

Re: Why can't ISPs stop spam/virus ?!

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> *Oops! easy-lab@absamail.co.za was seen spray-painting on a wall:*
> > *Am I unreasonable to give my ISP 2 days to fix my spam/virus email*
> > *of > 10Mb/hr ?*

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Christopher Browne <cbbrowne@acz.org> wrote:

> *When there's a weekend in the way, yes.*

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> *The _good_ staff programmers won't be interested in working the odd*
> *hours.*

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Perhaps, but some rightly describe this as a WAR !

Do they wait for the holidays to finish before they call in the _good_ firemen ?

> > *Why can't they route my (and other reporting victims) mail, through*
> > *a filter . There are several possible criteria for such a filter*
> > *(if the ISP can't see then I can provide the filtering parameters)*
> > *which would remove most of the recent disasterous spam/virus which*
> > *fills up our mailboxes in one hour, and blocks most valid posts.*

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> *It turns out that the "possible criteria" aren't actually all that*
> *simple, not to do it _right_, anyways.*

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Apparently you're no aware of this (IMO starting on the 18 Sept) worm/virus/spam wave ? My latest 10 loads of average 100 mails each (fills my 10Mb quota) would be effectively filtered by the following:

90% > 80Mb size

60% has no 'Subject' or 'sender' in the header (which my dir shows)

30% has "icrosoft" in the 'subject'

10% I can supply a header attribute to the filter.

IMO this give a very good 'kill-rate'. Much better than most treatments in the medical profession.

> *The much-loved "SpamAssassin" was letting most of them through, and*
> *some fairly smart people have worked on that one. ISP staff that are*
> *lucky if they know how to deal with all the hardware they bought*

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> *aren't likely to do as well.*

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I don't doubt that a small load of well designed spam can pass through.

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