

Re: ATTN SELF-STYLED LIST POLICE (was RE: Mr. Day)

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To: For users of Fedora Core releases <fedora-list@redhat.com>

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On Tuesday 07 December 2004 01:59, Thomas Cameron wrote:

> *On Tue, 2004-12-07 at 13:50 +0800, John Summerfield wrote:*

>> *Thank you Gene.*

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>> *I've never said more than "please post no HTML" and, when provoked*

>> *then provided some reasons.*

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> *Then my post certainly wasn't directed at you. I think I made clear*

> *over and over that I was talking to the people on this list who take*

> *a "holier than thou," condescending or downright rude tone with*

> *newcomers.*

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>> *I am offended at the rudeness of people such as Thomas.*

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> *I am truly sorry if you are offended.*

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>> *There are many factors*

>> *that go to _my_ choice of email client, and its ability to render*

>> *HTML and Javascript does not rank. I chose one to suit _my_*

>> *requirements.*

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> *Great - I agree with your reasoning. I think that is the only way*

> *to choose any tool. BUT - if 92-93% of the list uses MUAs which*

> *handle HTML just fine, how is it reasonable that that 92-93% should*

> *change their ways to support the 7-8% of the list members who*

> *voluntarily choose to use an MUA which doesn't handle HTML?*

I believe your estimates of how many actually use html might be based on an examination of the headers to determine the MUA used. However, since its switchable in most MUA's, I dare say that the members of this list that actually use html as a default mode probably can be estimated at under 1%, and thats certainly _not a majority_.

> *Don't get me wrong - I personally don't like HTML mail, and I prefer*

> *bottom posting. But I refuse to get all lathered up about it when*

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- > *some new user top/HTML posts. I might shoot them a gentle*
- > *explanation of list etiquette. At worst I'll delete the message.*
- > *But at no time will I be publicly derogatory towards him/her. That*
- > *hurts the community.*

Agreed, except for posting position, as you can see I intersperse so that the context of the conversation is preserved. However, I do have a certain frustration level for those that quote 3 to 5 pages of the previous message before replying at the bottom. Such messages tend to get skimmed and passed by when there may actually be a nugget of knowledge buried in such a post from time to time. It should be possible to scroll the message such that the instant context is largely onscreen in one view, it tends to make for a more cogent response, at least from this poster.

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Cheers, Gene

"There are four boxes to be used in defense of liberty:
soap, ballot, jury, and ammo. Please use in that order."

-Ed Howdershelt (Author)

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