

## Re: KB 823980 MS Patch

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The other one I've heard people rave about is Turnpike. Haven't looked to see that it still exists and is being kept up.

I'm tempted to go back to Agent. It is a simpler app, with no registry footprint.

OE has the defect of finding your "database" of newsgroup posts suddenly disappearing because a group becomes inaccessible—for example at the end of a beta test, when private groups associated with the beta are closed.

Agent is clunky with respect to handling multiple newsservers, though—you have to trick it by duplicating the install, as I recall.

OTOH, Agent is actively maintained, and a newer version of the paid commercial product is in the works.

I think I haven't switched back largely because of inertia—I'm getting over shingles and I haven't nearly the energy I should have and there's a lengthening list of things I should be getting done, and switching newsreaders is pretty low!

Its very easy to just download the free version of Agent, install and configure it and try it out in a given group so you can compare how you like it. It has been long enough since I ran it that I can't recall what the "tricks" were—in OE, for example, I have rules set that highlight my own messages and mark threads that I reply to as "watched" so I can see fairly easily when there are responses I need to check on. Can't recall how those mechanisms work in Agent.

"Pam" <[pfloresat Charterdotnet](mailto:pfloresat Charterdotnet)> wrote in message  
news:OWGetermDHA.1408@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...

> *Bill: I've checked out Agent and Gravity, do you think they*

> *are worth switching to; is it simple to do so and worth it?*

> *If so, why aren't you using it? :o( Sometimes it's a good*

> *idea to switch dog foods, to cleanse your system. :o)*

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> *"Bill Sanderson" <[Bill\\_Sanderson\\_at\\_msn.com.plugh.org](mailto:Bill_Sanderson_at_msn.com.plugh.org)> wrote in*

> message news:%23PhWrePmDHA.2424@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...  
> > 'course, you'll soon find that aficionados consider OE  
> second rate at best,  
> > and favor such things as Agent:  
> >  
> > <http://www.forteinc.com/agent/index.php>  
> >  
> > and Gravity:  
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> > <http://gravity.tbates.org/super.html>  
> >  
> > (not sure that's the best link, anyone have an opinion?)  
> >  
> > (among others) to be far superior.  
> >  
> > I use OE, myself, as part of the Microsoft "eat your own dog  
> food" ethic--I  
> > do own a paid copy of Agent, but started using OE during a  
> beta program, and  
> > haven't switched back, although I regularly think I should.  
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> > "Pam" <pfloresatcharterdotnet> wrote in message  
> > news:uogGpLEmDHA.1884@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...  
> > >  
> > > "Bill Sanderson" <Bill\_Sanderson@msn.com.plugh.org> wrote  
> > > in message  
> > > > news:e05r4z\$IDHA.1488@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...  
> > > > Good choice. The link offered in the thread:  
> > > >  
> > > > <http://www.updatexp.com/cryptographic-service.html>  
> > > >  
> > > > seems to be the authoritative set of instructions.  
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> > > > Hi Bill: Thanks for the thumbs up, I'm still trying to  
> > > > learn as much as  
> > > > possible, ever since you and Phil gave me the excellent  
> > > > advice to switch  
> > > > to  
> > > > OE. I still have a lot to learn, but you guys have helped  
> > > > enormously, and  
> > > > I  
> > > > think I've learned quite a bit with all your help.  
> > > > Advancing/learning is  
> > > > very important to me, as I hope it is with everyone else  
> > > > that needs it.  
> > > >  
> > > > 'Can't' thank you both enough! You both should be  
> > > > commended more often...  
> > > >  
> > > > Pam

