



## Reviewer's Guide: Google Groups

Create, search, and browse groups to discuss and share ideas.

Google Groups is a free service people use to communicate effectively through email and the Web on every conceivable subject. Each Google Group has its own home page hosted by Google where members can start new discussions or reply to existing topics. Every Google Group has its own Google-fast search, making it easy to find discussions deep in the group's archive. Every group also has its own email address so members can stay in touch.

Members can also read and search all public content within Google Groups, including more than 1 billion postings from the Usenet bulletin board service, which dates back to 1981.

The new version of Google Groups enables the easy creation of email announcement-only lists, mailing lists and public discussions in just minutes. And Google Groups also makes it easier to read and participate in discussions. All the replies to an initial post are now gathered on one page. It's possible to bookmark topics you're interested in and have new replies to "My starred topics" visible on your personal group page.

### New Features in Google Groups

- **Create groups:** Create or search web- and email-based communities, and designate your group as public (anyone can read the group's messages on the Web) or restricted (only members can read, respond or start new conversations).
- **Dynamic conversations:** Postings to all Google Groups mailing lists and Usenet lists appear within seconds and are indexed within minutes.
- **Enhanced user interface:** Track and mark topics using the "My starred topics" feature, and view postings by message summary, title, or conversation view.
- **Email notification:** Receive individual messages or abridged email summaries to participate in discussions via your inbox.
- **Easy searching:** Search easily for information within a group or across many groups.
- **Relevant text ads:** Google Groups displays only targeted ads that are relevant to your searches or the content on the page.

### Three Group Activities

#### Create a Group

Whether you want a group for school or work friends, family members, or fellow music enthusiasts, you can create one by clicking the "Create a Group" link and following the simple two-step process. You can name the group, describe it so potential members can learn more, see the email address you'll have for the group, and set preferences for the level of access members will have (public, announcement only, or restricted).

It's easy to create your own group for any interest.

**Google Groups** Create a group

1 Set up group 2 Add members

Group name  
Long Live Lemurs

Group email address  
LongLiveLemurs@googlegroups.com

Group URL: <http://groups-beta.google.com/Long-Live-Lemurs>

Group description  
A group for fans and friends of Lemurs – those cuddly little primates from Madagascar. Whether you like the Awaotran Gentle Lemur, the Aye-aye Lemur, or the Black and White Puffed Lemur, this is the place for you!

Letters remaining: 85

This group may contain content which is only suitable for adults.

Access level

Public - Anyone can read the archives. Anyone can join, but only members can post messages.

Announcement-only - Anyone can read the archives. Anyone can join, but only moderators can post messages.

Restricted - People must be invited to join the group and post or read messages. Your group and its archives do not appear in public Google search results or the directory.

Create my group

Google Home - Google Labs - Services & Tools - Terms of Service - Privacy Policy - Jobs, Press, & Help

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## Search Groups

Let's say you're interested in finding information about digital cameras. Just search on "digital cameras" and you will see available groups and existing Usenet messages on the subject.

Google Groups

Web Images Groups News Groups more

digital cameras Search Groups

Advanced Search Search Preferences

My Groups My starred topics

My recent groups

- Google Labs - Google Scholar (10)
- Google Labs - Groups2 (74)
- Long Live Lemurs (1)
- Google SMS (18)
- Google Desktop Search (336)
- Edson Avantes do Nascimento fan
- GooglePress
- Space Elevator
- Google Friends

Recently visited [clear]

- rec.photo.ma\_digital

Create a new group About Google Groups

Searcher: googler@google.com | My Groups | Help | Sign out

Searched all groups Results 1 - 10 of 343,000 for **digital cameras** (1.02 seconds)

Sorted by relevance Sort by date

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- Digital Cameras From Point & Shoot to SLR, shop a selection of Digital Cameras [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com)
- Digital Cameras at Amazon Save on cameras & photo supplies. Qualified orders over \$25 ship free [Amazon.com/photo](http://Amazon.com/photo)
- Digital cameras Compare Compare prices, tax, shipping, & store ratings for Digital Cameras [www.sectag.com](http://www.sectag.com)
- Digital Cameras Holiday Bargains. You want it, we got it! [BizRate.com](http://BizRate.com)
- Digital Cameras Find the Best Price on Photography Save time & money this Holiday! [www.pricetracker.com](http://www.pricetracker.com)

Related groups: [alt.comp.periphs.dcameras.canon](#) [alt.comp.devices.digital-cameras](#) [rec.photo.digital](#) [5 more »](#)

**Digital Cameras on cruise-ONLY way to go**  
... Canon and Nikon have **digital cameras** that take some of these lenses. ... The EF-S series lenses are only useable on the **Digital Rebel cameras** ...  
[rec.travel.cruises](#) - Nov 8, 9:50 am by rotand bahunin

**turning traditional cameras into digital cameras**  
Sorry that this has surely been discussed already, but what were the conclusions about turning traditional cameras into **digital cameras** by Say, sliding a ...  
[rec.photo.digital](#) - Oct 31, 6:56 pm by dj\_rms - 9 messages - 6 authors

[WAY of ] **Digital cameras**  
... Knowing nothing about the subtleties and gotchas of **digital cameras**, I knew that the first one would be a learning tool, and even if I turned out to be a ...  
[comp.dsp](#) - Nov 29, 4:01 pm by Jerry Awins - 24 messages - 11 authors

Sho **Digital The Theoretical 35mm Quality Equivalent**  
... Seems crystal clear to me. Bill Actually - to quote the sentence in more context from that site. --- A MAJOR CONSIDERATION WITH **DIGITAL CAMERAS**. SHUTTER LAG ...  
[rec.photo.digital](#) - Nov 28, 4:45 pm by Roger N. Clark (changes username to rmlark) - 264 messages - 68 authors

**Need Resources for Digital Cameras and Scanners**  
... re: us >> From: "David N. Franklin" <frankies@gmail.com> I will be conducting a workshop in two weeks on using **digital cameras** and scanners in the classroom. ...  
[hit.listserv.edtech](#) - Feb 19 2002, 6:20 pm by EDTECH@dotcom-Bell

**digital cameras advice/experience sought**  
... Minolta and scan the film - it will do a far better job than any low-priced **digital**. Regards Norman PS one of the reasons I picked the above **cameras** is they ...  
[rec.photo.digital](#) - Nov 7, 11:01 pm by Graham Fountain - 6 messages - 4 authors

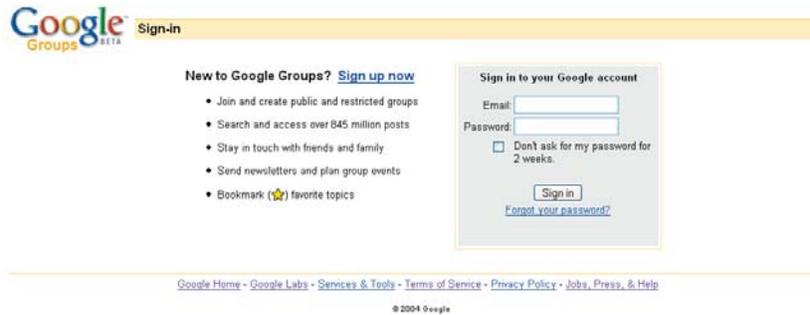
**Digital Cameras for Copying Text Pages**  
... I always go for .mp3, as any other file format seems to be inaccessible

You can jump from here to whichever message or group interests you, and if you're logged in, you can reply to posts or join public groups. Note also that text ads related to digital cameras appear on the righthand side. You will see such ads on the search pages and next to messages within Google Groups.

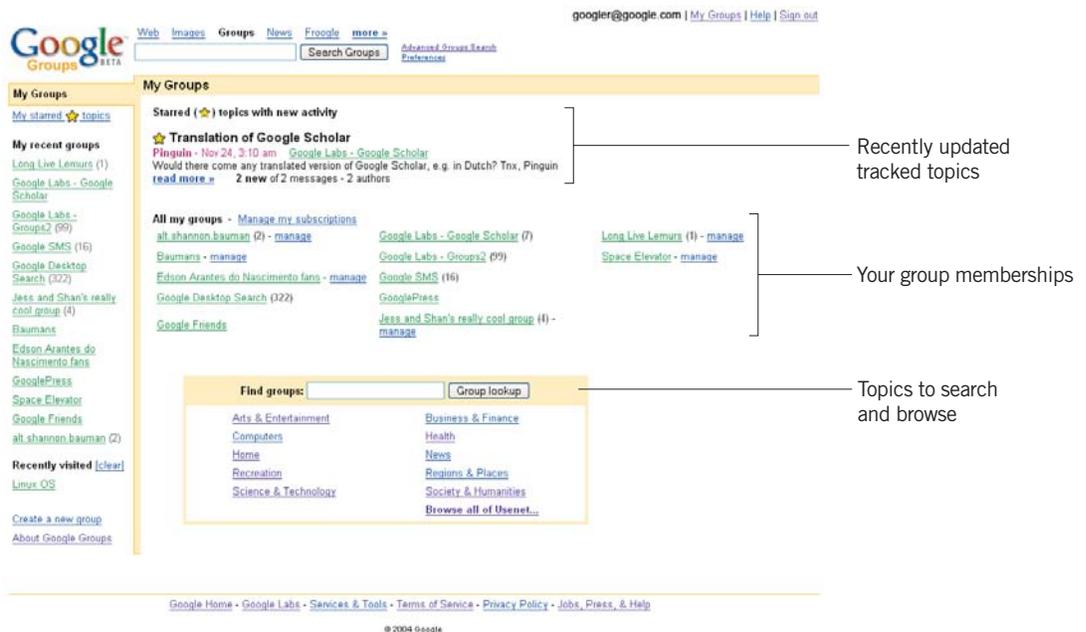
## Join a Group

Everyone can search for and read public group messages, but you must join a group to get access to more features and content. To join a Google Group, register with an email address and password. This is required for posting comments on any message board in Google Groups. You may also log in from an existing Google account, including Gmail.

When you click “sign in,” you’ll see this screen.



After signing in, your personal My Groups page displays links to all the topics you may want to search.



You can set your email preferences for receiving messages for each group you join.

The screenshot shows the 'Change my membership' page for the 'Google SMS' group. It features a navigation bar with the Google logo and 'Groups BETA' branding. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'How do you want to read this group?', contains four radio button options: 'No Email' (selected), 'Email', 'Abridged Email', and 'Digest Email'. Below these is a text input field for a nickname, currently containing 'Shannon'. The right column, titled 'About this group', provides details about the group, including its size (315 members) and contact information. At the bottom of the page, there are links for 'Save these settings' and 'Unsubscribe', along with a footer containing navigation links and a copyright notice for 2004 Google.

It's easy to manage multiple group subscription preferences from this page.

The screenshot displays the 'My Subscriptions' page, which allows users to manage their preferences for multiple groups. It includes a navigation bar and a section for 'Invitation preferences' with two checkboxes. The main feature is a table with three columns: 'Subscription settings', 'My nickname', and 'Subscription type'. The table lists 12 groups, each with a link to its settings, a nickname input field, and a dropdown menu for the subscription type. A 'Save group settings' button is located at the bottom of the table. The footer contains navigation links and a copyright notice for 2004 Google.

Subscription settings	My nickname	Subscription type
Group Name	Set all: [input] [OK]	[dropdown] [OK]
Groups 1 - 12 of 12		
<a href="#">all shannon.bauman - owner</a>	Shannon Bauman	Email
<a href="#">Baumans - owner</a>	Shannon Bauman	Email
<a href="#">Edson Arantes do Nascimento fans - owner</a>	Shannon Bauman	Email
<a href="#">Jess and Shan's really cool group - owner</a>	Shannon Bauman	Email
<a href="#">Long Live Lemurs - owner</a>	Shannon Bauman	Email
<a href="#">Space Elevator - owner</a>	Shannon Bauman	Email
<a href="#">Google Desktop Search</a>	Shannon	Web only
<a href="#">Google Friends</a>	Shannon	Email
<a href="#">Google Labs - Google Scholar</a>	Shannon Bauman	Web only
<a href="#">Google Labs - Groups2</a>	Shannon Bauman	Digest email
<a href="#">Google SMS</a>	Shannon	Web only
<a href="#">GooglePress</a>	Shannon	Email

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