
Subject: spreadable meat

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Hey! I am sick and tired of all these IDL programming posts showing up in my incestuous-necro-bestiality newsgroup!

While I am greatly amused by the subject lines of some of these posts anyone have any great ideas on how to reduce the impact of all these spam messages?

I was thinking that a couple of newsgroup rules would help in my filtering efforts. Such as:

- 1) Messages that are cross posted will be filtered out
- 2) messages that contain a hyperlink will be filtered out.

Those rules would eliminate a lot of the spam, but could also filter out real messages. In order for the newsgroup to usefully have any rules, all posters must be aware of them. So I suggest putting a line in the FAQ that states these rules, then newbies could read it to find out why no-one answers their posts.

The hyperlink is probably a bad idea to filter out, since it has a legitimate use. And it is often used in answer to a question. Perhaps the filter would not block responses with hyperlink in it.

Another possible rule, put IDL in the subject line. i.e. "IDL: my colors don't work"

Just kicking around some ideas, any others?

And, is there an IDL FAQ, and does anyone keeping care of it?

Cheers,
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