

Re: #debian

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On Fri, Sep 09, 2005 at 01:13:53PM -0400, kamaraju kusumanchi wrote:

[...]

} In any case, I tend use as little IRC as possible because the IRC
} conversations are not archived as opposed to d-u. So someone seeking an
} answer to an already known problem can not google it and get the
} solution. True, many do not read archives but some of us do read them
} before posting anything.

Well, it isn't quite that bad. The dpkg infobot's knowledge base continues to grow as the denizens answer questions and wrap them up in factoids. There is no record of the entire conversation, true, but the knowledge isn't quite as ephemeral as you make it out to be.

} The second problem is that on #debian there tend to be large number of
} simultaneous discussions which are difficult to follow (dont know who
} is responding to what). This is very confusing. With an email client
} which respects threads, this problem is non-existent when reading emails
} on d-u.

For this you just need a client that highlights messages containing your nick. People in #debian tend to be very good about directing responses to the person who asked. You can keep track of your own thread by just watching for highlighted messages.

} just my \$0.02

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