

## Inside MyWOT

### THE WOT SCAMBUSTER 2008 AND TOP MEMBER 2008 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Last month, it was our honor to give [Publicity awards](#) to members who actively encourage new people to use the WOT add-on. This month, we recognize our members who enrich the lives of those of us who already use WOT.

The [Scam Buster award](#) goes to those members who have discovered and reported potential threats and fraudulent activity. The [Top Member award](#) goes to those members who share their knowledge and opinions to help others who have problems or questions relating to Internet security.

The recipients of these awards use their time and resources in an effort to protect and inform the entire WOT community with the intent of making the Internet a safer place for everyone.



[Bonsai Rosebushes](#) discovered and reported a innocent site that had been hijacked and redirected users to a malicious site that downloaded rogue software.

[Cotojo](#) verifies numerous rogue applications by testing them in a safe environment. He also publishes a list of known malicious software on [Free PC Security](#).

[logicman](#) uncovered and reported spam advertisements disguised as consumer advice.

[lordpake](#) uncovered an incident where a fraudulent security site's forum was actually a mirror of Yahoo's Q & A site.

[MysteryFCM](#) verifies numerous rogue applications by testing them in a safe environment.

[Xxy](#) seeks out and reports huge quantities of spam links thereby protecting all of our inboxes.

[Yatti420](#) has been a contributing member of WOT for a long time now, building our ratings base even before we had scorecards.

The awards can be seen on each person's profile page. If you would like to suggest someone to receive an award, please email us at [awards@mywot.com](mailto:awards@mywot.com).

[Athlonite](#) is an experienced computer user who freely gives advice on the WOT forum and other technology forums.

[BobJam](#) is an active participant in the WOT forum, giving advice and technical support, and he is not at all grumpy.

[Codhead](#) is an active participant in the WOT forum, giving advice and technical support with a dose of British humor.

[Flyaqu](#) is an active participant in the WOT forum, giving advice and opinions. He has added comments to numerous sites' scorecards, including many in German.

[Phantazm](#) has contributed by writing comments explaining ratings on numerous sites, participating in the WOT forum, offering advice and solving technical problems.

[xp54321](#) has given numerous ratings along with being an active participant in the WOT forum.

[wehaveitall](#) is an active participant in the WOT forum giving advice and technical support. He has independently created the [WOT Google group](#), [WOT wiki](#) and [WOT fan page](#). He was 1st place winner of the [WOT Million Download Contest!](#)

## Current WOT News

### WOT exceeds 3 million downloads

Due to a bug in the way Mozilla was figuring statistics for their add-ons, it appeared that WOT was enjoying rapidly expanding growth for the past month or so. Well, we are, but not quite as expansive as they made it out to be. I am happy to report that we have exceeded 3 million downloads and are experiencing a record number of new visitors to our website every week. You can read about the [miscalculation](#) here and expect all your favorite add-ons' numbers to be corrected soon.



### Surf safer in new languages

As we prepare a new version of WOT, we will catch up on the translations for the languages we currently support—plus add a few more. You can expect to see traditional Chinese, simplified Chinese, Japanese and Czech languages in the near future.

WOT currently comes in ten languages: English, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Swedish.

### Does your site have an excellent reputation?

"A good reputation is more valuable than money," said a first century Roman writer. Show the world that your website or blog has an excellent reputation with a free [WOT badge](#). Check out badges on these sites:

[Computer Repair Directory](#) add your computer repair business

[Carb Queen](#) personal blog about weight loss

[Smileycons](#) free smileys for email

[Juns Jazz Cool Grooves](#) cool tunes



## WOT on the Web



WOT user [BerArt](#), owner of a successful ISP web hosting and web design firm in the Netherlands, knows the potential that [LinkedIn](#) has for bringing business people together. He created a [WOT group](#) and everyone with a LinkedIn account is invited to join and connect.



For all you social animals, WOT user [Journeyman](#) created a [WOT group](#) on [MySpace](#). He is planning on adding more content as time goes by, so join the group and PM him with suggestions.



When we find something written about WOT on the web, we bookmark it on [Web of Trust's delicious bookmarks](#). [Delicious](#), formerly del.icio.us, is a social bookmarking service for storing, sharing and discovering web bookmarks.



Calling all wiki editors! WOT has an entry called [WOT: Web of Trust](#) on Wikipedia that could use some editing. If you would like to contribute simply click the "edit this page" link. Anyone is welcome to add information, cross-references or citations. You can also contribute to WOT's entries on [Wikia](#), [Squidoo](#), and [About Us](#).

## Web Beacon

[Web Beacon](#) is a family friendly directory that is striving to be the best on the web. You can submit your website to be reviewed. WOT is listed in the favorite links.



Those who know about these things say that [Twitter](#) is the next big thing (after WOT, of course), and the micro-blogging site is gaining new users as fast as we are. Please "follow" our "tweets" by going to the [Web of Trust Twitter page](#) and clicking follow. We'll follow you back.

## Ask WOT

Q

**Sometimes the WOT warning screen covers sites that I choose to visit. Can I turn WOT off just for me?**

Yes, you can. Rate the site yourself and the add-on won't warn you about it again.

If you only want to enter the site once, just hide the warning. The add-on remembers that you don't want to be bothered about this site for the rest of the session. It will reappear again if you visit the site after restarting your browser.



Q

**I know a site that used to have a red rating but has been removed from blacklists. How do I change the rating to make it green?**

If a previously poorly rated site has cleaned up its act, you can change your rating by opening the rating window and entering your new rating by clicking on the colored bars. You can rate a site as many times as you want, but only the last rating counts. To remove a rating go to **My Ratings** in your [Profile](#). You can see all the sites you have rated there.

You can also use the feature: **Request a comment** on the scorecard to ask the community to rate the site. Another note: If the reputation remains poor, it's because of user ratings.

Q

**I rated a site which had not been rated, however, even after I rated it it's still gray. Can you tell me why? Does it just need more people to rate it?**

If you're a new user, you won't be able to set the rating for a previously unknown website alone. We'll need more ratings before computing a reputation for the site.

Q

**My blog has a bad rating! How did that happen? There's no spyware or anything inappropriate for children.**

Did you see the "This subdomain inherits the reputation of blogspot.com" notice on the scorecard? It means there aren't enough ratings for your blog and it therefore inherits the reputation of its parent domain.



The best thing to do is ask your friends to rate it. Once more people rate your blog, the overall reputation of blogspot.com no longer affects it.



## Happy Valentine's Day!

The special WOT logo we used on the cover of this month's newsletter is a variation on the logo designed by WOT user [g7w](#). David was the winner of the [Fantastically Creative WOT logo contest](#).

## WOT Top 10 Lists

### Most active users

1. <a href="#">Spacequad</a>	32,476
2. <a href="#">xxz</a>	32,118
3. <a href="#">DiM1319</a>	20,195
4. <a href="#">Lordpake</a>	17,112
5. <a href="#">duckman8</a>	17,009
6. <a href="#">GACHAG</a>	16,703
7. <a href="#">Sami</a>	16,343
8. <a href="#">Tokage</a>	16,006
9. <a href="#">Yatti420</a>	15,538
10. <a href="#">Vednier</a>	14,868

[View the Top 100 active users](#)

### Most popular

1. <a href="#">Google</a>
2. <a href="#">Facebook</a>
3. <a href="#">Gmail</a>
4. <a href="#">YouTube</a>
5. <a href="#">Windows Live</a>
6. <a href="#">Yahoo login</a>
7. <a href="#">Wikipedia</a>
8. <a href="#">Yahoo</a>
9. <a href="#">Google.de</a>
10. <a href="#">MySpace</a>

[View the Top 20,000 sites](#)

### Recent comments

- [Enigma Software](#)
- [Roadhealth](#)
- [Grizzly Industrial](#)
- [PC Addicts](#)
- [Gametap](#)
- [I Won!](#)
- [Gamakatsu](#)
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