

## Re: Idiot spam attack on sci.lang

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- *From:* richard01 <[richardparker01@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:richardparker01@xxxxxxxxxx)>
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On 25 Jan, 14:41, richard01 <[richardparke...@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:richardparke...@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

On 25 Jan, 14:23, richard01 <[richardparke...@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:richardparke...@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

On 25 Jan, 09:07, "benli...@xxxxxxxxxx" <[benli...@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:benli...@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

On Jan 25, 6:34 am, mb <[azyth...@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:azyth...@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

On Jan 24, 4:35 am, richard01  
<[richardparke...@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:richardparke...@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

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Google Groups and Usenet  
have got to get their acts  
together to stop  
this stuff. (Usenet not so  
much because they don't  
make any money from  
it, but Google? – certainly).

And what exactly are you gonna do about  
that, and how?

When have you been appointed judge and

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sensor of what is allowed and  
what not?  
Since when has Google, or anyone, a right to  
censor anything?

The idea of defending this sporge-flooder on some sort of  
free speech  
grounds seems totally misguided. The spurger has no  
opinions or ideas  
to express. He is trying to prevent such expression.

Go get a provider who you'll pay to screen  
out what you don't like and  
leave the rest of the people alone.

That sounds like a fine idea. And certainly many people in  
discussions  
like this talk as if they had some setup by means of which  
they did  
not have to view any of this. But for technically  
unsophisticated home  
users, it is not such a simple matter. I have no idea what  
providers  
might exist within my area who would screen out such stuff,  
or how I  
would define "what I don't like" so that they could screen it.  
Some  
practical advice (without condescension or abuse if possible)  
would be  
welcome.

Looking on both Google Groups and Netscape, it appears to  
me as if the  
post to which I am replying, and its immediate followup,  
were the  
last legitimate sci.lang posts to appear. That was more than  
six hours  
ago. Meanwhile 200 or so pseudo-threads have been posted,  
almost all  
spurge. Have those more fortunately positioned seen the  
same? At this  
rate, it is hardly worth anyone's time to pick through all the  
crap to

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find real discussions. Yet I do not like the idea of sci.lang or any other group being destroyed by this sociopath. I accept that it is not possible to get at the source. So is there any other way we can carry on in spite of it?

Ross Clark

I agree with Ross. Some of you out there may have super-duper pooper scoopers, that you've paid for (did you specifically exclude 19th century texts of Chinese sexual slavery and brothels?)

Back to the point, though – Darkstar suggested a new forum, and sci.lang seems to be currently effed. (Have you yet come across berindamallorquina?, and hundreds of other spammers?) The Yahoo groups I belong to don't seem to get affected in the same way.

I'll quite happily set up a new instant Yahoo group to replace this one, but I won't be moderator, or accept any responsibility if it's misused or spammed. I'll try and advise those I know from here of its existence, but anyone else will have to apply to join. I might occasionally join in the argument, but will not exercise any other power whatsoever.

regards

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I have set up a new group. sci-lang2.

I will not take any responsibility for, or authority over who joins, posts or anything else. It's your playground.

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It's set up for:

The discussion of languages, worldwide, in every possible aspect.

Group email addresses

Post message: sci-la...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Subscribe: sci-lang2-subscr...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Unsubscribe: sci-lang2-unsubscr...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

List owner: sci-lang2-ow...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Sorry to add to my own reply, but Yahoo Groups allow you to

Post files - ie a paper which you might want to discuss

Photos - pictures of your grandchildren or perhaps a newly-found

Tocharian inscription

Spam Filter

Please. let me emphasise, this is not an ego-trip, but perhaps a way of getting serious sci.lang contributors out of this mess.

regards

Richard

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