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Verizon has notified me that they will be restricting newsgroups to only the Big-8.

Would someone be so kind as to explain an alternative way I can monitor this newsgroup?

Thanks,

I'm too lazy to search thru all those posts to see if the correct answer is there, but ... as long as you are using news.microsoft.net or news.microsoft.com and whatever other server names they might have, you will have no problems. Nothing will go away AFAIK so far.

If you're reading these groups at news.verizon.net, then yes, they're going to go away because they aren't part of the "big 8", but ONLY on Verizon's servers (or anyone else making the same changes).

Verizon will continue to carry only their "big 8" groups and the 0.verizon... groups, so they say. AFAIK MS has no such plans to change anything, nor does it carry the type of groups Verizon claims are the reason for dropping theirs.

That said, I do know that MS IS farting around with some of their binary groups, though. My sister is an artist and they've been playing musical groups for about the last 6 months now as MS drops one and then another without notifying anyone.

So if you're at news.microsoft, netobjects, jrsoftware, corel, spamcop, etc. etc., ... those are all groups that aren't planning any changes; the so-called "private" groups, a terrible misnomer but beside the point.

news.microsoft.net BTW, is free, as are many, most of them. Those groups aren't being done away with; they're just not going to be carried by Verizon and their ilk; they do still exist. MS does piss me off because they're dropping a LOT of single sourced, very useful, non-porn, non-controversial groups too; particularly the

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medical, disability and disease support groups. So they piss me off but what they don't do is surprise me with these types of bone-headed moves. If it isn't easy, MS doesn't do it anymore. IMO they really want the BW back to use for their FIOS customers.

And of course, you can always pay for newsgroup access, but ... I wouldn't.

HTH

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