

Revised Exercises for Chapter 5 of Internet and Web Essentials

1. Practice subscribing to or joining an email discussion group. One you can use for practice is Net-Essentials-L with the administrative address **Listproc@listproc.mwc.edu**. Send an email message to the administrative address with this in the message body:

subscribe Net-Essentials-L *your-full-name*

2. Search for email discussion groups. Several sites on the World Wide Web let you search for and find the names of discussion groups. Using the sites below come up with a list of three discussion groups along with the administrative address and list address for each.

- <http://www.lsoft.com/lists/listref.html>
- <http://paml.net>

3. Do the following:

- a. Subscribe to the three discussion groups you found in the previous exercise. Did any require a reply or other authorization?
- b. Compare the welcome messages you get from the groups. Which was most helpful? Why?

4. Use the three groups you subscribed to above.

- a. Send the command to the administrative address to get a list of the members.
- b. Send the command to the administrative address to get a list of archives or files.

5. Now unsubscribe from each of the lists you've just joined.

6. Using one of the discussion groups you found in exercise 2, use each of the services listed above to search for that list. For each service write a brief description of the type of information it had available. Is there one service you prefer over the others? Why is that the case?

7. Search the archives of a discussion group using the Web-based services at LISTSERV.ACSU.BUFFALO.EDU. Open the Web page "[LISTSERV archives at](#)

[LISTSERV.ACSU.BUFFALO.EDU](http://listserv.acsu.buffalo.edu/archives)," <http://listserv.acsu.buffalo.edu/archives>.

You can search the list archives of any of the discussion groups listed. Here, when you search, the results are displayed in the browser's window. Select a list based on your interests and get familiar with searching the archives. What list did you select? What search phrase and options did you use for the search? What were the results?

8. Subscribe to an email discussion group of your choice.

- a. Explain why you chose that group.
- b. For about a week, keep track of the email from the group you've joined.
- c. Write a few sentences describing the type of mail that came from the group.
- d. Is the mail from these groups the type of mail you expected? Explain.

9. Send or post a question to one of the lists you've joined. Think about the question before you post it and check your spelling and typing before you send it.

- a. What responses did you receive by the end of one week?
- b. Summarize the responses and post the summary to the list.

10. Go to the Web site "List-Etiquette.com," <http://List-Etiquette.com>, and look over the rules of etiquette for discussion list members. (It's also a good site to visit if you're thinking about moderating or forming an email discussion group.)

- a. State the rules that deal with spam, copyright, and HTML.
- b. Do you think the rules are reasonable? Explain your answer.