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On Mar 20, 2:24 pm, "Ross A. Finlayson" <r...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Mar 20, 1:55 pm, charlesrkiss <charles.k...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

Google needs to step up their quality and fix this bullshit, or get out of the groups business!

Get out of the *what*?

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Jesse F. Hughes

They need to get out of the business pretending that having an open server with some BBS, under the pretense it is scientific or mathematical, has more value than just having an open server with some BS.

Charles

The spam is pretty bad there, and, it's coming through Google groups, and, they should do something about that.

I look at the "Google profiles" of the various accounts posting the spams. They post to usenet groups, AND, Google's private groups. So, the spammers are some kind of Google phenomenon, and, they've ruined a variety of the groups on Google, besides just infesting usenet groups.

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<http://groups.google.com/group/Google-Groups-Guide>

That appears to be the Google group about Google groups.

Here I shall write them a letter.

"How is Google reining in spammers through Google Groups? (Something is Broken)

There are some big problems with spam originating from Google groups members going out to USENET. The past month or two has seen spam on USENET that there hasn't been for many years if ever, and, 99% of it is coming through googlegroups.com. As well, these spam posters are spamming through Google individual Google groups as well.

These posts are spam, they are totally off-topic and posted all over the place, basically porn, knockoff goods, and various assorted garbage.

What's Google doing to solve this problem by restricting posts through Google groups to usenet to prevent these spams going out? How can there be a particular notification method to Google of these blatant spammers, so that Google's reputation is not further damaged and the healing process of un-spamming usenet can begin?"

I appreciate the notion of marking spam posts as spam, but it doesn't eliminate them, kind of like pancake over plague sores.

Math Forum seems to be doing a pretty good job of cutting out the spams. While that may be so, their interface is terrible to use, in terms of web to usenet gateways.

It seems that these automated spammers through Google Groups are the problem. Google, listen, as a responsible net citizen Google Groups shouldn't be allowing these spams through to usenet.

http://groups.google.com/group/Google-Groups-Basics/browse_thread/thread/4317974bb048e256/6fc85131a08fb722

That seems to indicate the Google is trying to cope with the matter and solve this problem, which is probably caused by only a handful of miscreants.

Consider http://groups.google.com/support/bin/request.py?contact_type=abuse_legal_iss&hl=en, a possible method of at least notification to Google of these spammers. It seems reasonable that for each Message-ID of spam via googlegroups.com, they should get sent into this form here, in a more or less automated manner, where, all the headers of the post can be included in the description, so that at least for posts to sic.math,

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these spams from googlegroups, that maybe there can be handled them in a more or less automated manner on the googlegroups side, in suspending and canceling these bogus accounts.

Google seems to want to hear about these spams, it's possible that by actually sending each of the spams from googlegroups back through the abuse interface, that it would be easier or more mechanical, at least, to remove the offending spam from the google groups, and hopefully as well encourage them to send out cancel control messages for those spams which do escape their domain to usenet proper.

So, what do people think about proactively sending Google the spam identifiers, in a more or less automated manner, towards, getting Google to stop forwarding these posts? It would help if it was known beforehand that the receive side of the abuse interface could handle automated posts up to the volume of spams coming from googlegroups.com, thus that it wouldn't simply flood their response mechanisms. It seems that if, for each spam to sci.math, sci.logic, etcetera from googlegroups, that was filed through Google's preferred notification method for these misuses, that would make it easy for Google to facilitate canceling out the spams.

Ross

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