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HOW TO DEFEAT EMAIL SPAM

How to defeat spam at the rootsJust about everyone goes trough the hassle of removing unnessecary spam
in their inbox every day. If you have a fresh and unused email address and
want it so stay clean of spam mails then you should consider these steps bellow.But to understand why you should consider these steps we will talk
about spiders (also known as: bots,address harvester,parser,the list goes on..) first.Never think your email address is safe because a human beeing has to register or do any
other fancy stuff to see your address. And please consider that today almost anything
is beeing spidered by google and other bigger search engines. That means that entering
your email address in private guestbooks or bulleting boards is not safe at all,
because it is indexed by these engines. Most email address harvester start their search
in the big indexes like google,dmoz or yahoo.In these days you can automate about everything a human can do except writing semaphorically
correct letters or articles. Even if you display your email address
as an image on your bussiness website the bots will be able to decipher it
and get your mailbox filled with unnesecary spam.A good script or bot can even knock out these fancy captchas.7 steps how you can avoid getting your new email address awash with spam.1. Do not enter your real email address in guestbooks or bulletin boards (even if they are register only).
2. Do not activate images or even html emails in your email client. When loading images there is the risk that you will send your identification to the spammers server and he will set your email address to valid (and probably resell it).
3. If you really want to give your email address away, you should obfuscate it as much as possible (still human readable though). As an example for your.name@example.com use your[dot]name(at)example[dot]com, this will not stop all the bots but you will get less spam for sure.
4. If you have your own domain you should use the catch all function and use email addresses like www.iregisterhere.com@yourdomain.com so you can always block that specific address when someone begins sending spam or sold your address.
5. If you only want to read some information on a register only bulletin board or site you should use a disposable email address like http://www.mailslapping.com/ .
6. Use a good antivirus and mal-,spy- and adware detection tool. They often steal your addressbook and resell the addresses, including your own.
7. Do not use those fancy and 99 percent useless browser toolbars. They often include malware and/or spyware that can even capture data you enter in web forms.You are on the safe side if you do not blindly trust the sites which want you to enter your
email address. If you use your email address for direct contact with a serious business or company
there is most likely no harm. Deactivate HTML rendering of your emails in the mail client of your choice. If you use a email address from a free service like GMX, Yahoo, or your local provider. There is most
likely an option which lets you filter spam on the server. This way you can stop spam before its in your
inbox. Its always better to block aggressive and explicitly allow the sender addresses you want. This way you
probably loose a mail or two, but it is not an email from someone you really need to receive mails.There are also some good blacklists out there. If you can configure your mailserver to use them (or your mailclient) then
you really should. These blacklists grow everyday and are pretty well up to date. One of them is SpamHaus (just google for email blacklist).It depends on your needs but the more of these steps you can follow the less spam you will get.