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Thanks Terry, your response was quite concise. It seems that there are valid pro's and con's for both top and bottom posting.

I think that the reason I usually top post is that a posting is like replying to an email -- in emails you normally put your reply at the top of any part of the email that you are replying to (at least in the business world that I belonged to this was so). Indeed, mail clients that I have used default the cursor to the top when replying, so it is easy and natural to reply this way. And some of these mail clients are also news clients which also put the cursor at the top. As someone pointed out, top posting makes it easy to browse quickly through a thread via the preview pane to get the gist without having to scroll every message.

OTOH, bottom posting forces the poster to scroll to the bottom (unless they use Ctrl-End) and in doing so they get the opportunity to trim the original posting which with top posting they may forget to do.

Perhaps the most important thing in this issue (which I don't think anyone has mentioned, apologies if I am wrong), is not to MIX top and bottom posting in a long thread! I have seen examples of this and it is most confusing to follow the thread. I think that the rule should be that if an established thread is either top or bottom, additional postings should respect that -- unless the original postings have been trimmed to the point that it doesn't matter anymore.

Thanks to all who responded, I think I have a better understanding of the issues and will try to keep these in mind with future postings.

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Cheers,

Lyn.

"Terry Kreft" <terry.kreft@mps.co.uk> wrote in message  
news:LqKcnWuTHd-GnWjcSa8jmw@karoo.co.uk...

> Lyn,

> People can get quite vehement about top and bottom posting.

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> Essentially the advantage of consistent bottom posting is that you can read  
> through the posts in sequence.

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> The advantage of top posting is that when you use a preview pane the  
> previewed content tends to be the last post.  
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> On the subject of trimming, you should really trim previous posts to what  
> is  
> relevant to your post, in the past people could get quite nasty about not  
> trimming posts, this has become less of an issue though since the advent  
> of  
> fast internet links and large storage space.  
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> Personally I'm a rabid top-poster and trim when I remember to do so,  
> speaking of which  
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> --  
> Terry Kreft  
> MVP Microsoft Access