

Re: Linux locking on boot

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In alt.os.linux, WTH uttered these immortal words:

>> > *In example one, *assuming* people have read the original post, what is
>> > the advantage to bottom posting in your reply? I don't see one.*
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>> *The advantage is that I can read the question and the answer in one
>> go.*
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> *Did you read what I said for example one. "Assuming people have *read the
> original post*..."*
> *So, again, how is there an advantage to bottom posting since you obviously
> do not need to read the question. Now, if you're referring to reading the
> question and answering as part of the first reply to an original post,
> surely you've already read the post *before* deciding to reply, yes?
> Ergo, no need to bottom post.*

Here's my input to this interesting discussion FWIW.

I sometimes don't get to read the NGs for a few days. When I do catch up with a group I like to just be able to go to the next un-read post. I may have read the whole thread up to that point but I won't be able to remember what was in each thread after a few days so a little text above the reply can help me remember without having to re-read the entire thread. I don't want to have to read the whole thread again just to refresh my memory.

If the reply is posted inline (my preference BTW) I can see exactly what points the poster is replying to and can just scroll down and read the reply using the quotes above it to refresh my memory. If it was top posted I might have to scroll down to refresh my memory then scroll up again to read the reply. I might have to do this several times if there are a few points covered. When top posting the reply would have to be more verbse too in some cases, eg:

<example>

Yes, you can use X to do Y and you can do A, B and C with Z.

> *Can I use X to do Y?*
> *Can I do A, B and C with Z?*

</example>

Whereas if it was posted inline:

<example>

> *Can I use X to do Y?*

Yes.

> *Can I do A, B and C with Z?*

Yes.

</example>

IME top posters don't snip well either. In a long thread there could be hundreds of lines that I'm downloading for every post just to read a few lines to refresh my memory and the reply. IMO inline posting encourages snippage because you're working through the original post adding your replies as you go.

That's my tuppence worth.

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Andy.