

Re: Disappearing messages.

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I've not followed through all the replies, Steve, but the problem may be your newsreader and the way it archives your messages. Mine will occasionally not load a message or not download a couple each day. But I can go over to Google and see there were a few messages that didn't come down. Go figure.

Steve Hayes wrote:

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

> *wrote:*

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>> *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.*

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

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> *I do three things:*

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> *1. Upload replies.*

> *2. Download bodies of marked bodies*

> *3. Download new headers and bodies of "watched" threads.*

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> *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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