



theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

abcd : Anybody Can Draw

38 messages

Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2019 at 10:51 PM

To: "theapache64@gmail.com" <theapache64@gmail.com>

Hello – We noticed you developed an app on our SPADE / "GauGAN" code and using our back-end servers to display the rendering output. Your app 'abcd : Anybody Can Draw' infringes on many legal issues. It would be of great interest to remove this app from the Google Play store as well as on ProductHunt.com.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Brad

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2019 at 10:58 PM

To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Hi Brad,

I thought GauGAN is entirely open-source, that's why I created an android version of the web tool. Also wanted something portable.

I didn't know that I was infringes on legal things. Really sorry about that.

Is it okay to keep the app with showing full/primary credits to "NVIDIA GAUGAN" ?

I am not going to commercialize the product in anyway. It'll be free and the source will be open-sourced.

Looking forward for your reply

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Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2019 at 11:11 PM

To: theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

Thank you for getting back to me – as mention on the GitHub page (<https://github.com/NVlabs/SPADE> <<https://github.com/NVlabs/SPADE>>):

License

Copyright (C) 2019 NVIDIA Corporation.

All rights reserved. Licensed under the CC BY-NC-SA 4.0 (Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International)

The code is released for academic research use only.

Your app doesn't qualify as 'academic research use only'.

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2019 at 11:18 PM

May i know what are the criteria's to be qualified as an academic research ?

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Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>
To: theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2019 at 11:30 PM

With the goal of furthering the research in academia and publishing academic research papers. Is this your intention?

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2019 at 11:37 PM

Yes, it is.

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2019 at 11:37 PM

I can submit my research papers If you want.

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Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>
To: theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2019 at 11:54 PM

Again, this app does not qualify as 'academic research' – you are just sending an api request to our servers.

Thank you for cooperating but it would be in the best interest to remove your app from the Google Play store until we release a commercial license for the code.

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2019 at 11:55 PM

One more question, What If I host the server myself ? Is it okay ?

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Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>
To: theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 12:05 AM

Doing so will still not constitute the app as 'academic research'.

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 12:09 AM

I can't understand why it's not considerable as an academic research. As i said, I can even share my research papers with you.

As you can see it's not a commercial one.

You are saying that I can't even host the program in my own server, then why it's open-sourced ?

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Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>
To: theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 12:26 AM

As I mentioned below, it is open-source for students to further the research for academia purposes only. Again, it would be best to temporarily remove your app until the commercial version is available.

Thank you for understanding.

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 12:34 AM

Okay. I want to talk my team, and will let you know the reply ASAP.

Thank you

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 11:58 AM

Hi Brad,

We're going to develop our own solution.

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Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>
To: theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 9:44 PM

That's a great idea – when will the current app be taken down until you build something new?

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Wed, Jun 26, 2019 at 10:34 AM

Within three days, we'll take down the current app and will update with different version.

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Thu, Jun 27, 2019 at 10:43 AM

Hi Brad,

We've replaced all nvidia resources with our own implementation. Now the app got no connection to your servers.

Regards

theapache64

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Thu, Jun 27, 2019 at 8:46 PM

Brad,

Can you please remove the block from my producthunt page ?

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Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>
To: theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 27, 2019 at 9:59 PM

The point was not having your own servers but how you turned GauGAN into a mobile app. This does not solve the problem.

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Thu, Jun 27, 2019 at 10:03 PM

I don't use any of your servers/resources. I use my own AI to generate the image.

Can you please explain how that's a problem to you ?

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Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>
To: theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 27, 2019 at 10:46 PM

Can you please explain what your "AI" is?

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 2:17 AM

That's a trade secret.

Now, you know that I don't use your resources. Then why can't you let me continue the development of the project

Could you tell the producthunt team to remove the ban, as I have updated the project with my resources ?

I'd be very happy if you let me continue the project.

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Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>
To: theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 2:22 AM

This is the last warning – please remove your app from the app store. You are using the SPADE code for your app which is in violation of the license.

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 2:28 AM

Few questions, just out of curiosity, and If am satisfied I can happily remove the app. No problem at all.

1. How do you say that my app using SPADE's code ?

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 2:36 AM

an instant messenger can quickly finish our conversation. Can you DM me on twitter. The handler is @theapache64

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 11:02 AM

Hi Brad,

Can you please respond ?

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Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>
To: theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 9:29 PM

This is definitely the last time before we get our legal team involved – you are using our intellectual property in your app. You did not develop the semantic image synthesis technology.

Please let me know once the app is removed from the app store.

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 9:36 PM

I am ready to remove the app., but can you come in any instant messenger ? I need to talk.

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Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>
To: theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 9:44 PM

Please keep all communication on this email thread – thank you.

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theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>
To: Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 9:46 PM

I thought you wanted to finish things quick. Anyways, let's talk here.

If am really violating any of your policy, why can't you reach to playstore team and tell them to down the app ?

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Brad Nemire <bnemire@nvidia.com>
To: theapache64 <theapache64@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 9:52 PM

No need to talk further. I have already told you about your violations – you did not invent the AI, all you did was build the mobile app around our intellectual property.

Please remove asap before our legal is involved.

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