

About Creating Newsgroups

You can create your own unofficial (alt) local newsgroups with InterNews. These newsgroups will only be seen by people on this campus. If you would like to create a newsgroup for some official use, you should post a request to the group `dartmouth.news.internews`.

To create a newsgroup, choose the Create Newsgroup... command from the Subscription menu. A window will appear asking you for the name of the newsgroup and a short description of the newsgroup.

The new newsgroup will appear to all users as a new newsgroup sometime within the next few days. The newshost System Administrator will create it when time allows.

There are a few restrictions on the name of a new newsgroup:

- The name will start with the prefix 'dartmouth.alt'.
- There cannot be two newsgroups with the same name.
- There is a hierarchy of newsgroups. Each level in the hierarchy is denoted by a word followed by a period. For example, `alt.rec.humor` is a subgroup of `alt.rec`. If your new group fits conceptually within an existing hierarchy, use the name to signify the relationship.
- A part of the name between periods cannot be the word 'all'.
- A part of the name between periods cannot be longer than 14 characters.
- The name can consist of letters, numbers, +, and -. Spaces are not allowed.
- The name will appear in all lower case letters.