

Re: WHY HAS THIS SITE BECOME SUCH A SPAM TARGET???

Re: WHY HAS THIS SITE BECOME SUCH A SPAM TARGET???

Source: <http://sci.tech-archive.net/Archive/sci.math/2008-03/msg03054.html>

- *From:* "Ross A. Finlayson" <raf@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Thu, 20 Mar 2008 21:46:56 -0700 (PDT)
-

On Mar 20, 8:21 pm, charlesrkiss <charles.k...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Mar 20, 8:24 pm, "Ross A. Finlayson" <r...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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*?

--

Jesse F. Hughes

Re: WHY HAS THIS SITE BECOME SUCH A SPAM TARGET???

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.

<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

Re: WHY HAS THIS SITE BECOME SUCH A SPAM TARGET???

Re: WHY HAS THIS SITE BECOME SUCH A SPAM TARGET???

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.

Re: WHY HAS THIS SITE BECOME SUCH A SPAM TARGET???

http://groups.google.com/group/Google-Groups-Basics/browse_thread/thr...

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 le...](http://groups.google.com/support/bin/request.py?contact_type=abuse_le...), 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, 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

Google does a pretty good job of removing contents and accounts from Youtube that contain "adult" material. And I can remember when this "group" was moderated, by whomever.

Re: WHY HAS THIS SITE BECOME SUCH A SPAM TARGET???

Re: WHY HAS THIS SITE BECOME SUCH A SPAM TARGET???

Google is just trying to save themselves some fricking cash for their cronies by not taking any responsibility for this crap. Dont get me wrong, we can all enjoy a little adult content now and again, when in the mood. But here? Give me a break, they need to get their name off this page (see above, top left corner), remove the word, "Groups" from their search page, or do something about this horrible spam my kids have to sift through reading when looking to post a simple question in "sci.math." Or is it porn.sci.math?

In doing some research through Google groups, consider something along the lines of "at3yul2", who posted as early as Sep. 2, 2007.

In its early posts at3yul2 promotes leadclub.com, and later atomicsearchoptimization.com. The leadclub.com seems pretty shady, consider for example how it links to "directorym.com", which has fraudulent seeming claims to wsj, inc, and other business notions. The atomicseo.net outfit advertises its "organic link-building" in terms of generating data for this search optimization type thing, i.e., "astroturf" type grassroots, fake.

X-HTTP-UserAgent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; Media Center PC 5.0; .NET CLR 3.0.04506),gzip(gfe),gzip(gfe)

The at3yul2 first appears around September 2, 2007. Then, another interesting account is "noah harmon", along with a wide variety of other yahoo e-mail addresses that are apparently random letters. Someone has implemented a bot that post in various fora these under these various account names these various postings. Consider "sergio clive", "curtis schneider", "randolph duncan", and etcetera

<http://groups.google.com/group/Kenison-Counting-Numbers/topics?start=260&sa=N>

X-HTTP-UserAgent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.2; SV1; .NET CLR 1.1.4322),gzip(gfe),gzip(gfe)

The first post of "noah harmon" post appears to be to "Kenison Counting Numbers", with X-IP: 222.209.126.65 , with no reverse DNS lookup (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reverse_DNS_lookup). <http://www.robert.net/ccTLD/ARPA/IN-ADDR/222> , the block's in China. (Various hosts are from many places, and many of them are probably zombie hosts, computer hosts that are virus hosts, enabling circuitous routing for track hiding, other hosts indicate the Ukraine, India, etcetera, almsot certainly innocent if ignorant dupes.)

<http://groups.google.com/group/Kenison-Counting-Numbers/msg/0f3374a850ae9fa7?dmode=source>

Now, all of the posts to that group except the first appear to be computer generated. The various accounts, and there aren't totally so

Re: WHY HAS THIS SITE BECOME SUCH A SPAM TARGET???

Re: WHY HAS THIS SITE BECOME SUCH A SPAM TARGET???

many as there are variously many complications in setting up "free" e-mail accounts from yahoo or gmail or whoever, print copy that may have been written by a person, or could be generated by a chatbot in an easy to understand manner.

Consider these accounts names: at3yulg2, brwqvi8h, ro3z4xqh, ayt46g6b, rq5znszb, MVSLINKS, e7hrqzo, afqs64bt, rq5znszb. Now, searching for any of those reveals a list of posts by those names, and indications that they are automated spam in the response to the various usenet newsgroups where they posted. Yet, at this point, they don't have the "user profile" link next to them in the Google groups interface, where other accounts do.

So, looking for posts of September 2 2007 to sci.econ, there are a variety of them from this spam bot.

Basically I have a notion that early posts that can be attributed to this spam flood can be identified as sources, vectors, of these spam bot virii. So, then maybe various patterns towards identification of the probably very small group irresponsible for this are clearly out in the open, if an amateur like myself can find these kinds of things in a few hours.

Ross