

## Re: Usenet vs. Web

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- *From:* "Ken Blake" <[kblake@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:kblake@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>
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In [ZU1pe.4250\\$I2.1297@trnddc09](mailto:ZU1pe.4250$I2.1297@trnddc09)">news:[ZU1pe.4250\\$I2.1297@trnddc09](mailto:ZU1pe.4250$I2.1297@trnddc09),  
RJB <[notpublic@xxxxxxx](mailto:notpublic@xxxxxxx)> typed:

- > The google group thing sounds interesting...
- >
- > But your link was a little flaky. Can you repost?

Sure. I'm not sure what happened, but it's just  
[www.googlegroups.com](http://www.googlegroups.com)

- > Thanks for the tip,

You're welcome.

- > (And, you have to admit, many people just ain't trying to help
- > when
- > they extol the virtues of newsgroups vs. Web... It seems like
- > it's an
- > ego "I was internet before internet was cool" kind of thing.)

There may be some people like that, but in my experience the great majority of those who tout a newsreader instead of using the Microsoft CDO web interface are simply trying to help. I'm one of those people, and I know I'm trying to help when I do it.

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Ken Blake – Microsoft MVP Windows: Shell/User  
Please reply to the newsgroup

- >
- > "Ken Blake" <[kblake@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:kblake@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message
- > [news:O15GpCtaFHA.2980@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:O15GpCtaFHA.2980@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

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>> In [Li1pe.19078\\$J73.15842@trnddc05](mailto:Li1pe.19078$J73.15842@trnddc05)">news:[Li1pe.19078\\$J73.15842@trnddc05](mailto:Li1pe.19078$J73.15842@trnddc05),  
>> RJB <notpublic@xxxxxxx> typed:  
>>  
>>> I am going to go out on a limb and say I prefer the web  
>>> access to  
>>> these help groups OVER the usenet versions. I would think  
>>> others,  
>>> would, too.  
>>> Follow me out, please.  
>>>  
>>> I currently am not having any problems with, say, Excel.  
>>>  
>>> So I dont subscribe to any Excel newsgroups.  
>>>  
>>> But tomorrow, I may need to do something bizarre – like  
>>> writing a  
>>> formula that will take prime numbers, divide by pi, and if  
>>> the  
>>> result rhymes with whatever word is typed into cell A1, it  
>>> will  
>>> list it as a nine–digit number, will cross–reference it and  
>>> give me  
>>> the phone number of the nearest Circuit City to that ZIP+4  
>>> code.  
>>>  
>>> So, if I subscribe to the Excel newsgroup, it only pushes  
>>> posts from  
>>> June 2 til today into my Outlook.  
>>  
>>  
>> First, note that Outlook doesn't do newsgroups at all. You  
>> mean  
>> Outlook Express, not Outlook.  
>>  
>> Second, with Outlook Express you can get all the posts that  
>> are one  
>> the server, not just a couple of days back. If you're not  
>> getting  
>> all the posts, it's probably that you have Outlook Express  
>> configured to get only 300 posts at a time (the default). Go  
>> to  
>> Tools | Options, and on the Read tab, uncheck "Get nnnn  
>> headers at  
>> a time." Third, Outlook Express is only one newsreader out of  
>> many possible  
>> choices. If you don't like the way Outlook Express does  
>> things, try  
>> some other newsreader. They are almost all better than using  
>> the web  
>> interface.  
>>> But on the web interface, I can search archives that go back

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>>> at  
>>> least as far as September 2004.  
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>>  
>> Fourth, if you want to do a search, the search facilities at  
>> <http://groups-beta.gnow oogle.com/> are probably the best  
>> available,  
>> and you can (and should) use them regardless of you normally  
>> participate in newsgroups.  
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>>  
>>> So I can actually look to see if someone else had a similar  
>>> problem,  
>>> and try to solve it for myself.  
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>>  
>> That's good to do, but try googlegroups (especially their  
>> advanced  
>> group search), which is superior.  
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>>  
>>> But with the usenet version, I MUST post my CURRENT problem.  
>>> Which  
>>> is probably frustrating for people who monitor this thing.  
>>>  
>>> So, I would think the web interface would be OK.  
>>>  
>>> But reading other people's posts, it seems that if I use the  
>>> Web  
>>> version, my children will be born dumb.  
>>  
>>  
>> You are welcome to use newsgroups any way you want, but people  
>> are  
>> trying to help you by pointing out better ways of doing  
>> things. As  
>> far as I'm concerned, there are two major problems with using  
>> the  
>> Microsoft web-based interface:  
>>  
>> 1. It doesn't work very well, and people often have a hard  
>> time  
>> finding what they're looking for.  
>>  
>> 2. If you want to participate in a newsgroup regularly, it's  
>> much  
>> slower than a newsreader. That's because it gets the messages  
>> one at  
>> a time, as you navigate to each new message. With a  
>> newsreader, you  
>> can download all the unread messages at once, so moving from

>> one to  
>> the next is instantaneous.  
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