Subject: Re: spam is destroying this group
Posted by laura.hike on Wed, 27 Dec 2017 20:28:34 GMT
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On Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 6:41:33 PM UTC-8, wlandsman wrote:
> I am going to try going through the process of creating a moderated newsgroup
comp.lang.idl-envi
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> Much of the information online about creating a moderated newsgroup appears to be outdated,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).
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> 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.)
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> 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.
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> 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.
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> Comments welcome.   --Wayne
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> 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?

The problem with having a moderator is that posts will be delayed. One of the beauties of this
group is that you can get a response while you're still working on the problem. I can't imagine a
moderator waiting around to approve posts every time one is made.