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On Aug 30, 1:13 pm, Nathan Sanders <[nsand...@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:nsand...@xxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

But, yes, I'm stunned at what "I am wanting" turns up. I would have considered usages such as "I am wanting to register a domain name" to be ungrammatical. Normally my intuitions about English grammar aren't that far off. What's going on here?

It's perfectly fine English. I'm not really sure I can adequately explain the difference between "I am wanting" and "I want". Using the progressive seems to add some immediacy or importance to the act of wanting, but I'm not sure this holds in every case.

"I am wanting to ..." sounds like Indian English to me.

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