

# JANET Usenet News Service

The JANET Usenet News Service is available free to all customers with a Primary Connection. Usenet News is a worldwide network of co-operating servers that exchange messages from users, known as articles or postings. Postings are a mixture of questions, comments, hints and ideas expressed by the participants. These are sorted into categories known as newsgroups, each devoted to a specific topic. This gives users access to a vast collection of valuable information on a very wide variety of topics.

News is delivered to JANET organisations through the services described below.

## JANET News Reader Service

The JANET News Reader Service is provided for organisations that do not wish to operate and maintain their own Usenet News server. The JANET News Reader servers have been located at strategic points on JANET and it is from these that users can request single articles directly. Organisations joining the News Reader Service will need to load and configure News reading software onto the PCs of end-users who wish to read and post News articles from the Service. Access to newsgroups via the News Reader Service is slower than via the News Feed Service, but as only requested articles are sent the amount of traffic generated is about the same as that of a user accessing web pages. When they apply to join the Service, organisations can control which newsgroups are available to their users by specifying any restrictions required.

To apply to join the service, an organisation will need to complete an application form. Further details and the application form for the JANET News Reader Service can be found at:

<http://www.ja.net/usenet/reader/>

## JANET News Feed Service

The JANET News Feed Service is for large organisations that want to provide and operate a Usenet News server of their own. The server is usually UNIX®-based and receives a push feed of newsgroups from the JANET News Feed servers. It is the responsibility of the organisation to make suitable arrangements for their end-users to read and post News articles using their local server. Organisations can choose to specify which newsgroups are to be included or excluded from their News feed according to local requirements. Articles are available to local users with a minimum of delay.

To apply to join the service, an organisation will need to complete an application form so that an appropriate arrangement can be made for a primary and secondary News Feed server to feed the organisation's Usenet News server. Further details and an application form for the JANET News Feed Service can be found at:

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