Subject: Spamboys

Posted by zentom on Thu, 30 Jun 2005 20:42:25 GMT

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Subject: Re: Spamboys

Posted by Stealth on Thu, 30 Jun 2005 21:48:20 GMT

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Thus spoke zentom:

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I've had a couple of mail encounters with them. Fact is, none of that money is real - none but what they're trying to rip you for.

Your best bet? Ignore their emails, go to http://www.419eater.com/ and have a good laugh at what people did to the scammers. Pay close attention to the "hall of shame" and what people were tricked into spelling out for the wide world to see.

Subject: Re: Spamboys

Posted by Jim Brain on Thu, 30 Jun 2005 22:14:15 GMT

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I see lots of people put a bogus email as their email address for news postings.

Or, if you are like me, and your email address is all over USENET from way back, a good spam filter is a must. I get hundreds of spams eac day, some using email addresses in jbrain.com that have not been used on USENET for 6 years or so.

Besides, you're just a measly potential millionaire. Quit whining. I'm a potential trillionaire, AND I'm just a mouse click away from increasing my size immensely (If they mean my girth, it seems cheaper to just let nature and greasy foods take its course.). Oh, and some harem of unhappy housewives appears to be gunning for my affections. I'm not sure my wife would take too kindly to that, so let me know if there's any interest, the emails sounded urgent.

Did I mention I hate spam? I remember getting email in 1990 and thinking it was so cool to get a missive from someone across the country or ocean. Sigh.

Jim

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Dabbling in WWW, Embedded Systems, Old CBM computers, and Good Times!

Subject: Re: Spamboys

Posted by Anton Treuenfels on Fri, 01 Jul 2005 01:07:47 GMT

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For a while I collected them into categories:

- the Over-Inflated Contract: having abused their positions of trust to steal the excess, they now need an honest person to help them move it out of the country
- the Deceased Account Holder: never, ever put millions of dollars in an African bank and fail to name a beneficiary if you should die. 'Cause you

will, and soon. Now the overseer wants your help to claim the money

- the Ousted Leader: son/daughter/aide-de-camp was told about millions stashed with a security company that has no idea of the contents, and further advised to seek a foreign national to help them move it out of the country
- the Dying Repentant: having spent life in the pursuit of money, is now dying with only greedy relatives to leave it to. Needs your help to distribute the money to charity

Once I got an out-of-sequence letter from the "lawyer" who was supposed to fill out the paperwork that would name me next of kin (the Deceased Account Holder). Seems his erstwhile partners, the ones who contacted me in the first place, failed to pay him. No matter - now he was determined to collect his share from me. In advance, so as to avoid being cheated again.

Anyway, now I just forward them (along with the notices of my frequent lottery winnings and my urgent need to update my account information at places I don't have accounts) to scams@fraudwatchinternational.com and then delete them.

Dunno if anything is actually done with/about them, but it feels like I'm taking action.

- Anton Treuenfels

"zentom" <zentom@gmail.com> wrote in message news:1120164145.565401.66500@g44g2000cwa.googlegroups.com...

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Posted by Jerry Kurtz on Sat, 02 Jul 2005 15:19:43 GMT

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I like to send them back a message stating that they should just print me a check:)

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Posted by rusure on Sat, 02 Jul 2005 16:00:59 GMT

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My MCAFEE SPAM KULLER eats everything. When I try to retrieve valid mail from the MSK stomach, the mail dissappears, the same as deleting the blocked msil. I can't even disable MSK. The only thing I can do is give MSK bogus server names and manually delete spam.