



Hey all. This is a reply to this blog post the Arcade made about me. I respond to just important parts of it for brevity, the entire post can be read here: <http://thearcadesl.com/statement/>

"As you may or may not know, a lot has happened since then behind the scenes. On November 15, 2018, Ashur released a personal statement, sharing his perception of the past year's events. It's now our turn to do the same."

Just a reminder the Arcade owners released a statement about me first disparaging my name. My statement was a response, much like this one will be.

"In his statement, Ashur claims The Arcade never compensated him for his work. This is simply untrue. When he was first commissioned, Katharine McGinnis approached Ashur and asked how he was most comfortable being paid. Upon his reply, Katharine emailed the other two owners (Octagons Yazimoto and Emery Milneaux) and relayed his answer. See below:"

In the screenshot posted after this remark, there's a HTML text email chain between the Arcade owners I wasn't apart of, so I couldn't say if it were edited or not. I'll focus on where I'm quoted:

"If yooooou're unaware I have a store I co-own called Jlan, we've been in Arcade last couple of rounds, did two machines last round! So I'm cool with just helping and improving an event I'm in. I never know what to charge in such a situation. Pay meeee an amount you feel is fair, that doesn't hurt you or discourage you from asking me for help again down the line. We can decide when I've wrapped up"

According to them I said this on July 22nd, and then a month later on August 22nd they decided they were going to give me 25K L\$ and a second gacha machine.

Understand my store was already receiving 2nd machines from the Arcade prior to this, like many stores. I wouldn't have, and didn't, ask for payment in something my store was already receiving. I wouldn't trade ownership of my event code for a second gacha. I think more of it than that.

As for the 25K L\$, I don't remember or believe it but if I was given it, it was without my asking for it and done without me being aware of it. Why would I ask for 25K L\$? That's dwarfed by even the sponsorship fees I'd paid to the Arcade already that year. No, I didn't and wouldn't sell my event code for 25K L\$.

If the Arcade staff did things like accept my store's application for second machines as thanks for scripting for them, I appreciate it. That isn't payment for ownership of my code though, and it wasn't a one-sided gesture anyway; several hundred thousand L\$ was made by the Arcade owners from splits of my second machines alone.

"By his own admission, when payment was rendered, ownership of his code was transferred to us. From day one, we've believed this to be true and he's now inadvertently confirmed it. We ask that you consider this, as we continue to tell our side of the story..."

I've been attempting to explain ownership to the Arcade owners and Mike Denny all year. This isn't how it works though, no one can give me L\$ I didn't ask for (if it was given) and fill-ins for dropouts for ownership of my code.

The Arcade owners and I never discussed transfer of ownership of my code. To transfer ownership would require written agreement and an actual deal. I've never had any interest in selling ownership of my code so I never have. You can't make me forfeit ownership of my code; implicit copyright ownership aside I have a registered copyright number.

"Earlier this year, we came up with an idea to expand The Arcade by introducing a HUD where shoppers could play the most popular machines remotely, anywhere on the grid. Ashur's recently claimed that our intention behind this HUD was to do away with our venue over time, and that's not true. Removing our physical presence from the grid has never been part of our vision for The Arcade. The HUD was always intended to supplement the event in an effort to offset the frustration our customers feel those first few days after a round opens, when they're unable to visit the venue because our three sims are full. Claims that suggest otherwise are lies."

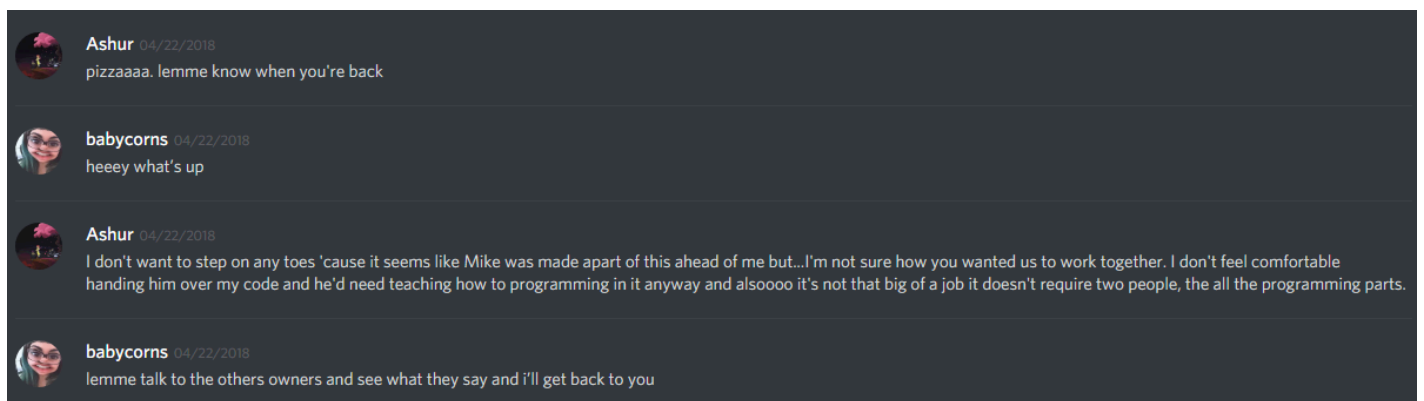
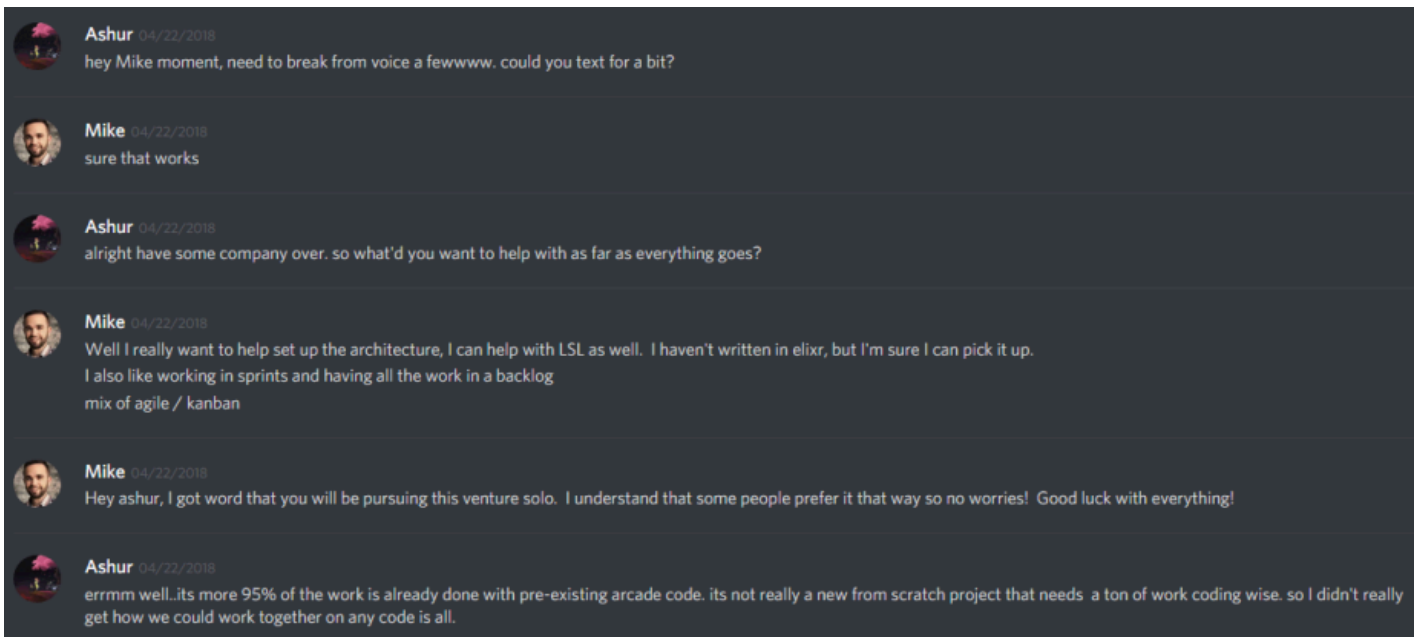
Emery stated the plans to make the Arcade sim-free during our initial voice chat meeting about the HUD.

I only mentioned their HUD plans because it was the root of all this. I understand why they're uncomfortable admitting to that, but I had to speak about it to explain in part why I was uncomfortable doing the HUD. The Arcade owners have been discussing all year ways to mitigate the expense of paying for The Arcade 2 and The Arcade 3 instanced sims now that Linden Lab has progressively revoked their discount of the normal cost.

"Our meeting ended with Mike offering to meet with Ashur in private, to further discuss the project and how it'd be executed, and Ashur agreed."

"At the same time (and unbeknownst to Mike), Ashur had messaged Octagons as well, expressing sudden disinterest in working with Mike. He said he'd have to share his code with Mike, in order for Mike to comprehend how things had been setup on the backend. He didn't feel this was necessary, as he believed the project never required a second set of hands; he could do it all himself and with relative ease. Because we appreciated his past contributions to our event, we respected his wishes and dismissed Mike from the project."

During the meeting Mike spoke about receiving my code and receiving pay for work off my code. This made no sense to me, so I asked Mike what he planned to do, which to me amounted to me giving him my code, teaching him how to write code, and he split pay 50/50 with me on something I didn't want pay from or really wanted to even do.



While it didn't make sense to me as early as January why the Arcade wanted Mike on, I gave them months to explain how everything was supposed to go. I explained I couldn't didn't want to work with Mike when it became apparent it'd be a one-side affair of me handing over all my code, him contributing none he had pre-existing, and him getting paid off of my code.

"While this situation was unfolding, the dynamic of Ashur and Octagons' working relationship was changing as well. In early 2017, Ashur began making several inappropriate comments that left Octagons feeling uncomfortable. This, coupled with personal conflict over our decision to fire Mike, ultimately led her to decide it was necessary to cease further communication with Ashur."

"On September 24, Ashur reached out to Octagons, extending an olive branch. They proceeded to have a civil conversation. She was impressed by Ashur's maturity and professionalism, and praised him for making contact first. It meant a lot to her (We can all attest, this sort of behavior proves to be rare among SL residents.). During their conversation, Ashur acknowledged and apologized for the things he previously said that made her feel uncomfortable."

I know why this comment was made, but it's not true. Weeks ago, not long before these issues, Octagons told me that last year she thought I had a crush on her and that made her

uncomfortable. I told her no, I didn't remember any "inappropriate comments" and that the only time I remember being remotely complimentary to her at all were times she was sick or in the hospital and I tried to lift her mood.

I believe that she's fully aware of what she leads minds to by saying "inappropriate comments". It sounds like harassment and I've never harassed her. She told me weeks ago that she never said anything to me before because she "didn't want to hurt my feelings", but I believe this is blame deflection by her.

Let's go over all that's happened since Octagons was "uncomfortable" and our "working relationship was changing":

1. I was asked by her to create the Arcade splits
2. I was asked by her to revamp Luxe Box
3. I was asked by her to script District 20
4. I was asked by her to do the Arcade HUD that we're speaking about
5. I was asked by the Arcade owners collectively not a month ago to continue a relationship with the Arcade
6. I've been invited to every event of hers in this timeframe.

Octagons was mad that I didn't want to give Mike my code or tutor him and that's fine. She's gotten mad about a lot of things and blamed me for it. Here's some real history though: I was asked to script Luxe Box. I did, the designers were told a 10% "overhead" was coming out of their splits to fund things like scripting and the server fee. I wasn't paid a penny for Luxe Box and didn't know that designers were being charged in part to pay me. Also the web hosting was \$5 a month.

I was asked to script District 20 (and ended up doing a whole lot more than scripting) and this time was told I'd be paid and agreed to it after what happened with Luxe. While the event only lasted a couple of rounds, I wasn't paid a cent for District 20 ever and in fact was left with the closing costs of the web servers.

I believe Octagons is deflecting. Every time she's spoken to me until recently, it's been nothing but praise, not complaints. A month ago she was telling me she wished she was a millionaire so that she could pay me for all the things she hasn't paid me for. We've done many events and charities together and there hasn't been an issue until this HUD incident.

While I'd love to keep this about just the Arcade and my code, I will show logs if tasked to defend my own name and also contrast my comments vs. a lot of comments Octagons and Emery have made. I won't take lessons on appropriateness by them.

"We were saddened to hear where Ashur stood, but gave him the freedom to make that decision."

Here's the full convo I had with Katharine after the owners decided to contact me again after months of ignoring me after I told them my discomfort with Mike.



intrigueco 06/22/2018

hey hey! it's been awhile since i last checked in and was hoping you were doing good. 😊 since june round is wrapping up soon, i wanted to check on how things were going with the hud. do you think things should be pretty solid for a september debut? is there anything that i can do on my end to help? (i forget if emery ever provided the graphics that he had made for the inworld hud component)



Ashur 06/22/2018

errrrm no I haven't had any further contact with Emery, and Pizza hasn't spoken to me in months or responded to me since the Mike thing.



intrigueco 06/22/2018

I can check with emery to see if he has those files ready to go. He was doing last minute tweaks lady I checked. Are you still wanting to work on this?
LAST* not lady lol



Ashur 06/22/2018

Illll hope you understand but it's difficult to do work for someone I have zero contact with and has for a year or so now has treated me less than ideal. I wanted and waited for it to improve but it hasn't and has trended the other direction, so no I can't do it. I'll of course still maintain and help with the scripts as is for as long as you need so just let me know, and if ever ya'll decide to move to some other system I offer my 100% support in helping with any transition as well, but because of how things are it wouldn't be good for me to proceed with that.



intrigueco 06/22/2018

i'm really sorry about this all and understand wanting to pull away from the HUD. i wish i could've done better to communicate and encourage this into fruition and just wanted to send my apologies if there was any hostility felt - this was never my intention since you've always been so supportive with the arcade and making so many dreams come true. i appreciate you wanting to maintain the support as is.
i'd like to fix my mistake for the brand and find a way to make this HUD see the light of day.
i don't want to overstep and ask you to do something you aren't interested in. if i scouted for another scripter, would this be something you'd be ok with helping transition to?



Ashur 06/22/2018

errrm it was nothing you at all, just Pizza. and yes just let me know what they'd need anytime.
but yeah don't say your mistake you were enjoyable to work with so don't hesitate asking me for anything I can do to make things easier for you.



intrigueco 06/22/2018


i'm really sorry about all of that and wish things could have been better. i've really enjoyed working with you too and hope that you don't mind me bugging you time to time. you're the only other person i know that shares the same birthday as me, i think that means something somewhere lol

"On October 8, Ashur reached out again to Octagons. He learned that Mike had been contracted as his replacement and given his code for reference, and this seemed to rub him the wrong way. As previously mentioned, Octagons stepped down as liaison back in April, so she went to Katharine for more information. Katharine reassured her, our final


product wasn't a copy/paste of Ashur's original work and in the end, it would be unique and original. This was relayed back to Ashur, but he didn't seem appeased."

No, I noticed my code rezzed in world in several places, and also copy and pasted into scripts with Mike as "Creator" contacting my web server. My scripts weren't being "referenced", they were actively being used and built ontop of. And as I said before I'd already gotten Mike to admit to everything. Yes, I was "rubbed the wrong way" my work was being stolen from me and being profited off of.


Here's the whole exchange with Pizza and Katharine:

**Ashur** Today at 7:02 PM


hey Pizza, we need to talk if you have a few moments.

**babycorns** Today at 7:05 PM


Hey, I'm here - what's up

**Ashur** Today at 7:06 PM


Mike was given my Arcade code after I specifically told you and Erica I didn't want him to have my code after some things he said to me about it that made me uncomfortable. I'm wondering why did this happen?

**babycorns** Today at 7:08 PM


I'm actually kind of out of the loop on that stuff. If you want I can ask Mike what's going on? Erica's actually out of town so I might get a little late of a response from her. I can still e-mail her and see what's up, though. Did Mike come to you or something asking about stuff?

**babycorns** Today at 7:25 PM


Erica is telling me most of what was in-world was re-written and she's a bit confused as well. Is something happening that's making you ask this?? I'm super lost. She said you just gave us what you were comfortable with we also never disclosed that Mike was working with us on anything so I'm even more confused haha but she's telling me it's a different code and system. Erica's going to be away from her phone for about 3 hours so if you have any more questions and stuff I can't relay much until she gets back.

**Ashur** Today at 7:30 PM


It's not different code and a different system and I know that 100%. Mike has my full perm code and has been using it. And yes I'm aware it was never disclosed that Mike was doing this and that's part of the issue, that I found out this way on who's behalf Erica was asking for even more code from. You could've been honest with me that you wanted to give him my code and have him build off of it. I could've agreed or refused or any other terms have been worked out. What we have is this though; me having told both of you specifically my not wanting to give Mike my code and you having done it anyway. Could we start being completely honest now and figure out how to move forward?

**babycorns** Today at 7:32 PM

I don't know how you feel like this is 100% fact and I feel like I'm being bent backwards for information, but because it seems like you feel so strongly about this and that I want to assure you we're not malicious and are just trying to get our own system going - we're working with Mike, yes, but he's managing a third party to create our system. It's not a copy/paste of what you've done because the scripting language has differences and new features we requested. I really don't know much more, but I have to assure you nothing is being done to cross you, we've tread lightly and tried to do our best to create a system we can rely on. Like I said, I don't know much more and at this point I'm just playing messenger but Erica has let me know she is more than happy to speak with you and clear up any questions you have when she's back from out of town. She has all the insight and will be happy to talk to you about it.

**Ashur** Today at 8:00 PM

I assure you I wouldn't have approached you on just a feeling, Pizza. The only question that needs clearing up is the only one I've asked which is why Mike was given my scripts to use after I specifically made it clear to you two I didn't want him to have my code. I believe I've been very forthright and compliant with the two of you ever since we began working together, but at the moment I don't feel the respect and consideration is being repaid. There's a lack of honesty and transparency which I know you might consider to be just priveness, but my code and what you want to do with it isn't a matter of you choosing who to be privy with, it's a matter of respecting my wishes. My wishes haven't been too demanding. It hasn't required you pay any money, do me any favors or anything in the slightest. Correct me if I'm wrong, but Mike not having my code is one of very few wishes I ever expressed to the two of you. So I do hope you can sympathize and understand the breach of trust and why if you won't protect my code and my interests the few ways I've kindly asked, as I've protected and respected your interests over the years. I'm left to protect them myself and will begin to.

**intrigueco** Today at 5:00 PM

Hey Ashur, thank you for your patience while I was traveling. I wanted to reach out and clear the air a bit in regards to the past, current, and future scripting for The Arcade.

I wanted to stress that you have been such an incredible team player in transitioning The Arcade from an inworld script to one that logged analytics.

My team and I have really appreciated the hard work and drive that you put into this and it's because of this foundation that we were able to dream bigger and better things for the events future.

When Mike was recommended back in January, it was meant to be a means of support for a huge undertaking and project and getting the HUD idea off the ground.

After you mentioned that you both had expertise in different coding languages, it sounded like it wasn't a perfect fit.

It was also our understanding that any behind the scenes code housed on your server and personal computer wasn't something that you wanted to have shared.

Because of this, we dismissed him from the project. It was out of respect to you to provide the best working environment possible.


After you left, there was a vacancy in who to reach out to for any needed updates. I wanted to stress that I really appreciated your gesture in letting me know that you'd be there for the transition of our code to a new one, especially after your reassurance that you'd continue to support your own "as is."

When we asked Mike and his contractor to step in, it wasn't out of disrespect to you or the hard work you have given to this event. This decision was made so that features that our designers and staff members had asked for would happen.

Everything that they have been able to write for us wasn't a copy paste of your inworld code. It's been completely rewritten from the ground up to communicate with a new form of analytics.

I apologize that you had to find this out some other way.

Please let me know if there's anything else that I can do to help clarify and I'll be here to listen.

**Ashur** Today at 5:11 PM


"Everything that they have been able to write for us wasn't a copy paste of your inworld code. It's been completely rewritten from the ground up to communicate with a new form of analytics."

Erica, as I told Pizza I already know clear as day he was given my code and has been using it. There's nothing to discuss really if you don't intend to protect my code in the few ways that I've ever asked. I'll handle it myself.

So both Octagons and Katharine insisted Mike had hired a "third party" or "contractor" and that the system was being "re-written from the ground up". Then, deleting my code should've been no problem. You wouldn't currently be still running my code without my permission or lying to designers about me catching you off guard and you not having anything ready, right? The reality is those statements from them were a lie, that my code was just "referenced" is a lie (as egregious as that is on its own and will be remembered).

"On October 20, Ashur PM'd Mike with threats of a cease and desist, on presumed grounds of compromised intellectual property. Ashur assured Mike that he had evidence to support his claim. We're led to assume that Ashur (or someone Ashur knew) stumbled upon Mike's private platform, where Ashur's original scripts were being referenced and written over. By this time, more than 50% of Ashur's original LSL code had been re-written and cleaned up to communicate with the new database system Mike had already completed. Mike offered to share his code with Ashur, to help put his mind at ease and he refused. Mike then reached out to Octagons, letting her know about Ashur's threat. He expressed to her he didn't feel comfortable proceeding with the project until this was resolved."

Here are my full logs with Mike:



Ashur Today at 8:13 PM
Hi, Mike


For about a couple weeks you've been aware that you shouldn't be in possession of my code. At least I would assume the Arcade owners made you aware as I asked them to. You still have my code though.

Is there anything you're unclear on? My code is my property, not yours, not the Arcade owners. Implicit copyright aside, a lack of compliance from the Arcade owners and you have led me to legal remedy, with the process of submitted copyright as a start. I have no licensing terms with the Arcade owners or you, but I am allowing the Arcade owners to use my code through the duration of this current October round, and then after they must delete and not reuse. You though shouldn't be in possession of or using my code at all.


When I say delete and don't use my code, I mean it. Reassuring words from you that you're committed to this would be nice, but I'd like to also inform you if you don't know of the forensics process of a DMCA on source code and how copying and pasting code into new scripts, simply renaming variables or functions and other masking attempts won't cut it.

I ask that you put yourself in my shoes and imagine our roles were reversed, how vigilant you would be to protect your work and your value. Ideally you can understand what I do now, and what must be done in the future to protect my work, either whole or partial.


Thanks.




Mike Today at 8:14 PM
Hey Ashure, can we talk?




Ashur Today at 8:14 PM
Of course.




Mike Today at 8:14 PM
okay great




You missed a call from **Mike**. Today at 8:14 PM




Ashur Today at 8:15 PM
Text only, sorry. I've had bad experiences lately with others not you and intentions getting on call. No offense to you.




Mike Today at 8:16 PM
I thought discord routs calls through a server?



Ashur Today at 8:16 PM
It's nothin' about IP addresses or any of that, more about both of us having shared logs eliminates any he-said she-said.



Mike Today at 8:19 PM
Okay, well I mean personally I feel more comfortable speaking since things can get lost in translation. And this has been one very confusing experience for me.
First of all before I did anything with the arcade group I made sure that everything was in contract. I have chat logs of them assuring me it was okay to use any property they owned. And I wouldn't even accept anything until we both signed and agreed to the terms of the contract.
If I had any knowledge of property they owned and had full permissions to was not permitted for reuse in their products I would have avoided using it at all costs.
However I was assured that if it was necessary that you confirmed this was okay and were even willing to help in the transition if needed.



Ashur Today at 8:23 PM
You were lied to then, as I in multiple instances told them specifically not to give you my code. They lied to me and masked from me that it was you asking for more of it.
The issue I had with you was that you were ambitious beyond the time I had to commit at that particular period, or needed really. As I told you back then, that HUD project was 95% done just with the code I had already. It didn't need a second person.



Mike Today at 8:24 PM

Well as a contractor of arcade by definition I was part of the arcade entity for the project. I think if they masked my name for any reason it was because of how you felt about me helping prior. I personally have no rights to the code for reuse beyond the arcade project. I have no intention to use it beyond the arcade project.



Ashur Today at 8:24 PM

It was nothing personal towards you, but I saw that you were ambitious beyond the scope of what was needed anyway. I didn't have time to deal with that so I didn't want you having my code and running off doing whatever. For us to enter into any partnership would've been something beyond Arcade when it comes to sharing my property.



Mike Today at 8:24 PM

Its their IP



Ashur Today at 8:25 PM

What's their IP? My code?



Mike Today at 8:25 PM

Well the difference between you and I Ashur is that I sign contracts, so me having anything you wrote and reusing it would violate that. And even with you and I working together I fully intended on having a contract, but you pushed my away before we could do that.



Ashur Today at 8:26 PM

Mike, I'm not going to get into it with you about any contract you signed with them. They could give you rights to whatever they feel like giving you rights to in contract, that doesn't mean it's legit. If you don't understand that, ok. No need to talk about more.



Mike Today at 8:27 PM

Well I just don't understand why you keep saying things as if its my intention to use your code or code owned by arcade? For my own personal intentions***



Ashur Today at 8:29 PM

You just said "I have no intention to use it beyond the arcade project" which seems to indicate you plan to use my code FOR the arcade.



Mike Today at 8:29 PM

Well that's the problem I would like to have solved. I want to know why they feel they own code provided for the project.



Ashur Today at 8:30 PM

Understand that the Arcade using my code now, and ever, was because I've allowed them to. I won't hurt designers to protect my code. So I've given them until the remainder of this round, and then they too will have to delete my code. You however shouldn't have had it at all.




Mike Today at 8:30 PM


I legally have a contract with them, should I forfeit it and tell them they don't own the code they gave me?





Ashur Today at 8:30 PM


I don't know, ask them. Did I transfer ownership to them? No. Did they pay me a red cent for it? No. Mike, you could've signed a contract with them for the rights to make Marvel movies.


 **Mike** Today at 8:31 PM
And how do i prove even if i re-write the system from scratch that its all my ip?


 **Ashur** Today at 8:31 PM
That means nothing.
Mike, it's not my problem. You've been informed. I'm going to protect my code. I'm not going back and forth with you about your particulars with them.
I've gave you this much a heads up as a courtesy, but I'm not getting into this.


 **Mike** Today at 8:31 PM
Well I appreciate you informing me, I'm not trying to argue either.
I just am trying to understand what you want me to do?
The last thing i saw from Kathrine is that you won't talk with her?


 **Ashur** Today at 8:32 PM
What I said, delete all of my code NOW and don't reuse any of it. Research for yourself the forensics of a DMCA process and make sure if you're going to mask reuse of it, you're willing to be you've done enough to get pass that.
Because I have nothing to say to her I told her what I'm telling you now. The rest will be legal remedy. She understands, you understand, there's no confusion.


 **Mike** Today at 8:33 PM
I personally have no problem with deleting all of it honestly ashur
Any code they gave me.
Honestly if you looked at the code that I have now vs. what they provided me
I'd be curious if you could really identify it still matched what was designed for them.
But just to confirm from your perspective, the best thing I could do is to delete all code owned by you, build it from scratch, then have you confirm my code is all custom?
Or I should say "delete" any script that has your name on it or any traces back to code provided to the arcade team? (edited)


 **Ashur** Today at 8:41 PM
"the best thing I could do is to delete all code owned by you, build it from scratch, then have you confirm my code is all custom?" That'd solve the Arcade issue and go a long way in reassuring me you won't or have to use my code in future projects, yes.


 **Mike** Today at 8:42 PM
What would be the best way to prove that I've done that?

 **Ashur** Today at 8:43 PM
Show me the code.

 **Mike** Today at 8:43 PM
okay
Could i show you now a side by side of what I did vs. what was there?
just so you can tell me how much i really need to re-do
because i really did alot

 **Ashur** Today at 8:44 PM
Mike, you realize you're telling me you took my code, changed it up, and are asking me if I'm ok with how much you've edited, right?


 **Mike** Today at 8:45 PM
Ashur, what I'm telling you is that I received code from the arcade team. I was assured the permissions intended its re-use.



Mike

Today at 8:45 PM


Ashur, what I'm telling you is that I received code from the arcade team. I was assured the permissions intended its re-use. I put a lot of work into making it meet their needs
It was not like I just got something i could re-use (edited)



Ashur

Today at 8:46 PM


Mike, their needs don't exceed my needs with my property. I don't sympathize, sorry. They're liars and this is THEIR problem. It's up to you if you want to make it also YOUR problem.
It doesn't mean I have to also make my problem.



Mike

Today at 8:46 PM


I hope you realize that I really am upset this happened to you, but I've been having such a hard time that I have to be mixed into this.
My intentions were the best since the begging
I really want to do the right thing here, its really unfortunate that I have to be mixed into a contract.
So all i can do is discuss what your expectation are
And then make sure its clear to them what needs to happen



Ashur

Today at 8:49 PM


Delete all of my code Mike. Yes, start from scratch on the project after deleting it. If you want, show me proof as we discussed when you're done that you aren't using my code prior to it being put in use. Short of that, I'm following the advice of legal counsel to protect my work.



Mike

Today at 8:50 PM


I understand, well I appreciate again you taking the time to notify me.
I just feel that its my responsibility to let them know the expectations here. Because even legal aside, I have a reputation and I rather not have this fall on me



Mike

Today at 9:01 PM


But just so you know I hear you loud and clear, the scripts need to be deleted. I just need to explain to them this situation. Its not as easy as me just deleting everything. I don't want them coming after me with a lawyer for what they contracted me with.
Which again is why I appreciate you taking the time to talk with me about this.
I have a meeting with them tomorrow, after that can you and i talk?



Ashur

Today at 9:11 PM


If what you're telling me is that they can and will damage you if you delete my code without talking to them first, ok Mike I'll wait a day for you to speak to them.



Mike

Today at 9:13 PM


Well wait a second
you said you weren't paid for the scripts
how much did you want for them?
just trying to make sure they understand their options
Because right now there options are:
- Face Legal Charges and try to use scripts that their is IP behind?
- "DELETE" all scripts have it all re-written from scratch, which I don't have time for right now
- "DELETE" all scripts and I personally would refund the contract and walk away, hopefully not facing any legal action/ damage to my name/brand in second life
- Full one time payment for exclusive rights to any IP ? Would their be a payment option that would satisfy your needs? (edited)



Mike

Today at 9:01 PM


But just so you know I hear you loud and clear, the scripts need to be deleted. I just need to explain to them this situation. Its not as easy as me just deleting everything. I don't want them coming after me with a lawyer for what they contracted me with.
Which again is why I appreciate you taking the time to talk with me about this.
I have a meeting with them tomorrow, after that can you and i talk?



Ashur

Today at 9:11 PM


If what you're telling me is that they can and will damage you if you delete my code without talking to them first, ok Mike I'll wait a day for you to speak to them.



Mike

Today at 9:13 PM


Well wait a second
you said you weren't paid for the scripts
how much did you want for them?
just trying to make sure they understand their options
Because right now there options are:
- Face Legal Charges and try to use scripts that their is IP behind?
- "DELETE" all scripts have it all re-written from scratch, which I don't have time for right now
- "DELETE" all scripts and I personally would refund the contract and walk away, hopefully not facing any legal action/ damage to my name/brand in second life
- Full one time payment for exclusive rights to any IP ? Would their be a payment option that would satisfy your needs? (edited)



Mike

Today at 9:24 PM

Personally for me it would work out best if they could pay you
but i understand if its not an option



Mike

Today at 9:41 PM

Anyways, let me know your thoughts. I just want to make sure I'm prepared tomorrow.

So in the above Mike didn't say he was "referencing" my code he admitted to editing and reusing it.

The rest of their post was most or less addressed in my last but, but I'll clarify anything else anyone wants.

The last thing I have to say is I find this all very sickening. This is all over me noting 1 person to have my code fearing they'd do exactly what's happened now; claiming ownership of my code as their own and profiting off of it as they please.

Ontop of STILL attempting to assert ownership of my code, they're now accusing "inappropriate comments" to further disparage my name.

I desperately don't want to get dragged into a mud slinging contest. They know the logs I have of them, and they've just demonstrated their willingness to sit around for 5 days and concoct any sort of story whatsoever rather than to just own up to the wrong they've done and apologize.

Out of all the efforts they say they've put into remedying things with me, admitting wrong and apologizing hasn't been one of them.

With the further claims of ownership of my code and other serious remarks made, I'm going to let my law firm handle the rest of this starting today.

I really do deeply apologize to designers of the Arcade that have gotten caught up in the middle of this, but it'll all be cleared up very soon.