

Netquery v4.0 with Spambot Blocker - Modules

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- access monitoring & log management,
- **NEW** spambot "bad behavior" screening,
- geoip & "top countries" usage mapping,
- multidomain & IP/AS whois lookups,
- autodiscovery for whois TLD server,
- DNS and Dig (ANY, SOA, NS, MX) queries,
- email address format & MX validation,
- port check with services lookup option,
- HTTP HEAD and GET requests,
- ICMP pings (local and/or remote),
- traceroutes (local and/or remote),
- looking glass router interrogation,
- updateable GeoIP & ports data paks,
- user inputs with admin notice & approval,
- multi-instance sideblocks in CMS editions,
- admin selectable CSS stylesheet options,
- full W3C XHTML 1.1 & CSS compliance.

Although the original "Bad Behavior" utility includes some generic capabilities, it was designed primarily as a plugin for the WordPress blogging application. Therefore, its application under other environments lacks some desirable interface and database management features. The Netquery v4.0 modular packages are intended to overcome those deficiencies with full Xoops integration. The downloads package includes all required spambot blocker files and add a convenient admin panel interface, just as they do for other Netquery features. From there, the

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