

Re: OT: Spam in this User Group

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On Apr 14, 6:17pm, Jim Thompson <To-Email-Use-The-Envelope-I...@My-Web-Site.com> wrote:

On Mon, 14 Apr 2008 15:02:14 -0700, Tim Wescott <t...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

jd_1...@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Can anything be done about the low-lifes that post spam in this group? I know nothing about web site hosting, but I'd be willing to donate my time if ya novice could be of any assistance.

It's an unmoderated USENET newsgroup, so there's not much that you can do directly. If you pay attention to the chatter about it, you'll see that much of the spam is coming through Google Groups. If enough folks deny them their business (and therefore ad revenue) they may pay attention. If not — not.

The problem is HOW to make that happen...

Currently I have _65_ "good guys" white-listed who post from Google Groups.

One might argue that these 65 ARE contributing to Google profits.

Perhaps we should filter 100% against Google Groups posters to force the "good guys" to raise hell with Google? Or cause them to change to another provider?

Is there a consensus??

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As one of those 65, I can't possibly see how I contribute to Google.
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I mean, I use their service(s) all the time, and I NEVER click on their suggested ads.

If folks want to pay Google "per impression", well then, my impression is they're just stupid!

For example, I once needed a database from a site and instead of paying their OUTRAGEOUS subscription fee, I simply wrote a script to harvest the info, web page-by-page, 10 entries at a time. Sure, it took a few days, but the computers did all the heavy lifting.

So you'll understand I have to laugh out loud when these sites claim their many thousands of "hits", and actually charge advertisers accordingly. Nobody is watching. At least, not me...

But yes, I wish these spammers would get a life...
Real engineers don't want that crap anyway.