

Re: [Usability] Re: My Folders [Re: Special folders in gnome]

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On 1/13/06, **Steve Frécinaux** <nudrema@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Alan Horkan wrote:

- > I'd much prefer if we could have
- > ~/Documents/
- > /Templates/
- > /Pictures/
- > /Videos/
- > ...
- > ...
- > ...
- > (keep it simple first, but if you wanted more later
- > we could also have folders like:
- > /Web Pages/
- > /Spreadsheets/
- > /Slideshows/
- > etc.)

This is not a good idea to have such folders, imho. I keep photos and musics on a specialized directory because of the way I use it (image manager, rhythmbox) but I doubt you would do that for every type of documents. That would be unproductive and redundant with the file type which already allow you to find a file given its type.

Such a setup would only work if it were abstracted by say a search tool that did the work of a file manager. It actually becomes more interesting when a user is saving files and the save-dialog doesn't have all that file-system crap in it. It would only have a space for file name, maybe file type and a save button. When the user hits save, the file is actually stored in one of the folders depending on the application so when the search-tool-file-manager is told to show office documents, it searches here first.

see: http://netobjective.openswarm.com/search_tool.html

(a site with many mockups)

Brian.

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- **References:**

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