

The Future of the Usenet (was: Re: Good-Bye rr.com)

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On comp.os.linux.misc, in
<zHpff.51762\$OF6.3181695@phobos.telenet-ops.be>, "Aragorn" wrote:

Aragorn. Long time no see.

> *On Friday 18 November 2005 16:32, Alan Connor stood
> up and spoke the following words to the masses in
> /comp.os.linux.misc...:/*
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>> *Those posts from the deranged spammer through rr.com were the
>> straw that broke the camel's back.*
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>> *Add them to the fact that rr.com is a favorite of trolls and
>> doesn't even respond to complaints...*
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>> *I'm leaving any posts from them on the server from now on.*
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>> *The entire posts.*
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>> *And any responses to them.*
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>> *Haven't decided about telia.net/com yet.*
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> *As far as I know, Telia is a Swedish ISP. We've already had
> previous experiences with zombies/crackers from that ISP, but I
> guess every ISP has such cretins among their customers.*

Telia at least sent an auto-response when I mailed them.

I've seen a lot of trolling through rr.com, though, and they didn't respond at all. And never have.

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> *I've seen three distinctly different IP addresses being used in
> this attack – it was not just directed at this group, by the
> way – and they probably lead to zombie PC's.*

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I'm sure you're right. My guess is that this is the same person who has been spamming the Usenet with those ridiculous subjects like "Turn \$8.50 into a \$14,000 Monthly Income in 6 Weeks."

I think he made \$0.00 for all of his efforts, and is pissed.

If I ran an NSP, every client would be required to use the same alias every time they posted. Not necessarily their real name, just the same one. If killfiles worked, the Usenet would be a much better place in short order, and good people would come back to it.

There'd be a period of very little activity, but it wouldn't last long. Without trolls and spammers, the Usenet could be the most valuable facet of the Internet.

None of the mailing lists I subscribe to have any spam or trollmail, so it can be done. And some of them are huge, run by just one person in some cases.

Partly, it is greed on the part of NSPs that is responsible: Trolls and spammers buy a lot of accounts and bandwidth.

Partly, it is the fact that a lot of powerful interests do not like free speech at all.

Allowing trolls free reign on the Usenet is like allowing vandals free reign in a neighborhood: Good way to make sure that it isn't a place that educated and thoughtful and productive people choose to be.

If the above change isn't implemented, I think the Usenet is just going to die.

Alan

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<http://home.earthlink.net/~alanconnor/> I've never read these trollshit sites, but if you are really bored:
<http://www.pearlgates.net/nanae/kooks/alanconnor.shtml>
<http://www.netcomhost.net/wordpress/victims-of-alan-connor/>