

Disappearing messages.

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On Wed, 16 Mar 2005 02:14:55 -0900, floyd@barrow.com (Floyd L. Davidson) wrote:

>Steve Hayes <hayesmstw@hotmail.com> wrote:

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>>In my other message (which seems to keep disappearing from the server) I

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>They "disappear" as soon as you read them, or in any way mark
>them as having been seen. Which means that you'll see them
>exactly one time, and unless you do something special they will
>not be shown to you again.

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>Or, that is what a decent news reader will do for you.

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>Also, regardless of whether you read them, mark them, or
>whatever, each server only keeps each article for a certain
>amount of time. That is a configuration option for each
>newsgroup on a server. Indeed, sometimes it isn't the time that
>counts, but how much disk space is available.

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>Hence at some point, usually a minimum of 2-3 days, but possibly
>less and perhaps as much as 3-4 weeks, each article is
>"expired", and at that point the server removes it entirely.
>Only massive archives, such a google maintains, keep articles
>for any length of time.

Aye, but in this case the messages were disappearing within a minute or less.

I do three things:

1. Upload replies.
2. Download bodies of marked bodies
3. Download new headers and bodies of "watched" threads.

When some of my messages started disappearing (someone on another ng complained about it), I "watched" those threads, and between posting a reply and downloading it (1-2 minutes, got the message "Sorry. This message is no longer available").

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Now maybe the news server's disks were getting full, but Don Aitken, who reads this group and uses another server, also noticed this.

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