

Re: getting control of tabbed browsing

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To: For users of Fedora Core releases <fedora-list@redhat.com>

Gustavo Seabra wrote:

> *On Mon, 28 Mar 2005 15:14:23 -0500, Matt Morgan <minxmertzmomo@gmail.com> wrote:*

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>> *On Mon, 28 Mar 2005 13:52:59 -0500, Billy Tallis <wtallis@gmail.com> wrote:*

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>>>> *Ben: Wow, those are some serious warnings on his website. I loaded it up*

>>>> *- so far, so good. I went through the prefs and only changed a couple of*

>>>> *things. He seems to default to forced single window, just what I wanted.*

>>>> *Thanks for the tip. I just clicked on a link from an email message in*

>>>> *Thunderbird and it opened the link in a new tab in the currently open*

>>>> *window - perfect.*

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>>> *There is a simpler way to do this. Type about:config into the address*

>>> *bar, and set browser.tabs.showSingleWindowModePrefs to true. This*

>>> *makes the Single window Mode option show up in the advanced section.*

>>> *This will not give you the fancier features such as scroll wheel tab*

>>> *switching and things like that.*

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>> *That sounded great to me, and I've always really wanted this to work,*

>> *so I tried it.*

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>> *Same as always. No matter what I set in Firefox's advanced section,*

>> *links in TBird ALWAYS open in a new Firefox window.*

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>> *Do other people seriously have this working (without the*

>> *above-mentioned extension)? I'm using the FC3 packages, nothing*

>> *special or custom, but no matter what I do, links from TBird never*

>> *start a new tab in the existing FF window.*

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> *It seems like an old problem that should have been solved at this*

> *point. Take a look at:*

> <http://marc.theaimsgroup.com/?l=fedora-list&m=110429781629755&w=2>

I just tried that, and it works. Of course, I also tried the earlier solution in addition--that is, changing

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browser.tabs.showSingleWindowModePrefs to true, and then changing the single-window preferences to open any windows from an external application to a new tab. But then I changed to /usr/bin (working under "su"), typed "gedit firefox" (I imagine that "vi" would do just as well) and then removed the single occurrence of ", new-window" in the file. Now, whenever I hit a link in a T-bird message, it opens the link in a new tab in the most recently used window—which usually is the only window I have open.

Thanks for that link. I highly recommend this solution to everyone who at least wants to exploit tabbed browsing and stop the repeated opening of new windows.

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