
Subject: Re: spam is destroying this group
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Mon, 11 Dec 2017 02:41:31 GMT
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I am going to try going through the process of creating a moderated newsgroup comp.lang.idl-envi

Much of the information online about creating a moderated newsgroup appears to be outdated, with a lot of broken links. However, it appears that new moderated newsgroups have been successfully created this year, so I will go ahead and create a RFD (request for discussion).

I chose the name because (1) apparently it is very difficult to switch a group to moderated and keep the same name (2) the name comp.lang.idl is reserved for the completely unrelated Interface Definition Language, (3) there have been only a handful of posts about PV-WAVE in this group since 1992, when PV-WAVE began diverging from its common origin with IDL, and (4) given the number of previous ownership changes, I don't believe we can assume a continued association of IDL with Harris Geospatial. However, the association of IDL with Envi seems quite firm. (It seems that Envi is currently the main driver of developments to the IDL language.)

If I succeed in creating a moderated newsgroup, it would be useful to have one or two other moderators, preferably in a different time zone than me. (I am in Washington DC). I would also eventually need to have other users vote in favor of the creation of the moderated newsgroup.

My experience with moderated newsgroups is that they are quite effective in eliminating spam, although there can be a delay of a few hours before a post appears. But posting will still be available to anyone without any registration.

Comments welcome. --Wayne

On Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 4:28:09 AM UTC-5, Nikola Vitas wrote:

> Perhaps the group does not need to be moderated as long as someone has right to remove spam from the group. I'm getting daily digest from the group on my email. Although I reported all the spam, I still see them in the digest. It's becoming increasingly annoying. It's also very bad for attracting new users.

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> Is there any way to appoint a moderator at all? Does it matter who founded the group ages ago?