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Subject: Re: Google Group problems - email address visible  
Posted by [Heinz Stege](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2014 23:23:52 GMT  
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Hi Andy.

On Wed, 2 Apr 2014 12:17:25 -0700 (PDT), AMS wrote:

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> 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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Googles tech support seems not to be right. It's true, that I can't see your email address by using Googles web interface. However normally I use (as many other people do) a newsreader client, which is downloading the messages from a news server. (News groups are no invention by Google. Google sends your messages to the other News server on this world by the Network News Transfer Protocol (NNTP) [see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NNTP>], so that everybody can read it.) And the header of your messages does contain your full email address. (If you like to see it, I can sent you the header of your message by mail.)

I think, it is okay, that the message headers contain the email addresses of the sender. At least this is the standard. My solution to prevent spam, is to use a special email address for news groups, so that my email program puts the mails with this email address directly and quietly into the spam folder. From time to time I take a look into the folder to see, if there is something, which I should read.

Cheers, Heinz

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