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Subject: Paris Newsgroup Interface

Posted by [Ed](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 13:22:16 GMT

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Subject: Re: Paris Newsgroup Interface

Posted by [D-unit](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 19:32:26 GMT

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 19:33:23 GMT

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Another option is to use a newsreader, for example, Thunderbird can handle newsgroups. It can sort by thread title, by sender and by date.

Cheers,

-Jamie

[www.JamieKruz.com](http://www.JamieKruz.com)

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Posted by [Ed](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 20:55:44 GMT

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"D-unit" <cof42\_AT\_embarqmail.com> wrote in message news:46fab461@linux...

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Subject: Re: Paris Newsgroup Interface  
Posted by [Kim](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 23:51:28 GMT  
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Ed,

This has come up. There have been discussions, and basically in my view it appears to break down like this:

- (\*) Many people here use NNTP (Newsreaders)
- (\*) Some people here use the web interface and like it
- (\*) Some people here use the web interface and don't like it.

Firstly, my exploration has found that there doesn't appear to be much out there which supports BOTH NNTP Newsreaders AND a web interface. By and large, any move to a better web interface would mean sacrificing the NNTP side of things, which would upset quite a large percentage of the user base.

Some people here quite like this interface. I am actually one of them, but I try not to weigh my decision too heavily on that. Suffice to say the majority of web forums sort things either by thread, or just in post order. I actually think, while slightly messy, the combination of post order and thread which this web interface provides gives me a respectable balance between "keeping up to date with recent posts" while still being able to track the thread in terms of who has responded to who. And personally, I've never been a big fan of graphical smilies and the like, so I'm kinda happy with the web interface.

The people who use but don't like the web interface would then, most likely, be split into different camps of which interface they would prefer. I could change interfaces to try and please this group, but it would probably be a struggle to make a move which was to everybody's liking, especially when you take the NNTP into account, in addition to the people in the previous group, who actually like the current interface.

All in all, considering the effort and cost that would be involved in the change, and considering I don't actually see any options which I think fit the idea of "overall positive consensus" in the group, I've chosen to stick with what we have. It also has a certain nostalgia to it, as well as actually being rock solid software (and I'm not kidding - I don't think I've ever seen a piece of software more bugfree than the software running this forum).

So while I'm always open to suggestions, making a change would require quite a big consensus of agreement in the group that the change would be for the best, and that has simply never happened.

Cheers,

Kim.

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Subject: Re: Paris Newsgroup Interface

Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 23:59:33 GMT

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I would be against it - I've been using Forte's Agent for years and years and have zero problems. Sort by thread or subject - keeps everything neat and tidy.

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