

Re: Top posting

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To: debian-user@lists.debian.org

On Thursday June 9 2005 5:11 pm, Hal Vaughan wrote:

> *On Thursday 09 June 2005 05:26 pm, Alex Malinovich wrote:*
> > *So a top-poster is concerned about him or herself not doing extra*
> > *work. A bottom-poster is concerned with improving the quality of*
> > *reading for others.*
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> *That's the most self-serving, self-centered, one-sided point of*
> *view I've read on any tech list in years. In 3 paragraphs, you*
> *manage to insult users of proprietary software a number of ways,*
> *calling them self centered over and over,*

That doesn't make him self-serving or self-centered. Of course it's one sided: There's only one side to it (and every other standard that Microsoft decided to add their own "side" to). As for proprietary software users, they do the world a great injustice by holding back software with economic force. They do the online community and business great injustice and are a major source of lost productivity, lost revenue, and completely superfluous overhead that raises everybody's prices at the checkstand. Get your facts straight.

> *Yet, while you are going on and on calling others self-centered,*
> *you are totally incapable of seeing how "Me! Me! Me!" your point of*
> *view is.*

So far, we've seen plenty of valid arguments in favor of proper quoting and lots of "but what about my FEEEEELINGS?" arguments from top-posters. If you want to make a valid argument, please address these points which top-posters have yet to post any intelligent rebuttal to:

* Why is top posting not found before Microsoft made it popular?

* How does top posting address filtered or lost messages in a straightforward manner? Picking through 200 lines of top-posted crap to find the one or two lines that gives the new material context does

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not address this issue.

* RFC 1855. What makes your way so much better that it's worth breaking a 35 year stretch of doing it the right way?

> *As long as people follow your rules, they are open
> minded. People who don't are closed minded. So does it not occur
> to you that many people think differently than you, so top posting
> may work better for you?*

No, people who follow open standards are open minded. People who rally against the Right Thing are closed minded. People who think Microsoft's way is the only way are closed minded. Which group are you in?

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