

Re: Iceweasel freeze ups

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On Thu, 10 Jul 2008, andy wrote:

Hi

I am aware of an earlier thread about FF/IW 3.0. This is slightly different in that using IW, with 7 tabs open, using Privoxy and TOR, the entire browser has just frozen up. This is IW version: 2.0.0.14 on an up-to-date Lenny/testing machine.

Even if I minimise another window that came up in front of IW (such as me pulling up this client to write this email), across the window of IW I am left with a series of lines that have yet to be refreshed. The IW indicator that shows when a page is loading has stopped, and the browser window is as good as useless. When minimised and reopened it simply shows my desktop with a frame around it where the browser window should be.

The only way to deal with this is to force quit. I am unable to provide any details about the amount of mem it was using, or CPU time because I closed the damn thing, but will try to capture that info if it would help. I just wanted to know if others have been having trouble with IW of this kind of nature.

Cheers

Andy

I have multiple such problems with Iceape.

One such problem, and it may be the cause, is that the "Block unrequested pop-up windows", simply does not work.

When, for whatever reason, the memory usage caused by Iceape, reaches a certain level (what exactly is that level, I have yet to determine, as it seems to vary, and, it may involve malicious code on particular web sites, that is allowed by Iceape, to take control of Iceape), Iceape opens multiple pop-up windows, and, if one of the pop-up windows is inadvertently, directly manually closed, the application crashes.

These particular unwanted malicious pop-ups, show in the task bar as "untitled window(s)", usually showing

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no visible content. Sometimes, the "untitled window(s)" show as opened browser windows, with advertising, as malicious advertising billboards on the screen.

If a tab or new browser window, that creates the unwanted pop-up on opening, is closed, the unwanted pop-up disappears.

I oft wonder whether this is some security breach that uses a hangover of memory leaks, that were supposed to have occurred with the original netscape browsers, back at about version 4 of netscape, or something.

Whatever the cause, the "Block unrequested pop-up windows", simply does not work, and is a serious vulnerability, and, the failure to work, of that option, makes the application unstable.

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"So once you do know what the question actually is,
you'll know what the answer means."
– Deep Thought,
Chapter 28 of Book 1 of
"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy:
A Trilogy In Four Parts",
written by Douglas Adams,
published by Pan Books, 1992

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