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Im Forum von GoChild http://gochild2009.appspot.com/ habe ich gefragt, was dran ist an der Auskunft, dass GoChild illegal sei wegen verletzter Copyrights.

Hier die Antwort von GoSharpLite

Thanks for giving due reference to GoChild on KGS. GoChild is previously blocked by China not because of its content. GoChild is legal to most of the people. If there is valid argument showing GoChild is illegal, please let me know.

Below message is shown to question contributors before they start working. It gives a brief history and copyright standpoint of GoChild.

GoChild has been online since 2009/12/31. It is built on top of Google AppEngine, thus inaccessible to China due to the great firewall. A <u>reverse proxy site</u> was established for China users on 2011/2/25. Since then a steady usage increase from Asia has been observed. Estimate 10 months later, usage from Asia will be even with Europe and America.

In 2010, GoChild posted many questions from Go books and triggered forum discussions on copyright (<u>link 1</u>, <u>link 2</u>). There are several professional comments in these links. Due to copyright uncertainty of different counties, GoChild has below points of view on posting question.

- 1) A single question does not has copyright, but a group of questions combined sensibly do have copyright.
- 2) Text explanation of a question does have copyright.

Base on above points of view, GoChild blocked all packs with unsure copyright. All the blocked questions were re-grouped into "Dong-Dong grouping". Some people argues that this is unnecessary, since GoChild presents questions in a way totally different from books, thus there is no copyright issue. GoChild does not feel comfortable to post questions with original book name and ordering sequence, we still spent many time to re-group all those blocked questions.

If one could treat contributed questions as artistic creation, then there shouldn't be any copyright concern.