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Structure

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An Introduction to Email Lists

Lecture 1

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List concept: owner

• have the following duties/powers
to add and remove addresses from the list. The owner may also

• list members have to join, filter our complete list
• pool of people who are interested in a certain topic
• one of the oldest internet resources
• Why email lists “lists”
Sometimes, these logs are searchable.

Periodically, usually a month,
largely a log is kept that contains all messages for a certain
public access computer system.
A list is archived as an archive of past messages available on a
list

Otherwise a list is unmoderated.

The owner of the list is not necessarily the moderator. Usually,
requested to the moderator(s) by the list processing software.
A list is moderated if the moderator(s) are the only people al-
not moderated.

To avoid spam, it is necessary to list management software
on open lists.
A list is open if anyone can subscribe to a list. Spam is a problem
if a list is closed. A potential subscriber has to ask the list owner
list

list closed list

list concepts: moderated

list concepts: archived
A thread is a group of messages on the same topic. Usually a thread is identified by the computer as a bunch of messages that have the same subject line (optionally prefaced by “Re:”, “Ant:”, etc).

One some mailing lists, a option allows to switch to delivery of digests.

That option is off by default.

Digests concatenate all the message of a period of time (usually a day) in one message.

Index subscriptions send the subject headings of the past day's mails only. This feature is not available on all list software discussed here.

- No unsolicited commercial email
- Respect copyright when forwarding messages
- Respect people's privacy
- Think before cross-posting
- Don't flame
- Watch where that reply is going
- Send your commands to the right address
- Complain to the list owner, not the list

List only those that run a special list software.

Cabinet http://www.ascii.com/lists/cabinet for LISTSERV

Topica http://www.list.org

- Printed guide published by ARL, then the online guide described.
- Search Conference http://www.k tangent.com/directory.html
- Tomery's a good source. Directory of Scholarly and Popular-listing

Finding Lists

Only use ASCII (plain)

- Don't send attachments to mailing lists
- Don't add signatures
- Don't send large messages

Keep Your Lines Short

- Don't quote an entire message when replying
- Write relevant messages
- Use a meaningful subject line

Suspend mail when going away

using lists: netiquette