

Re: OT – newsservers?

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on Tue, 6 Feb 2007 02:31:30 +0100 (CET), [pete <vincent@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>](mailto:pete@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) sez:

Hi folks:

With no warning that I was aware of, UBC has decided to terminate their newsserver, suggesting that there are adequate free servers to be found which will suffice for those wishing to read usenet, though not providing any recommendation, just a pointer to a list of sites. I am currently trying one, freenews.netfront.net, so this is also a posting test,

Sorry, ignore this – I can't cancel it. This post failed when I tried to make it last week. I have since found a server that works, through aioe.org, and today I was just trying to clear the old article, which kept coming up as "postponed – post this article? y [yYAnq]" Hitting n or q had no effect, it kept coming back, so I tried A, and that posted it. If there was a way for tin to let me delete the article, I never found it...

Found myself in the same boat about three years ago, finally went with groups.google.com

Here is a list, quite old now

Access for many allows text to be both read and to post, a few even carry binary content, but are not reliable

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news.cis.dfn.de

post.usenet.com

freenews.netfront.net

free.yottanews.com

readers.news.eni.net

freenews.netfront.net

news.freenet.de

newscache2.freenet.de

skarjeke.ind.mh.se

news.vsi.ru

news.readfreenews.net

pubnews.gradwell.net

menuhin.netfront.net

yellow.geeks.org

gail.ripco.com

dp-news.maxwell.syr.edu

news4.euro.net

lord.usenet-edu.net

news.cs.tu-berlin.de

ccnews.thu.edu.tw

ice.kirov.ru

stalker.alfacom.net

news.tehnicom.net

news.grc.com

baran22.ttnet.net.tr

neptun.beotel.yu

news.amu.edu.pl

(<http://www.newsservers.net>)

dnews.globalnews.it (216.40.250.69)

Speed: 67220 kb Groups: 109673 Posting: Yes

Binaries: Yes Location: Italy

Username: None Password: None

Notes: Still waiting on test post to be propogated. Many binary groups and was really fast for me. At the very least this will be a good fill server. I'll keep an eye on it and see what happens with message totals.

post.usenet.com (208.33.61.208)

Speed: 59175 kb Groups: 99901 Posting: Yes

Binaries: Yes Location: United States

Username: None Password: None

Notes: This is a posting only server. The only posts you'll find here are ones that have been posted locally. They add a large footer to messages posted, but if you have no other way to get your message posted then this server is very useful.

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news.wplus.spb.ru (195.131.52.135)

Speed: 36192 kb Groups: 65010 Posting: No

Binaries: Yes Location: Russia

Username: None Password: None

Notes: Decent server with binaries. Message totals are acceptable.

Speed was only so so, but it's pretty far from me geographically.

Should be good for fills. Server would not accept postings. Is an alias for news.wplus.net.

news.wplus.net (195.131.52.135)

Speed: 37176 kb Groups: 63280 Posting: No

Binaries: Yes Location: Russia

Username: None Password: None

Notes: Decent server with binaries. Message totals are acceptable.

Speed was only so so, but it's pretty far from me geographically.

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beta.usenet.plus.net (212.159.2.86)

Speed: 7636 kb Groups: 61443 Posting: No

Binaries: Yes Location: United States

Username: None Password: None

Notes: New test server. Won't be up for long, but it's a good one.

Tons of messages in the binary groups. They say they have 5 days retention on binaries.

pamela.rit.se (213.88.137.53)

Speed: 12491 kb Groups: 59980 Posting: Yes

Binaries: Yes Location: Sweden

Username: None Password: None

Notes: This server was posted in our message forums by Guest. It's got

binaries and lots of em. Speed is decent. Probably better for those in

Europe. All in all great server.

freenews.netfront.net (202.177.16.121)

Speed: 66634 kb Groups: 55574 Posting: No

Binaries: No Location: United States

Username: None Password: None

Notes: Result code indicates posting allowed, but posts not accepted.

Pretty high message totals in some groups. Speed was very fast. Large

selection of hierarchies, but no binaries. Should be great for text groups.

news.tehnicom.net (62.193.128.66)

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Speed: 3480 kb Groups: 55232 Posting: No
Binaries: Yes Location: Yugoslavia
Username: None Password: None
Notes: This Yugoslavian server was pretty slow for me, but considering the geological distance not bad I suppose. It does carry a large list of binary groups and most of those have messages in them. The actual totals vary greatly from group to group though. Should be good for fills especially if you are closer geographically than me.

news3.telebyte.nl (213.211.135.18)
Speed: 62684 kb Groups: 54876 Posting: No
Binaries: Yes Location: Netherlands
Username: None Password: None
Notes: Good server with decent number of binary groups and relatively active binary groups as well. Should be a good fill server.

nntp.idg.pl (194.69.207.134)
Speed: 62616 kb Groups: 49316 Posting: No
Binaries: No Location: Poland
Username: None Password: None
Notes: Looks like a very good server for text groups. No binaries on this Polish server at all, but a very nice selection of everything else. Posting not allowed. Was very fast for me on the west coast of the states.

beta.teranews.com (66.150.105.49)
Speed: 66201 kb Groups: 41811 Posting: No
Binaries: Yes Location: United States
Username: None Password: None
Notes: Assumably a test server for TeraNews. Very nice speed. Lots of groups including binaries and plenty of messages in those groups. No posting here, but with all this who cares. Credit for this find goes to Yf from our message forums.

cp-news.centix.net (208.234.59.139)
Speed: 11527 kb Groups: 41748 Posting: Yes
Binaries: Yes Location: United States
Username: None Password: None
Notes: Test message showed up immediately on other servers. Speed was kind of slow for me. Lots of groups though, including a good selection of binaries. Nice message totals even in binary groups. Is a test server so not sure how long it will be available.

readers.news.eni.net (155.229.126.73)

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Speed: 67894 kb Groups: 41006 Posting: Yes
Binaries: Yes Location: United States
Username: None Password: None
Notes: This server has a small selection of binary groups as well as many other hierarchies. Test post was taken and received on other servers within a minute.

news.bentium.com (202.108.36.140)
Speed: 67083 kb Groups: 36146 Posting: No
Binaries: No Location: China
Username: None Password: None
Notes: No binaries on this server. Also is read-only. No posting. Speed was pretty good and message totals looked good as well.

news.prodigy.net (207.115.63.158)
Speed: 67096 kb Groups: 34154 Posting: Yes
Binaries: Yes Location: United States
Username: MSISP06@prodigy Password: msisp
Notes: This is a prodigy test server. Speed is looking really good and has lots of binary groups and lots of messages in those groups. You need to use the username and password listed above. Posting is allowed and my test post was propagated to other servers within seconds. Use it while it's available, but don't abuse it.

apollo.ncnu.edu.tw (163.22.2.3)
Speed: 5510 kb Groups: 31935 Posting: No
Binaries: Yes Location: Taiwan
Username: None Password: None
Notes: Server speed was pretty slow, but it has a nice number of groups. Unfortunately none of the binary groups have any messages at the moment. I'll keep an eye on it and let you know if it changes.

212.106.192.84 (212.106.192.84)
Speed: 64723 kb Groups: 31468 Posting: Yes
Binaries: Yes Location: Spain
Username: None Password: None
Notes: Pretty high message totals even in the binary groups. Still waiting for the test post to propagate. Overall decent server especially for those near Spain geographically.

testnews.octanews.com (208.42.66.152)
Speed: 17306 kb Groups: 31307 Posting: No
Binaries: Yes Location: United States
Username: None Password: None
Notes: One of the more popular test news servers when it's up. Lots of binaries and lots of messages in those groups. Problem is that its

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popularity sometimes makes it hard to get in.

biggulp.readfreenews.net (204.153.244.163)
Speed: 59362 kb Groups: 30000 Posting: Yes
Binaries: No Location:
Username: none Password: none
Notes:

newstest2.earthlink.net (207.217.125.200)
Speed: 57693 kb Groups: 28948 Posting: No
Binaries: Yes Location: United States
Username: None Password: None
Notes: Obviously this is EarthLink's latest test server. Not sure how long it will be up, but seems pretty decent. Speed was nice and it has lots of binary groups. No posting, but who cares when you got binaries.

news.yaako.com (61.132.102.122)
Speed: 61758 kb Groups: 27761 Posting: No
Binaries: No Location: United States
Username: None Password: None
Notes: Low message totals in the alt hierarchies, but other major hierarchies have pretty decent totals. No posting or binaries. Nice speed though inside the US.

newstest.newshosting.com (63.218.45.34)
Speed: 69652 kb Groups: 27362 Posting: No
Binaries: Yes Location: United States
Username: None Password: None
Notes: This server will be accessible for a few weeks for testing purposes. May go up and down intermittantly. Was really fast for me when I tested it. No posting, but it has lots of binary groups. Get in there while the gettin's good.

news.lga.highwinds-media.com (69.28.186.120)
Speed: 53550 kb Groups: 26824 Posting: No
Binaries: Yes Location: United States
Username: None Password: None
Notes: Another server that people in our forums found. Excellent binaries server. Many binary groups and enough messages in the groups to make me say wow when I loaded it up. Nice server. I noticed that sometimes I had to use the IP address to get connected. So if you get errors using the server name try the ip address.

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news.uni-stuttgart.de (129.143.4.1)

Speed: 61504 kb Groups: 26234 Posting: No

Binaries: No Location: Germany

Username: None Password: None

Notes: This german server has been around for a long time. It doesn't have any binaries and no posting, but it is excellent for reading text groups.

news-read2.maxwell.syr.edu (128.230.129.222)

Speed: 18886 kb Groups: 25884 Posting: No

Binaries: Yes Location: United States

Username: None Password: None

Notes: Decent message totals in some groups. Some binary groups, but no adult or mp3 binaries. Connection wasn't that fast for me. Your milage may vary.

news.ish.de (80.69.98.109)

Speed: 9893 kb Groups: 23800 Posting: Yes

Binaries: No Location: Germany

Username: None Password: None

Notes: Server speed was not impressive. Group list contains no binaries and also no alt groups. Big 8 hierarchies are well represented, but I repeat no binaries and no alt groups.

news.individual.net (130.133.1.4)

Speed: 65924 kb Groups: 23424 Posting: Yes

Binaries: No Location: Germany

Username: Required Password: Required

Notes: Formerly news.cis.dfn.de. Probably one of the most popular text only servers. You need to signup for a free account at www.individual.net. Good speed, posting, long retention times. No binaries though. Awesome for text groups.

tnews.arcor.de (151.189.20.14)

Speed: 12112 kb Groups: 18531 Posting: No

Binaries: Yes Location: Germany

Username: None Password: None

Notes: New german test server. Has a lot of binary groups and lots of messages in them. Speed was mediocre for me on the west coast, but not bad at all. No posting on this server.

news.ttnet.net.tr (212.156.2.59)

Speed: 57681 kb Groups: 18158 Posting: Yes

Binaries: No Location: Turkey

Username: None Password: None

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Notes: Low message totals in most groups, but definitely some activity in others. Has some kind of queue system in place. If server is really busy might take a couple minutes to do things, but once your through the line is nice and quick.

news.f.de.plusline.net (212.19.48.35)

Speed: 57544 kb Groups: 12843 Posting: Yes

Binaries: No Location: United States

Username: None Password: None

Notes: Good message totals in most groups. Test post was propogated within minutes. Absolutely no binary groups on the server, but should be really good for other types of groups.

newssvr20-ext.news.prodigy.com (207.115.63.160)

Speed: 64211 kb Groups: 12483 Posting: No

Binaries: No Location: United States

Username: None Password: None

Notes: Decent server for text groups. No binaries. Speed was nice as were message totals. Overall should be good for text groups.

news.gngidc.net (211.115.194.9)

Speed: 299 kb Groups: 9400 Posting: Yes

Binaries: No Location: South Korea

Username: None Password: None

Notes: No binaries or alt groups on this server. Some big 8 hierarchies are covered decently. Was pretty slow at night, but wasn't bad in the morning. Not 100% sure on posting as there weren't really any test groups for me to try out, but it claims to allow posting.

news.kharma.net (206.63.117.226)

Speed: 43676 kb Groups: 5714 Posting: Yes

Binaries: Yes Location: United States

Username: None Password: None

Notes: Very small selection of binaries. A couple multimedia and movie binary groups. Medium to low message totals. Speed was good. Might be useful for the occassional fill for binary users. Test post was propogated to other servers within a couple minutes.

news.microsoft.com (207.46.248.16)

Speed: 59283 kb Groups: 2287 Posting: Yes

Binaries: No Location: United States

Username: None Password: None

Notes: This is Microsoft's product usenet server. All groups are related to Microsoft products. There are several aliases for this one

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that I'll throw into this description as I come across them.

news2.lightlink.com (205.232.34.12)

Speed: 46308 kb Groups: 27 Posting: Yes

Binaries: No Location: United States

Username: None Password: None

Notes: Is a small server which appears to be dedicated to scientology newsgroups.

news.iswiz.com (216.201.185.41)

Speed: 46989 kb Groups: 17 Posting: Yes

Binaries: No Location: United States

Username: None Password: None

Notes: Appears to be a privately-owned server for a computer gaming community. Please read their rules located here before posting.

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