

## Re: X-No-archive considered harmful

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Jesse F. Hughes wrote:

> *If Google didn't heed that header or have some other opt-out  
> mechanism, then they surely would have faced legal issues. In  
posting  
> to Usenet, I surely waive some of my rights granted by copyright,  
> since otherwise posts could not be distributed. But I don't see any  
> reason to believe that I've granted the right for Google to present a  
> permanent public archive of my post.*

i'm not sure of the legal aspects, but having posted to a public facility i don't suppose you can retain exclusivity on your writings as far as other people reading it goes.

> *I don't see that they have that right even with an opt-out header  
> implemented. Their archive includes posts that predate Deja, after  
> all: did those folks implicitly grant the archive rights to Google?  
> The fact that an archive with holes in it is useless doesn't seem  
> relevant. The first question is whether Google has the right to  
> publish the archive to begin with.*

as with the above, i think it's just there as a public archive, but probably not stored publicly, the archive itself is probably secreted away at google, though bits show up all over the place on the www. Google (well, deja before them) are to be credited with putting it all together like this.

> *Personally, I'm extremely annoyed at Google's recent decision to edit  
> posts to obfuscate possible email headers. I sure as hell didn't  
give  
> them the right to edit my material in their public archive, whether  
> it's my From: line or a message-id in the body of a post. I am  
> considering using an X-no-archive header to protest this move, but  
I'm  
> reluctant to do so because I \*like\* Google's archive and the service  
> it provides (even though I don't see how it's consistent with  
> copyright law). But I don't like the recent changes.*

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most folks, at least IT oriented folks, didn't like the changes, although google has addressed some early problems. i like google's usenet facility because you can search the archive & 'log on' at any webbrowser. however, it's worrying to imagine a time in the future when this great archive might be locked off by making it pay to view. hope that never happens.