

Re: [opensuse] switching Firefox to manual updates check

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Hi,

Carl Hartung wrote:

netstat showed Firefox contacting mozilla.org and google.com at each launch and seeming to stay connected for awhile. (i.e. not obviously transient)

I drilled down into 'Edit -> Preferences...' to see if I could disable this activity because I prefer to check for updates manually.

The checkbox for 'Firefox' was already empty but 'Installed Add-ons' and 'Search Engines' were each checked. I unchecked them, closed Firefox and relaunched it. The results from 'netstat -nutap':

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tcp 0 0 192.168.1.47:23278 63.245.209.21:80
ESTABLISHED 30940/firefox-bin
tcp 0 0 192.168.1.47:23279 63.245.209.21:80
ESTABLISHED 30940/firefox-bin
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When I returned to the relevant menu, the 'Firefox' updates setting was *missing*... leaving only the unchecked (by me) 'Installed Add-ons' and 'Search Engines'.

The reason that the Firefox update setting is missing sometimes seems to be some race condition in the XUL refreshing. Since Firefox updates wouldn't work in RPM installs it's deactivated by removing the menu item but in some cases it still appears. It's just a cosmetic problem. The box should be greyed out anyway since Firefox detects that it has no write permissions in the installation directory.

Has anybody already dealt with this issue? I really prefer checking for updates to Firefox myself, not at every launch (it isn't always convenient.) Does anyone know what the 'Search Engine' updates search is all about?

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Search Engines can be updated because they could change their URI or alike.
I don't have an answer right now which data is pulled from mozilla.org
or Google in your case if the updates are disabled. If you are
interested you might to have a closer look at your TCP traffic via
wireshark or tcpdump to actually see which data is transferred. If it
turns out to be a bug, feel free to report it here, at
bugzilla.novell.com or/and bugzilla.mozilla.org.

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