

Re: Report this spam to: groups-abuse@google.com

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On 2006-04-19, Simon Scott <simon_nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

1) google groups accounts are easy to get, in any number

could you get two million before this time next week?

2) pulling a google groups account will result in it quickly being replaced by another

possibly, but if the spammer is merely misguided rather than malicious the second account won't be misused like the first.

3) The damage done by spam is limited to the bandwidth and screen real estate waste by downloading the header (since no one actually clicks on the crap anyway)

not true, it causes this thread...

4) Closing the account doesn't reduce (3), nor does it reduce the amount of spam

yeah but if you tell someone who cares about the spam it could make a difference. if instead you whine to all of usenet you are no better than the spammer.

5) Cancelling the spam doesn't reduce (3), as by the time they get around to it everyone has downloaded the header anyway, and a fair number of usenet servers don't honour cancellations anyway.

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Not defeatist – realistic. Since I actually understand the architecture of usenet, I know that it is impossible to stamp out, or even measurably reduce, the amount of spam on usenet.

Impossible for one person to reduce measurably reduce the spam in all of usenet maybe, OTOH, that guy who was filling ABSE with crap binaries stopped and "sir jean-paul turcaud" is gone from aus.* those two arguably were stopped not by people whining in the newsgroup, but by people informing the poster's usenet provider.

Like measuring crime prevention, measuring the change in spam volume caused by any strategy is difficult...

Bye.

Jasen

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