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On Mon, 12 Nov 2007 02:05:18 +0100, "Charlie Gordon"
<news@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:
<snip: issues with news propagation>

Also does anyone know of an NNTP reader that can retrieve posts from different servers and aggregate them in a single local store, removing duplicates (and spam ;-)

On Win32 only (or emulations like Wine), as is true for OE:

Forte' Agent at www.forteinc.com version 3 or up (current is 4.2).
30-day free trial then USD29, or up through IIRC 3.3 allows a permanently free but somewhat restricted mode called Free Agent.

Resolves true duplicates (same message-id) across servers and downloads from only one. Resolves cross-posts by message-id and can filter or discard.

Can filter news (before download) only on Author and Subject, synthesized Newsgroups, and number of lines; this can be used to deal with some spam but not all. Automatic filtering on additional headers (after download) is a FAQ and FRequestedFeature in the Agent users newsgroup alt.usenet.offline-reader.forte-agent and may happen someday. In the meantime you can do particularly troublesome lots in less than a minute by global-search, select-all, delete-or-whatever. v4 has much more extensive (and complicated) features for dealing with spam and junk_email_ — if you choose to use Agent for your email.

Uses hash values rather than full message-id's to thread, which can result in false matches. On moderate volume groups like clc, I experience this issue maybe 2-3 times a year, but high-volume binary folks complain pretty vociferously about it.

I know this is somewhat off topic, but this annoyance hampers my ability to follow some of the most interesting discussions, and probably affects several regulars on the forum, including the one that posts the weekly

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