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David Brown wrote:

Chuck Harris wrote:

Even combined with thunderbird, firefox cannot do even one half of what mozilla suite does, and does well. MOFO were idiots for dumping the suite in favor of the buggy IE/OE clones firefox and thunderbird. The sole and only reason they did it was because MS had IE and OE separate.

Mozilla suite is currently being developed as the Seamonkey project.

-Chuck

Well, I guess it's all a matter of personal opinion - and to be honest, it's a good while I don't see browsing and email as related (nor chat, which I don't use, nor html editing, w... to switching to Firefox, I used Opera as my main browser - but never it's email client.

I can't speak to Opera, as the last time I tried it was many years ago, and I discarded it in favor of Netscape.

There is plenty that could be done to improve Firefox (in particular, it should be made much easier and clearer to new users how to get extensions, and there should be a hierarchy of "standard", "specialised" and "experimental" extensions to make it easier to quickly get what you need). But it is in no way an IE clone

Firefox is much better than IE... the text based browser lynx is much better than IE ;-)

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Firefox MOFO split up the Mozilla suite into Firefox, and Thunderbird, (and a couple other elements have completely vanished) in order to make it appear to be resource equivalent to IE/OE. They reasoned that the unwashed Microsloth masses were used to having the browser and email/news client be a smaller separate package, so they felt that they could gain more "market share" with a split product.

- I have recently been

unfortunate enough to have to use IE, and it is not remotely as convenient and useful a browser as Firefox or Opera (ignoring little details like security...).

Seamonkey may be actively developed, but www.mozilla.org relegates it to "Other software", and www.mozilla.com fails to mention it at all. That should give a fair idea of the priorities of the Mozilla Foundation.

MOFO, abandoned Mozilla Suite completely. So, the SeaMonkey project was created to carry on the development of the Suite. It is independent of MOFO, though it is lead by several of the original development crew.

As for footprints - there is also the download footprint to consider, at least for Robert - Firefox is much smaller than Mozilla.

You only have to download it once. With Firefox, and Thunderbird, the total download footprint exceeds Seamonkey/Mozilla Suite.

Only if you don't like to keep your email client open while you browse. I keep my email client active at all times... though it may be in the background. It is essential that the client be active if you want to be informed when new email arrives.

About 50% of the code in Firefox and Thunderbird is common to both applications. When you have both Firefox and Thunderbird active at the same time, there are duplicate copies of this code running on your computer. Mozilla Suite and SeaMonkey take advantage of this fact, and only keep one copy of that common code in memory. This produces a significantly smaller footprint.

But the choice is good - Mozilla for those that want a suite, and Firefox/Thunderbird for those that don't.

Except that the idiots at MOFO decided to remove that choice from their user

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base. They decided to direct themselves from "scratching their own itch" to cowering to the unwashed masses that use Microsloth OE and IE.

The Seamonkey project was created to restore the choice that MOFO removed.

-Chuck

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