

Re: Fed up with "Linux sucks..." type of messages

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Wenceslao wrote:

- > *Go some where else, you stupid M\$ fanatics....This is a Linux group,*
- > *anyone who knows what a computer is and who uses it for a bit more than*
- > *using f***ing Dreamweaver and shit like that, know that Linux is far, far*
- > *much more superior than M\$ bullshit....*

While your feeling is understandable, that's in fact what they're trying to accomplish. It's like a little kid being bad in a bid for attention, though in many cases they probably smugly tell themselves how smart they are for getting a reaction.

It's a long-standing and unsolvable problem on Usenet. I suspect at least some chronic trolls, not necessarily or just in this group, have emotional problems and this is one way they get their jollies. I've unsubscribed from several newsgroups because of the low signal-to-noise ratio. Too many racists, professional haters, or political whack-jobs clogging the on-topic messages and making the headers painful even to read. Legitimate posters stop posting after awhile, making the problem worse.

While it's annoying, at least no one gets hurt. The best advice is to ignore them. Don't respond at all. Complaints, insults or abuse are what they're looking for.

It's one of the many factors--like the mountains of spam--that have contributed to the decline in popularity of newsgroups. My first newsgroup experience was when using Windows and AOL. You can't do that anymore because AOL has dropped newsgroups because too few people were using them. Too bad.

Of course, I dropped AOL because they didn't have a Linux version. Their loss. But even if tomorrow AOL announced a new Linux client, I'd be hard-pressed to sign up. Even with all its problems, I'm one of the minority who likes getting the nuggets of information from Usenet.

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The trolls, nut cases and, perhaps, even the winds of fashion are contributing to the decline of Usenet. I suspect some day it'll be gone entirely.

I'll miss it.

--Rod

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