
Subject: Re: Move Newsgroup to Facebook

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Tue, 13 Jan 2009 17:50:58 GMT

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On Jan 13, 8:41 am, Mike <Michael.Mill...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Jan 9, 10:21 pm, Brian Larsen <balar...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Oh, but a move to facebook would certainly revitalize IDL Usenet and
>> IDL as a whole. This would lead to the popularizing of IDL in the
>> world. Think of the IDLphone, the Chevy ENVI, and best of all IDL
>> Vista. People would wear IDL t-shirts around town and instead of the
>> constant shunning that normally occurs those people people be revered
>> in the community.

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> Hmmmmm, maybe this shunning is the reason that David's site has been
> banned in China...

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> As for facebook, IDL 7.0 is already five better than web 2.0, making
> facebook and its ilk look like archaic relics from the early part of
> the 21st century. Perhaps all we need to do to get web 2.0 back up to
> the mainstream is extend Zawinski's Law [1] by adding a twitter api to
> IDL? Certainly IDL 7.0 + web 2.0 + facebook + twitter will go all the
> way to 11.

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> On a (barely) related note, I saw a post on the risks digest (which is
> an actual email digest - but it's ok, I read it via an RSS feed so I'm
> not hopelessly 80s) about how numeric keypad text-ing software tends
> to replace "cool" with "book". (Numerically both are 2665 and book is
> a more commonly used word than cool). So now "book" means "cool" in
> some circles. If IDL were mainstream, we'd have to learn to deal even
> more people who open, doors and print, papers.

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> Mike

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> Every program attempts to expand until it can read mail. Those
> programs which cannot so expand are replaced by ones which can.

> —Jamie Zawinski, <http://www.catb.org/~esr/jargon/html/Z/Zawinskis-La w.html>

OK, here's the world's simplest Twitter client:

http://michaelgalloy.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/01/mg_twitter.pro

Use it like:

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IDL> mg_twitter, 'mgalloy'
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I think we get lake effect snow off Waneka Lake.
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Screwed up my back/hip somehow at the end of goaltimate.
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Got in a video podcast yoga session with Brigit before bedtime.

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Who needs math anyway? <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123119236117055127.html>

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@dlwilson That's incentive. Maybe I should move the bookcase to directly behind my chair...

So does this bring IDL into the web 2.0 world?

Mike

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