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Phil Yff wrote:

On Wed, 06 Dec 2006 08:42:37 -0800, Dan Rempel wrote:

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On Wed, 6 Dec 2006 02:44:24 +0000 (UTC), John J. Chew III wrote:

To add quibbles though:

USENET should be capitalised, especially if you are talking about the good old days. 'tr' is a command, not a protocol, and it stands for 'translate', not 'transliterate'. ROT13 could loosely be called a protocol, but not a UNIX one. USENET did not originate as a file transfer protocol; it began by using the UUCP file transfer protocol. ROT13 is not the simplest cipher to use with tr; it would save quite a few keystrokes to use say "tr A-z N-zA-M". RFC 1036, the closest thing there is to a USENET newsreader standard, makes no mention of ROT13.

Note the lack of capitalization quoting from:

<http://usenet.ws/>

Usenet is one of the oldest and most popular online networks. Usenet has been around for nearly three decades, since 1979 to be precise.

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In the good old days when we had only upper case Usenet was capitalized.
However, I find it easier to write it otherwise as is accepted practice nowadays.

tr is a command. This is what my guide says:

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tr tr from_set to_set
TRansliterate characters in from_set to the corresponding
character in
to_set
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I'm sure some guides have it as 'translate'. From a linguistic standpoint, translate is more accurate than transliterate.

Since we're quibblingly picking nits, which system are you referring to? I can't find my SysV manual, but the BSD and Solaris man pages both say 'tranlate'. Was it the same system where 'tr' defaulted to ROT13?

I never said 'tr' defaulted to ROT13. I said people started using the