

Re: Linux Links Part I

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Abdullah Ramazanoglu wrote:

> *begin Paul Lutus <nospam@nosite.zzz> dedi ki:*
>> *Polerio Babao Jr.II wrote:*
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>> *Please post your question. If you do not have a question, create a Web*
>> *page and link to it here. Do not just dump all your personal notes into*
>> *the newsgroup.*
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> *I disagree.*

This is not a matter for debate. Usenet has a certain role, and there are rules and behavioral standards in place. An example of this rule:

<http://www.ecn.org/estroja/tech/spam-1.htm>

Quote:

"Limit your posting to 200 lines; larger postings will be automatically rejected. If you have a large posting, abstract it and provide a URL or autoresponder to it."

> *I don't think of newsgroups as some question-and-answer*
> *places.*

And you don't get to decide. The appropriate way for the poster to have proceeded is to create a Web page and link to it here. This newsgroup, and most newsgroups, are not mass-publishing media, they are discussion forums.

> *Anyone can post some news, interesting sites, or anything relevant*
> *here.*

Yes, as long as it meets Usenet rules. One of the rules is not to post anything excessive in length.

> *As for posting a link instead of the content, I agree to some*
> *extent. But he might not have a home page or handy site to gather the*
> *contents on, and the links tend to get stale in time anyway.*

This is not an excuse for breaking the rules. If it were, people could justify borrowing your mate any time they felt left out by the grand sweep of genetic history.

- > *Also, in this*
- > *specific case, the content itself is a collection of links.*

Neither it, nor its two recent associated, very large posts, is appropriate for posting in a discussion forum. Many Usenet servers automatically reject large posts, so a poster who expects to have his magnum opus propagated through this medium may well find himself quietly deleted without comment.

- > *And lastly, he*
- > *seems to be doing this in good will,*

Spammers always insist that they are performing a public service, for example, to help those whose external plumbing doesn't have horse-like proportions. Most people disagree.

- > *trying to contribute some valuable*
- > *info (which *are* valuable, BTW). So I don't think he deserves a negative*
- > *response.*

He richly deserves a negative response for not finding out what the rules are.

- > *I feel that I should thank him for his contribution, if*
- > *anything.*

What you feel isn't a matter of great concern.

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