Script Kiddies

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EVERY now and then people come to IRC or send an E-mail asking for a *Tux Machines* user account to be created. It's the only way to get comments or forum posts through. It's now scarce. That's because for over a year the registration option has been disabled, due to spam that floods the database with spam users who potentially spam the Web site too (comments, forum posts, etc.), demonstrating a real issue that I have had with PHP-Nuke, MediaWiki, Drupal, and WordPress in some other Web sites. It is a common issue with no perfect solution to it [2]. Since spammers use random names (causing consistency issues in the database) and fake E-mail addresses this can get the server blacklisted by some mail servers, which in itself is problematic.

We have enabled database-based blacklists [3] to prevent some registrations by spammers and this will hopefully allow us to restore community participation, not just from long-time readers who registered years ago. ?

? tuxmachines vs lxer [4] How does one report spam comments? ? [5]

WebSite

Source URL: http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/63570

Links:
[1] http://www.tuxmachines.org/forum/1
[2] https://drupal.org/node/877404
[3] https://drupal.org/project/spambot
[4] http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/63593
[5] http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/56983