

GUIDELINES FOR SELF-HOSTING BUZZTOUCH APPS

Members of the Buzztouch Community help each other, help newcomers, and help Buzztouch. These guidelines were written by experienced Buzztouch Developers in an effort to create a fair playing field for everyone. This is intended to be a living document; the Buzztouch Developers will update these guidelines as new situations are identified. Buzztouch leadership supports these guidelines.

The Buzztouch Self-Hosted Control Panel is open source and web-based software that members can use to administer mobile apps on their own websites. Appropriate use is important because it assures that plugin developers receive fair payment for their software. While it is impossible to think of every possible scenario, these examples are a starting point to outline the principles.

These are examples of uses of the software that are ok:

- Customizing your control panel with your own look and design.
- Removing the “powered by Buzztouch” link.
- Allowing your clients to have access to make changes to their app.
- Allowing your students to build their own app in your control panel, using the plugins you have purchased from Buzztouch. For example, it is appropriate to give access to all of the students in your class so that each student can make their own app.

These are examples of uses of the software that not ok:

- Changing “powered by Buzztouch” to “powered by My Cool Company”.
- Implying that you wrote the Buzztouch code or that the software is unique to your site.
- Representing your company as a gateway into Buzztouch.
- Copying any Buzztouch artwork or content without express permission, except the Buzztouch artwork that comes with the self-hosted server.
- Allowing your clients to make apps with your server if the primary purpose of the client’s business is to make apps. If clients are making their own apps, then you should require each client to have their own Buzztouch membership and purchase each plugin available on your server.
- Putting your own logo on your Control Panel, then marketing it as an app builder people can use to make apps.

Related Documents:

There are other documents that guide the Buzztouch Community. These include:

- Forum Rules: <https://www.buzztouch.com/forum/rules.php>
- Buzztouch Terms and Conditions: <https://www.buzztouch.com/pages/terms.php>
- Buzztouch Plugin Developer Terms of Use: <https://www.buzztouch.com/pages/terms-plugin-developer.php>
- SDK Partnerships: <http://www.buzztouch.com/files/howtos/buzztouch-sdk-partner-program.pdf>
- Guidelines for the Plugin Market (on the How-To’s page)

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