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Posted by [D.J.](#) on Fri, 17 Sep 2021 14:30:31 GMT

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 17 Sep 2021 15:17:09 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Fri, 17 Sep 2021 09:30:31 -0500, D.J. <chucktheouch@gmail.com> wrote:

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Posted by [D.J.](#) on Fri, 17 Sep 2021 17:27:37 GMT

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On Fri, 17 Sep 2021 11:17:09 -0400, J. Clarke

<jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 18 Sep 2021 14:53:17 GMT
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Originally posted by: Francis S

On Fri, 17 Sep 2021 12:27:37 -0500, D.J. <chucktheouch@gmail.com>
wrote:

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Posted by [D.J.](#) on Sat, 18 Sep 2021 16:13:23 GMT

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They aren't replying to emails. I'll have to call them.

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I just called them, only got voice mail. I left a message with my email address, and said I had emailed them it has been 7 days.

Subject: Re: is Forte Agent newsreader still in business ?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 19 Sep 2021 00:12:31 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bud Frede

D.J. <chucktheouch@gmail.com> writes:

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They seem to have stopped development on it years ago. Even then, they were dragging along cruft and poor design choices from the Windows 3.1 days. Amongst the fatal flaws for me was that it didn't handle cross-posted articles properly from the beginning, and it has always lacked a good editor.

It at least had some utility back when I was still using a dialup modem. I'm not and it doesn't. :-)

Subject: Re: is Forte Agent newsreader still in business ?
Posted by [D.J.](#) on Mon, 20 Sep 2021 15:25:29 GMT
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I telephoned them on Saturday. I got voice mail, left a message.

No reply yet. Looks like I'll have to look elsewhere.

Subject: Re: is Forte Agent newsreader still in business ?

Posted by [D.J.](#) on Tue, 21 Sep 2021 20:37:40 GMT

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Posted by [D.J.](#) on Tue, 21 Sep 2021 22:47:39 GMT

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On Tue, 21 Sep 2021 15:37:40 -0500, D.J. <chucktheouch@gmail.com> wrote:

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And I have heard back. Their order page was broken.

Hurrah !

Subject: Re: is Forte Agent newsreader still in business ?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 22 Sep 2021 07:44:30 GMT
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Originally posted by: Jeff Gaines

On 21/09/2021 in message <i7okkg5po1p9ug6n4oqd7l6i01kh1ddlcu@4ax.com> D.J.
wrote:

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Pity they don't update Agent to use IMAP which is essential in these days
of multiple devices, otherwise it was my first email/newsreader and
technically way out in front.

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Jeff Gaines Wiltshire UK

There are 3 types of people in this world. Those who can count, and those
who can't.