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Subject: Re: Sub or dom ; does it really matter?  
Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Thu, 07 Oct 2021 19:52:33 GMT  
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Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> writes:

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> Mike Spencer <mds@bogus.nodomain.nowhere> writes:
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>> 711 Spooky Mart <711@spooky.mart> writes:
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>>> Are you using Gnus/Emacs? If so the Emacs wiki says:
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>>> "Auto-detection of UTF-8 is effectively disabled by default in GNU Emacs
>>> 21.3 and below.
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>> Emacs 20.7. Just so.
>
> Where did you did that up...
>
> GNU Emacs 27.1
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Off-and-on Unix user from '89, tried to install slackware from floppies in mid 90s, got lost in the mess. Fail.

In 1999 I bought a Great Fat Book with two Linux CDs in it: Caldera and RedHat. Installed Caldera. It came up with XEmacs default. Gak! Hastily downloaded and compiled then-current GNU Emacs -- 20.7.

With a working Linux up, as soon as I figured out how to do it, switched to Slackware 8.0.

Since then, with each new update of Slackware, there's a new Emacs version. I install it, spend several hours trying to make annoying features go away or revert to previous behavior. Get fed up and replace it with the 20.7 binary compiled in 1999. Rinse & repeat each time a new Emacs comes along.

I can't recall all the annoyances off the top of my head. The ones that come to mind:

- + Changed behavior of the prompt in shell-mode
- + Emacs wants to convert 30 years' accumulation of BABYL email & news files to mbox format.
- + Colorization/standout mode. Colors chosen by Emacs conflict with X colors I choose for Emacs windows, making (for example) the minibuffer unreadable.

+ Numerous others I forget.

Well, you asked.

> ... and why should we consider that relevant?

Not relevant to Spooky's bloated binary .sig itself. Relevant response to Spooky's quoted line, confessing that h{is,er} surmise about what {s}he regards as my antediluvian technology is correct.

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