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first... i dont think that working on the e-mail system will work. i have a different proposal.

in order for a spammer to make money he has to hide his identity when sending out the e-mails but he has to have a way to recieve orders and infomation. this is their weak link. i believe that if an ISP requires a valid credit card and ID before allowing someone to create a web page or open a e-mail account it will reduce the ability of the spammers to remain anonyomous.

if the ISPs have a phone number or web site that they can use to verify that a credit card is not new and has been used and that the ID is a real person it should remove all VALID ISPs from being considered and the ISPs that continue to host the spammers web sites can be considered in league with them and can be CUT from the net.

ISPs need to be able to be removed from accessing the net for periods of time if they do not follow the rules. since access to the net is a part of the FTC it should be used to influence all partys involved.

also.

if someone is found to be a spammer.. they need to be given a court order that they cannot access the net or influence anyone else into accessing the net in their name. and all NET property is to be removed and returned to the public domain (web addresses. IP addresses. domain names. email addresses. e.t.c.)

perhaps just removing all NET property into the public domain of known spammers would drastically cut down on spam . since it can take awhile to set up new domains and web sites and payments.

so. in sumary.

remove access of ISPs from the net if they fail to provide accurate information on their customers when required.

all NET property used in scamming is to be removed from their owners and returned to public domain. (i would sugest a stock WEB page be put in their place for 30-90 days explaining that the web page that was located here was used in unlawfull activity and after that period of time be allowed to return to public domain)

scammers/spammers/phishers require money to set up. if there is a section of the FTC that can lock down a account on a ASP and review it and then remove it if necessary in a timely manner then the problem will be reduce to a more managable problem.

i believe that 2 weeks is too long to allow a unlawfull website to remain active. i would like for websites/email accounts to be locked out of the spammers hands in 6 hours from the first report. any longer and the spammer will be able to make money and the problem will continue.