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DamBogan wrote:

I have just upgraded my IE6 to IE7 beta 2, I have also just installed the horrible FireFox. Both IE versions seem to take alot more system memory when running. To demonstrate, I open two windows of IE6 two tabs of IE7 and two tabs of FireFox, pointed one of each at microsoft.com and one of each at google.com. The results suprised me.

IE7 was using something like 64mb of ram

FireFox using around 25mb ram

IE6 using 19mb + 29mb

Now Im a huge microsoft fan, and think they've done a wonderfull job in the past, but is it too much to ask theat they just try to use a little less ram when browsing. Save it for the big stuff like virtual machines, encoding videos and RamDisks.

This FireFox seems to be quite popular with people who seem to think Microsoft should conform to somelses rules (why would they do that?), but sort of lacks a few functions that I would call necessary, important, and perhaps even critical.

1, when I goto view the source, that is really just what I am doing...

viewing the source, I cant edit it even if the page Im looking at is on my hard disk.

2, when I want to download something, it starts its cute wee download box, which could be great if they did it right, and starts downloading to my

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default download directory. Nowhere along the way am I asked "Where do you want me to put this file?"

3, I cant send a webpage to my friend, I can send them a link, but not a full page with pictures and button and an interface and scripts and bells and whistles, just one line of text starting with http:// will do for FireFox thankyou.

FireFox has done a good job of copying IE6's layout, the menus buttons are all in pretty much the same place, which I guess will give new converts to the product a sense of familiarity, but when even Microsoft moves onto something new for IE7, where does that leave FireFox? They could a, keep the same layout (copying Microsoft) b, copy IE7's layout (copying Microsoft) or c, design a new interface alltogether (now your talking)

We're all no doubt familiar with the taskbar autohide, why dont any of these browsers have this for their toolbars at the top of their pages? Big ups to Microsofts IE7 with rightclick Print Preview option. These are the sort of things I like to see, something old (we've all seen it before) something new (wasnt there in IE6) something borrowed (borrowed it from Microsoft Office I guess) something blue (cant change the colors of it)

Also Im not too happy about the loss of integration in IE7 from an explorer file browser. It used to be in IE6 that i could type in a folder path in the address bar, and voila my internet browser was now the same as "My Computer", but now a new window (not a tab) appears so I still have where I was, and where I now want to be. Sure this could be great if I accidently typed in 'c:\documents and settings\administrator' and then pushed enter, but this doesnt happen too often. But even in that case we still had the back button.

Probably sounds like Im just having a go at Microsoft, but that is not the case. I think IE6 was a great product which integrated into windows very well. However it appears this IE7 tries to do a few FireFox things (why?), does a good job at it (lets me edit HTML when I view the source of a page) but is taking up more resources than before and makes up for it with a new icon.

How could Microsoft remedy this???

Stick to what you guys are good at, not copying your competition, but innovating and making your own ideas, which are normally better (with the exception of talking paperclips in Microsoft Office)

Thanks for reading my post, dont let my views or opinions alter yours in any way. Long live IE6 I guess.