Netiquette for successful web interaction



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Definition

Netiquette

• rules about the proper and polite way to communicate with other people when you are using the Internet.

blend of net and etiquette

• First Known Use: 1982



One-to-One Communication (e- mail, talk)

We define one-to-one communications as those in which a person is <u>communicating with another person</u> as if face-to-face: <u>a dialog.</u>



Main rules:

- •Be clear

 Make sure the subject line (e-mail)
- •Use appropriate language
 Remember: no one can guess your mood, see your facial expressions, etc.
- Be brief
- Make a good impression
- •Forward e-mail messages you receive

For mail:

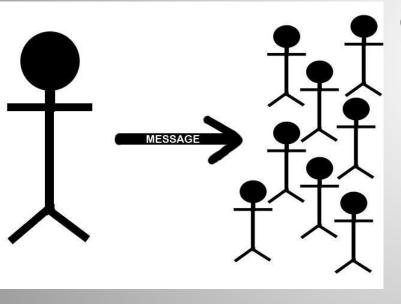
- Be sure to check with your employer about ownership of electronic mail. Laws about the ownership of electronic mail vary from place to place.
- Respect the copyright on material that you reproduce.
- If you are forwarding or re-posting a message you've received, do not change the wording.
- Never send chain letters via electronic mail. Chain letters are forbidden on the Internet.

For talk:

- Use mixed case and <u>proper punctuation</u>, as though you were typing a letter or sending mail.
- <u>Leave some margin</u>; don't write to the edge of the screen.
- <u>Always say goodbye</u>, or some other farewell.
- Be careful if you have more <u>than one talk</u> session going
- Talk shows your typing ability.



One-to-Many Communication (Mailing Lists, NetNews)



communicating with many people via one mail message or post is quite analogous to communicating with one person with the exception of possibly offending a great many more people than in one-to-one communication. Therefore, it's quite important to know as much as you can about the audience of your message.

General Guidelines for mailing lists and NetNews



- Read both mailing lists and newsgroups for one to two months before you post anything.
- Do not blame the system administrator for the behavior of the system users.
- Consider that a large audience will see your posts.
- Subject lines should follow the conventions of the group.
- Forgeries and spoofing are not approved behavior.
- Don't get involved in flame wars. Neither post nor respond to incendiary material.

Summary

- Be Professional & Courteous
 - Use proper language
 - Remember the Golden Rule Do unto others as you'd have done to you.
 - Use good manners and common sense
 - Stay on topic
 - Be helpful
- Emails
 - Respond in a timely manner
 - Spell check and proof read
 - Be respectful



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