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Discussion List Survey

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16 replies of 144 members (11%), questions, options, count, rank, percentage of total replies

1) What indexing related discussion groups are you part of (list all that are applicable)	a) INDEX-L	9	8 x active, 1 x uses archives	1	56.25%
	b) Indexers Discussion List Yahoo! Group	2			12.50%
	c) IndexStudents Yahoo! Group	1			6.25%
	d) Research Cooperative - Indexers	0			0.00%
	e) aliaINDEXERS	2	no traffic for months		12.50%
	f) Indexes for Digital Publications	3			18.75%
	g) InDesign Indexing Yahoo! Group	3			18.75%
	h) Web Indexing Yahoo! Group	4		2	25.00%
	i) cindexusers Yahoo! Group	2			12.50%
	j) SkyIndexUsers Yahoo! Group	3			18.75%
	k) Sky Software Forums	3			18.75%
	l) Macrex-UCB Online Discussion Group Yahoo! Group	1			6.25%
	m) Taxonomy Community of Practice Yahoo! Group	3			18.75%

	n) Taxonomies and Controlled Vocabularies Yahoo! Group	1			6.25%
	o) Taxonomy Community of Practice LinkedIn Group	1			6.25%
	p) ASI Taxonomies & Controlled Vocabularies SIG LinkedIn Group	2			12.50%
	q) Faceted Classification Discussion	0			0.00%
	r) WebDesign-L	0			0.00%
	s) highfivebabble (Web Design)	0			0.00%
	t) thelist (Web Design)	0			0.00%
	u) Drupal email list	0			0.00%
	v) Joomla! email list	0			0.00%
	w) WordPress forums	0			0.00%
	x) Sydney IA-Peers LinkedIn Group	1			6.25%
	y) The IA Institute's Members Discussion List	0			0.00%
	z) ASIS&T Sigia-1 (Information Architecture)	0			0.00%
	aa) ASIS&T Sighci-1 (Human Computer Interface)	0			0.00%
	ab) Canberra Semantic Web Google+ Community	0			0.00%
	ac) other (please specify)	1	ISC-L		6.25%

	ac) other (please specify)	1	ASI-L		6.25%
	ac) other (please specify)	1	Scholarly Yahoo! Group		6.25%
	ac) other (please specify)	1	Med/Sci Yahoo! Group		6.25%
	ac) other (please specify)	1	Project Gutenberg D volunteers		6.25%
2) On indexing related discussion lists, are you generally a	a) heavy contributor	0			0.00%
	b) light contributor	6		2	37.50%
	c) lurker (read only, don't contribute)	9		1	56.25%
	d) other	0			0.00%
3) What level is your indexing?	a) nil	1			6.25%
	b) beginner	1			6.25%
	c) intermediate	4		2	25.00%
	d) advanced	9		1	56.25%
4) What electronic indexing field do you major in (select all applicable and prioritise with 1 most important)	a) Web indexing	2 2 2	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	3	12.50%
	b) ebook indexing	1 1 1	1 st 2 nd 4 th		6.25%
	c) embedded indexing (PDF, online help, MS Word, Framemaker)	4 1 1	1 st 3 rd 4 th	2	25.00%
	e) e-publishing	2 1	1 st 5 th	3	12.50%
	f) metadata and	1	1 st		6.25%

	database	1 1	3 rd 6 th		
	g) cataloguing and librarian	1	2nd		0.00%
	h) other (specify)	0			0.00%
	i) I don't do electronic publishing or indexing	6	1 st	1	37.50%
5) What proportion of your indexing jobs do you do?	a) 0% electronic, 100% back of book	8	2 x 5% electronic, 95% back of book	1	50.00%
	b) 25% electronic, 75% back of book	3		2	18.75%
	c) 50% electronic, 50% back of book	1			6.25%
	d) 75% electronic, 25% back of book	1			6.25%
	e) 100% electronic, 0% back of book	1			6.25%
	f) I don't do electronic or back of book indexes	2		3	12.50%
Country	USA	10		1	62.50%
	Canada	2		2	12.50%
	Australia	2		2	12.50%
	Germany	1			6.25%
	India	1			6.25%
Gender	Female	13		1	81.25%
	Male	3			18.75%

Summary

Most popular discussion list was INDEX-L (56.25%), then Web Indexing Yahoo! Group (25%), then several all at 18.75% - Indexes for Digital Publications, InDesign Indexing Yahoo! Group, SkyIndexUsers Yahoo! Group, Sky Software Forum and Taxonomy Community of Practice Yahoo! Group.

Most were lurkers (56.25%), then light contributors (37.50%) to lists, adding if had something to say.

Most were advanced indexers (56.25%), then intermediate indexers (25.00%).

Most did not index electronic publications (37.50%).

In electronic indexing first preference, most was embedded indexing (PDF, online help, MS Word, Framemaker) (25%) then Web indexing (12.5%) and e-publishing (12.5%) then ebook indexing (6.25%) and metadata and database (6.25%).

The spread of electronic vs back of book indexing was:

0% electronic, 100% back of book (50%), (2 did 5% electronic, 95% back of book) then 25% electronic, 75% back of book (18.75%), then I don't do electronic or back of book indexes (12.5%), then at 6.25% each were 50% electronic, 50% back of book, 75% electronic, 25% back of book, 100% electronic, 0% back of book.

Demographics

USA led (62.5%), then 12.5% each were Australia and Canada then 6.25% each were Germany, Canada and India.

Female (81.25%) then male (18.75%).