

ReadMe and file list Threads from CSGnet

Threads and posts listed here offer a sampling of the issues and insight discussed among members of the Control Systems Group on the E-mail network CSGnet (or CSG-L). Some files hold individual posts, while other files are collections of posts in sequence on a similar subject, sometimes in heated debate. Posts are not edited, but simply selected and copied from the listserver archive.

Most of these essays and postings from CSGnet were selected in 1994 and 1995. At the time, I was focusing on PCT full time and made the effort to format email messages for what has become the CSGnet archive. I distributed a floppy disk with this collection in the form of ASCII text files at the time. These text files has been posted, such as with the title: "The Best of CSGnet" with the file name extension .html, which destroys formatting and renders ASCII figures unintelligible because a browser displays a sequence of spaces as one.

Back in 1995, file names had to conform to the DOS specification, 12345678.ABC. Here, these same file names have been spelled out, but are still short in the spirit of the original file names. For example, the original file ABNORMAL.PHY is now AbnormalPhysics.pdf. Traces of this file naming remain.

Now, printed to pdf files, the original formatted Word files are reproduced properly.

For much more, see the complete CSGnet archive, available for download at www.pctresources.com. This archive is searchable and up-to-date.

The files available here are no substitute for reading the literature that has grown up based on Powers's work. See www.livingcontrolsystems.com for information and a summary of literature. www.iapct.org is the "official" overview website. Here, you find links to numerous sites that feature PCT.

Behavior: The Control of Perception is the basic book on PCT. The best essays by Bill Powers are collected in *Living Control Systems I & II*. The best series of computer demos are documented in *Living Control Systems III*.

Many documents contain illustrations created on the computer screen using the ASCII characters found on the keyboard. Care has been taken to insert page breaks so ASCII illustrations are displayed whole before the source Word files were printed to PDF

Dag Forssell, Hayward, June, 2014

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