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To Whom It May Concern,

I was sitting at my computer one day. I was getting bored of going to the same ol' websites; I wanted to scramble my web surfing experience. It was like I was in some sort of Internet rut or something. I looked at the fact that the Internet uses, what are called, Internet Protocol numbers. I suddenly came up with an idea. Protocol numbers are used to configure firewalls, routers, and proxy servers and can connect to just about everything. They use an 8bit field in the address bar at the top of your browser. There are four of them and each one can be any number from zero to 256. Then I thought to myself, "Why not make a program that uses a random-number generator to scramble those four numbers?" Then, the computer could simply see if there was something interesting at that location on the Internet. This would pick a website from anywhere on the planet! This would remove that desire I had to scramble my web surfing experience. Random Lee was born.

I started programing the website in PHP and got something working. It wasn't anything fantastic but it worked great for me. I was soon web surfing the entire planet! You wouldn't believe the websites I found and from all over the world. By using the Internet Protocol numbers I could find stuff that was normally never found. For example, most web cameras or security cameras only use those 4 numbers for their domain names. They generally do not use a domain name only the I.P. number. Also, since the program uses Internet Protocol numbers only those sites that could afford a static I.P. were found. These websites are usually the best websites on the Internet. After finishing the code, I tried to think of a home page.

I didn't want to make a website that looked like all the others on the Internet. Since Random Lee only requires one button to activate, I didn't need a big home page with a bunch of bells and whistles. And this would just look like everything else out there. I wanted to make something new. I didn't need a data base, user name, or login section because no subscription was needed. Then it hit me!

Why not just use the "Footer" at the bottom of every website? Thats it! Once again, Random Lee only needs one button to activate. And everyone would be reminded of Random Lee whenever they saw the Footer on other websites or when seeing the Footer on the Television; it would be like free advertising. My home page soon became only the Footer found at the bottom of most websites. I wondered if someone else had the same idea.

I looked on the Internet and found some similar sites. I remember typing in Random Website Finder in that famous search engine afraid of what I might find. With one eye open, I hit the enter button and was horrified. There were sites similar to Random Lee! Most used a data base to store web sites. You can tell this, because the site selected loads almost instantly – it is very difficult to randomly web surf globally and have a selected website load instantly. It is not a "true" search or global search but from a selection or collection of websites. Also, I have noticed (and I could be wrong) that sometimes there is a website that is an advertisement or a website that is paying to show up in the stack. You might think

you are getting a random search but it's really a web site programmed to pup up and someone has paid for this to happen. I think some websites actually advertise this option to people. Random Lee utilizes a true random-number generator. I have no control of what Random Lee finds. No one pays Random Lee to have you look at their website.

At this point Random Lee was not finished, but I decided to launch it as soon as possible thinking someone might copy it exactly. I had to get it on the Internet immediately to get "trade secret" protection since I saw all those other similar web sites. This would keep an exact copy of it from popping up on the Internet while I tried to get a better program. This is why the program needs some work and why Random Lee looked like it wasn't ready to be launched. I have taken a lot of "flack" for launching the website before I could get a really good program written for it. I bet people even thought I was a crazy person after I told them to check it out. Thankfully, I did put it on the internet, for now Random Lee is protected globally as a trade secret. Random Lee should be the only place on the Internet where you can "truly" randomly surf the planet in real time utilizing the Internet Protocol numbers.

For what it is worth, I use it all the time and really enjoy it. I hope someday to make it better and make it worthy of global distribution and advertisement. If you think you could make a better program please let me know. Oh by the way, Random Lee loads fast enough – you don't have to wait for the home page to load.

Thanks again,

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