

Re: How to change OE so the coding is right automatically

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Paul Blay wrote:

"Phil" <phil.yff@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote ...

Konrad Viltersten wrote:

Once, i got this hint from Paul Blay (i think it was him) where he explained how to set up OE so Japanese coding comes up by default, so ?? doesn't happen.

I have Google the net for it but i can't find it. I'm sure it is there since i read it once but, perhaps due to a stress or need (Murphys law, i guess) i just can't locate it. Help?

I had the same problem. I don't think there's any good solution. OE doesn't send out headers that allow the decoding to take place automatically by everyone.

Sure the `_default setting_` of OE doesn't 'send out' headers with charset information. It's only a few mouse clicks away from working though.

I was fed up with typing it out every time so now it has a small place on the internet

http://www.sljfaq.org/w/Usenet#Outlook_Express

I thought I'd had OE set up correctly, but I went to the site you mentioned and followed the instructions. I have to commend you it's very well written. I first tried posting from OE to misc.test typing in a sample sentence using the input method editor set to Japanese IME standard, hiragana input, and general conversion mode. It worked perfectly. However, when I tried to reply to someone else's post, I could not even decode the Japanese text in the posted message. The

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text was garbled whether I tried to pull up the post on Outlook Express or using a browser.

I've never had a problem in e-mail. Before last week, the last time I posted to sci.lang.japan was almost ten years ago. I'd kind of expected the technology would have advanced to the point that everything would be handled automatically. Certainly my personal computing environment is head and shoulders above what it used to be. I have both US and Japanese software loaded and am able to use them collaboratively. So I was surprised when some of my posts using OE were garbled.

The problem seems to be at its worst when I create the Japanese text directly in OE. If I use a word processor and cut and paste into OE the problem is less severe. I had no problems reading a response I'd created that way to somebody else's post. However, he was not able to automatically decode the text. He finally did so using ISO-2022-JP. However, I had created it in UTF-8 and when I switched to ISO-2022-JP all of the Japanese and some of the English became garbled. I've had no problems posting from Google Groups regardless of whether I type the Japanese directly in Google or cut and pasted from a word processor.

Any thoughts?

Phil

PS. BTW, I'd like to thank you for your efforts in posting instructions on the web. The fact that there is no panacea (as far as I can tell) does not diminish your contribution which was crisp and clear.

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