

## Re: Browsers for those IE-only sites

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

Dotan Cohen wrote:

> *On 6/25/05, Robin Laing <Robin.Laing@drdc-rddc.gc.ca> wrote:*

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>>*Again, the standards are for the Internet, not just english version of  
>>the Internet. They are just being lazy.*

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> *I was refering to the selection of English sites. If an  
> English-language website refuses to use compliant code, then chances  
> are that there will be a competing site that does. We don't have that  
> selection. The opposite- it seems that all the Israeli sites use the  
> same Microsoft technology to author the site. Am I supposed to tell  
> the entire industry to switch tools because there is one idiot in  
> Haifa that won't let his wife use Windows?*

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This still does not justify not using the "Standards." Oh, yea, I have to remember that Microsoft is the expert at not using "standards" in both IE and their Java. Of course sites depending on MS java are having problems with those that don't have the MS version of Java anymore.

In one case I emailed the Webmaster about this problem and provided them a link on the MS/Sun ruling and that showed that the MS version was not going to be distributed with new Windows. He was not happy as they would have to redesign their site.

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>>*Any decent webmaster will know how to use the validator. If they  
>>don't then in my book they cannot be a decent webmaster.*

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> *They may not be decent- but they are state-of-the-industry. That is  
> the state of the industry here.*

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>>*OOo 2.0 seems to be much better at this point. In fact better than  
>>between different versions of MS Office. Heck because of problems  
>>between MS Office, many around work here either use OOo or LaTeX.  
>>Depending on here studies, then standard compliance should be  
>>important. Point the professor to OASIS.*

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>> <http://www.oasis-open.org/home/index.php>

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> I just tried to open a .doc that I got in the mail today from a  
> catering company. Unreadable in Writer 1.9: I can't even see letters.  
> I disk-on-keyed it to the XP box and it looked just like it was, well,  
> just as if it was written for that program! That may be because it was  
> in hebrew. But I'm not going to tell every company to send me their  
> proposals in this-or-that format. Then I'd be no better than Ety's  
> professor!

This sounds like a font problem. I have ran into it myself. The  
pages open blank but actually have text. I agree that it is a pain.  
I had to select all the text and then change the font if I am correct.

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>>I find that strange. I have to do some work on a Windows XP pro  
>>machine and I find that it is so very slow. The machines are the same.

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> I just installed FC4 this morning, and have not yet added one single  
> program, except for the yum update. And here I type in Gmail, faster  
> than the letters can appear on the screen. It's like typing on telnet.  
> This was a fresh install, no update. AMD Duron, 512mb ram. I flip the  
> KVM over to the P4, 256mb ram WinXP box and have no problem typing. I  
> think that the letters appear before I raise my finger from the key.

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You are not the only person that has pointed this out. Now there has  
been suggestions on how to speed up FC4 but I don't know the answer.  
Some have said it is much slower than FC3 and could depend on  
hardware. Search the archives on this one.

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>>If you want to make it easy just run update via cron. All done. I  
>>don't but it takes only a few minutes to do it and it doesn't  
>>interfere with work. Not like Winodws that requires reboots with  
>>almost everything. I hate rebooting. My 8 yr old can even make  
>>changes to her desktop and stuff. This is self taught.

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> If he's learning it for the first time- then yes. If he's relearning  
> from a windows background, then that's something else.

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Very true. I haven't really used Windows much since WFWG 3.11. My  
experiences with all versions of Windows since has not be great. Even  
my new XP pro Dell would crash 2 or 3 times a day yet works great in  
Linux. Needless to say, I dumped the XP Pro from the machine.

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>>*My father uses a program for ham radio work. There are Linux boxes  
>>put in sites that have not had human access for over a year. They are  
>>still working.*  
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> *Yeah, I hate the reset-crap. I just had a bad experience with that  
> stupid XP box deciding to update itself and then reset itself at 4 in  
> the morning while I was downloading FC4 on it in my sleep- it reset  
> itself while two of the disks were at 638mb and 626mb from a total of  
> 640mb!!! I couldn't restart the transfers.... AAGGGHHH!!!!*  
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> Yuch. Now if you could only bill Microsoft for the lost time.

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>>*Attaching to a cable modem can be a headache depending on teh  
>>provider. My mother-in-law requires a stupid program to connect and  
>>that is a problem. Again I will give you credit here as the ISP  
>>probably provided a disk to setup the computer. Put in and the  
>>software is installed and configured. Mention Linux to them and they  
>>sound as stunded as a deer in headlights.*  
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> *Here's where I found a way to make a difference- I switched ISP's when  
> I installed FC3. My ISP said that they don't support Linux, I said  
> goodbye. I called all (three) of the local ISP's and made it clear  
> that I don't want a month free and I don't want a ballon. I want tech  
> support for linux. I found one, thankfully.*  
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> I solved my problem by using a D-Link DSL router/hub. It deals with  
> all the Internet connection aspects.

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