

Re: OT: Spam in this User Group

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hrh1818 wrote:

On Apr 14, 7:16 pm, "Michael A. Terrell" <mike.terr...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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On Apr 14, 1:52 pm, 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 a novice could be of any assistance.

Two suggestions.

One, convert this group to a moderated group and change moderators once a month. Nobody gets stuck with a rotten job if you limit the time any one person is a moderator.

Do you have ANY idea what is involved in changing the moderation of a newsgroup? The moderator of one group died in a car wreck, and it was over six months before most of the messages were re-routed to the new moderator. The message that weren't re-routed were lost, in the dead man's in box.

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Two, move this group to Yahoo Groups. The Ltspice group on Yahoo is very successful and has very few problems with SPAM. The most noticeable problem is somebody announcing they will be out of the office for the next week.

You can't move a newsgroup to Yahoo or anywhere else. It exists on NNTP servers around the world, along with a couple dozen crappy HTML portals that ignorant people and criminals use to post stupid ideas and 'spam'. Let's say that you create a new group on Yahoo. How do you tell people where to find it? What do you do when Microsoft finally forces Yahoo to sell out and they shut down everything that isn't swimming in new money? If it is shut down, that archive is lost, forever.

If we started a new group on Yahoo we could post a message in this group every few days telling random users about the new list and Jim Thompson could send a notice to his white hat list. With respect to Microsoft we don't know what they will do.

They are attempting to buy Yahoo from their stockholders in a proxy fight. Nothing Microsoft has ever bought survived for long.

But even if Microsoft did in the future shut down Yahoo groups at that time we could switch back to a newsgroup.

And lose the archived data? I would rather see Google Groups turned into a read only archive.

Perhaps by that time the spammers will have gone away. If there is little or no activity in this group the spammers will fade away on their own.

If you look at some low activity newsgroups there is nothing there but spam.

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Add this line to your news proxy nfilter.dat file
* drop Path:*aioe.org!not-for-mail to drop all aioe.org traffic.

<http://improve-usenet.org/index.html>

Use any search engine other than Google till they stop polluting USENET
with porn and junk commercial SPAM

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