

# Re: Famous Spammer Uses Challenge–Responses

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Hello

Floyd L. Davidson (<[floyd@barrow.com](mailto:floyd@barrow.com)>) wrote:

- > *As I noted, it is impossible for me to prevent a reader from*
- > *using foolish configuration options or poorly designed software.*
- > *[...]*
- > *You do realize that if text is formatted into columns, for*
- > *example to present a table of useful information in a readable*
- > *manner, \*you\* are going to have a mess rather than anything*
- > *useful.*

If a user feels the need to do it, he or she can switch to monospaced fonts anytime. With knode all I have to do is to press "x", and your message (especially diagrams, tables and all kind of ASCII art) will be displayed the way you wrote it. Yet I definitely don't prefer to read large amounts of text that way. I prefer some sans–serif font like Arial, Verdana or Helvetica, no matter what /you/ think is good for me.

The really foolish thing is that you think it would be good if you could dictate the way others see your messages. One of the big advantages of emails, usenet posts and web pages is that the /reader/ can decide how the content is displayed to him – by choosing the fonts for his applications, by setting up user defined style sheets for his web browser, and by using the other means he has to make his applications display everything to /his/ needs, not to yours. If you think differently, maybe you should start sending your posts as PDF files.

best regards

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