

Re: VIRUS IN YOUR MAIL

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At 10:40 AM 10/29/2001, Peter Pentchev wrote:

*>It all depends on the dosage; I suppose you would not think that
>it would be a good thing for somebody to be able to DoS a list by
>sending a little virus and firing off 250 autoresponders?*

This is the old "categorical imperative" fallacy. Not everyone WOULD use an autoresponder. (We don't.) And until and unless the list maintainer filters viruses, it's nice to get SOME warning out there. Ultimately, it would be nice if list maintainers assumed this function, but I'm not holding my breath.

--Brett

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