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How to Make the Email Address on Your Web Site Unspammable

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Introduction

Having your email address collected by a spammer is no fun. Here are two short scripts that will allow you to see that this does not happen to you.

They are fully explained. Just cut and past them into your HTML editor and change them to suite your taste.

Spammers scan your Website looking for the @ character to locate email addresses. These two short scripts prevent that sort of harvesting because the @ character is not in your address. So, when spammers find it they gain nothing.

Here is an unspammable email code in two forms. The first does not include provision for sending the email as a copy to someone. The second code listing does. Here is how it works.

Let's say that you want to have the email sent to Joe@ComputerSomeWhere.com.

```
<script language="JavaScript"><!--  
var name = "Joe";  
var domain = "ComputerSomeWhere.com";  
document.write('<a href=\'mailto:\' + name + \'@\' + domain + \' \'>');  
document.write(name + \'@\' + domain + '</a>');  
// --></script>
```

When this appears on the users computer monitor it looks like this:
Joe@ComputerSomeWhere.com.

The listing below allows you to send mail to a main to recipient and to someone on a copy list. Joe@ComputerSomeWhere.com is the primary recipient. The copy goes to Jane@Station.com. Neither address can be taken by spammers.

Unspammable Email Code that Sends a Copy

```
<script language="JavaScript"><!--  
var name = "Joe";  
var domain = "ComputerSomeWhere.com";  
var subject = "?subject=This text is placed on the Subject line";  
var body="&body=This text appears in the body of your email.";  
var ccname = "&cc=Jane";  
var ccdomain = "Station.com";  
document.write('<a href=\'mailto:\' + name + \'@\' + domain + subject + body  
+ ccname + \'@\' + ccdomain + \' \'>');  
document.write(name + \'@\' + domain + '</a>');  
// --></script>
```