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Subject: Re: Google Group problems - email address visible

Posted by [Andy Sayer](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2014 19:36:30 GMT

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As an update: Lajos has discovered that 'Reply to author' in his reader will send the author an email, even if their email address is private. (I don't appear to have that button in the Google Groups reader.) So that's a relief in at least the email address isn't directly displayed. But, still didn't find a way to disable being sent emails.

Andy

On Wednesday, April 2, 2014 3:17:25 PM UTC-4, AMS wrote:

> I don't know if this is a Google Groups issue specific to this group or not, so thought I'd ask...

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> I try to set my email address to be invisible every place possible, to prevent e.g. farming by spambots and unsolicited messages. When I Google search this group and look at my posts, I can't see any way to find my email address from my posts. Similarly, Google tech support tell me my address is not publically viewable.

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> Despite this, about 50% of the time I reply to a thread here I get an email from the thread starter who has inadvertently replied to me rather than to the group. Most of the time they're not aware that the message was sent to me rather than to the group. So clearly, there is some mechanism by which my email address is accessible somehow.

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> Has anyone else experienced this? Does anyone know how to make sure my details really are private? I can't find any more privacy settings to check and unfortunately logging into and posting in groups appears to require being logged into my Gmail account. (As mentioned before, contacting Google about this suggests that what is happening to me should not be possible. Eppur si muove.)

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> Thanks,

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> Andy

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