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## Spam Bot Attack

Posted by Tara - 2007/01/27 15:19

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It seems as though SOT was attack my a spam bot. We had over 100 spam posts so I needed to go into the database to delete them. There is chance that while I was deleting the spam post that I may have accidentally deleted a few real posts too.

If something like this happens in the future the best way to contact me about it is to use the contact link inthe main menu. I don't get automatic notices when people post in the the site feedback forum.

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## Re:Spam Bot Attack

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/01/27 20:16

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I just noticed I had an email in my yahoo acct. that I didn't recognize and it had an attachment. No way was I going to open it!

Not sure if it was related to the goings on here... But just in case..

The sender's name was supposedly 'Phed' and subject was 'Anthonie'.. Looked to suspicious to me..

Be on the lookout just in case..

I might delete my email addy off my personal info just in case. Although it may only help in the future if someone is trying to glean info from the site.. Might be too late this time. I think Yahoo has a way of blocking unwanted senders..

I was looking for a notify mod button but didn't see anything.. I guess I'll have to look again in case it comes up again.

Can you block the IP address of the offender?

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## Re: \*\*\* Spam Bot Attack \*\*\*

Posted by Nadia - 2007/01/30 10:11

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looks like we have another problem. Look out for loveshi. I have contacted Tara and left her a message.

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## Re: \*\*\* Spam Bot Attack \*\*\*

Posted by Tara - 2007/01/30 19:28

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You used the contact form in main menu? I didn't receive it!

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## Re: \*\*\* Spam Bot Attack \*\*\*

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/01/30 22:20

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The only thing I could figure out to do was to pull up the profile..and report the user.. Not sure if it would go straight to you or not.

The contact info on the menu...had a #... I don't have a cell so I wasn't about to try that.

I've been looking around for some other way to contact you short of pm'ing you...

I got another wierd email today similar to the one I rec'd the other day but with different people's name's.. I reported it to yahoo as spam..I think it's connected to the first one.

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I may pull my email info from my profile if it's there.

I hope everyone has updated their software that protects their pc's from virus'es. Just in case!

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**Re: \*\*\* Spam Bot Attack \*\*\***

Posted by Tara - 2007/01/31 00:09

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There is a simple contact form on that page. I can't be on this site 24/7 if you want to spam removed quickly please use the contact form. Otherwise I won't be notified about it.

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**Re: \*\*\* Spam Bot Attack \*\*\***

Posted by Tara - 2007/01/31 00:12

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I doubt that the viruses you have been getting have anything to do with this site. I have yet to get any associated with the email addresses I use for this site. I get many sent to other email addresses though. More than likely somebody who has you in their outlook address book has an infected computer.

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**Re: \*\*\* Spam Bot Attack \*\*\***

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/01/31 03:03

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Yeah, I haven't received anything that looks like it would come from here. But I also still have friends that put everyone's e-mail addy in the TO line so that I think half of the free world now has my e-mail addy!!!!

I just automatically delete absolutely anything from my e-mail that comes from anyone I don't know personally. And hubby does keep our virus programs up to date!

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**Re: \*\*\* Spam Bot Attack \*\*\***

Posted by Nadia - 2007/01/31 03:49

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Tara wrote:

You used the contact form in main menu? I didn't receive it!

Hey Tara,

I went into contacts from the main menu and left you a message.  
This is the one below ? I cut and pasted to show.

It was around 9am my time that I left you the message.

Contact Startingovertalk.com

508) 322-7719

\*\*\*\*Please note: This site is not officially affiliated with the show Starting Over. \*\*\*\*

Send an Email to this Contact:

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Enter your name:

E-mail address:

Message subject:

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**Re: \*\*\* Spam Bot Attack \*\*\***

Posted by Nadia - 2007/01/31 03:59

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KPW,

I'm not familiar with yahoo, I use hotmail but doesn't yahoo give you the option where you can only receive mail from your contacts? This way here you won't receive any unwanted emails from ppl that you don't know and from spam.

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**Re: \*\*\* Spam Bot Attack \*\*\***

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/01/31 09:29

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Thanks Nadia..

I don't really have people keyed into my contacts there.. I actually haven't even tried on all the bells and whistles! I am somewhat of a computer novice.. I feel good that I can navigate search engines and do the basics! I know I can at least type! LOL!

I did see that yahoo had a spam button and I know even without that they automatically filter things that appear to be coming in bulk... (mass mailings)..and those go to a bulk 'category' (for the lack of a better or more appropriate term). I occasionally check those out, and that is where they definitely tend to go..all those stupid emails about mortgages and viagra and other drugs.. So it does a pretty good job of filtering 95% of the junk. There are some that come through bulk that I did sign up for.. but those are usually once a quarter or monthly 'mailings'.

Maybe hitting the spam button on the recent ones will help divert future ones to 'bulk' heaven or yahoo blocks the isp.

Not sure how they do it on their end. I really should look around my yahoo and get more familiar with it's capabilities..

Tara, I don't want you to think I was complaining.. I was looking for a way to contact you quickly just so you knew what was happening and saw the same page Nadia did.. We appreciate you and this site and know it's beyond anyone's capabilities to be on 24/7... I do very much appreciate you... this site, and the cyber friendships forged here..

I know my husband recently updated one of our computers browsers...and the SO page looked alot different to me.. I know there was another time that depending on which browser I was using on another forum.. different features were available.. (or missing) Could that be the case here?

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