

Re: I switched to Firefox because--Solved

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Vanguard wrote:

> "Philippe L. Balmanno" <plb2862@cox.net> wrote in message

> news:6dqNd.4600\$Tt.976@fed1read05...

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>> Mark wrote:

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>>> On 2/6/2005 9:34 AM, Frank Saunders, MS-MVP:

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>>>> "Mark" <mark@anywhere.org> wrote in message

>>>> news:eUcyUOFDFA.3540@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl

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>>>>> On 2/6/2005 8:52 AM, Frank Saunders, MS-MVP:

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>>>>>> "map444" <map444@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message

>>>>>> news:1813EC26-81FC-4221-AEC6-6F4E1898B490@microsoft.com

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>>>>>>> I found that using IE6 I could not access Microsoft Newsgroups. I

>>>>>>> switched to Firefox and it worked temporarily. I found that the

>>>>>>> problem was improper use of the .net passport sign in. I got into

>>>>>>> my .net passport profile, signed out and clicked not to be

>>>>>>> remembered. I had to do this for both Firefox and IE6. I can now

>>>>>>> access the newsgroups on both browsers. I believe I had the problem

>>>>>>> because I had not been signing out.

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>>>>>>> For a faster interface to the newsgroups,

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>>>>>>> ... and faster virus/trojans/spyware infections ...

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>>>>> *in Outlook Express go to Tools*
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>>>>> *Accounts / Add (or New) / News.*
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>>>>> *Set up an account for this news server:*
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>>>>> *msnews.microsoft.com*
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>>>>> *The server is free and does not require you to logon. This news*
>>>>> *server carries over 2200 newsgroups related to Microsoft products*
>>>>> *and keeps messages at least 30 days.*
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>>>>> *For more detail see*
>>>>> *<http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/outlookexpressnewreader.htm>*
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>>>>> *Use: <http://www.mozilla.org/>*
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>>>> *You are ignorant, aren't you? I have been using OE for at least*
>>>> *seven years and have never gotten a virus/trojan/spyware infection.*
>>>> *Never got a notification that my anti-virus or anything else has*
>>>> *stopped one either.*
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>>>> *Sorry, I am not ignorant. I and others just want security rather*
>>>> *than insecurity.*
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>>>> *I agree it isn't ignorance if you are lucky. I changed because I*
>>>> *wanted speed and no more hang ups/stalls when marking news groups as*
>>>> *read. For example when I subscribe to a new news group OE downloads*
>>>> *headers and after reviewing the headers I usually mark the news group*
>>>> *as read.*
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> *Sounds like you need to compact your .dbx files. Also, the more records*
> *you keep then the slower OE will be in enumerating new records,*
> *accessing them, and changing their status. Thunderbird may indeed be*
> *quicker in its database mechanism but basically it sounds like you've*
> *become a pig and let your .dbx files for Outlook Express get excessively*
> *huge. It is doubtful that you need any records over a month old and*
> *probably not even over 2 weeks old. You can Google Groups for old*
> *articles. Define a rule to delete messages that are over N days old. It*
> *won't apply when you download new messages but occasionally you should*
> *run it manually to mark old items with a status of deleted. Then run a*
> *compact to purge the delete-marked items from the database files. When*

> *OE gets slow, it is because it has to do a lot of reindexing.*
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>> *IE requires too many additional add-ins for pop-up blockers and too*
>> *many people have created these self installing search toolbars and not*
>> *one of these have attached themselves to Firefox.*
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> *Yet the 3rd party add-ins to IE for popup blocking surpass what Firefox*
> *can manage to avoid. Take a look at PopUpCop which provides much more*
> *than just popup blocking. "Too many additional add-ins for pop-up*
> *blockers"? You make it sound like you need a plural of popup blockers.*
> *Just one suffices and obviously you don't want same-function utilities*
> *interfering with each other. "Self-installing search toolbars"? Well,*
> *if you are stupid enough to go opening any attachment you get in an*
> *e-mail, downloading just any freebie utility you happen to find without*
> *researching it, not configuring IE to prompt you for ActiveX downloads,*
> *and not saving a disk image to provide for recovery before installing*
> *software from an unknown and untrusted source then that was your choice*
> *to engage in unsafe hex. No browser can overcome the stupidity of its*
> *user.*
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> *Yeah, Firefox doesn't support ActiveX. And, of course, no one could*
> *ever manage to go into IE's advanced options and disable ActiveX*
> *downloads and execution, either, or just configure IE to prompt when an*
> *AX download is requested. Yeah, right. I'm not saying Firefox isn't a*
> *good browser (except that users often complain about difficulties after*
> *trying to uninstall it, so it ranks with the old versions of Netscape*
> *when they were in a browser war with Microsoft about a decade ago), but*
> *many of the arguments are pretty stupid or misleading. Most Firefox*
> *users don't even realize all the bugs being reported and worked on for*
> *that product (http://snipurl.com/firefox_bugs_all), and that list is*
> *from a much smaller community of users and enthusiasts along with being*
> *a much less targeted browser by hackers.*
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> "Sounds like you need to compact your .dbx files."

.dbx was never an issue as I have had no need to store messages.
Talking about my personal PC. And my habits were read it delete etc...
NG were periodically filtered so anything over >30 days got deleted and
was compacted monthly.

"it sounds like you've become a pig and let your .dbx files for Outlook
Express get excessively huge."

Too presumptuous and insulting to boot, there's no piggy here.