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Thread: [\[PSA\] Fake Nyaa](#)

Elweth - June 25, 2017, 3:03 am

As you all know, the original Nyaa went offline after the owner took it down. Someone has just purchased the domain, and might be up to no good. Do proceed with caution in case you're unaware of this.

TF Wrote: Just a few weeks after the domain names of anime torrent site NYAA were deactivated, one of them is back in action. However, the domain no longer belongs to the old crew, but to scammers who are trying to lure estranged users into downloading.

For years NYAA Torrents was heralded as one of the top sources for anime content, serving an audience of millions of users.

This changed abruptly early last month when the site's domain names were deactivated and stopped working.

TorrentFreak heard from several people, including site moderators and other people close to the site, that NYAA's owner decided to close the site voluntarily. However, no comments were made in public.

While many former users moved on to other sites, some started to see something familiar when they checked their old bookmarks this week. All of a sudden, NYAA.eu was loading just fine, albeit with a twist.

"Due to the regulation & security issues with Bittorrent, the Nyaa Team has decided to move from torrent to a faster & secure part of the internet!" a message posted on the site reads.

Instead, the site says it's going underground, encouraging visitors to download the brand new free "binary client." At the same time, it warns against 'fake' NYAA sites.

"We wish we could keep up the torrent tracker, but it is too risky for our torrent crew as well as for our fans. Nyaa.se has been shut down as well. All other sites claiming to be the new Nyaa are Fake!"

[Source](#)

Personally I have not tried to download their binary for a look, but an 'underground client' does sound suspicious as heck.

CorrosiveBlueberry - June 25, 2017, 4:20 am

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SIM-2948811 - June 25, 2017, 5:31 pm

Thanks for share. I don't know that original nyaa is down and I was thinking that they move to other adress

CorrosiveBlueberry - June 27, 2017, 4:06 am

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Virtual Machines are awesome for this scenario to be honest. Just create a simple one that can play videos and take a snapshot, player whatever you want then roll back XD

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I mean the whole torrent thing in a VM, like who the hell makes a VM just to open .MP4 (actually, .MKV since HD)...