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Anton81 wrote:

Hi,

I've used firefox, but sometimes it really annoys me.

Occasionally websites pop up flash windows which I can't close while they hide the webpage beneath. On the other hand it would be nice to save flash videos to the harddrive. Also when I hover over a link I want to see the link destination irrespectively of what the website might suggest. Moreover, no windows should open without a menu bar making it difficult to save the file (sometimes "print versions" of articles do that)

A last feature that's important is that it restores the webpages I visited when it crashes.

Anyone a suggestion for a browser or add ons or proxy filters or whatever?

Anton

Not sure if what I'm going to mention is available for Linux or not, but even so, some things can be done using 'about:config' in the location bar.

Look into thses;

ExtensionsManager # manages extensions

FlashBlock # an extension (or is it a plugin), that lets you Block most flash until you click on it

NoScript # a Javascript On/Off toggler, with a whitelist if necessary.

Using about:config (or even Prefs.js) – you find all entries that contain "dom.disable" and set them all to "true". That will stop the stupid sites from being able to give you pop-up windows with missing features and missing menus.

Most of what annoys you (and me too), can be attributed to JavaScript

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(and Java to a lesser degree) which is why I literally Rip that shit right out of all my systems and browsers. Occassionally I'll allow it (as it's necessary for my Router Web-Admin interface :-(and some online shopping sites. Also visit www.gemal.dk/browserspy/ for some info (look around the site).

When it comes to status bar notification of actual hovered website address – again JS is the crap that poops on that party (there *may* be an 'extension or plugin that overrides that nonsense)...but I know one can 'atleast' easily have their cursor will change into a 'crosshairs', or similar, whenever any "external" link is hovered over.

All that said – *Konqueror* (KDE) can do most of the things you suggest, but some of them in a convoluted way...I use Konq, but it can be a bear to set it up correctly. In general though Konq behaves *much* better than all those others

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