

## Re: UDP \*googlegroups\*

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On Apr 10, 7:20 pm, Eric Stevens <eric.stev...@xxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Thu, 10 Apr 2008 17:24:14 -0500, "S. Caro" <sc...@xxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Anonymous wrote:

It appears that Google is fighting a losing battle against spammers who have been notoriously abusing the free "Google Groups" posting host.

I can't prove it, but I suspect Google is getting payola for permitting the spam to flow on USNET. I believe this because they somehow manage to filter most of the spam out of another service they offer, (Google Mail).

I really appreciate Google Groups, but I have lost all patience for the spammers who have flagrantly abused their posting host services. Therefore, with much regret, I have universally UDP'd "googlegroups", and all replies to their threads which contain said reference to wit:

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You're part of a growing movement. \*Many\* people are adding universal filters to their newsreaders to kill Google groups. My reader allows me to filter on the message headers. I drop ALL messages with 'google' in the Message-ID line.

Messages originating from Google no longer appear in the groups that I browse. I miss some relevant posts, but the huge decrease in spam and miscreant postings more than makes up for it.

There are add-on filters for some of the popular readers that can't filter on specific header lines. (Like Outlook Express and Thunderb