

## Re: Idiot spam attack on sci.lang

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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 censor 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

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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 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 berlindamallorquina?, 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

Richard

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