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On 06 May 2007, in the Usenet newsgroup comp.os.linux.misc, in article <slrnf3sjfc.33e.pjr@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Peter J Ross wrote:

[I thought we might as well have a meaningful Subject line]

Google is making a lot of enemies, isn't it?

Michael Heiming <michael+USENET@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Peter J Ross <pjr@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>:

Moe Trin <ibuprofin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Michael Heiming wrote:

this looks like asking for a permanent entry in the lines off:

^User-Agent:[]G2/1.0*\$

Depends on where you put it – if done in leafnode, you'll have to stop

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posting your newsgroup stats, as google is (unfortunately) used by many posters whose ISPs are either so cheap, or so stupid as to not have a news service.

In addition to users not knowing what usenet is at all, since they use groups.google and might not be aware what the fuzz is about?

Google is a major part of the problem, because despite their vast and vaunted computer skills, they can't (or won't) control blatant spam, much less the clueless abuse. I regret it, but I'm starting to kill on the NNTP-Posting-Host: header, only my cuts are more broad. They're killing their own goose, because if all you see is spammers and abusers on google, what's the sense of going there and hence who is going to see their crappy ads? Their "service" is getting less attractive every day, and fortunately there ARE alternatives in the search engine business.

On the other hand, some helpful people may use Google Gropes when they temporarily lack access to a real news server. Any system of killfiling Gropers has to be flexible enough to allow the useful minority not to be killfiled.

I don't yet know how many useful/helpful people are posting from there, but my concern is the legitimate poster – mostly new users – who are having a real problem and need help, and for one reason or another has no other access to Usenet. That's the main reason I haven't killed google-posters long ago – as you show, it's absolutely trivial to do.

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msgid_only=\.googlegroups\.com>
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Geez, I haven't used tin in _AGES_ and can't remember the syntax

Might do the trick, though I have never put much work into tin kill filling, leafnode does all I need at a more centralized point.

I'm not having any real problems doing so with slrn.

E.g., I'm currently experimenting with these rules in Slrn, which I'm

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sure could be adapted for Tin:

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% Google Gropers
[*comp*, news.*]
Score: -100
Message-Id: \.googlegroups\.com>
~From: poster@example\.com
~From: poster@example\.net
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Message-Id: contains googlegroups.com and (not) from poster \$FOO – yeah that works.

Score: -200

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{::
Xref: ::*:
~References: .
}
```

Never tried this – and not sure I understand it. The 'Xref:' catches posts to multiple groups (which I don't mind), while the 'References:' header should catch replies. I do filter on the Xref: header, but that is mainly some wide regex's to ignore obviously off–topic groups such as most of the alphabet. Just looked at the newsgroup file, and forget the big–eight newsgroups, my server has groups I've never considered:

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[compton ~]$ cut -d'.' -f1 .newsrsc | sort -u | wc -l
4275
[compton ~]$
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That would be the first dotted name of the 107000 newsgroups available.

The effect with my current settings is that all Gropers not individually excluded are scored down and sorted towards the bottom of the list of articles, while all non–excluded Gropers who start new threads or who participate in crossposts are marked read.

Looks correct – this won't work for me, as I do most of the filtering in slrnpull, and any negative ending score results in that article being killed. This would work in slrn itself.

Old guy

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