

## Re: Escape from Netscape.

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In article <9d23958e.0405230908.4d7d9af5@posting.google.com>, mrrretaylor@yahoo.com says...

> *Regards to All,*

> *I am a long time user of Netscape and over the years accumulated a very large archive of email on numerous subjects. A lot is probably trash, but it was never a problem and easier to keep than purge.*

> *As you doubtless know, Netscape 4 is being driven from the web and the new versions of Netscape are no good, so I have looked for a new home.*

First, Netscape 4 is not being "driven" from the web. It was long out of support from Netscape/Mozilla, and the company which had been supporting it is finally letting it die. It really is clunky, like trying to drive a Model T Ford on a freeway!

Second, Netscape 7.1 is not all that bad; much better than Netscape 6.x versions. But Netscape 7.1 will now stagnate, since AOL has dropped support. Look at Mozilla, or it's mail only client, Firefox:

<http://www.mozilla.org/>

Just do not get anything which has "RC" in the version number. "RC" means "Release Candidate", which is just a 'beta' on the edge of the final version. Go for the highest version without the "RC"; that is stable.

> *I experimented with several other e-mail programs, Eudora, Dawn, others I have forgot, but found them wanting.*

There is no "perfect" MUA (email client). If you want the perfect MUA you will have to write it yourself; otherwise, pick the one which suits your needs best. There are many better than MS products; few which are worse.

> *I tried Outlook 97 but could never get it to work. I tried Outlook express but found several problems I couldn't get around. I received a copy of Outlook 2002 with my iPAQ (I love that thing!) and loaded it onto the laptop where*

- > *my netscape e-mail archive resides. I decided to convert to Outlook.*
- > *Bad move. After using it a while I have found more and more problems*
- > *with it and it is very slow. My laptop developed problems and I am*
- > *moving over to a desktop with XP including Outlook Express. I*
- > *attempted to load Outlook 2002 but it will not allow it because I have*
- > *already installed it on the laptop. Office Depot has copies of*
- > *Outlook 2003 available for \$108, which is ridiculous (more than XP!).*
- > *So, there is where I am. I have decided I need to have another look*
- > *at Outlook Express to resolve the questions I had and develop*
- > *workarounds.*

MSOE is somewhat flawed; precisely because MSFT threw it together in a hurry to have a free package to compete with Netscape (back in the days of Netscape 4, when MSFT first introduced their MSIE/MSOE browser/client to go head to head with Netscape). If you want a better MSFT product, you have to pay; just what MSFT planned. Or didn't you know why some wags abbreviate Microsoft as M\$?

- > *1. What is the best way to convert my archive from Outlook to OE? I*
- > *tried Import, but it does not import the folders, just the mail. It*
- > *looks like it is going to be an enormous job.*

Never used Outlook, so I don't know.

- > *2. How can I direct OE to store the e-mail on a different drive than*
- > *the c drive? E-mail is volatile data and I like to keep data on a*
- > *different drive that I can back up regularly.*

Tools > Options > Maintenance, and look for the section about the message store. Just be sure to create an empty folder where the files will go; I am told that MSOE will lose the message store if you point to a non-existent target folder.

- > *3. How can I resend e-mail? This seems a simple thing to ask. Every*
- > *e-mail handler I have worked with was able to do this, even Outlook.*
- > *One can open and edit the sent mail (why?) but not resend it.*

Stick with MSOL, or go back to one of the other clients. MSOE can't do it natively, so you will be stuck with a multi-click work around.

- > *4. How can I save more than one message as text. Sometimes I like to*
- > *pull entire conversations out of e-mail so I can edit them. You can*
- > *select a single message and save that as text, but this is not even*
- > *necessary since it is just as easy to copy and paste a single message.*
- > *But sometimes I have several dozen messages (or hundreds) on a*
- > *subject and I would like to pull them all together.*

I am not sure of a one step approach. I think I would highlight all the messages I wanted to convert, then drag them to an empty folder. This created a folder full of .eml files, which I then used an older Win3.x file manager utility to do a mass rename from .eml to .txt.

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I don't use MSOE much, any more, except for kinds of tests. Too much like handling fireworks in a room full of static electricity.

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~Win dain a lotica, En vai tu ri, Si lo ta

~Fin dein a loluca, En dragu a sei lain

~Vi fa-ru les shutai am, En riga-lint