

Threadiquette

The Urth list — 6 messages, 4 voices, 07 Jan 2011

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Lee Berman — 07 Jan 2011, 08:15

Ryan Dunn: I realize this is ironic, but this last post is the perfect example of something Antonio could have asked Dave offline, no need to ask this question to the list. A lot of the clutter is from posts like this.

Here's the thing..I'm not the only one who has adjusted to the older technology of the list and set up a dummy email account which I almost never access. I only use it when someone types waaaaaayyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyy outside the margins of what is readable from the website and it becomes easier to see what they wrote in email format.

What I mean is that I apologize if someone has attempted offline communication with me. Chances are great that I have missed it. (I am happy to receive such messages at bsharporflat at yahoo.com)

António Pedro Marques — 07 Jan 2011, 13:00 · in reply to Lee Berman

Lee Berman wrote (07-01-2011 08:15):

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(...)

What you think is older technology is actually the way users who know how to do it efficiently like to do it. Complaining about the list and claiming for a 'forum' is pretty much the same as complaining about cuisine and claiming for McDonald's with its choice of 8 burgers (that moreover all taste the same).

In fact your approach is one of the reasons why threading is broken and discussions become infinitely winded (lack of focus).

Why not learn to use e-mail and write to the list in a sensible way?

Of course, you're free to ignore the well-being of the list in favour of some imagined comfort you get out of using it awkwardly. Free speech and all. Just don't add insult to injury.

Son of Witz — 07 Jan 2011, 14:25 · in reply to António Pedro Marques

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~Son of Witz
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"There is no limit to stupidity. Space itself is said to be bounded by its own curvature, but stupidity continues beyond infinity." - Severian The Lame

Jeff Wilson — 07 Jan 2011, 20:30 · in reply to Son of Witz

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Son of Witz — 07 Jan 2011, 22:16 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

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Jeff Wilson — 08 Jan 2011, 00:57 · in reply to Son of Witz

On 1/7/2011 4:16 PM, Son of Witz wrote:

I don't really think many of these emails stand alone. They are only really understood in a thread. My snark probably seemed directed at you, but it wasn't. Earlier the same day, i was trying to find some info about a font activation problem online, and found myself reading a list. One lister kept giving short, and even usefull replies that were 1-3 lines max, but she literally had 20 lines of sig& quotes coming up in every post. It was easy to see that she cared about the bill of rights, but having the preamble to the Constitution in every frakking post is just annoying. Don't even get me started about attaching logos and smilies.

I feel your pain; some people do not distinguish between license and liberty.

But man, I ain't trying to tread on you, I'm just bitching while we're moaning, or is it vice versa?

It's cool, petitioning for redress of perceived wrongs is what civilized people do, too. It is in the interests of informing the due process of justice you seek that I speak.

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