

Re: Proposed change for subscriptions...

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On Sunday 12 March 2006 14:15, Kent West wrote:

Steve Lamb wrote:

Anand Kumria said:

Open posting is *good*.
Yes, I get spam because of
it,

Just from the viewpoint of an average Joe, who has no experience running email lists, I DESPISE, HATE, DETEST having to subscribe to a list just to ask a quick question. Many times I've looked for answers to various issues, ranging from Debian issues to Windows to Maytag washer repair issues, and have come upon the "To submit your question, you must register first."

Arghghghgh!!! NO! NO NO NO!! I DO NOT WANT TO REGISTER!! JUST LET ME ASK MY QUESTION AND GET ON WITH LIFE!!

(Apologies for the screaming.)

Steve, you may have very good points, and your logic may be flawless. But I hate having to register to post on an email list. As far as I'm concerned, Debian-User does it right. "Open posting is [indeed] *good*."

What concerns me is that Steve has some good points, but Anand is too busy being right to listen. (I have to admit, Steve has been rather strong in voicing his complaints.) There is room here for compromise that could help both the newbies AND those of us on the list, yet everyone is too busy saying, "I'm right, you're wrong," to listen and Anand's threats to unsubscribe Steve do not reflect well on Anand.

So which is more important? For Anand or Steve to be right, or to realize that there are points of the current system that help newbies, but there are also points that hurt those on the list.

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Maybe for some, the GMail filter works well and clears out spam. I use SpamAssassin, and I have to go through my spam folder and check each message because I do get false hits on e-mails that are sometimes quite important. I'm sure I'm not the only one. I don't know how much of my spam comes from Debian (I do know the e-mails from PetSupermarket do!), but it seems to be that the current attitude is, "This is how we do it,
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