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Two wrongs may not make a right, but I don't particularly care, hence the tone of this reply. :P

On Tue, Jan 31, 2006 at 12:15:02AM -0800, Tyson Varosyan wrote:  
> Given the fact that Katipo and Alvin were the only ones to reply to this  
> thread and nether proved to know anything about how to resolve my issue,

While they may not have "proved" that they knew, why would you assume such? Acting like an asshat as you've done with the attempted insults is uncalled for (I say attempted because coming from the source, your "insults" don't mean squat). Actually there was a third, but who's counting?

> I thought that I should post the resolution here so that others  
> looking for the answer later would not have to bother the resident  
> smart-asses on this board.

Eh...NO information is better than BAD information.

> Again, I apologize for posting a Windows-based problem on this board, but I  
> did so with the assumption that there would be many Apache users here and  
> that the more experienced ones may know how to help me in Windows and Linux.

Well...the \*correct\* place to ask would have been <http://httpd.apache.org/lists.html#http-users>. Ironically enough, that was easily found with GOOGLE or just by going to their web site and clicking the obvious "mailing lists" link.

> However, when running the installation program on the machine that  
> already had it installed, you are confronted with a "repair" or  
> "uninstall" options - installation of another instance is not an  
> option.

Yes, that's how MSI files work—something I would hope that a paid professional that is experienced with Windows would know.

> Katipo and Alvin, feel free to read this procedure and pass it off as your  
> own in the future.

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This is a Debian list, not a Windows list. That's likely why no-one responded. This ML isn't for

- 1) Windows support
- 2) Apache support running on Windows.

Also, as E.S. Raymond wrote:

- >> Choose your forum carefully
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- >> Be sensitive in choosing where you ask your question. You are likely
- >> to be ignored, or written off as a loser, if you:
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- >> \* post your question to a forum where it's off topic
- >> \* post a very elementary question to a forum where advanced
- >> technical questions are expected, or vice-versa

Guess what you did? =) At least the "assholes" (Alvin & Kapito: I don't mean that) didn't ignore you like I and everyone else did. They cared enough to give a short response while some of us were writing new Spamassassin rules to catch your future emails. OK, maybe just \*I\* was writing new rules...hehe. ;)

- > Sorry that I made you feel so incompetent. Being a Systems Admin for a
- > multitude of customers ranging from Dental Clinics to 5000+ server
- > Datacenters, I have not come into much contact with Apache.

Wow!!!!!!eleventyone!!! Should we be impressed? For some reason I'm not. :/

- > I thought you assholes,

There's no need for the name calling.

- > could serve to provide some help with this obvious error in the Apache
- > documentation,

If you had a problem with the Apache documentation, wouldn't Apache's website be the \*best\* place to look for information? Definitely your initial message would have been better suited for \*their\* mailing lists. They support Windows users, we \*don't\*.

- > but instead I reinforced my belief in the reasons why most people use
- > software that has documentation and phone numbers to call for help.

I see. Is that why Apache is still the most used web server according to the Netcraft surveys? Reference [http://news.netcraft.com/archives/web\\_server\\_survey.html](http://news.netcraft.com/archives/web_server_survey.html).

Is that why \*YOU\* use Apache? I'd say the reason "most people use software that has documentation and phone numbers to call for help" (i.e., Windows) is because they're "sheep" or they don't know any

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better. Your resolution could have been found with

- 1) common sense
- 2) Google
- 3) asking on the proper forum, i.e., the Apache list(s).

Side note: Per your website:

- > No matter what the job calls for we will design your website in a
- > timely and professional manner at a reasonable rate.

I don't think web sites that do not validate look very professional. You may want to correct that..

In the future, try to ask on the proper forum (in this case, Apache's MLs or a Windows-centric forum) and don't be so quick to refer to fellow list-members as "assholes." It doesn't look very "professional".

...then again neither does asking the wrong mailing list for information.  
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Please read this before asking more questions on mailing lists/web forums: <http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>.

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