

Re: [SLE] Have you seen this? -- TOFU explained

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On Saturday 06 Mar 2004 21:38 pm, jaska wrote:

<SNIP>

> *So You are saying, that I should just accept the difficult method of
> reading replies (by scrolling down and searching for the start of the
> reply)*

Does your MUA not distinguish the new text from the original post (OP)?

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> *To my logic there is nothing that would speak on behalf of
> bottom-posting, especially when it means more difficult replies to
> read.*

Erm, it means a respondent can reply to individual points **in context**.
The difficulty arises when the replier doesn't trim the OP.

> *And who has said it is rude? Someone, who is a person like me,
> and has not the status any higher than I do.*

Actually, the general consensus of usenet and email users from long
before the /world wide web/ and commercial internet were even a glint
in anyone's monitor...

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> *Logs... they do grow on the bottom, and every time I open a log, I
> need to scroll down.. why shouldn't they start at the top? Lazy
> programmers?*

No, prepending log entries would mean either a structured file format or
complicated disk accesses (likely copying the file each time.) Both
would introduce more -ve's than +ve's. You can parse the log through
sort, or just sort it in your text editor...

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> *I do understand that trimming is needed when bottom-posting, but when
> top-posting, just add the reply on top, perhaps deleting something
> from the original message, and go-on with whatever I was doing.*

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And when a thread runs to maybe hundreds of messages, with each one copied in full? HTML is bad enough, but redundant repetition over tens of posts? And on top of that, each message gets sent to thousands of subscribers, at an average 2k per new post, 20 reply posts is 400k. And at 130+ post per day... needI go on? Some people have dialups paid by the minute or KB...

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> *By doing this I perhaps make a new reply and help another Linux-user*
> *in the same time, that it takes to carefully trimming the message.*

Maybe, but it might be better to trim the OP out entirely – that's just a quick. And there's always the thread to check back on.

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> *Maybe someone will say that it is a waste of bandwidth. If so, the*
> *why do we graphics on web-pages? It is not needed, but it is there..*

I did say that. The difference is: I can choose which web sites I go to and I can configure my browser to not show images unless I want it to. I cannot decide whether I want a mail until it is downloaded. Also, http is faster than pop3.

> *They should the start to educate people who are designing web-pages*
> *to get back to stone-age!*

Get real.

Dylan

<BIG SNIP OF OP>

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"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."
-Benjamin Franklin

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