conditions is met:

- (a) the sender knows the recipients
- (b) the sender is responding to statements and/or actions of the recipients
- (c) the recipients are involved in prosecutable crimes against the sender
- (d) the recipients are involved in prosecutable crimes related to children
- (e) the recipients are involved in prosecutable crimes against DigitalOcean itself
- (f) the email is sent for legitimate and reasonable purposes
- (g) the wording of the email is legitimate and reasonable

The position of this document is that, if DigitalOcean claims Common Carrier status, the Security/Abuse ruling conflicts with that status. Whether or not General Counsel confirms this, the ruling is likely to open a can of worms that DigitalOcean's Legal Dept., P.R. firm, and/or Board of Directors will want to assess and consider.

If the writer may speak informally, the worms will probably be large and quite wriggly.

* I, the writer, am Robert Kiraly aka "OldCoder". I moved my primary VPS presence to DigitalOcean in 2017 specifically because of multiple high-end DDoSes committed by the troll group that I've alluded to.

* I wrote a 23-page statement for the police in Fall 2019. The police statement is supplemental to this one. It will be sent to anybody who requests.

* The gag-order PDF linked in part 5 is a separate story that happens to dovetail with the DigitalOcean matter. Auke-Jan Kok of the troll group, for example, has expressed approval of, and joked about, the wife-beating discussed in that PDF.

1.2. For me, the DigitalOcean story has two take-aways:

* Corporate Cover-Your-Ass policies can do more harm than good.

* WTF. Why isn't the FBI all over Freenode like fleas on a dog? They've investigated PIA at least twice. Freenode is basically the same people and more of a risk to minors and society in general.

1.3. This document discusses my life in some detail. Just skip those parts if they aren't of interest. However, the details will establish my bona fides. They'll explain relevant points about me as well.

1.4. The current DigitalOcean issue is the part that attorneys and news reporters will be most interested in.

In one sentence, the issue started with Digital Ocean's objection to an attempt by me to discourage a 25-year-old drunk from stalking a 14-year-old girl.

Without, I might add, calling the cops on the young man when it was still just at the talking stage.

Note: Age 25 is a rough estimate based on videos and the ages of his parents. I wasn't able to determine his DOB.

1.5. There's more to it, of course.

The 25-year-old isn't the one causing the trouble that's continuing. He disappeared after I wrote to his parents. I've told him that he can return to his favorite worlds if he toes the line, but I think that he's waiting for things to quiet down.

The people who remain are true pieces of work.

Yes, minors and sexual issues are part of rest of the story. No, it's not wild speculation. I can swear to the key points under oath.

On the other hand, it's mundane, in a sense.

Yes, there are masturbation channels for teenagers. But those aren't condoned. I can testify, more importantly, about a crime related to minors that Freenode staff members engage in on a regular basis, but that one is non-sexual. I'll come back to that.

There is, of course, the Fall 2017 child pornography incident. But that was a single incident and Andrew Ward of MT 5 swears that the materials were simulated.

No, I'm not stating that Mr. Ward ordered the creation of the pornography. But there is evidence which indicates that his group made use of the pornography on an ex post facto basis. More about that, as well, later.

This all started, too, in a historical sense, with a man-youth romance in the 2000s. I'm referring to Matt Tobin of Pale Moon, aka "Captain Tobin", and "Sonic Kid", a boy who grew up to be the British rock star Peter O'Hanlon aka "Tongara". A rock star who boasted to me that he'd destroyed lives. The details are in my statement to the police.

I suppose there is some color in this after all.

But the sexual misconduct issue, the one that's ongoing, is largely about a policy. The policy is Omerta.

So, why is an Omerta policy important? The answer is that it's formal. Not an isolated incident, but a rule that's enforced. Enforced violently and with criminal actions.

The FBI has looked at the PIA side of the organization. It's odd that nobody is looking at Omerta on the Freenode side, a side that puts underage minors into adult situations without age checks and orders attacks on people who talk about misconduct.

I've been under attack myself for 3 years now largely because I violated Omerta. I've had about enough of it.

And Digital Ocean is no innocent party caught in the middle. My perspective is that the Security/Abuse person, or people, that I've been dealing with have [redacted] up in legal and P.R. contexts.

I'd like to have my say about the matter. This document is a start.

2. About this document.

I'm aware that "DigitalOcean" is spelled without a space, but I'm going to include spaces from this point on to improve formatting.

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3. My background through 2012.

This section is optional background. It'll figure into the book version. The part about the gestalt connects to stories about me that MT 5 circulates.

* I'm a software developer in his 60s. I had many novel and interesting projects, but I lived a quiet life in general until 2012. Outside of work, phone calls, and a favorite Bar & Grill, I talked mostly to homeless people.

* I was the sole software support person, one year, for one-half of the U.S. Vote. That was one of the most interesting projects.

If that needs to be checked, my manager for the U.S. Vote work might still be alive. His name was P.J. Lyon and he was one of the leads at CES in Berkeley. CES stood for either Computer Election Systems or Computer Election Services.

* The best project was the giant camera that an Air Force Colonel and I built for the DTIC, sort of a sister agency to the CIA. The U.S. government used the camera to convert its old 1950s microfilm to modern 1980s microfiche.

The Colonel did the hardware, I did the software, and we spent a year on it. Then we moved on, got up to speed on something else, and became experts in that. In other words, we were generalists. That's how it used to be done.

Today, generalists, the most useful developers that exist, are considered scrap-heap heroes. But that's another story.

* I lost my mobility in 2001 and was in a wheelchair off and on from 2009 to 2014. I didn't get a diagnosis, so there was no disability money.

The wheelchair is relevant to the situation that I've alluded to elsewhere. The #2 man in the troll group, Auke-Jan Kok, one of the people who have complained to Digital Ocean, liked to mock the fact that I was in one.

* I'm neurodiverse in an unusual manner: I have something that could be described as gestalt perception.

Due to this issue, my effective IQ is Hawking level, but it's just a savant artifact. My code, for decades, was often perfect to a degree that wasn't human. But I never worked on anything of significance outside of work save for a few FOSS projects. So, I realized no potential and time for that is running out.

Subsequent to 2012, I did start to understand what I was and could do. I realized, in particular, that I wouldn't be able to "take" attorneys as a Pro-Per but that I could see where they were lying and take advantage of that.

4. Changes in behavior after 2012.

This section is optional background. It'll figure into the book version.

* Until 2012, I was passive and easily frightened. Subsequent to legal cases in 2012, my behavior has been different. The cases were an attempt to force me to sign a gag order. I believe that they changed me.

Since 2012, if somebody makes a statement to me, or takes an action of any type against me, I insist on the right to respond.

* If the right to respond is denied me in one context, I go to another. As a last resort, I blanket residential neighborhoods with printed documents. Yes, that's perfectly legal. I've had my say, in this manner, a number of times.

Presently, I'm working on a snail-mail campaign that I hope will reach one-half of the population of a small city. Such a large campaign is obviously limited to special cases. This one qualifies as my parents are preparing to die and I should, as a dutiful son, offer respectful good-byes.

5. Gag-Order cases.

This part will be interesting mostly to attorneys.

* In 2012, my father tried for a gag order related to wife-beating. There were actually two civil cases. The following PDF goes into details:

<https://haggishell.com/gag-order/gag-order-story.pdf>

* Interesting side note: Akhil Amar, the head of Yale Law School, was briefly involved in the cases. He'd been my "frenemy" for 6 years starting in 1970 but we hadn't talked for decades. To be clear, we're definitely not friends now.

* Odd note: My ability to perceive gestalts was characterized in Court documents almost literally as witchcraft.

My father and one brother suggested that I was able to "hack" any PC just by looking at it and walk away with passwords that materialized out of thin air.

It was nonsense, but this was the first time, I think, that I started to think seriously about what I was able to do.

* I refused to sign the gag order. Litigation continued for a year and erased my life savings. There were no specific allegations against me left after the first month. This was, in short, abuse of process.

* In 2013, the Court refused to be involved in a settlement. So, Plaintiffs capitulated without a settlement of the usual type.

All sides signed non-Court agreements that I co-wrote. I included a page in which I promised to talk quite loudly for decades.

* A few weeks after signing, my father contacted me and threatened me. I was then DDoSed by a blackhat intermediary. That was a bit much.

I repudiated the agreements quite publicly. This was a presumptive violation. But the agreements were now rubbish for the trash bin. I rubbed this fact into the faces of a number of people. None of this was like the old me.

* So, in the end, I won two legal cases. But I lost my home of 25 years. And the cases clearly affected me.

6. Attorneys are kind and lovable.

* I didn't hate attorneys after the cases. I found that I did have a thing about attorneys who crossed the line.

* I put the head, Tom, of the law firm that I'd hired at the top of Google for sexual misconduct. He hired Indian magicians to try to chant the Google listing away. I mocked that publicly and Tom left his practice. He was getting close to retirement age anyway. I think that my actions amounted to a gentle push.

* A recruiting firm told me that I couldn't have a job because they were looking for “somebody fresh out of school”. I complained to the firm about age discrimination. They ignored my complaint. So, I wrote individually to the employees. All of them.

General Counsel for the firm, Rebecca, threatened me. I did some research and found out that she'd committed a minor crime. 30-day jail sentence. I mentioned that part and she quit the same day.

* Rebecca's replacement, David, boasted that he often argued before State Supreme Courts. I found a lie in his first letter to me. I wrote about that and sent the letter to the Board members of his 37-office law firm.

David seemed to lose some of his enthusiasm after that. He mostly shut up. I phoned him the following Christmas to wish him Happy Holidays, but he didn't seem to want to talk.

7. FOSS project.

* There's limited work available for developers over 40. Especially those without connections. And, if you're a generalist, that's all she wrote.

* I tried to find work online. In 2014, this led to two news stories and a bit of work. The stories, FWIW, appeared in Business Wire and Intel Magazin [sic, no “e”].

* My oddest job after 2012 was a case where I restructured the development processes of a pharmaceutical firm in one week. That was World Health Industries in MS. You can Google them.

An IRC associate kicked that job to me because he didn't trust the project manager, a man named Tarzan. Tarzan wanted him to fly to MS immediately without explanation. My own reaction was, "Sure, why not?"

I got off the plane and a young man with a beard met me and glared at me. "Are you a soldier?" he asked. "Are you ready for war?"

Once again, "Sure, why not?" I really had changed.

The young man was Tyler Barrett, IIRC, son of the CEO. Heh. That week is a book in and of itself.

* In general, there just wasn't any work that was both a match and long-term. But I tried everything that I could think of.

In 2012, early on, this included volunteering to act as Technical Director for a FOSS video game.

There was a 15-year-old would-be blackhat named Keegan in that project. Keegan was mentally different. He had a habit of running into random Freenode channels and shouting "Gay b*tches! Gay b*tches!" It was one of my roles to go and fetch him on these occasions.

We tried to explain to Keegan that this wasn't the way to make friends, but he had difficulty understanding this.

One day, Keegan harassed a project named MT 4. When I went to get him, the junior whitehats there told me that they were going to nuke Keegan's residential connection. I persuaded them to spare him but was dragged into the politics of that project and remained in the channel. I stayed for 5 years.

* For long-time MT 4 readers, the junior whitehats included SDZen, Mr. Tux, and Pentium44. Pentium44 still visits, 8 years later. Sparky, who later made the Christmas video in part 8 below, was there at the time, but he wasn't part of that group.

* There was no money in MT 4. But WTH. I ended up as op. In December 2012, I was voted #3 most respected out of 100.

* I spent 5 years, 2012 to 2017, helping out with the project. The project split in 2017. I've continued to work on a fork.

The old branch is minetest.net. This is MT 5.

The new branch is minetest.org. This is Final MT, my project.

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8. YouTube video.

Watch this YouTube video. Stick with it into the credits. If you do, you'll understand how I was viewed by the more positive people in the MT 4 project:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_xLFZSouTZk

Sparky, age 15, stopped by on Christmas Day 2015. He said, “I’ve been working on a video. Could you review it?”

Imagine my feelings when I got to the credits and realized what this was.

There's a short story called “The Glass of Supreme Moments”. If I were to look into the glass, I think that I'd see this video.

9. Pale Moon.

* In 2016, I angered one of the leads in a FOSS project named Pale Moon. That man, Matt Tobin, was on disability for mental illness.

Matt said that he’d hunt me down, kill me, kill me again, and then kill me some more. So much kill :-)

It isn't just me, in this case. Matt, aka “Captain Tobin”, has threatened people in the OpenBSD project as well. The police statement provides more details.

This type of threat can, depending on various conditions, be prosecuted as a crime that carries a long prison sentence. But this usually happens only if the person being threatened is wealthy or a celebrity.

The troll group, the people who have complained to Digital Ocean, have been saying things like this for 3 years now.

* I wasn't impressed by Captain Tobin’s threats.

So, Matt brought in a sort of lover of his, a British rock star and TV star named Peter O’Hanlon aka “Tongara”. The two men harassed children to get at me. I posted about it and used their real-life names as I’ve done here.

There’s more about the Tobin-O’Hanlon romance in my police statement.

* The head of Pale Moon, Marcus Staver, made legal threats. I sent a letter to the attorneys and Pale Moon went away. You can read the letter, if you like.

* The rock star destroyed a couple of my Debian boxes before he disappeared. Shrug. I thought that that was the end of the matter, but it wasn't.

10. Freenode trial.

* In Spring 2017, a woman named Shara asked me for a favor. I don't think she's really a woman, but it's a modern world.

* Shara had helped with the Christmas video in 2015, so I had to say yes. She wanted me to mediate a fight in the FOSS project. I tried. The result was that the project split.

Hooray for asking a logical autistic savant to lecture enraged self-absorbed children for days about patience and tolerance. Yeah, that went well.

* Perttu Ahola was the putative head of the project. He'd actually left the project in 2012 but kept a hand in. After the fight, Perttu told me, "You're too detailed. People find it off-putting. You should leave."

One of Perttu's subordinates, Nathanael Courant, added: "You don't need to be ashamed of being autistic. But you should be ashamed of letting it show."

I suppose that I should have thanked these two people for the kindness of their thoughts. But I neglected to do so.

I declined to leave.

* People in my most important project channel received PMs. The PMs said, "Go to this other channel because OldCoder's channel is shutting down". This was news to me. Nobody took responsibility for the PMs, but they continued.

* I was DDoSed 3 times at this point. This is what led me to move my primary presence to Digital Ocean.

* I confronted some of the project devs and asked them to explain the DDoSes.

The most senior person present that day was Auke-Jan Kok. Auke-Jan is one of the people who have complained to Digital Ocean that I've sent them "spam". It isn't "spam" if you know the recipients and you're responding to crimes on their part such as DDoS or the stalking and harassment of children.

Auke-Jan said, "You've had 5 years. That's a good run. Just go."

* The teenager who orchestrated the first three DDoSes, Red-001, mocked my inability to stop him.

Red-001 saw me as a whitehat dilettante and himself as a blackhat supreme. I don't know why he felt the need to deprecate me. I'd never claimed to be more than a simple Old Coder in this context.

Technical note: Whitehats and blackhats are named after the corresponding characters in old singing-cowboy movies. Every hacker kid imagines that he – it's usually boys as opposed to girls – is an impressive example of one type or the other.

I knew little about this culture before 2013. That year, my family asked a blackhat to come after me. I found that I was able to “take” him and that I was good at it. So, I gradually evolved into a whitehat.

* I was good at different types of gestalt manipulation. This made me a natural for some whitehat tasks.

It came up in the gag-order cases when they asked me how I'd sent voicemail to several hundred Amazon employees at once.

The answer was that it was a trivial trick which a bright chimpanzee could have managed. There is no such thing as magic. There is only the ability to see what is possible. And that is what the gestalt is about.

* I introduced Red-001 to the host that he'd DDoSed. Red-001 dropped carrier and ran like Hell. I don't know why. I simply said, “This is my friend who you DDoSed. He is very kind.”

The boy continued to mock and threaten from a distance. So I asked somebody who I consider to be my adopted son for a favor.

My son, Loome, has his own special talent. He used it to get close to Red-001. Then he simply smiled.

Red-001 was disturbed by the fact that he hadn't spotted Loome immediately. He lost confidence and left abruptly. MIA for about 1.5 years. Good riddance.

* Red-001 reappeared once. We think, at least, that it was him. My group noticed a new site that seemed to be connected to Red-001's old site. We put a screenshot of our project on the site and waited to see what would happen.

The screenshot disappeared. We put another screenshot up. This time, IIRC, the screenshot stayed and the site went inactive.

* The Spring 2017 fight led, unexpectedly, to an issue related to children and sex. The key event was a trial in Freenode.

* I was the one placed on trial. MT 5 called Christian Loosli, also known as “Fuchs”, as the prosecutor. There were a dozen witnesses to this spectacle.

Technical note: Christian Loosli reported, and still reports, to Christel Dahlskjaer, who reports to Andrew Lee. John Arsenault, who you’ll see mentioned in the PIA child pornography news stories, is their General Counsel.

* I was accused of violating Omerta. Loosli cited the fact that I’d revealed the Pale Moon identities. This was bizarre. Pale Moon had nothing to do with Freenode. But things got stranger after that.

* Loosli ordered me to submit all future website posts to Freenode for review and censorship.

Anything that I wrote for any site, including my own sites, was to go to Freenode first and it had to wait to be read and approved. The point was that, if I disclosed IRL identities in any post, they were to be redacted.

Loosli stated that my disclosure of the Pale Moon identities justified Freenode’s demand. In other words, Freenode explicitly and formally ruled that sexual predator identities were to be protected.

* This was, of course, insane. But, subsequently, Christel Dahlskjaer stated that Loosli was correct and that she backed that ruling.

So, Freenode and MT 5 don’t explicitly condone illegal sexual interactions. But it’s official policy to enforce Omerta if such interactions occur.

I’d be happy to confirm this to the FBI and to swear to the facts under penalty of perjury.

* I refused Loosli’s demand. My Freenode identity was immediately terminated. And I was now persona non grata in MT 5.

11. After the trial.

* People made credible death threats.

One person, age about 19, posted a photo of himself in a cliché “terrorist” mask and included a map to my former home. He said, “We are coming for you, Robert. There is no escape and no mercy.”

I had that one kicked out of Twitter. I had to get General Counsel Vijaya Gadde’s phone number to do so. She wasn’t easy to locate. But I eventually found her phone number on a lobbying disclosure form.

I identified another death-threat person and posted his IRL phone number. He didn't expect that and disappeared immediately. For MT 5 readers, the 2nd person was Craig Robbins aka Zeno Backquote. MIA for 2.5 years now. Good riddance.

* One of these people wrote to employers and said not to hire me. In response, I contacted his own employer. I said nothing negative, but the point was apparently made. He didn't do that again.

* These people contacted my family members. I've contacted theirs in return. I'm careful, of course, to document legitimate and reasonable purposes for doing so.

* These people DDoSed me repeatedly. The first three DDoSes, as noted elsewhere, are why I moved to Digital Ocean to begin with. Later on, there were DDoSes of Digital Ocean as well.

* Children were taught that I'd murdered a man named Abe. Abe died, actually, of being my age and weighing 600 lbs.

* I lost my Social Security account this month due to one of these attacks. I'm not actually pleased about that.

* Auke-Jan Kok is one of the people who have complained to Digital Ocean. In 2018, he mocked the beating of my mother by my father. Such adult.

Auke-Jan knew that my limbs had started to become deformed. "Are your fingers twisted", he asked, "because that's where your father slapped them?" Yes, Auke-Jan is a lovely fellow.

This sort of thing has continued for 3 years now.

Digital Ocean Security/Abuse has offered advice worded as though it was an adult talking to a child. A child who might be twice the age of whoever is manning that desk. The advice is "Perhaps if you don't bother them, they won't bother you."

Let's take a look at that.

First of all, we're discussing prosecutable crimes. I can, and will, respond to such issues. Additionally, it isn't the responsibility of the victim to turn tail and run. It's wrong to ask this of any victim. And, finally, there's the question of what to do in situations like the Nezrok case.

Which is the case that we now come to. Gets the facts, Jacks, before you open your mouth and all of the trite spills out.

12. Nezrok case.

* A few weeks ago, a 25-year-old man was ordered to stalk a 14-year-old girl. He agreed to do so. I was standing right there and watched this. To explain, this was in a 3D virtual world. Times have changed.

* As a note to MT 5 and Final MT readers:

Yes, that was in Red Cat Creative. The speaker was Tommy Treasure, the man who claims to be a legless multi-millionaire female FBI agent who's come out of retirement to investigate me personally.

Tommy Treasure was talking to Nezrok. He seemed to be saying that he was either Shara's real-life lover or Shara herself. It was odd.

It appears that Tommy Treasure is, in fact, Shara's lover or Shara herself. He told Nezrok a Shara story that I doubt she's shared with many people.

Nezrok had blocked two copies of me minutes before. He explained to Tommy Treasure that he was very skilled and able to spot me based solely on intuition. However, he missed the third copy of me. So, I listened to the discussion for 2 hours.

It wasn't even eavesdropping. I simply stood there in plain sight browsing the magazines in the virtual library.

* The order to stalk was issued because the girl that Tommy Treasure was targeting hadn't shown sufficient "allegiance".

Insufficient "allegiance" meant that the girl had been seen talking to me. There was a separate order to attack VPSes belonging to a 20-year-old. These orders are what the Digital Ocean situation is about or at least how it started.

* The 20-year-old is a young man that I talk to IRL. He'd been injured in an accident at work and was stressed. He didn't need the planned attack.

* The 14-year-old is a girl with persistent suicidal ideation. Yes, many girls that age talk like that. But are you the type of person who'd just ignore something like this?

* The 25-year-old man used the nick "Nezrok". I identified Nezrok IRL starting just with the nick and his IPV4.

The nick led to videos. The IPV4 led to his home-town newspaper. I found a birthday greeting intended for Nezrok there. An IRL friend of his in the newspaper's area mentioned him in a resume.

I was able to use genealogy records to connect these pieces.

* “Nezrok”, oddly enough, is his real name. He even has a brother named “Lojjik”. I couldn't find an email address for him, but his residence address matched that of his parents. So, I wrote to his parents and asked them to intervene.

* I Cc'd the troll group and notified them that I'd identified Nezrok. They responded by DDoSing my Yahoo email address out of existence.

* The Yahoo DDoS cost me my Social Security account. Do you know anybody who can help with that? Because, guess what, Social Security Tier 1 can't.

* I moved my key email presence to Digital Ocean and advised these people not to DDoS me again. They filed “spam” complaints with Digital Ocean.

If you know the people that you're writing to, it isn't “spam”. Especially not if you're responding to them. Double especially not if you're responding to a prosecutable crime. Good Grief.

In this case, these people had DDoSed Digital Ocean itself in the past. And they'd just finished DDoSing me in the present. The complaints were outrageous and the fact that Security/Abuse treated them as legitimate was more so.

The identities used, in some cases, weren't even real. You can't have a complaint system that treats anonymous complaints as valid unless there are safeguards in place. And those safeguards can't depend on the random whims of Security/Abuse people who are likely to be overworked and irritable.

What's to stop anonymous trolls, otherwise, from flooding targets with false and fraudulent complaints? And getting their way just because a Security/Abuse person is busy and wants the problem to go away?

That isn't right.

* Digital Ocean Security/Abuse said that it wouldn't require me not to communicate. I CC'd that decision to the troll group.

The troll group filed a “spam” complaint about the CC. Security/Abuse retracted its promise. Security/Abuse then had the temerity to state that to inform the group of Digital Ocean's decision was “harassment” of the recipients.

Have I over-used the word “insane” in this document? Because that assertion is insane. The best, however, was yet to come.

* Security/Abuse went on to state that Digital Ocean would treat any further email sent to the troll group, regardless of provocation by them or content of the email, as “harassment”.

One problem with that was that Security/Abuse was, and is, now classifying all non-consensual email as “harassment”.

Even in cases where the sender knows the recipients and is responding to them. Responding, in fact, to prosecutable crimes.

In addition to being insane, which might be considered a minor issue, this is arguably a violation of Common Carrier rules.

If Digital Ocean claims Common Carrier status, and backs Security/Abuse up regardless, Common Carrier status could and probably should be revoked.

* Security/Abuse adds that Digital Ocean is under no obligation to provide service. My response is that perhaps the department should look at how discrimination laws work.

A restaurant can state that it’s under no obligation to provide service. The statement, however, isn’t a magic broom that whisks away State and/or Federal laws.

If the restaurant provides hamburgers to one party and then refuses to provide them to another for reasons that aren't appropriate, the act of discrimination is likely to land the owner in hot water.

You can have rules. But you'd better follow the laws of the land in terms of how you enforce the rules.

In this case, I don't know if the Common Carrier point is applicable or not. But it's just one of a number of things related to this matter that smell to High Heaven.

I'm pretty sure that you can't classify legitimate and reasonable email between parties who know each other as “harassment” based solely on the fact that it’s non-consensual – and no other factors – without opening a can of worms.

Quite possibly a legal can of worms, with or without the Common Carrier issue. Certainly there will be wriggly worms of some type.

But let's talk about Common Carrier status first, because if Digital Ocean **is** claiming that status, and if the status is important to the company, Security/Abuse's position is a problem for the company.

As I said in another letter:

Does Digital Ocean claim Common Carrier status and, if so, has Security/Abuse managed to blow an iceberg-size hole in the claim and is the prized status now sliding under the waves, gurgling as it goes?

If this is true, how does General Counsel feel about it and how will it play with the Board?

13. For the junior hackers in the audience.

Here's how I shifted my IPV4 so that it was possible to visit my friends Tommy Treasure and Nezrok:

- * I used a UDP relay.

Learn the difference between TCP and UDP. It isn't sufficient, for most purposes, to shift your IPV4. Programs use protocols at different levels. They have protocols of their own, but at the bottom of the stack, you'll find TCP or UDP. The setup that you use to access a venue needs to match that part of the picture.

- * To create the UDP relay, I ran "socat" on, IIRC, a low-end box.

Several people have noticed that I presently have boxes at DigitalOcean. So, I put UDP relays on random low-end boxes instead of Digital Ocean, when possible, to avoid attracting attention.

- * The "socat" procedure was, and is, a one-liner. A UDP relay of this type works like this:

socat UDP-LISTEN:30055,fork UDP:red.cat5.tv:30000

You run this on a low-end Linux box. Replace 30000 with the target UDP port. 30055 is an arbitrary free UDP port on the Linux box. Once this is running, you just connect to the Linux box and the UDP port there that you selected.

- * This procedure is, to be clear, absolutely legal. It's certainly as legal as VPNs or Tor.

However, you should check Terms and Conditions for the VPS host used to confirm that it's in compliance at that level. If the VPS host permits VPNs or Tor, you're In Like Flynn.

14. More about Freenode.

This section provides more information related to Freenode. For the sake of readability, there is some overlap with preceding sections.

For details related to this section, see my police statement.

- * MT 5 is closely associated with an entity named Freenode. Freenode was apparently owned by Christel Dahlskaer. She sold it to Andrew Lee in 2017. Oddly enough, she signed the key document on April Fool's Day.

- * Lee then turned around and made Christel manager of Freenode.

* Andrew Lee is a Bitcoin figure who's focused on privacy ventures. His umbrella organization is named London Trust Media. The umbrella organization includes Freenode and PIA. It may or may not include a venture named Ghost Pimp as well.

* There is no evidence that Lee promotes child sex abuse intentionally. The FBI is interested in his ventures regardless. Google for: FBI PIA John Arsenault and read those stories. Arsenault is Counsel for Dahlskjær and Lee. I've interacted with him but there's been no litigation so far.

* Dahlskjær's lieutenant is Christian Loosli aka "Fuchs". Visit MT 5's Freenode channels. You'll find Dahlskjær and Fuchs there.

* Freenode and MT 5 enforce Omerta related to child sexual issues. This is an explicit and formal policy. In Spring 2017, Dahlskjær stated directly to me that she'd enforce this policy.

I can swear to this until penalty of perjury. Especially since, as noted previously, there were a dozen witnesses to the key event.

* Freenode and MT 5 are officially, in this context, child-sex havens.

No, I'm not presently aware that Auke-Jan Kok, for example, has bedded girls or boys. However, let's be clear. Christel Dahlskjær, the formal owner and current manager of Freenode, has stated that this is a formal, i.e., official policy.

So, what's the problem, if adult-child and child-child sexual interactions aren't condoned? The answer is that cover-ups of individual incidents do occur.

This is a demonstrated fact and not an allegation. See Loosli's statements to the effect that the Pale Moon men had been wronged and his demand to go through literally everything that I might write so that he could redact names. And see Dahlskjær's statements to the effect that this was official policy.

* Freenode has teenager masturbation channels. They're not condoned, but they do exist.

* Freenode is more directly responsible for a more serious issue. The organization employs underage minors in the context of adult situations. This isn't hearsay. I confirmed one age myself IRL.

The use of minors seems to be a crime that is directly prosecutable. More so than the Omerta policy.

The Freenode-MT 5 Omerta policy explicitly promotes child sexual abuse. But is such a policy prosecutable in and of itself?

* There was a child materials incident at Freenode in Fall 2017. I think that it made the real-world news, but I'm not sure.

I was approached by somebody who seemed to be making a threat. The threat was made on behalf of the MT 5 project. I was to take down websites. Or MT 5 would make it appear that I was behind the incident.

I'd heard that the child materials were associated with PIA. I announced publicly that I'd never had a PIA account and so MT 5 would have difficulty carrying out its apparent threat. There was no more talk of takedown after that.

* The following is hearsay. Freenode is now helping to launch something called Matrix. I'm told that Matrix doesn't even pretend to have age rules. And that teenagers watch human mutilation videos there.

I don't see how one would establish the true or falsity of the mutilation videos claim. I doubt there's a neon arrow above the door to Matrix blinking "Mutilation videos right this way". However, it should be possible to confirm the presence or absence of age rules in the context of adult materials in general.

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