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Subject: Re: Humble request

Posted by [mole6e23](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2001 17:39:42 GMT

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> Would it be too much to ask that some of us go to our NewsReader  
> preferences and change an option to "Insert your reply ABOVE the quoted  
> message"? For some threads, a one-line reply can be tucked into the very  
> end of a 200-line quote that we read before. Kind of inconvenient.

Pavel - I have to agree with the people who support the quote then answer format. I think that it gives a context from which to understand the answer. So you don't have to read the answer and try to remember what the question was.

As said in one of the other posts, I think it comes down to making sure to only quote what you need. If you're responding one line to a 200 line post, I can't see a single reason why you'd have to quote the whole post. If one insists on quoting the whole post then, yes, putting the reply at the beginning is better than at the end. I've had to resort to using google groups to read my newsgroups (since our school newsserver is so unreliable and only gets about 20% of comp.lang.idl-pvwave articles) and it just cuts off long articles by default. If all I see is quoted text, I generally don't even click on it to read the entire response.

Todd

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