
Subject: Re: spam is destroying this group

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Mon, 27 Nov 2017 03:17:18 GMT

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On Friday, November 24, 2017 at 6:24:41 PM UTC-5, gom...@gmail.com wrote:

> There appears to be about a 25% spam ratio lately, and having to open spam threads and manually mark each of them is not a viable solution. If this was a non-Usenet Google group, then the owner could implement an automatic spam filter without needing to moderate every post.

Until about a year ago, a user marking a comp.lang.idl-pvwave thread as spam on Google groups would remove it from the feed for *everyone*. I am not sure why Google ended this nice feature, but I suspect that supporting Usenet groups is very low on their priority list.

A problem with switching from Usenet to Google, Yahoo or Facebook groups is that one needs to first create a Google, Yahoo, or Facebook identity in order to post. This is also true for the Harris newsgroup, which (besides being clunky) requires one to register with Harris in order to post. (Of course, the ability of anyone to post to Usenet also makes it more susceptible to spam.) StackExchange might be a solution but I suspect the small community of IDL users could get lost in that giant software forum.

If we needed to create a new forum, I guess my vote would be for a (non-Usenet) Google group.

But I'm not sure we are at that point yet, since (as mentioned before) one can "Report abuse" with Google groups with a single click, and all subsequent posts to that thread are automatically hidden. --Wayne
