

Re: Cannot Access Newsgroups

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- *From:* "Shenan Stanley" <newshelper@xxxxxxxxx>
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Don McKee wrote:

Anything I enter into the Search For: box returns an,
"Your query for (anything) did not return results."

I tried resetting the Internet Advanved Options. I assume it is
some setting but I can't guess what. I am signed in. I can look at
the various groups and read the entries.

Help would be appreciated.

Shenan wrote:

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Stop using the clunky/unreliable/crap web interface to access these
newsgroups and get a proper newsreader.

You'll be much happier for it.

Also – when you want to search for archived posts – use Google
Groups instead of the clunky/unreliable/crap web interface that
you are now using.

<http://groups.google.com/>

Don McKee wrote:

Thanx for all the help. The Google link is especially great.
Shenan, I can see I really upset you because I wasn't aware of
these other methods. You must realize that half the world is below
average in intelligence. That is why we have to ask you guys for
help. We know you are smarter than we are. It isn't to upset you.

Thanks again

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You have made the mistake of reading something into typed text that is not there.

I do not believe I am more intelligent than you. I made no assumptions about you or your intelligence.

Let me break down my response.

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The above was me merely looking at your post through my newsreader (Outlook Express in this case) and seeing what it reported for the newsreader you were using. What it told me is that you were not using one – you were using the web page to view and post from.

This has nothing to do with intelligence – but using the right tools and experience.

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The above is not a demand/accusation. The above is a suggestion – albeit a direct one. I have a strong opinion about the quality of the web interface that has been put up to access these newsgroups. It is a low opinion – as the interface leaves so much to be desired over using something that come standard with modern Windows Operating systems and that there are many (even better) free alternatives for. So I state it is a direct and undeniable way – the web interface is a horrible thing and MY OPINION (I am stating it – therefore it is my opinion) is that you would be better off not using the web interface any longer.

Nothing to do with intelligence there – just sharing more experience and opinions with you.

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By default – a post on these (and many other) newsgroups are archived on Google Groups. Google, for all intents and purposes, is the top search engine out there today. Who better to suggest than Google to search for old answers to problems? Computers are in use all over the world all day, every

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day. The chances of someone having a problem that is new with an operating system as old as Windows XP is slim (not none – just slim) – so the smart and easiest thing to do before posting a question is to search and Google being the top search engine of the time – it would be wise to use it to do said search. The added bonus is that Google has setup a method for archiving almost ALL old posts and a way to search ALL of those archived posts and responses! That's why I suggested using Google Groups for your search.

Again – nothing to do with intelligence there either – just sharing more experiences and tools with you and the others who will read this in the future.

As for my signature – it is always there. You can use Google Groups and search and see that for about two years now – I have used the exact same signature. Why? Because the link has some decent knowledge in my opinion. I have NOTHING to do with it otherwise. I did not write it, I do not host it... I just stumbled upon it and thought that for an inexperienced newsgroup user to read through that – they would learn a lot. Experience and tools again. Nothing degrading, demeaning or belittling.

I was never upset (at the post/poster) – I was merely sharing my thoughts and experiences and the tools I found useful throughout my years using these resources. I am unsure why you would assume I was upset or thought I was more intelligent than you were – as I never stated that or even implied it. I gave my opinion and I gave it strongly. I shared my experiences and the tools of what i do freely and without holding back. Nothing more, nothing less.

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Shenan Stanley
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How To Ask Questions The Smart Way
<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

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