Spam fighting ideas

These aren't jokes but great ideas.

**Dummy Email accounts.**

There are plenty of sites you visit where you need to enter your email address to browse or be provided with a service. Unfortunately you don’t know who will end up with this address and if it will be put on every spam database in the world.

The Mailinator™ website has free email addresses you can use. It is different the way it works but very useful. If you join, (you do not need to give any details or even be on their Web site to join) you can use this email address whenever you like. It holds incoming mail for a short period of time and then discards them. You can check the site to see any incoming mail but that’s all you can do. It is not private and anyone can guess your login (there is no password) and check your mail. If you choose a login name that already exists it will let you use it. That means if/when you check the incoming mail you see everyone's mail that is using that name. You can't use it like a normal email by creating and storing emails, it's just there for incoming email.

Check out their introduction: [http://www.mailinator.com](http://www.mailinator.com)

and their FAQ's: [http://www.mailinator.com/mailinator/faq.jsp](http://www.mailinator.com/mailinator/faq.jsp)

**Web site for SPAM fighters.**

Spam databases lift email addresses from Web pages.

There is a group called **Hosted Scripts** who invite people to use their page as a link from your page, they even give you the HTML script. The site is; [http://www.members.hostedscripts.com/antispam.html](http://www.members.hostedscripts.com/antispam.html)

The following explanation is lifted straight from their Anti Spam page. “This page has one hundred randomly generated email addresses (reload and new ones will appear). At the bottom of the page is a link to this page again, essentially reloading it for programs to collect more fake email addresses.

Email collecting programs will be sent in an infinite loop by following the link at the bottom of the page and will get more and more fake email addresses stuck in their databases. This helps to place many invalid email addresses that won’t help spammers (they will get more returned email ;) and is our effort to fight spam.”