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On Feb 24, 1:15 pm, "Shenan Stanley" <newshel...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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davegb wrote:

I'm using IE for a while, trying it out. I haven't used it in a long time, and I'm finding that other than tabbed browsing, it's far less user friendly than it used to be. I've searched for options to fix these things, but haven't found most of what I need. Maybe some of you more experienced users know fixes?

When I open web pages from my launcher, they come up in a new window instead of a new tab. I've set IE to open new web pages from other programs in a new tab, but this doesn't seem to work. Is it my launcher (Executor) or is it IE?

What is your 'launcher'?

Thanks for your reply. My launcher is "Executor".

No refresh button anymore? I have to F5 or use the menu? Can't find one if it's there. Looked under "Customize" and everywhere else I can think of.

Look to the right of where you type the URL in at. See the two green arrows?

Holy cow! Never thought to look up there. Thanks.

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Most frustrating of all, the toolbar itself. The button to add a tab is a blank button. The icon only shows up if I hover over it! What good is that?

I'm not sure what you mean.

Are you complaining because there is no icon there that says "Click here to open a new tab"? You know where to click – do you need a pretty icon there as well? After all – you have to 'hover' over it to click it...

I understand that, and as long as that's the only icon in that area, that's ok. But if I ever figure out how to use all that waste space between the New Tab icon and the Status bar, then there would be more icons and I'd like to know which is which. What does hiding the icon accomplish anyway?

And the status bar toolbar is way over to the right, with no apparent way to drag the toolbar over to the left, into the huge gap of wasted space in the center of the toolbar area!! What are they thinking?

"Status toolbar"? What are you referring to as the status toolbar?

The one MS calls the "Status Bar".

Just about everything at the top of the Internet Explorer window can be moved around if unlocked.

Are you speaking of the bottom?

Bottom? No, I'm talking up above the main window, to the right of the New Tabs icon. A lot of blank real estate where I'd like to put more icons for the things I do frequently, like I did in Mozilla Firefox.

Even if this is correctable, it's unthinkable! You used to be able to drag toolbars to where you wanted them, either in the toolbar area or even undock them, if you liked. I never liked floating toolbars myself, but right now, they're looking better than ever. At least we had some control of where they were!

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If you are talking about the top – you still can. Right-click and unlock it. That was also a feature in IE6 – to lock and unlock the toolbar areas.

Already did that. They're unlocked, but can only be dragged a short way over to the left, leaving that big "hole" in that bar, where I'd like to put other stuff.

If anyone has any ideas to get IE usable again, I'd appreciate it very much.

Did you try the built in help or a Google search?

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How To Ask Questions The Smart Way <http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

I appreciate the help. I'm just very frustrated with all M\$ products lately, Seems to me that they're just playing a shell game with their users. They move things for no apparent reason. Are the recycle and stop buttons easier to use in the middle of the bar than over on the left, where they've always been, where all experienced users expect to see them? Seems to me that Bill and Steve are just making changes to justify making us all go out and plunk down ever increasing amounts of cash to get "upgraded" software that's harder to use than the old one. I call these "dehancements" or "deprovements". Well, I guess Bill's trying to get back up to that \$100B mark he fell below in 2000. Poor guy.

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