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On Sun, 6 Apr 2008 15:55:50 -0500, "Anthony Fremont" <nobody@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

MM wrote:

Is there a way to protect this group? I wonder why some groups haven't been affected by spam yet while others are under attack..

/MM

In this particular case, I believe it's because a couple of regulars couldn't resist playing with kooks. That attracted attention of some computer savvy twats and then the SPAM came. You know the rest. It really sucks, doesn't it?

Nope. I think you have misread your history.

First came ARPAnet, then MILnet, NFSnet and a couple of others, then USENET and the rest of the precursors of internet. Next came WAIS, gopher, etc. Then Hypertext. Then HTTP, Mosaic, and WWW. Then the internet was opened to commercial access. In a few years email spam appeared. Then Google bought the usenet archives and went into the usenet provider business. Then the various free email accounts. Then the various ploys to stop robots from getting accounts. Then the spammers found google groups and understood each active group represented hundreds to thousands of possible viewers. Thus the spammers have found a way to make the most awesome distributed hypercomputer (composed of humans trying to get some more cash) help them defeat all the security methods of all the free account providers. Thus our current problems.

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