Sometimes people can be so helpless: Finding the owner of a Web page

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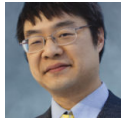
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Internal to Microsoft are thousands of Web sites. This is a story about one of them.

On an internal discussion list, somebody asked

> We just created a new Flurb. Does anyone know how to get listed on
> http://internalsite/newflurbs?

I hadn't heard of that site before, but I checked it out. Neat, it's basically a blog which announces new Flurbs. I can see how somebody would want their Flurb to be listed there. I also saw lots of pieces of information on the page which the person appears not to have noticed. I replied,

> Um, how about the *Email* link in the navigation bar? Or did you try that and it didn't work?
>
> Also, each entry has the same name at the bottom. You could try contacting that person.
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> Just giving you some ideas on problem-solving techniques.

Pre-emptive snarky comment: "Hey, Raymond, where's your contact link?" I was forced to disable the contact link some time ago because it was being used primarily to send spam. Finding my email address is left as an exercise. (It's not hard.)

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