

What have I done to upset Singapore?

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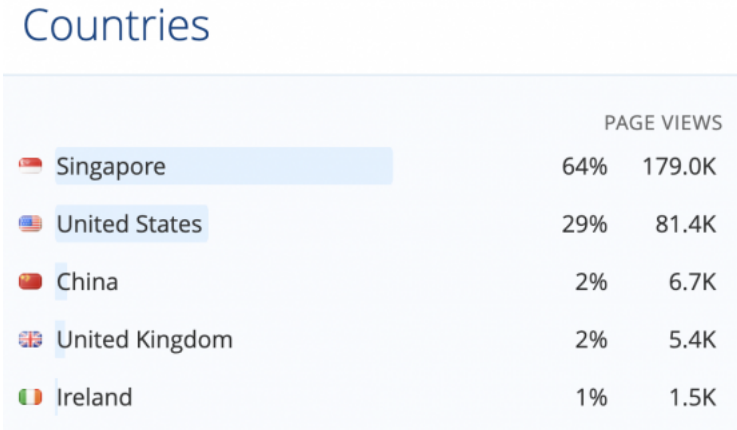
I have, during the life of this blog, used a program called StatCounter to monitor the number of people reading posts and to provide analytical data on where they come from, how long they stay here, how many posts they read, and so on.

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StatCounter has recently changed how it provides information and has begun splitting data between visitors identified as human and those that might be bots.

I always presumed that we had some bot traffic. It would have been unrealistic to think otherwise, but it now appears that around 2 million of our views each year are, in fact, not human-generated.

What, however, surprised me most about this discovery is the source of this bot traffic. The top five geographic locations from which bot traffic on this blog emanates in the last month were:



This I find weird. Why is Singapore sending so much bot traffic? And why, come to that, the USA? Is this just where the servers are located, or is there something more sinister

behind this data? Suggestions are welcome.