

Word counts

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The tech support member of this blog's team, Andy Moyle, wrote the code to introduce a word count on comments yesterday, and the system went live last night.

You will now find that the comment box counts your words and suggests how many you have left when you write. It should block submissions of more than 400 words by simply not letting them happen.

It is actually noticeable that since suggesting I might do this, comments have become shorter and much easier to moderate.

As I previously mentioned, I am making exceptions to this word limit policy for any seasoned commentator who would like to be exempted from this limit, and I will be inviting some. In essence, this is unlikely to be an exception given to anyone who has not:

- * Posted over a period of well over a year.
- * Has posted maybe 1,000 times.
- * Has a track record of posts being accepted, which does not necessarily mean agreeing with me.

If anyone wants this opportunity, you can ask, but I might take some persuading. That said, this is not a rule for me to comply with; it is a guideline I can vary.

And if you want to post something longer, do so, clearly indicating it is parts, and I will decide if that is justified.