
Subject: Re: Move Newsgroup to Facebook
Posted by [Mike\[2\]](#) on Tue, 13 Jan 2009 15:41:38 GMT
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On Jan 9, 10:21 pm, Brian Larsen <balar...@gmail.com> wrote:
> 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.

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

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.

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.

Mike

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-Law.html>
