

Re: Hyperlinks

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Dave,

John is correct about your home page not loading correctly in FF, but your other pages do load. For example:

http://www.snipesfamily.net/index_files/DAVE.htm The issue is that Publisher produces "smarter" html code for IE, and "dumber" code for other browsers, and sometimes the "dumber" code simply doesn't work in FF. Sometimes running the design checker tool will find some of these issues.

I am betting that you are using a script on your home page that you are not using on your other pages, which is what is keeping the page from loading in FF. In general, I would suggest that you Publish to the Web, to a folder on your computer where you can find the HTML output. (I put my test folder on my desktop so it is easy to delete the old code when I want to test new.) Then open FF, File > Open File and browse to that folder, and open the index.htm file to test for cross browser compatibility. In general, "reverse engineer" the page until you find the design element that is incompatible with FF. In particular drag any code fragment boxes you have inserted into your home page, off the page into the scratch area, and produce your html code and test. Then add back the design elements...the code boxes, one at a time until you find the one that is creating the problem.

I suspect on your home page, that whatever script you are using to display the reminder to visit the Calendar page, might be causing the problem. However, it might also be the "filled objects" you are using for your navigation system. It appears that you have created ovals, and overlapped text boxes with links? Not sure how you created them, but you might need to insert a "button" from the design gallery, or clip art, and approach this in a different way. Also, it appears that you have filled an oval for the picture of you and your family...this might also be the problem. You might need to recreate that image as a transparent GIF file. Or it may be that you are already using a transparent GIF, and you are overlapping the menu items with the image, which can also create problems. My point is that you drag design elements off the page into the scratch area until the page loads ok in FF, then add them back one at a time to test. If a particular element, code fragment box, image, etc creates the problem with FF, then find an alternative design...or alternative script. Even your weather script might be an issue, and you might try the script from

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<http://www.wunderground.com/about/faq/weathersticker.asp> . It seems to be loading awfully low on your page...unless that is what you intended.

I also noticed on http://www.snipesfamily.net/index_files/DAVE.htm and some of your other pages, that you have somehow managed to add links that open in a new window, within your text boxes. These links do not align correctly in FF. I didn't think it was possible to code a link within a text box to open in a new window? My question is how did you do that? Seriously, I want to know...

Designing a website to be compatible with every browser is a challenge regardless of what tool you use to produce your site, and Publisher is not exception. However, I have seen a lot of Publisher produced sites that load just fine in FF, so with some trial and terror...and some redesign, you can get your page fairly compatible.

Good luck...

DavidF

"puter guy" <puterguy@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:C4FB0226-2EA7-4910-A639-D5FF2231183B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hey John:

Thanks for the feedback. Yeah, my wife pointed that out when she tried to view the site with firefox. We use that almost exclusively to surf the web at home because of IE's uncanny ability to convey script viruses, etc.

I had planned on researching that issue on this board once I have my site in a good place. I've instructed fam and friends to use IE if only to view my site. If you know of any work arounds of setting adjustments that would do the trick, I'm all eyes :-)

Thanks for the feedback John,

Dave

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"Alcohol, the cause AND solution to all of life's problems" Homer J. Simpson

"John G" wrote:

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<http://www.snipesfamily.net>

I'm still working on layout
(e.g. picture size, links,
navigation,
etc.)
but
it's coming along well.

Thanks again!

Dave

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Dave,

Your site looks very interesting in IE but seems to show (at least to me)
nothing but a blank yellow page when viewed in Firefox, which is becoming
a
popular browser.

John G.