



Usenet Newsgroups

PenTeleData carries over 67,000 active Usenet newsgroups on its premier, world-class service.

To ensure a reliable, quality news service, PenTeleData monitors its multiple news servers 24 x 7.

Whether you're doing scientific or educational research, looking for the latest corporate news or just interested in discussions on your favorite pastime – Usenet newsgroups are where you'll find what you're looking for. Usenet newsgroups are a worldwide distributed discussion system that allows reading and posting of messages to the Internet. What started off as a link between universities as a means of exchanging ideas has grown into a network of users located all around the world. Usenet newsgroups are a global network of computers set up to transmit messages to categorized groups similar to an electronic bulletin board. Users can read and post messages to these Usenet newsgroups in real time. And unlike lists and chats, users can choose what groups to post to.

Usenet newsgroups are organized by subject into hierarchies or "trees". There are eight major subject hierarchies: comp (computer science), humanities (literature, fine arts), news (Usenet information), rec (hobbies, sports, recreation & arts), sci (scientific research), soc (social issues), talk (discussions on controversial topics) and misc (anything else).

Each of these subject areas is further broken down into more specific subcategories. In addition to the eight major subject hierarchies there are also hundreds of "alternative" hierarchies. These newsgroups are often subject-based such as bionet (biology discussions) and K12 (education), or geographically based such as de (Germany) and ny (New York). With this broad scope of topics it's no surprise that many Usenet newsgroup sites were universities, research labs and academic institutions. However, as electronic commerce expands, most Usenet newsgroup sites are now commercial entities.

To access Usenet newsgroups you need newsreader software. There is a variety of newsreader software available. This software downloads and organizes messages from your news server and makes navigation between messages and Usenet newsgroups easy.

As with various software applications, Usenet newsgroups also allow computers of different platforms to interact easily.

"PenTeleData's premier Usenet Newsgroup news service offers the broadest range of topics available for download on the Internet — our customers can access an immeasurable amount of information from all over the world at the click of a mouse."

Jeff Reinhard
Vice President of Operations
- PenTeleData

Usenet Newsgroups (Cont.)

PenTeleData carries approximately 67,000 active Usenet newsgroups on its multiple news servers. A user can post a message to any of these Usenet newsgroups at will. That message (post) will circle 95% of the globe's 100,000 news servers in less than 1/2 hour and the remaining news servers in 72 hours or less. There is the potential that a post could be read by millions of people before it expires. Users' posts expire at varying times. Generally PenTeleData stores most messages (posts) for 30 - 60 days with a completion rate of over 99%.

Usenet Newsgroup Account:

This is a news service that allows multiple simultaneous connections to our Usenet newsgroup server. With this account you can access any of the news groups we carry on our server. You can read and post messages at will. In other words, if you have a small company and want single access to newsgroups for research, etc., and can't afford or don't want the expense of maintaining and monitoring your own news server, this is a great service. Each account allows for 4 Gigabytes (GB) of data transfer each month.

Please contact our Commercial sales department for larger organizations that require newsgroup access for more than 30 simultaneous connections.

PenTeleData Usenet Newsgroup Service Advantages:

- > PenTeleData houses approximately 67,000 newsgroups on its news servers.
- > PenTeleData holds messages on average 60 - 90 days and binaries for 30 days.
- > PenTeleData uses multiple news servers for faster access and more reliable service.
- > Our multiple servers are connected to our proven fiber-optic backbone.
- > PenTeleData Usenet newsgroups are monitored 24/7.
- > PenTeleData's Usenet newsgroup service peers with over 50 other news servers in order to maximize distribution of both in-going and out-going messages.

PenTeleData's newsgroup service has a wide variety of uses:

- *Educational Research*
- *Scientific Research*
- *General Information Gathering*
- *Question / Answer Generation*
- *Shareware Distribution*
- *Electronic Commerce*
- *Corporate News*
- *Discussion*
- *Recreation*

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To learn how your company can take advantage of this and the other industry leading technologies from PenTeleData - call us at 1-800-281-3564 or E-Mail: prosales@ptd.net

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