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Spam, Spam, Spam, Spam

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Are you plagued with unwanted email, generally on the subject of extending parts of you , reducing parts of you or improving your sex life?

If you start every morning with a sigh as you open your inbox, have you considered what you might be doing to play your part in assisting the automated spamming systems that operate like unwanted parasites in cyber space? 'What me?' I hear you gasp, I don't visit unsavoury sites or buy things I oughtn't to. Well perhaps not, but it could be more innocent practices that you are guilty of? First of all, many of you will send on the amusing anecdotes and jokes which do the rounds on a daily basis. I like a good laugh as much as the next man, but what are you sending along with it. If you receive an email, and it contains the addressees of the emailer's entire mailing list, and you send it on, in the same way, openly displaying all your contacts, you are joining in a process of publishing the personal details of many people, both those you know and those you don't. These addresses will ultimately find their way into the hands of unscrupulous mailing list resellers. As a standard practice make sure you delete the copy history (all the extra stuff below the joke) especially previous email addresses, and when you send it on make sure you put all your contacts in the blind copy box. That way, we can all a share a good joke, without spreading something less amusing to our friends in the process.

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