

## Re: searching discussions

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bunky wrote:

I type in "restricted access" and hit "go" and i get no results....I type in "virus" and click "go" and get no results....I am on my son's laptop now...different system, etc. I type in "windows" I click "go" I get no results...i'm begining to think there's something wrong with the search funtion on the site. Could you try it and see if you can get it to work?

Thanks for responding so quickly!

"Pop`" wrote:

bunky wrote:

Every time I search discussions I get no results returned.  
When I  
first go to a catagory I can see previous postings but even if I  
choose a keyword from the list of the posts I can see I get a  
"no  
results returned" message. I tried deleting my cookies in case  
that  
was the problem (I had a problem with accessing a webpage  
in which  
deleting cookies fixed it). Any ideas why this silly thing  
won't let  
me search? I'm using a hp computer with Athalon 64  
processor and I'm  
running XP Professional. Any help would be greatly  
appreciated!

Thanks in advance!

Describe exactly what you do and get on such a failed attempt. It should work but you've provided NOTHING to work with.

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Lots of people who use the web interface (as you are doing) have reported this problem in the past week. Since none of the regular helpers (like me) use the web interface because it is so awful, we don't have answers as to how to fix it.

Instead, use Google Groups Advanced Search to search newsgroups for topics of your choice. Also, you should set up a newsreader to access these groups. It is very easy to do. Here's information about that:

Since you are using the web interface, you may not realize that this is really a newsgroup. You will get far more out of this resource if you learn to use a newsreader. There are many good newsreaders for Windows, but you can use Outlook Express since you already have it. Here are some links to information about newsgroups:

About Usenet:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Usenet>

<http://groups.google.com/support/bin/static.py?page=basics.html> – Basics of Usenet

<http://www.elephantboycomputers.com/page2.html#Usenet> – a brief explanation of newsgroups

Using Outlook Express as Newsreader:

<http://michaelstevensstech.com/outlookexpressnewsreader.htm>

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

Accessing the MS newsgroups in Outlook Express Newsreader

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

How to Post:

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

<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

<http://aumha.org/nntp.htm> – list of MS newsgroups

microsoft.public.test.here – MS group to test if your newsreader is working properly

<http://www3.telus.net/dandemar/munad.htm> – how to munge email address

[http://www.blakjak.demon.co.uk/mul\\_crss.htm](http://www.blakjak.demon.co.uk/mul_crss.htm) – multiposting vs. crossposting

Malke

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