

Re: Feedback on new format

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Steve –

Will there be any real benefit to me for doing so? Between the terrible latency, the utter ugliness of the interface, the complete absence of filters, the poor editing capabilities, and being limited to only part of the microsoft.public* hierarchy, I don't see myself deciding to give up my nntp newsreader for this web based "reader".

As an MVP, I certainly don't *need* to enter suggestions via the web reader in order to have a suggestion "find (its) way back to the application teams". And as a regular user, I much prefer direct feedback such as the "Send feedback on <app>" menu item in the Help menu of any MacOffice application, rather than adding another filter.

I'm a bit concerned about the implications of ratings, however. The web reader's help says "only the Web-based Newsreader offers the additional features of rating posts, building a reputation..." The "build a reputation" seems hokey at best – it appears that only those using P*ssport will even have a reputation. That's a bit pejorative for the majority of experts, including MVPs that don't use the CDOI, don't you think? As well as being potentially misleading? OTOH, it would seem to be trivial for me, were I so inclined, to create yet another P*ssport for the specific purpose of rating my own posts, so I don't see the point to proscribing self-ratings.

OTOH, for the occasional user, I see a big advantage in the notification feature.

In article <E1D4AF32-D242-42C6-9D59-4545F8529F05@microsoft.com>, Steve Anderson [msft] <Steveand@i.hate.spam.microsoft.com> wrote:

- > *Unfortunately likely true at least for a while. We're hoping that regular*
- > *users*
- > *such as yourself will use the interface every once in a while to rate and*
- > *enter*
- > *suggestions for Office products (these find their way back to the application*
- > *teams if they are the top vote-getters).*