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On Jan 21, 6:00 pm, quasi <qu...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Mon, 21 Jan 2008 15:37:06 -0800 (PST), "mensana...@xxxxxxxxxxx"

<mensana...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

Ok, but if there's a possibility of setting up the killfiles incorrectly, then proper setup directions should be a FAQ entry, shouldn't they?

I don't think a discussion of killfiles even needs to be in the main FAQ. The prefix idea works well without need for a killfile, allowing the user to visually quickly pick out the prefixed posts. They can optionally also look at the others.

Besides, I doubt if most people will use an automated killfile to only look at prefixed posts, otherwise many newbies (and others who choose not to prefix their posts) will be filtered out.

However, some newsreaders allow toggling a filter on and off, and so, as a first pass through a day's articles, I might first turn the filter on, and then, as a second pass, turn it off.

But instructing people how to use filters is not what the FAQ is all about. Presumably, the main goal is an attempt to provide guidelines for how to post and reply.

Sure, a complete tutorial on how to use killfiles would be inappropriate. What I envision is a simple statement like

"If you use the '--' in a filter, it is recommended that it permit the '--' to appear anywhere in the subject as subjects may be pre-pended with other data from the newsreader such as 'Re: '.

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