

Cataloguing Solaris groups

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I created an OPML file of major Solaris discussion groups that provide RSS feeds. It can be downloaded here:

<http://www.speakeasy.org/~boutilier/import.xml>

(An OPML file is a standard file format for sharing lists of RSS feeds such as BLOGs. More on this later.)

This is part of my attempt to start maintaining a list of "active" English-language Solaris groups and their attributes. I've defined "active" to mean groups that have, on average, at least a few messages posted per day (i.e. minimum 20 msgs per week). Following are the ones I know of. Please let me know if I've missed any.

Name Traffic Native Format RSS Feed?

comp.unix.solaris Very high Usenet Newsgroup Yes
solarisx86@yahoo High Mail-list Yes
sunmanagers.org Med Mail-list Yes
supportforum.sun.com Med Browser-only Yes
forum.sun.com Med Browser-only Soon
ITtoolbox solaris-l Low Mail-list No

Key:

Very high ~= 500 - 700 msgs per week

High ~= 300 - 500 "

Medium ~= 100 - 300 "

Low ~= 20 - 100 "

Although there are 6 groups in the list above, two of them don't provide RSS feeds yet, therefore they aren't included in the OPML file. Also, one of the RSS feeds in the file is not actually a discussion group, it's a site that does on-the-fly aggregation of blog entries on [planetsun.org](http://test.planetsun.com/solaris) that contain the word Solaris. (The URL for browsing the site is <http://test.planetsun.com/solaris>.)

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The rest of this message contains some findings, recommendations, and how-to info on the subject of RSS/OPML.
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Personally, I have an account on bloglines.com for reading RSS feeds. There are two really good things about Bloglines: It's free, and it's easy for RSS newbies (like me) to get up and running quickly. But Bloglines is web-based, and that makes it kinda slow and klunky. So I actually recommend using a regular RSS reader app; and since there are a lot of those out there, I went ahead and did some "comparison shopping" on places like freshmeat.net. These are the ones (for UNIX/Linux desktops) that piqued my interest the most:
