
Subject: Google Groups

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 17 Aug 2011 14:17:12 GMT

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Folks,

I was doing some searching through Google Groups for a newsgroup discussion I remembered and I discovered a couple of things.

1. Goggle Groups suck!
2. My bookmark was to the *old* Google Groups. The new Google Groups sucks less than the old one. (At least I could find the discussion I was looking for, which was impossible in the old Google Groups.)

Anyway, my recommendation, if you have to use this pitiful excuse for a newsgroup reader, is to use the NEW Google Groups interface.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Google Groups

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 17 Aug 2011 14:21:59 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

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Which is odd, actually, since this morning I am finally getting around to getting caught up on my Book Review list and I am reviewing the book In the Plex: How Google Thinks, Works, and Shapes Our Lives by Steven Levy. It was a MOST excellent book! By turns terrifying and reassuring.

After reading it, I sure wouldn't have expected the shoddy, shoddy Google Groups interface. Heck, I was all set to get a new Android phone. Now I may be looking

at the iPhone again. :-(

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Posted by [Brian Wolven](#) on Wed, 17 Aug 2011 15:14:10 GMT

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I'm quite fond of Google Reader. The new Groups interface is quite similar, so I'm pretty content with it. I guess it depends on what you're comparing it to though. A good usenet client?

Concerning Android devices, the Gmail/Calendar integration is great, and I really like the maps/navigation. My problems are primarily with the hardware, in that running an application can be a risky endeavor. It might not always work, and if it does, it may be some time before you can manage to get back to an operational launcher screen again. And if you want to use it as a PHONE in the interim, well, good luck. This may be related to the fact that my device is now three years old - positively geriatric by mobile device standards. I try not to push it too hard, but even at that it often stumbles.

If you're looking at something newer and faster make sure that you can live with whatever battery life that model is likely to provide. Some of them are real juice guzzlers.

Subject: Re: Google Groups

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Wed, 17 Aug 2011 16:18:25 GMT

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On 8/17/11 8:21 AM, David Fanning wrote:

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I imagine that this reflects the priority of Google Groups (and Usenet) to Google more than anything.

I definitely agree: a dedicated newsreader application is the way to read the newsgroup. A nice search in Google Groups would be occasionally useful though, I'll have to try the new interface.

Mike

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Posted by [R.G.Stockwell](#) on Wed, 17 Aug 2011 23:01:22 GMT

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In my recollection, the Old Old google groups was fantastic. You could always find everything with a simple search, and it had a great archive. I think that was back in the day when it used to be DejaNews, and google took it over. Back then, you could even get a newsgroup listing, and go through the alt., comp., rec., hierarchies.

cheers,

bob
