Subject: Google Stiffling Free Flow of Jokes
Posted by davidf on Tue, 03 Apr 2001 15:59:21 GMT

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Folks,

I continue to view with interest Google's improvement of
the newsgroup archives formerly undertaken by Dejanews.
I think eventually this will be the newsgroup reader of
choice.

But in reviewing this past week's posts, I see an
alarming number of off-topic and completely irrelevant
posts by someone who should know better. It's embarrassing.
And they are right there in the thread, for all to see. :-(

The last thing I'm sure we all want is for this newsgroup
to become so popular that keeping up with it is a full-time
job. To this end, I'm vowing to act in a more responsible
and sober manner befitting a computer professional from
now on.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Google Stiffling Free Flow of Jokes
Posted by davidf on Thu, 05 Apr 2001 03:27:34 GMT

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Mark Hadfield (m.hadfield@niwa.cri.nz) writes:

> Speaking of being banished from this newsgroup, my employer has decided
> he/she/it doesn't want to pay NZ$3600 per year for newsgroup access, when
> very few people in the organisation use it (and I probably account for 90%
> of the postings).
>
> I can *read* the group via some generous people in the UK (who probably
> haven't secured their NNTP server properly). But they're not so generous as
> to allow posting, so my 15 minutes of fame on comp.lang.idl-pvwave may come

> to an end soon. Can anyone suggest alternatives, preferably ones which do
> not require spending money? My other favourite group, comp.lang.python, has
> a Usenet<->email gateway. there's no such thing for comp.lang.idl-pvwave.

This is a real bummer, Mark. :-(

Google will eventually support newsgroup posting, so you
can both read and post from your Internet browser, but
for now, here is a list of places that offer newsgroup
browsing and posting, some for free:

   http://directory.google.com/Top/Computers/Usenet/Web_Based/

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Hey, cool (via mailgate)!

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