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NETWORK GROUPS

Meaning of Network Groups

Network groups are a means for groups of people with common interest to connect with each other via internet. There are two major types of network groups namely; Mailing lists and Newsgroups.

**Mailing lists**

A mailing list is a group of e-mail names and addresses given a single name. When a message is sent to a mailing list, every person on the list receives a copy of the message in his or her mailbox. To add your e-mail name and address to a mailing list,you subscribe to it. To remove your name and address, you unsubscribe from the mailing list.

**Types of Mailing lists**

There are two types of mailing lists, namely;

1. Announcement list

2. Discussion list

Announcement list

One type of electronic mailing list is an announcement list,

which is used primarily as a one-way conduit of information and may only be “posted to” by selected people. This may also be referred to by the term newsletter. Newsletter and promotional emailing lists are employed in various sectors as parts of direct marketing campaigns.

Discussion list

Another type of electronic mailing list is a discussion list, in which any subscriber may post. On a discussion list, a subscriber uses the mailing list to send messages to all the other

subscribers, who may answer in similar fashion. Thus, actual discussion and information exchanges can happen. Mailing lists of this type are usually topic-oriented (for example, politics, scientific discussion, health problems, joke contests), and the topic may range from extremely narrow to “whatever you think could interest us”. In this they are similar to Usenet newsgroups, another form of discussion group that may have an aversion to off-topic messages.

Newsgroups

Newsgroups are also called Usenet. A news group is an online area in which users have written discussions about a particular subject. To participate in a discussion, a user sends a message to the newsgroup, and other users in the group read and reply to the message. Some newsgroup requires you to enter a username and

password to participate in the discussion. For example, a newsgroup for students taking a college course may require a username and password to access the newsgroup to ensure that only students in the course participate in the discussion. A

special piece of software called a newsreader is required in order to send message to, or read messages on the server.

Examples of news groups for students are [www.schoolnet.org](http://www.schoolnet.org)

[www.stow.net](http://www.stow.net)

**ASSIGNMENT**

1. Describe the following internet resources:

 News groups

 Chatting

 Mailing lists

 Electronic mailing

2. List the steps involved in sending an e-mail message.