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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.

Here is the discussion from a few weeks ago:

[http://groups.google.com/group/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/browse\\_thread/thread/2b6813c56b514ca0/c22fad23b15129f6?lnk=raot](http://groups.google.com/group/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/browse_thread/thread/2b6813c56b514ca0/c22fad23b15129f6?lnk=raot)

> 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.  
>  
> What other tools do people use to search this archive?

Personally, I use the custom Google search that's on my website (it's on the second search bar on the right on [michaelgalloy.com](http://michaelgalloy.com)). This will search the newsgroup, David's site, the IDL documentation, and a few others.

> Is there a super-long string I can put in the Google search bar that  
> will make it do the right thing, that I can just copy/paste?

If you use Firefox, it might be worth it to learn to use smart keywords so that you can access that search from your URL bar (instead of having to visit my page to make each search):

<http://support.mozilla.com/en-US/kb/Smart+keywords>

I made a smart keyword "idl" to access that search, so now I can type "idl histogram" on the URL bar to search for histogram across those sites.

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