

# Re: International Conference on the Phaistos Disk

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In article

<6d616727-79ea-4a56-b9de-7d8818eb5d87@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Peter T. Daniels" <grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Jul 10, 3:05 am, "Paul J Kriha" <paul.nospam.kr...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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If your ISP (Internet Services Provider) offers NNTP service

How would I know whether it does so? When I switched to DSL two years ago, I asked the servicepeople about accessing newsgroups and they had no idea what I was talking about. (yahoo thinks that yahoo groups are all one needs.)

Who's your ISP? — someone else here may have an account with them or know about their services. Did you get any kind of manual or reference card with connection instructions and whatnot when you signed up? That'll usually provide a URL for the news server, somewhere near the e-mail configuration instructions.

You could try directing a news client (many e-mail programs have at least the basic functions, so you may already have one installed without knowing it) to a URL based on the ones you've been given for e-mail, and see if it can log on. For example if the e-mail servers are <mail.yourisp.com> and <smtp.yourisp.com>, try entering <news.yourisp.com> in the appropriate setup dialog. If asked for authentication, try the user-name and password you have for your e-mail account.

Note that some ISPs have recently withdrawn NNTP services; mine, Telus, dropped only the "binary" newsgroups, in April, but I gather at least one major American service has abandoned Usenet altogether within the

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past few weeks. If you can't get on through your own ISP, there are a number of alternatives out there, a few of them free -- especially if all you want access to is discussion groups like this one, i.e. with minimal to no downloading of image files and the like.

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