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Lyn wrote:

> *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.*

Mozilla Thunderbird will pop the cursor down the bottom for you, in mail as well as news, although this is configurable for both. It gives you a choice of style (or a choice of which camp to upset:). The MS offerings give you no such choice, you are expected to post in the MS style (which when it came out was contrary to everyone else's), expect to see MS' offices change into a Borg cube anytime soon.

> *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.*

Will never happen, as you can see you top posted, but I am commenting on particular parts of your post, not possible with top posting unless I word my post to include most of what you wrote.

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