

Re: Firefox 2x unable to click open htm/html files with spaces in name

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On Mar 15, 1:46 am, Peter2007 <Peter2...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Michael Soibelman wrote:
> Peter2007 wrote:

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>> Hi folks,
>> I am a relatively new user of Linux and have used openSuSe 10.2 since
>> December last year, mainly for learning and getting the feel for the OS.
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>> I am now trying to slowly switch over to using Suse 10.2 for Web
>> browsing and thus have come across this following, IMHO, bug:
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>> I make Firefox 2 my default browser and when I click on a downloaded
>> or saved file on my desktop or in a documents folder, it will not open
>> it if it has a space in the name (eg my links.html). If Firefox is
>> already running and I go through the ff file menu to open it, no problem
>> – it opens it.
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>> NB: This is the message from Firefox:
>> "File not found
>> Firefox can't find the file at /home/peter1/Desktop/My."
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>> Just to prove that it is not anything to do with me mucking up
>> the system, I just re-installed a fresh suse 10.2 KDE base install on a
>> spare partition and the same problem exists there too.
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>> Conclusion: I am pretty sure its a bug but since I am no expert, I seek
>> the opinion and advice from others who are expert and/or more
>> experienced.
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>> I am using KDE desktop and have the latest Firefox version on my first
>> installation. The test install Firefox is the version that came on the
>> DVD iso.
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>> Thanks in advance for any help in rectifying this problem.
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>> Regards,
>> Peter
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>> PS: I have tried searching for a solution to this via google but no luck
>> so far.
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> Not sure if I'm clear on what your saying but I created a file called
> "My Test.html" (with a space though this is bad windows behavior) right
> clicked on it and chose "Open With Firefox". That opens the file and I
> click on the content of that page, which is a link to ibm.com and that
> opens the web site... So no problem here. Firefox version is:
> MozillaFirefox-2.0.0.2-8.2
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> Perhaps you need to update your Firefox...

The following is the version I have (it is the latest, as far as I can work out, reported by the "Smart Package Manager"):

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Mozilla/5.0 (X11; U; Linux i686; en-US; rv:1.8.1.2)
Gecko/20061023 SUSE/2.0.0.2-1.1 Firefox/2.0.0.2
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I do not have the full Gnome Desktop packages installed but I have the Nautilus file browser and I just found out that Firefox does fine working through it! :-)

It seems like an KDE/Konqueror (same in "Dolphin") issue to me. Also, when I am browsing a folder with Konqueror and there are html files inside it, clicking on them will still open only in Konqueror regardless of what browser is set as the default (via file association)

> Or else, since you're using KDE you should open up konqueror and go
> to ->Settings -> Configure Konqueror -> File Associations. In the 'Find
> filename pattern box type .html .Click on the + next to the word
text.
> Click on the html icon. Select Firefox from the list. Click Edit. On
> the 'Application' tab make sure the 'Command' box has firefox%u .
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> Also, I suspect what you are seeing 'may' be a default when telling
Firefox
> to be the default browser. Instead of clicking on an html file try right
> clicking on it and choose 'open with' and select Firefox. I don't think
> that will make any difference but give it a try.

Same thing happens whether I right click and "open with Firefox", or directly click on, a html file (only on the desktop though because anywhere else a direct click will open in Konqueror – no problem with spaces either!).

There is "firefox %u" setting already, I checked (it does not seem to be the issue).

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Change that to
firefox "%u"
and all should be well
(Note the doublequotes around the %u are necessary)

HTH

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Lew

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