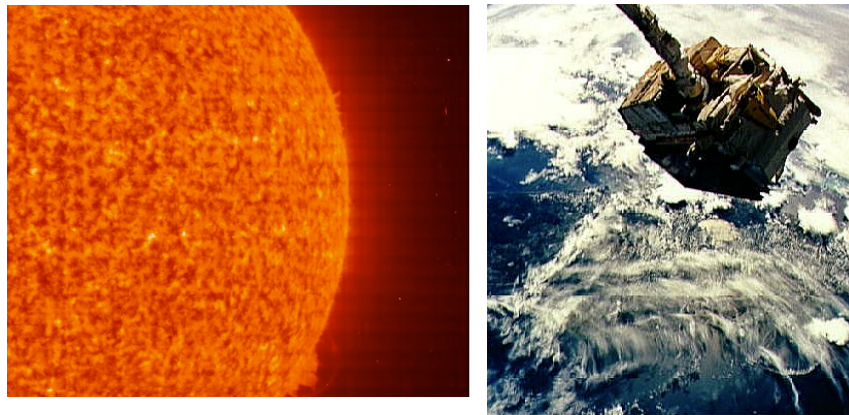Sam Dowd
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Assignment 1.2

<u>Part A</u>

1. FTP stands for File Transfer Protocol. It is a way to upload files to a server where they can be stored and accessed by other FTP users who have the right permissions and know the server's address. FTP uses the internet as a gateway to send and receive the files. Servers that host files uploaded via FTP can sometimes be accessed via a web browser, or they can be accessed using an FTP client like FileZilla.
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3. A ListServ is a list that can both distribute emails out to a group of users, and act as a message board for users to post messages to. For example, here at Harvard Business School we use listservs a lot for providing support for certain events. The listerv allows us to have students email one address and have multiple people receive the message. The message is also stored so that it can be referenced later. Another great feature of listservs is that they can have subscriptions. That means that the users can be managed both from a "who can send to this list" perspective, and "who received messages sent to this list" perspective.
4. I would consider joining the following lists:
    a. HUD Webcasts: WEBCASTS-L@HUDLIST.HUD.GOV
    b. Disability Rights Promotion International: DISABILITYRIGHTS@YORKU.CA
5. I learned that the IFLA has a group responsible for developing a set of action items for times of crisis, conflict, or disaster. This group is responsible for determining risk areas, setting guidelines and processes for raising awareness about conflict and disaster prevention, and will create criteria to guide the IFLA in the event that one of its members is engaged in crisis, conflict or disaster recovery..

6. ListServs can be useful in research by providing someone with a consistently updated source of information. Someone could find a listserv related to their research topic, subscribe to it, and then receive information about that topic whenever it is sent to the ListServ.
7. I absolutely think that Google Groups would be useful in a classroom. You could assign students to a group and they could collaborate back and forth and have a record of who has said what. In addition the teacher would be able to keep track of what's going on with all of the groups.
    a. Note for Don: There is a new version of Google Groups that does not have an advanced search feature. Because of this I had to "Revert to the old Google Groups" in order to complete this assignment and perform the Dog Arthritis-related groups.
8. I would consider joining the following groups:
    a. Selenium Users
    b. Chromebook Central - The Official Group for Chromebooks!
9. It's important to remember that you are posting to a public group. You shouldn't post anything you wouldn't proudly post on a bulletin board in the center of your town.
10. News groups could be useful in research because things are listed by categories and topics and would be easily navigable. However, the information should be validated as, like Wikipedia, anyone can post to these sites, not just experts.