

Notes on Submitting Content

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Lord knows I appreciate all the 'news submissions' I can get. In fact, I've often thought of asking around for a 'Number One' to help me run the site in that area. But I have a few notes for those submitting, especially if you've noticed your submission not published.

95% of the time a submission is not published it's because I've already linked to it, probably days before your submission.

Sometimes with big site's content, (for example: linux.com, newsforge, madpenguin, etc.), everyone links to those and if you are going to submit those, submit the ones from today, not yesterday's or the day before's. Those links have already been seen all over the place and one of my goals is not to compete with or duplicate osnews, slashdot, and other big linux sites, but to distinguish myself. I love the big professional site's content, but if I'm not among the first to link to it, I usually don't want it.

Press releases. I rarely publish these anymore, I had received complaints both public and private. The only ones I'm really interested in are the ones which have some free option or are found interesting by a large number of my visitors interested in the opensource community. The criteria is a bit harder to describe here, much like the old adage of defining porn. Specialized commercial software solutions, especially for the larger enterprise/business, are probably not going to get much play here. I apologize, but majority rules in website management and I tend to yield to the wishes of my visitors. OpenOffice.org, Firefox, Novell, and Red Hat are among those that frequently issue press releases that are welcomed here. There are others too. Feel free to submit all you want, but please don't be angry if they don't get published.

Original content on linux distros, open source software for linux systems, etc. are among those especially welcomed. Please make sure they are current and not previously posted. Again, submit all you like, just don't be upset if they don't get published. One caveat, there's been a rash of duplication especially in (or mostly confined to, really) the area of Ubuntu howtos. I will scrutinize these articles much more than most.

Links to a post linking to an article aren't going to be published much either. I mean those that look like my regular links. A direct intro quote and a 'read more' link aren't going to get published. I'll probably just check that submission and link to the original article.

Comment spammers are wasting their time. I usually see these spam posts within minutes and they are promptly deleted and the user blocked. None of my visitors are going to click your stupid links and many write to advise they are here. So even if I don't see them within minutes, my regular visitors are on the case too.

Thanks for your understanding and thanks for all your help.

UPDATE: Oh, I just remembered - I try not to link to stories whose site requires registration. That annoys a lot of people.

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