

# Re: Firefox – It's driving me nuts!!!

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On Wed, 18 Jan 2006 20:39:37 -0500, "PattiChati"

>I switched over to firefox from IE because IE was so slow no matter what I  
>did. Firefox worked GREAT the first week or so and now it is as slow as  
>molasses. I clean and maintain, I've checked our internet service.

When a web browser starts fast and gets slow, you have to ask  
yourself: What changed?

My guess is one of two things:

- malware patching into the browser and/or traffic
- failing sectors on the HD slowing down cache access

>I've got AVG virus and many spyware programs and cleaning programs.

That's nice, but it doesn't automatically mean you don't have malware  
active on the system. Do you get pop-ups or unexpected start pages?  
Do you find you're unable to get av updates or access av sites?

>windows xp with 1 gb ram, pentium IV. It is slow when trying to open a  
>website or even opening my mail. This is so ironic since when I first  
>installed it, it was lightening speed. It's a pain to get on the computer  
>anymore.

Qs:

- What connects you to the Internet?
- What Service Pack level of XP are you on?
- Is the system faster when disconnected from Internet?
- Is only web browsing slow, i.e. downloads and mail are fast?
- How are your hard drive(s) partitioned?
- Where is web cache located?

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Don't pay malware vendors – boycott Sony  
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- *Follow-Ups:*

- ◆ *Re: Firefox – It's driving me nuts!!!*  
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- *References:*

- ◆ *Firefox – It's driving me nuts!!!*  
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