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Real World Scenario #4 Jane Encourages Correspondence Via A Web Page.



Jane has a web page on Astronomy, she encourages correspondence from other amateur astronomers.

Jane posts her email address on the site as a mailto: link.
jane@myisp.com

Traditionally this action would have the effect of inviting potentially hundreds of unwanted Spam emails.

Web pages and Newsgroups are automatically scanned by “Email Harvesters” looking for mailto: links to compile into email lists. However, Jane has an ISP that employs the Anti-Spam mechanism described in this document.

Even if her email address is “harvested” no Spam will ever arrive in her mailbox. In the paragraph following her email address she merely states her authorization code. Any human correspondent would then follow real world scenario #1 to correspond with her.

An automated harvester is not smart enough to recognize any freely written text.



Jane “reads” her emails using her favorite email program.
Free from unwanted Spam.

Figure 8