

Re: [opensuse] Changing users temp folder

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Carlos E. R. wrote:

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The Monday 2007-01-01 at 01:08 +1100, Basil Chupin wrote:

In Firefox – which is the, or one of the, browsers under discussion the default place where files are downloaded to if nothing is deliberately set is the Desktop. Check it out for yourself.

If you do NOT have any file associations set in FF and you come across a pdf file **for the first time** and click on it, FF will give you a menu where you have a choice of what to do with that pdf file. If you simply choose to download it then FF will do this:

No, we choose to open.

– if you have set a download directory for **any** downloads (Edit/Preferences/Downloads) then this pdf file – which WILL have a specific name, and not a random name as you mention above – will be downloaded into the set download directory;

The OP is not talking about file downloads, even if he mistakenly said so at first. Nor am I. We are both talking about opening a file from inside the browser, clicking on it. He confirmed this later.

Just try to `_open_` a pdf file. It will be downloaded to somewhere first behind the scenes, and you will not be asked where. But if you check, you will see that it is somewhere in `/tmp` – regardless of where downloaded files normally go (you see that if you select "save" from inside acrobat when the file is finally displayed). The `_open_` function is different, in theory they are deleted right after.

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– if you do NOT have a set download directory then FF will download the file to the default destination which is Desktop.

The OP is asking how to change that destination to be somewhere under his home folder instead.

All one has to do is set the damn destination in Preferences in FF! :-).

No, that does not work for OPEN.

OK, I've "un-preferenced" my Firefox back to its dreary basic self :-) and tested on a pdf file and I see what you mean by the pdf file going into /tmp when simply viewed by Acroread (but why one would view a pdf file and not save it on the spot but rather go thru the convoluted process of saving it LATER is beyond me – but I wont argue :-); seems to me it makes more sense to save it first and if you don't want it then delete it).

Further, this file has been sitting in /tmp for some 22+ hours now and hasn't (quickly) disappeared as was suggested that it would.

Also, as I mentioned, this pdf file – as everything FF "sees" on the 'net – is sitting in the FF Cache so there are actually 2 copies of this same pdf file sitting on the HD although the file name in the Cache is not the same. However, if you use konqueror and look inside the Cache, konqueror identifies all the files there by their type – ie, it identifies files as pdfs, HTMLs, gifs, jpgs, etc etc. so it was/is easy to find and copy the pdf file I was playing around wherever I wanted. And because I have made my Cache big (200MB) it will be for some days yet.

Cheers.

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