

# Re: JSH: Measuring post impact

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jst...@xxxxxxx wrote:

jshsu...@xxxxxxxx wrote:

jstevh@xxxxxxx wrote:

jshsucks@xxxxxxxx wrote:

jstevh@xxxxxxx wrote:

jshsucks@xxxxxxxx  
wrote:

jstevh@xxxxxxx  
wrote:

Years  
ago  
I  
was  
naive  
about  
how  
information  
travels  
around  
the  
world  
so  
I  
thought  
that  
if  
you  
put  
it  
out  
there

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people  
would  
find  
it.  
As  
I  
posted  
for  
years  
on  
newsgroups  
I  
imagined  
thousands  
of  
people  
worldwide  
were  
getting  
information  
I  
was  
certain  
they  
needed  
to  
know,  
and  
then  
I  
found  
ways  
to  
measure,  
and  
found,  
nope,  
they  
were  
not.

They  
weren't  
paying  
attention.

I  
WAS  
mostly  
just  
known  
to

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a  
small  
community  
on  
the  
sci.math  
newsgroup.  
Ugh.  
How  
depressing.

Every  
means  
of  
measuring  
showed  
a  
limited  
number  
of  
readers  
and  
not  
the  
thousands  
that  
I'd  
envisioned.

So  
I  
shifted.  
That's  
why  
I  
mostly  
lost  
interest  
in  
worrying  
about  
particular  
posters--unless  
they  
showed  
up  
measurably  
as  
having  
an  
impact.

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Yup,  
I  
do  
the  
equivalent  
of  
checking  
the  
polls  
to  
see  
what  
works.  
When  
something  
doesn't  
work,  
I  
shift.  
That  
shifting  
is  
continual.

I  
won't  
go  
into  
a  
lot  
of  
detail,  
of  
course,  
about  
how  
I  
can  
tell  
how  
well  
any  
of  
you  
do  
in  
negative  
replies  
against  
my

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research,  
but  
I  
will  
talk  
about  
what  
I've  
talked  
about  
before—Google  
search  
results,  
as  
well  
as  
other  
search  
engines,  
but  
mostly  
I  
use  
Google.

I  
can  
tell  
which  
posters  
have  
any  
impact  
at  
all  
from  
them,  
and  
the  
answer  
is,  
most  
of  
you  
have  
negligible  
impact  
in  
terms  
of  
which

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posts  
get  
picked  
up  
based  
on  
search  
engine  
results,  
and  
the  
people  
who  
do  
seem  
to  
have  
some,  
are  
usually  
people  
I  
don't  
remember,  
or  
never  
noticed  
their  
original  
postings.

The  
world  
is  
a  
fascinating  
place.  
It's  
not  
how  
you  
think.

Today  
my  
posts  
do  
probably  
get  
read  
by

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thousands  
of  
people  
worldwide--primarily  
through  
Google.

They  
do  
searches  
on  
prime  
numbers  
or  
other  
math  
topics  
and  
postings  
of  
mine  
come  
up  
in  
the  
search  
results  
and  
that  
is  
probably  
how  
the  
bulk  
of  
my  
postings  
get  
read  
by  
newbies,  
and  
then  
Google  
links  
to  
archives  
where  
people  
can  
go

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through  
more  
of  
them,  
and  
that's  
how  
a  
lot  
of  
others  
probably  
get  
picked  
up.

So  
I  
know  
who  
among  
you  
gets  
listened  
to,  
and  
who  
among  
you  
comes  
up  
with  
angles  
that  
resonate  
with  
others  
in  
the  
world,  
and  
who  
of  
you  
don't.

Do  
the  
searches  
yourselves.  
Short

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answer  
is,  
most  
of  
you  
have  
negligible  
impact.

And,  
oh  
yeah,  
when  
I'm  
really  
bored,  
I'll  
watch  
search  
results  
shift  
from  
day-to-day  
to  
give  
you  
people  
some  
idea  
about  
how  
many  
people  
are  
steadily  
tuning  
in,  
as  
you  
get  
an  
audience  
that  
may  
be  
bigger  
than  
you  
think.

I

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wonder  
how  
many  
people  
worldwide  
does  
it  
take  
to  
shift  
search  
results  
on  
a  
day  
to  
day  
basis?  
How  
many  
people  
clicking  
through  
and  
triggering  
algorithms  
to  
change  
what  
they  
pull  
up  
are  
necessary  
for  
that  
kind  
of  
impact?

So  
yeah,  
I  
measure  
much  
of  
what  
I  
do  
through  
search

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engines.

Do  
some  
searches  
on  
primes  
and  
probability  
now,  
and  
learn.

James  
Harris

I just did a  
google  
search on  
prime  
numbers.  
Not one  
mention of  
you in  
the first 3  
pages.

I am also  
guessing by  
this post  
that you  
still haven't  
learned how  
modern  
search  
engine  
work. That  
really isn't  
surprising.

I didn't say do a search on  
prime numbers.

I said do a search on primes  
and probability.

Sigh. You do that on  
purpose, don't you?

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Deliberately get this just  
wrong enough so that you  
can hold on to your  
delusions.

Wake up, you're being  
noticed by a lot more people  
around the world  
than you ever imagined, and  
they're not showing an  
interest in what you  
have to say--according to  
Google.

James Harris

Do a search on jshsucks. My posts come up  
on the first page. Does that  
mean that there are thousands of people  
doing searches for jshsucks?  
No, of course not.

You really should do some reading on how  
google works Harris, but we  
all know how averse you are to actual  
research, so you will stay  
blissfully ignorant as always.

You're ignored. Google shows that people don't pay attention  
to you,  
which doesn't surprise me, so why do I?

We'll come back to that question.

Any objective person would not equate Google searches on  
primes and  
probability with a highly specific thing as you mindlessly  
trying to  
insult me, when I'm trying to teach you something, and  
maybe save you  
from further embarrassment.

Be objective, use Google. You think you're doing something  
here, when  
the world has voted on what you're doing.

While I AM doing something here, which is why my posting

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moves Google  
search results in any number of areas from Java to primes to  
factoring.

The world IS listening to me, and they are not listening to  
you.

Do you really want this to continue? Want the rest of your  
life  
hearing that echo inside of your head?

So why am I listening to you?

You can post so you think you have power. But I like  
freedom of  
speech, and I don't like people who mess up arenas where  
real work can  
be done. So if I make an example of you, I can send a  
message to every  
person who is not smart enough that posting anonymously  
with some  
stupid pseudonym does not really protect you.

I can reach out and touch you anyway.

If you push me, then I will start showing you just how much  
I can do  
just with words, and as your life changes you will deny it,  
until you  
no longer can crawl to that keyboard and type anything, and  
you will  
still be somewhere out there—in denial.

But at least no one will hear you in cyberspace. Understand?

James Harris

Do your worst Harris. You are a nothing and will always be a nothing. I  
really hurt you when I proved you know nothing about how a google  
search works. You deluded yourself into thinking that thousands of  
people do searches on your work, and that you have an influence on  
these thousands of people. Using your logic, I am so famous that I  
appear on the first page of a google search.

I am stating right now that you can do nothing to me, you are impotent.  
You are a nerdy little guy who sits behind his computer's keyboard and  
dreams of fame and fortune.

James, you are a crank.

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Now, prove your mettle and punish me, if you can :-)

Ah, but that's where you're still confused. I won't punish you.

You will punish, yourself.

\_\_\_JSH

By the way James, I am capable of skipping over any posts that you mention me in. I have it in my power. You apparently can't stop from reading my posts and responding. You stated in the past that you wouldn't respond to me anymore, but here you are doing it. Seems like an impulse control problem.

I can read what posts of yours I choose to, and can skip those that I choose to. I can still reply to any of your posts that I feel like.

So answer me this(hypothetically), how will you make me punish myself if I choose to ignore any post of yours aimed at me?

In time I will stop reading your posts. I have taken months off before when I got really bored of you. You can at that time claim some kind of victory, since you will almost without a doubt still be posting like you have for years. It's funny, you think because over a long space of time some people have decided to move on from replying to your posts, you have one some sort of victory. Any sane person would see it as a victory for them since they were able to move on. You are stuck and always will be(unless you seek professional help, which you might one day). You are a slave to your own delusions.

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