

Re: Slightly OT: Yahoo Groups Web Pages

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On Thu, 25 May 2006 22:04:10 -0400, Davoud <star@xxxxxxx> wrote:

Only slightly, I hope -- I subscribe only to astronomy-related Yahoo groups!

Many web pages in the various Yahoo groups, including the "Messages" pages, show constant loading activity in the browser's activity indicator. The pages seem to have finished loading, but the little wheel or whatever continues to spin, sometimes for minutes, sometimes for hours -- I can leave the computer with the page open and come back hours later and the loading indicator is still spinning. I'm afraid the indicators' little gears will wear out.

The above is true in FireFox and MSIE under Win XP Pro /and/ Firefox, MSIE, and Safari under Mac OS X. ISP is Comcast cable.

Commonality: Wireless base station > router > cable modem > world -- but no other web site that I visit exhibits this behaviour, and I have no network or Internet-access problems. Anyone else?

I've occasionally seen the behavior you describe, but not with the Yahoo groups pages. And I'm not able to duplicate it with a handful of astronomy related Yahoo groups I subscribe to. My setup is Firefox on XP, satellite modem, world. I also use a filter that blocks web bugs and the Yahoo ads, some of which are flash based and might appear to never finish loading. However, when I disable the filter I still don't see the ever spinning wheel. You might want to try a network monitor to see what kind of traffic you have going on.

One thing that I think can cause the problem is a site that uses a web bug, but the URL the bug links to is down. The page appears to be loaded (nothing obvious is missing), and behaves normally, but the spinner keeps going as the browser tries to load the inaccessible bug. Yahoo does use web bugs.

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