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Creative Methods for "One Way" Links

Everyone knows the importance of getting other sites to link to you and the most common way is for a reciprocal link. That is the kind of link that Click Sentries reciprocal tools address. These are great links and should always be sought after. However, there has been much discussion about Google giving less weight to a link that is recip. One of the ways to combat this is "triangle" linking but this can be very time consuming and hard to explain to new website owners. That brings us to another method:

One Way Linking

When most people think about one way linking their mind immediately turns to directories. These are a great source (and are seemingly endless) of one way links but there are even more creative ways to get them. I am going to break it into two very easy categories – Press Releases and Article Submissions

Press Releases – New websites seem to believe that people who need their service or product will just find them because of that need. Anyone who has started a site just to sit back and let the orders or visitors roll in has been quickly reminded that despite being the "web", people still need to know you are there.

There are plenty of great sites that allow you to "announce" your arrival. Even if you are an established site you are still able to write a press release to announce any new products or tools you may have. Somehow in the move from newspapers to internet many have lost the fine art of writing an engaging (and self serving of course) press release. I will write another article sometime about that lost art with step by step instructions. In the meantime, just read some of the other Press Releases and adapt your own. These press releases are spidered by google so it is a great way to not only get a link but to also drive traffic to your site.

Here are some sites to start with:

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<http://www.prleap.com>

: Your free press release goes to google news(news.google.com) and searchengines like yahoo, msn altavaista and you can view the history and statistics.

For this release, your article must be professional.

<http://www.prweb.com>:

One of the best press release websites i come across. You can issue free press release which goes to related websites and article posting websites.

For a fee of 60+ only, your article goes to various news sites like yahoo news, business.com(iam not sure of this) and related big news websites.

Article Submissions – The second great way to gain links is to submit articles. Do you have a web

design site? Write an article about Google starting to index flash sites. All of the good submission sites allow you to put an about the Author section with links to your site in it. This gives you an instant link from the site you submitted it to but MORE IMPORTANTLY, these sites allow other website owners to boost their content by including YOUR article in their websites. The only thing they ask is for the article and your link to not be modified. Write a good article and you may see 100's of one way links within weeks. Write 10 great articles and.... well you get the idea.

Here are some sites to start with:

<http://www.goarticles.com>

<http://www.articlecity.com>

Good Luck!!

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Out of Creativity

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One thing to keep in mind is that creative burnouts happen to everyone. This is just normal. What sets people apart is how they see it and how they cope with it.

Fred Showker's article contains some suggestions from people who have experienced creative burnout and coped. A wide range of probable solutions have been offered ranging from browsing websites, consulting books and visiting libraries, setting egg timers then taking walks and others. A common trend that can be gleaned from above listed ideas is the emphasis on taking your mind off a particular

task to let your creative juices flow back again.

Showker asserts that the key to maintaining creativity is balance. An apt proverb to relate with this concept is "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Doing a certain task for a prolonged period of time causes stress not only on your body but on your creative facilities. Just imagine yourself leafing through a paperback for three hours or more. Definitely great strain has been placed on your eyes and most probably you no longer are reading but skimming. You are very likely missing out salient points in the passages. Times like this, you need a diversion so says Showker. Taking a break and getting away from it all will help you refresh your mind and help you gain focus once more on the task at hand. Creative droughts will always happen and you must be prepared to handle it in stride.

Different Strokes for Different Folks

People have various ways of coping with things like creative burnout. A comprehensive assessment of your own needs can help you formulate the best way for you to address the problem and arm you for coming confrontations that are sure to come. The keyword here is diversion. However, if you feel that you are drifting into nowhere, you can always visit websites that are sure to provide some helpful hints. You can do many things just to shake off that drought. It's up to you.

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