

Re: PROBLEM! misc.busines...

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Spehro Pefhany wrote:

>Yes indeed there is. Crossposting to a moderated newsgroup exposes not
>only the replies (for those who don't carefully check the newsgroups
>line) but even the ORIGINAL post to the whims of the moderator. As a
>result, for example, it may never reach any of the unmoderated
>newsgroups.
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>Totally unacceptable, IMHO.

If that's totally unacceptable to you, feel free to avoid posting or crossposting to moderated newsgroups.

I don't know if you noticed, but the first time someone from sci.electronics.design made a polite request that I not allow crossposts there, I stopped approving any crossposts to sci.electronics.design. I did this not because I had to or because anyone made a good argument, but simply because it seemed like the polite thing to do. It would be nice if I got an occasional scrap of politeness thrown back to me, but that's the decision of whoever is doing the posting to make.

While on the subject of being polite, shall we discuss whether crossposting your off-topic opinions about moderation policies to comp.arch.embedded and sci.electronics.design is the polite thing to do?

Your argument contains a fatal flaw. It assumes that, just because some posters are foolish enough to use a newsreader that posts to whatever newsgroups the post they reply to was posted to *and* are foolish enough to let the decision the newsreader made stand without reviewing it, they should be allowed to dictate where other posters can and cannot post just to shield them from the consequences of their foolish behavior.

This is Usenet. You don't get to tell me what to do, and I don't get to tell you what to do. You are 100% responsible for anything

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you post – headers and body. You can choose to quote from someone else's post and you can choose to post to where someone else posted, but the choice is yours and so is the responsibility.

As for your "for those who don't carefully check" concept, this was decided a long time ago in another context. There was a proposal floated that all moderated newsgroups have the word "moderated" in the newsgroup name, much like the way binary newsgroups are labeled. The argument was that those who don't carefully check might end up posting and having their posts not approved or posted with an added moderator's comment on the bottom. The consensus among news administrators was that it is the poster's responsibility to pay attention, and that it is not Usenet's responsibility to shield him from the consequences of not paying attention. This basic concept was built into the fabric of Usenet when it was decided that any poster can set followups – another situation where those who don't carefully check might be surprised at the results they get.

"This is not a list. This is not a board. This is not some web page forum with rules and moderators. This is USENET. The wild west of online communication. Where trolls and flames roam rampant. Where you keep your asbestos underpants handy if you lack wit (or have an ego that greatly exceeds your actual abilities). If you don't like it, feel free to run back to the comfortable safety of moderated web forums and mailing lists where everyone lives in enforced peace and harmony in the land of Nod."
–Cichlidiot

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