

Addressing Ad-Supported
Online Piracy:
The ANA/4A's Best Practices
(Almost) One Year Later

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Ad-Supported Online Piracy

The Problem:

- Ad-supported Online Piracy is a huge business conducted by sophisticated technologists who are adept at exploiting the otherwise legitimate systems for blind sale of “remnant” or “second tier” ad inventory.

The (Realistic) Goal:

- Significantly curbing pirate site operators’ access to the premium digital advertising market, in order to substantially degrade the ad-supported business model of online piracy and discourage new entrants.

The Key Challenge:

- Converting “Best Practices” policies into *proactive operational integration* across the digital advertising ecosystem.

ANA/4A's Statement of Best Practices – May 2012

Target: Sites **dedicated to infringement** of intellectual property of others

Action: Seek conditions in media placement contracts and insertion orders **requiring ad networks and other intermediaries** to take commercially reasonable steps to –

- **Prevent** ads from being placed on such sites
- **Remove/exclude such sites** from their services
- **Terminate non-compliant placements**, in response to complaints from right holders and advertisers
- **Remediation:** e.g., refund or credit fees/costs associated with non-compliant placements

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Digital Ad Verification

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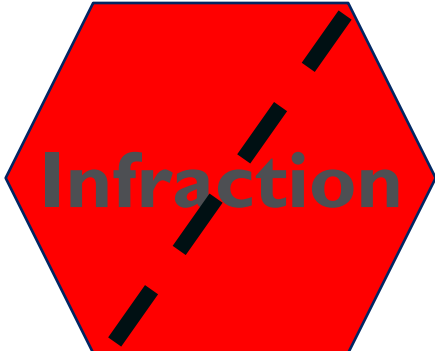
Ad Verification Helps Us Be Proactive

- Ad verification is a solution that can help American Express ensure all ads are in compliance with its brand guidelines in three major categories: Inappropriate content, International Traffic & Page Quality
- Two of the fundamentals of ad verification are monitoring & blocking

Monitoring
Ad Verification reports the inventory path to uncover guideline offenders

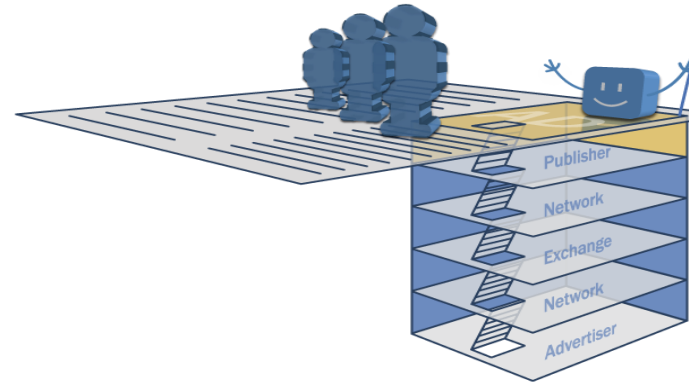
Blocking
Ad Blocking technology will prevent the ads from appearing on guideline offender placements

Campaign	Network	URL	Severity	Status	Total	Screenshots	Category
AMEX 2013 Open House Partnership	amazon.com	amazon.com/.../...	High	Blocked	4		AMX Content: Badly & Partially
AMEX 2013 Open House Partnership	amazon.com	amazon.com/.../...	High	Open	4		International/US: Terms, Adid
AMEX 2013 Open House Partnership	TrueDigi	.../...	High	New	4		AMX Content: Pornography
AMEX 2013 Open House Partnership	amazon.com	...	Medium	Blocked	2		Content/Ad: Badly, Usable
AMEX 2013 Open House Partnership	amazon.com	...	High	Blocked	2		Non-Ad Content: Non-English
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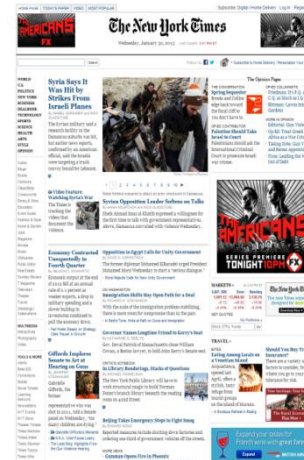
How Ad Verification Technology Works

I. The technology allows the partner to see multiple iFrames (layers of site code) to detect and control what page the ad tag ultimately serves on



II. Ad Verification technology is continuously scanning the web in order to rank pages based upon their overall content

- Page Level Ranking
- Content Categories



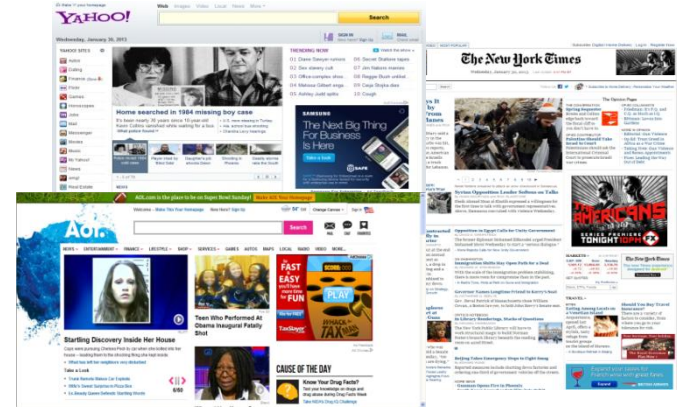
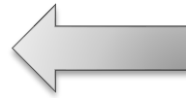
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Approach to ensuring Ad Verification is priority amongst partners

Request for Proposal (RFP)

- Proposed Budget
- Ad Verification acceptance survey
- New partners are removed from consideration if they do not accept any type of verification



Insertion Order (IO)

- Final purchase contract
- Clause in which partners agreed that ad banners will be monitored and blocked (when necessary)
- Clause that make-goods will be ordered in cases of extreme infractions



Ad Serving With Verification Filter

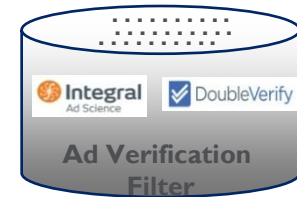
I. Ad Space Purchased



II. Agency uploads creatives & corresponding URLs to ad server



III. Site sends call to Verification filter to determine page risk



Check for Brand Safety

If safe

Impression served

Double-check for infraction

Bid and site data collection

Update blacklist and pre-bid strategy

If unsafe

Impression is passed back to publisher

(no charge to advertiser)