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THE INTERNET ADVENTURES OF STUPIDMAN #2

By Stupidman

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Stupidman Downloads,Copies a File

Some superheroes drink a potion,take a pill,utter some magic words. I put my fingers on a keyboard and become STUPIDMAN.

I am currently reading the free chapters of the new e-book "Internet Profit Pearls" (IPP). I understand the explanations of why some popular strategies don't work and the advantages of some lesser used,yet cost effective methods. My problem is implementing the tactics. But apparently I'm not alone.

One tactic is creating a "junk" email address. I went to a free email service and thought Stupidman needs an email address. Guess what? Stupidman was taken, in fact the first three versions were taken. I finally secured a version but even creating an email address does not come easy for me.

Downloading the book was easy(at least it was with Winzip) but then IPP says I have to make a copy. Never having made a copy my blood pressure begins to rise, but there is a link to a tutorial site and a brief description of the steps for copying. Wanting to delay the inevitable and avoid becoming gaseous dog(see previous articles) I click the tutorial.

Remembering we have Windows 98, I select it, then "getting started" and.....get the old "the page cannot be displayed notice". (Sometimes I think this is a cookie that attaches to me rather than a computer.) After two more attempts I give up and return to IPP.

For those of you who know what you are doing, this next passage is really boring and is intended for soul mates of Stupidman.

Usually my son, Greased Lightning, ignores everything I say but one time he responded to my mutterings about the wasted printer ribbon and paper when I would print a 22 page

article and only wanted 3 paragraphs. He responded, contemptuously of course, by showing me how to select a portion of the article. Click the cursor (also known as the curser when your hand twitches) at the top left corner of what you want to copy, left click and hold, then drag to bottom right corner of what you want to copy. This highlighted area can be printed. Now hold the Ctrl key down and press P. A gray page will pop up, click selection (it's in the middle on the left side) then ok. If you have paper in the printer (a future article?) you'll get a copy of exactly what you want. (Warning: More than likely the gray page defaults to all. If you get too cocky with this new technique you will forget to click selection and end up with 22 pages of stuff).

Using this valuable technique, I copy the instructions on how to copy a file. (I'm a lot more comfortable with hard copy in one hand while I hit the wrong keys with the other.) (In a future article I'll describe some of the experiences I've had with the Alt key.)

Instructions in hand, I try to copy the file/book. Unfortunately, as I found out the next day, the instructions were written for PKzip while I have Winzip. But 30 minutes later, mostly due to hesitancy and gaseous dog phobia, I end up with a good copy of the book by following the instructions within Winzip. (I really don't know how it happened as the memory is very blurred.)

A word of caution to members of the tribe of Stupidman who are reading the book. Chapter 3 is very technical and full

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of alphabet soup. If you are like me you will be less stressed if you read the last screen of Chapter 3 (the material in the yellow box) before you read the rest of the chapter. (It's ok to do this, it's not like reading the last page of a mystery when you are in the middle of the book.)

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Stupidman Brands the Book, Sends Email Attachment

This is the 4th issue of The Internet Adventures of Stupidman. If you can't find the previous issues and you really want them.....you need a hobby. Just kidding, email stupidmansfz@yahoo.com (remember the "junk" email address assignment in the 3rd issue?). I only check this account a couple times a week but I will respond.

If you are reading this, then the idea I took from Internet Profit Pearls in Chapters 4&11 really works. Can

you believe what's happening? My family (The Boss, Greased Lightning, Fashion Girl) say stuff to me (or at me) all the time. I get to turn it against them in publication (at least that's the feedback they're giving me).

Unbelievable, I can potentially make money by writing about how I'm abused by my family. I've already got the next 3 issues outlined in my mind. To think I can capitalize on my ignorance, America truly is the Land of Opportunity.

My hero, me, er...Stupidman is still trying to enter this millenium by doing the exercises contained in the free chapters of Internet Profit Pearls (IPP).

I have read the free chapters and have signed up for most of the affiliate programs that promised me small fortunes. (Including one that cost \$50, I'm an affiliate of 14 or 15 programs). Some of the programs would only accept me if I had a website (which I don't) so I signed off on a website/hosting agreement with the publisher of IPP, startingfromzero.com (describes my situation perfectly) for \$6 a month. (Read Chapter 3, last screen first, and you'll understand).

As I intend to resell the book I have to brand my copy. The publisher will brand the free chapters for \$27 and the entire book for \$47 but I'm on a budget. (I actually read the free chapters, bought the book, got the book review idea in the non-free chapters and then started on these exercises. Under normal circumstances I would have paid \$47 and have been done with it. The punishment I have

inflicted upon myself at least results in another "Adventure".)

I made a list of my special urls that I received from the affiliate programs. (Techies call it u-r-l, they go crazy if you pronounce it earl. Try it!) There's a file in the book called Read Me First which has the instructions for branding. It's pretty easy to follow until you get to item 6 which says click the "Edit Field" button. I must have spent 5 minutes staring at the console looking for the nonexistent button. Press the "Edit Brand" button, the computer won't blow up, I promise.

Item 8 does not assume Stupidman would read this book so

with the reluctant assistance of Greased Lightning I will expand on this instruction. Put cursor on the "with value" field and click, then, use the right arrow on the keyboard to move text. Delete what you don't want then type in your stuff. If you spot a screwup before you hit ok press cancel and try again. If you press ok before you notice a screwup I don't know what to tell you. (This is not to say Stupidman didn't screwup, merely that it was not noticed. Ignorance can be bliss.)

Some companies have several affiliate programs (like roibot). If you signed up for one you're probably in all of them, so brand all versions of the same company.

I spent a lot of time, unsuccessfully, trying to check my branded links. Finally gave up but I'm sure I did it right.

I emailed the author to inquire how to upload to the IPP hosted site but was told (I thought his tone was kind of snippy) there was NO WAY he would allow Stupidman to upload and that I needed to email the branded book as an attachment.

A new challenge, but this turned out to be surprisingly easy. Our email uses Outlook Express and Help is at the top of the screen. Help leads to Contents which is where I found Attachments. Using the selective printing function described in an earlier issue, I copy the "insert a file in a message" instructions. Hard copy in hand I attach the branded book and send it off into cyberspace (hopefully in the general direction of the author).

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Can Stupidman Use IPP and Be a Bazillionaire
Stupidman Explores Alt key, Printing W/O Paper

P.S. My son, Greased Lightning, has critiqued the first three (already published) issues and (agrees with my name) says there is no Pkzip, should have said PKWARE. Sorry.

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