

Re: Discussion Group Posting Protocol

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- *From:* hkeycurrentuser <hkeycurrentuser@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Fri, 10 Nov 2006 16:43:02 -0800
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<<Here you are >>

Thanks very much, Antioch! Looks like a great compilation of resources and I promise to read every one of them, starting with "Stop using the web interface and switch to a newsreader." I'm sure by the time I understand what you guys are talking about I'll be duly embarrassed for any earlier, unintentional indiscretions.

<<hope you find it more practical>>

Thanks, I'm sure I will. I appreciate the effort you've made bringing me up to speed.

Happy computing!
HKCU

"antioch" wrote:

Reply contextualised/intertwined and clipped for brevity

"hkeycurrentuser" <hkeycurrentuser@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:AF0DE5E2-42B5-49DF-9779-A275A2A89D8E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

<<If you want info re newsgroups then ask.>>

Okay, I'm all ears—or in this case: I's all eyes. Yes I've heard of them, but I had no idea exactly how they worked or why.....

Here you are –

Try using a news client, such as Forte Agent, Thunderbird, or even Outlook Express. It's a lot easier to do nearly everything that way. You can mark messages to be watched, filter the views so you can see replies to your posts easily, and search/find posters/messages/subjects.

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Newsreaders for Windows:

<http://www.forteinc.com/agent/index.php>

<http://www.mozilla.org>

<http://gravity.tbates.org/>

<http://www.40tude.com/dialog/>

<http://xnews.newsguy.com/>

Outlook Express – Set up –

<http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/outlookexpressnewreader.htm>

<http://insideoe.tomsterdam.com/resources/communities.htm#setupmsnews>

Windows XP Newsgroup Setup Instructions for Outlook Express

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/expertzone/newsgroupsetup.msp>

Stop using the web interface and switch to a newsreader.

<http://rickrogers.org/setupoe.htm>

"antioch" <antioch@xxxxxxx> wrote in message news:...

There are very good reasons for using the recommended newsgroup quoting style. It has to do with making it easy for others to understand what you are talking about when you post a reply to anything by placing your comments into context.

- 1) If you do not quote at all in a reply you leave the reader guessing at what you are replying to.
- 2) If you quote the entire message but then post your reply above or below the the message you are responding to, and the message happens to be very long and cover a lot of topics of discussion, again you leave the reader guessing as to what part of the message your reply was for. This is why you should put your replies into context.
- 4) Newsgroup quoting styles have been in use now for well over 20 years, they are very well understood and accepted quoting practices among those who participate in newsgroup threaded discussions. Because of that, if you choose for whatever reason to not follow these accepted practices, then you invite criticism. Quite often people who fail to follow accepted practices in threaded discussions and choose to ignore request to start doing so, will eventually be ignored completely and/or not taken seriously.
- 5) It's bad form to quote the entire message of an OP (Original Poster) especially so if that message is more than just a few lines in length, unless you are doing a point by point response to the message and properly contextualizing your responses as you go. You should [snip] any comments you are not responding to.
- 6) Address the person to whom you are replying and sign off at the end of your post.

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Here are some guidelines about how to correspond in newsgroups
<http://members.fortunecity.com/nnqweb/nquote.html>

<http://www.dts-l.org/goodpost.html>

Do not multipost. Crosspost if you must.
http://www.blakjak.demon.co.uk/mul_crss.htm

How to ask a newsgroup question:
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/555375>

How Not to Get Help in Newsgroups
<http://users.tpg.com.au/bzyhjr/liszt.html>

Thanks for your generous offer, as well as for this one-time exception to your personal rule.

No problem – hope you find it more practical.

If you've got a favorite description of newsgroups you'd like to direct me to I'd be all too happy to read it. Otherwise I'm sure I can Google something up on it myself.

The above is a collection of advice given my many leading helpers in the newsgroups – my thanks to those who recognise their contributions.

Now see? It's not REALLY so difficult to get a point across in a civil manner—is it?

No, you managed that admirably – as good as I could have done it ;-);-)
Happy reading.
Antioch

Rgds back at'cha.
hkeycurrentuser