

## Re: (OT:) Mozilla Firefox loses bookmarks

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On Fri, 18 Jul 2008 09:55:48 -0700, "Chuck Olson"  
<chuckolson01@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I apologize for going so far off topic, but you might need to know and want to do something about it.

You're forgiven but only if you give penitence. You didn't bother to specify which version of Firefox you're complaining about. I would guess 3.0, but it's not obvious. This is a capital crime with a severe punishment. You are sentenced to finding a similar off topic posting in S.E.D., do the necessary research, and answer the question. An eye for an eye, an off topic posting for an off topic posting. Hopefully, this will discourage you from repeating the offense.

I've been using Mozilla Browser products for many years, mainly because of the convenience and permanency of Bookmarks. It appears that's all changed, now. In the latest Firefox browser, if you bookmark a site, it is added to a list called "Recently Bookmarked", but this list is limited to 10 entries, and a new entry bumps off the oldest entry. There's a History list, but that also seems to be limited as to how far back the entries go. You cannot set the sizes or properties of these lists, either.

I back up my bookmarks every once in a while, and each time in the past the size of the backup file has increased a few to as much as 12 percent. However my latest backup file is 44 percent smaller than the previous one, each time, using the "Export HTML" function, and I rarely delete a bookmark. Where did the missing bookmarks go, and why? If I use the latest "backup" command, the filesize is 57 percent smaller than the previous one done the old way, which makes me wonder what else gets lost in that new process.

Why should Mozilla care what we do with bookmarks? It's our computers that get overloaded -- not theirs. And how overloaded is a 3.6MB bookmark file? -- which is the size of my backup before they decided that bookmarks must disappear in the night for mysterious reasons. I guess they want us to start shopping for a new browser. If you care, tell them. I did, but have not heard back.

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The bookmarks in Firefox 2.0 are in HTML format.

Firefox 3.0 uses a .JSON format. See:

<[http://www.tweakguides.com/Firefox\\_9.html](http://www.tweakguides.com/Firefox_9.html)>

<[http://kb.mozillazine.org/Bookmarks\\_not\\_saved](http://kb.mozillazine.org/Bookmarks_not_saved)>

<<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JSON>>

When you save in HTML format, you lose all the formatting, indexes, and non-HTML junk from the JSON file.

In Firefox, type "About:config" into the URL box.

Inscribe "bookmark" in the Filter box.

You should see all the buried options for tweaking the bookmarks. Save the originals or you may have problems recovering from your tweaks.

Also see various backup extensions for Firefox.

<<http://mozbackup.jasnapaka.com>>

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