

Searching Yahoo Archives

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Yahoo Group message archives are a tremendous source of information. By completing a message archive search, you can locate past conversations on the topic of your interest.

Here's how to do it:

1. Toward the bottom of any GAPShelp post, just below the post-er's signature, click 'messages' (not 'messages in this topic').
2. Above the message archives, notice the 'search' box.
3. Next to that 'search' box, is the word 'advanced'. Click 'advanced'.
4. Here you have the option to search by post date, post author, word in the post's subject line or word in the post's content.

If you know the approximate date of the post, you can narrow down the range of search results. In the drop-down menu (arrow) for 'date', you have a variety of options. Explore. Experiment.

If you know the name or email address of the post's author, type or paste it into the blank field parallel to 'author'.

If you remember a keyword that appeared in the subject line, type that word into the appropriate field.

If you know none of the above, and are just looking for posts on a specific topic, like 'SIBO', type a keyword or phrase into the 'message body' field.

5. Click 'search'.
6. A window will come up with messages matching that keyword. (Occasionally, a message will come up to say there was no match. Change your search criteria and try again.)
7. Scroll through the messages, looking for any that stand out as a potential match. Note: Below this list, to the right, may be the words 'next' and 'last' in blue. Click 'next' to see more results.
8. Click on the heading of the message most interesting to you.
9. Below that message are all the posts associated with the message you chose. (This is called a 'thread'.)
10. Just above the list of associated archived messages is an option to 'expand messages'. When you click on this, you can read the full version of every message, from top to bottom, involved in that thread. Note: This is where you will be able to see how important it is to eliminate as much of the previous message as possible before posting. Otherwise, people reading via the 'digest' option or on the web have much to muck through!