2003 Hating spam has nothing to do with the delicious canned, processed, chemically preserved meat product made by the Hormel Co. The name Spam came from a contest that Hormel had to choose the name. Spam means

spiced ham.

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The strange comedy group Monty Python did a skit on their TV show about a restaurant that served every item with Spam.

An unpleasant waitress kept repeating Spam on and on. (This type of comedy is called absurdity [ab-SURD-a-tee].) It was hilarious. A hit.

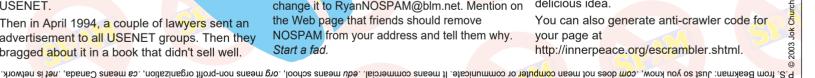
So the word spam came to mean: words that you get piles of, that don't mean anything, and on top of that, are irritating, and a criminal theft of your download time. For short.

Fight Back

Put a link to this URL on your Web page: http://members.hostedscripts.com/antispam.html This page creates 100 different fake e-mail addresses every time a Web-crawler looks at it. The spam will bounce back to spammers over and over again. It chokes the spammer on his or her own e-mails. This is a rather delicious idea.

You can also generate anti-crawler code for your page at

http://innerpeace.org/escrambler.shtml.



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Dear Readers, Let's start 2003 with a new e-mail address for your questions

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Beakman or Jax P.O. Box 30177 Kansas City, MO 64112 Questions, name & address

One morning last summer, Beakman and I checked our e-mail, and we had gotten 172 separate pieces of junk e-mail. It took over an hour to download because we use a dial-up modem and not some fancy DSL. So we just shut off our e-mail address.

One enormous problem with that is that we miss you and your e-mails.

We miss real e-mails from real people and not the spam stuff that wants us to buy ink cartridges, or to change our bodies.

History Of Spam

The first spam was sent by the Digital Equipment Corp. in 1978. It was sent to all western ARPANet addresses to sell a new computer. ARPANet was an early Internet, created by the Army.

In January 1994, a worried person wrote a letter about the end of the world to every address on USENET.

Then in April 1994, a couple of lawyers sent an advertisement to all USENET groups. Then they bragged about it in a book that didn't sell well.

How They Find You

If your e-mail address is anywhere on a Web page, you get spam. Programs called Webcrawlers scan all Web pages and look for words that include the @ symbol. Those addresses are collected, and you get spammed.

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To keep that from happening, change the spelling of your e-mail address. Instead of Ryan@blm.net, change it to RyanNOSPAM@blm.net. Mention on the Web page that friends should remove NOSPAM from your address and tell them why. Start a fad.

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