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Subject: Re: Tools to search this group, now that Google has screwed up their search?

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Ed Hyer wrote:

- > This was discussed in a thread a few weeks back, but (haha) I can't
- > find it.
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- > Google Groups, which I have been using to browse this group for years,
- > has recently changed their search options to return only recent
- > results. This makes the search basically useless for this group. There
- > is an "advanced search" which allows you to search archives, but it's
- > complicated and I am lazy. I mean, it's not clickable straight from
- > the groups page, it requires you to type in the name of the group, and
- > requires 5-6 extra clicks besides. Very un-Google-like.
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- > What other tools do people use to search this archive?

I always select the "advanced search" option when using any search engine, I don't mind complicated, and I do like to be in control of the details of how the search is performed.

The archive you're searching with Google Groups is Google's own usenet archive; as far as I know, there are no other tools that can be used by the general public to search that archive.

I think that what you're really asking is what other usenet archives do people search in. Unfortunately, while I'm aware of many different usenet archives, I'm not aware of any with anything approaching the depth and breadth of coverage of Google Groups. I say "unfortunately", because Google's search engine is one of the flakiest pieces of software that I've had the misfortune of not being able to avoid using. It used to be a lot better; I'm not sure why they broke it.

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