
Subject: Re: spreadable meat

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 27 Apr 2004 17:21:39 GMT

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R.G. Stockwell writes:

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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: spreadable meat

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Tue, 27 Apr 2004 17:44:04 GMT

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"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message news:MPG.1af84492e28e6620989732@news.frii.com...

...

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You don't know what your missing!
Must be nice. :)

So, nevermind then. I had assumed the spam was a universal problem.
I see 8 spam messages in the last 5 days (i.e a couple a day).
I'm using qwest's newsserver, which seems to do absolutely nothing.

I will now crawl back under my rock.

-bob

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Posted by [Ken Knapp](#) on Tue, 27 Apr 2004 20:38:07 GMT
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Not sure what Dave is doing differently, but the newsgroup spam occurs
too often. Anything you can do to remove some is much appreciated.

> 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
Sounds good.
> 2) messages that contain a hyperlink will be filtered out.
Sounds not so good.

Not sure what filtering is available, so can't suggest much except that
would appreciate _some_ filtering.
How about filtering out any email that doesn't mention IDL? ... Well,
that wouldn't work either... not sure what could be done.
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Fearful in Asheville-
-Ken

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***** to reply remove the _REMOVE_ *****

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Ken Knapp writes:

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Oh, heck. Some of my best posts wouldn't be read. :-(

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David

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Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Tue, 27 Apr 2004 20:47:55 GMT

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I second this, our news server here at UW does a fairly good job (3 questionable messages in the past 5 days) but at home, the comcast news server is considerably worse. I think ISP's like comcast and quest deliberately fail to provide filtering on their "free" news servers in order to sell their premium services.

Does your news reader allow you to define rules for hiding/deleting messages?

-Rick

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Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Tue, 27 Apr 2004 21:33:53 GMT
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news:c6mh7i\$d2a\$1@news.nems.noaa.gov...
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To be clear, I (or anyone) cannot do anything to the newsgroup.
Each reader would filter for themselves.

I am using Outlook Express, which has some meager filtering available.
Under Message/Create Rule from Message/

One could get a better newsreader (for example I probably will
switch to Mozilla for newsgroups, I already use it for email and web browsing.)

My only suggestion would be the creation of some rules, which could
work since this newsgroup is so tightly knit. But I'm starting to think it
is probably a bad idea to try to get the IDL community to agree on rules,
let alone have everybody follow it.

Offhand I don't see how to filter crossposted messages in outlook express or in
Mozilla. I'll check out free agent and some others to see if that is possible.

cheers,
bob

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Posted by [henrygroe](#) on Wed, 28 Apr 2004 23:27:14 GMT

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I don't know how everyone else is accessing the newsgroup, but using

<http://groups.google.com/groups?hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&group=comp.lang.idl-pwwave>

I have seen maybe 1 spam in the entire time I've been lurking and rarely contributing.
