

Re: Conceal Identity

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- *From:* "Rob" <emasil@xxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Sat, 5 Jul 2008 20:20:18 -0400
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Thank you for the information!!!

"N. Miller" <anonymous@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:1ksiw2i9uyfzd.dlg@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

On Fri, 4 Jul 2008 23:13:54 -0400, Rob wrote:

"N. Miller" <anonymous@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
[news:lmfeauxy7e7q\\$.dlg@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](news:lmfeauxy7e7q$.dlg@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

On Thu, 3 Jul 2008 17:47:27 -0400, Rob wrote:

Every post I make to newsgroups is being maliciously tracked by a certain individual. I then receive pornographic email at home. Is there a way to conceal one's identity completely (headers) when posting to a newsgroup using Outlook Express 6.0?

MS Outlook Express has little to do with what shows up in some header lines. While you can control the name and email address, you can't control the IP address. The server you connect to sees your IP address, and either

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adds it, or not, depending upon how it is configured. That is up to the NNTP server administrator.

Consider your posting headers:

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| NNTP-Posting-Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 16:47:25 -0500
| From: Rob <emasil@xxxxxxxx>
| X-Newsreader: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2900.3138
| X-RFC2646: Format=Flowed; Original
| X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE
V6.00.2900.3198
| Message-ID:
<FaqdnRdkE8pz1fDVnZ2dnUVZ_sPinZ2d@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
| X-Usenet-Provider: http://www.giganews.com
| NNTP-Posting-Host: 64.181.89.216
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Those are some of the lines I would use to search on. You have control over line 2. MSOE controls line 3. Your NNTP provider controls the rest.

So

You say you would search on certain lines in a header
Are lines 4 to end unique to me and identify me in all my posts?

Line 2 uniquely identifies you in all posts made using MS Outlook Express as you have configured it for posting in this news group.

Line 8 *may* also uniquely identify you, if Fibernet assigns it statically to your account.

Line 6 uniquely identifies the particular post you made; from which I can deduce that you use Earthlink as an ISP.

Together, lines 6, 7, and 8 identify with whom you have Internet service, and NNTP service.

There are some NNTP services which don't display your NNTP Posting IP address; but most do add something in the headers by which a reader can classify a poster to some degree, or other.

I noticed something else this evening
I watched as Norton Antivirus scanned my HD tonight. VAV identified whay

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it
called a "Tracking Cookie". Could this possibly be something this
"character" is using to track my posts to newsgroups?

No. There are no cookies used on NNTP servers accessed by news clients,
such
as MS Outlook Express. Cookies are used between web browsers and servers,
and would only affect your news group reading if you accessed news groups
through a web service, such as Google Groups.

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Norman

~Shine, bright morning light,
~now in the air the spring is coming.
~Sweet, blowing wind,
~singing down the hills and valleys.