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- *From:* jpd <read_the_sig@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* 2 Jul 2008 08:52:56 GMT
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On Tue, 01 Jul 2008 14:46:09 -0500,
Moe Trin <ibuprofin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

[posted last night – disappeared? re-post]

Didn't see a duplicate in the reconstructed thread, so probably.

On 30 Jun 2008, in the Usenet newsgroup comp.unix.admin, in article
<slrng6h6q2.cb5.read_the_sig@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, jpd wrote:

Moe Trin <ibuprofin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Their upstream peer is the local university, and I've noted that most
of the posts from there were using google instead of the university
news server.

That sounds... like the university needs polishing, specifically
internet use 101, teaching thereof.

"Dave" was given the password originally used by Frank – but everyone
is using that account because there is no need to have individual
accounts (until Enrico fumble-fingers something and trashes most of
the files in that account).

Don't think we had much of that. People who needed access to other
people's imap folders (or shared imap folders) got that through their
own username/pw instead. Getting such an arrangement wasn't actually
hard, provided they remembered to ask for it (including the reason).

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Our auditor (part of the security group) likes to remind people that this type of activity can get people fired. No one has been fired for this in several years, but the message gets through.

Well, that's something. :-)

We avoid some of this problem by requiring advanced written requests from the department head before creating any accounts.

We had those, which got extended after I left in an explosion of drama[1], though the entire informing the right people was lost on, oh, the execs, the department heads, heck, HR pulled that multiple times.

HR gets a copy of the request, and in the event of a person leaving or being transferred, we get mail from HR (although the department head is supposed to tell us this first).

It's nice if at least some of the people do their jobs.

Worse was unannounced registering of new domains and moving their mailboxes to some local outsourced provider, while still expecting to have entries in my namespace and system.

POP and IMAP is blocked at the perimeter, and we get stats of web connections – that isn't a problem here.

I had no control over their doings or their network. The local one, yes, but not the hotshot bag of warm bodies over there. I was merely forced to let them pass through the VPN onto my network too.

Writing has become a lost art. Part of it is the changing educational schemes and the dumbing down of the population. On job offers, you will often see a "requirement" for "excellent communications skills" and I am sure this is ignored by everyone because such skills are so rare now.

Worse, I get the feeling that writing halfway competent emails embarrasses the receivers more often than not.

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Since such emails often lack vital information I'm much more inclined to give their homework ("write a good email") back to them with the instruction to try again until they get at least the content right.

Oh, you mean the idiots who think that "PowerPoint" is an email tool?

I am aware of the more pompous people loving to email each other powerpoint presentations and then call each other and during the phone call say "now go to the next slide".

Apparently reading is a lost art too.

I was actually thinking of the (mostly plain text) emails containing a single line with a vague instruction that then requires five or more further mails to sort at least the meaning of that line, nevermind coming up with a useful design and starting to implement it.

Sending someone several thousand lines of information at his request, then getting the entire mail quoted back to me with a single line on top is an entirely different and possibly more direct insult. Yes, that was a MIT CS graduate. Why do you ask?

(Some time ago, my wife showed me a mail she had received – the whole damn thing was a powerpoint style – except that it was from a government entity who was replying to some state transportation ruling question. What's worse is that the original mail was a URL to a powerpoint file on some klowns computer, not an attachment or a text copy.)

Writing, nay, Thinking clearly is overrated.

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So the fire truck comes up to the crash scene, extends this boom ([...]), pokes a hole through the side of the bird with the nozzle, and turns on the foam deluge system. Whoopie!

Nice idea, and makes quite a lot of sense. Except for the minor point

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of deliberately weakening the fuselage.

They aren't. That nozzle has the hardware necessary to pierce the skin. Where it would run into a problem is if it hit a frame, rib, or stiffener of some kind. With metal aircraft this is no problem, as you can see the rivet lines even through paint. It's going to be more difficult with composite materials. That's why they're experimenting.

Right, that makes sense.

[1] It helps if you take your systems people seriously.

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