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spam invasion on our site forum

sharpeave / February 26, 2006 11:37AM

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The last few days our forum (powered by Phorum, of course) has been invaded by nonsense posts. Below is an example:

Re:

Author: Mohan (---.racsa.co.cr)

Date: 02-26-06 08:44

barstools barstools cephalixin cephalixin atenolol atenolol caremark caremark cookie cutters cookie cutters grandfather clocks grandfather clocks branson missouri branson missouri clenbuterol clenbuterol oregon lottery oregon lottery closet organizer closet organizer full tilt poker full tilt poker powerball winning numbers powerball winning numbers.

I can go in and delete them via my admin but is there any way I can block these?

Also, I'm curious as to how they got there in the first place and what possible purpose do they serve to the poster?

Thanks!

Jerry

Steel Rat / February 26, 2006 05:21PM

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They're getting search words into the data. They're a bunch of moronic losers, to be sure. Banning the username, IP, and Email they used to register are about the only things you can do that I know of.

Steel Rat

[\[infinite-realities.com\]](#)

sharpeave / February 26, 2006 08:16PM

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Thanks Steel Rat,

I haven't been able to find out how to go about banning them via the username, IP or email addy.

How is that done?

thanks again

Jerry

Steel Rat / February 26, 2006 08:36PM

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Not sure, with Phorum. Look in the available Modules, I think I saw something there that would help.

Steel Rat

[\[infinite-realities.com\]](http://infinite-realities.com)

Durtdawber / February 26, 2006 08:50PM

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If you use cpanel on your server, you can go in and ban their entire ip or ip range at the server level instead of the phorum level.

Thomas Seifert / February 27, 2006 02:20AM

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Banning can be done in the admin, see banlists there.

Thomas Seifert

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sheik / February 28, 2006 04:51AM

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Do you require users to register in order to post? If so, it should be relatively easy to stop this happening, as the spammers need to register a new account each time they get banned.

If, like me, you allow unregistered visitors to post, then you are far more exposed to automated spam.

Since I started using a CAPTCHA for unregistered users, my spam has stopped though.

The module is here: [\[www.phorum.org\]](http://www.phorum.org)

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My notable Phorum sites:

[Movie Deaths Database](#) - "review comments" system mostly powered by Phorum

[Learn Chinese!](#) - integrated forum quiz

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