

Re: Japanese text in domain names

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Don Kirkman wrote:

>>If you are in some sort of beta, it must be for 7.60
>>And if so, and IDN's dont work you may as well report the bug. (thats
>>what betas are for and all)
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>
> It's not a bug if it involves non-standard IDN stuff. Opera tries much
> harder than MS to only accommodate standards.

Yes opera does do a better job with standards, or so Ive read.
Those links were pretty stock IDN though, so if they dont resolve for
you its probably a bug. A tcpdump on udp port 53 can show which
name its trying to resolve,

For: it should try:

www.ã¸ã¸.com www.xn--tfr35m.com
æè¸¸.com xn--2qux55f.com
ã-ã¸ã¸ã¸-.cn xn--1lq90ic7f1rc.cn
æ½ã¸ã¸.ã¸.net xn--rls1v10j3no.net

I tried them all again in my rusty old mozilla and they all resolve.
(only the .cn one has a meaningful website behind it though)

Unless you really could care less about the feature, I'd say report the
bug.

> Opera 7.60 is less than a month old, is not in general release, and is
> being discussed only in Opera's beta newsgroup. Is all your information
> this accurate?
>
> For future reference, here's the revision history for Opera 7.x; you'll
> notice there's no 7.6, so a good working hypothesis would have been that
> I abbreviated 7.60 to 7.6.

Hrm, I assume you can see how that could be confusing.

If it was 7.6.0 that would be different. As someone who uses
CVS alot, I cannot consider 1.60 and 1.6 to be equivalent version

numbers :)

- > *ISTM your point is about accommodating *potential* or *future* users,*
- > *not the millions that are out there right now.*

Any current user who is willing to update his client software can take advantage of such features. For example, having the internet work seamlessly in his own language is not inconsiderable, imo.

- >>*Does everyone here think IDN's are just a dumb idea? Its not hard*
- >>*to get that impression.*
- > *It's probably an accurate impression.*

Well, perhaps you can be satisfied in an English only world.

- >>>*Opera seems to be widely ignored by the theorists though it's gaining*
- >>>*acceptance among savvy users.*
- >>*Well it does have quite a few vociferous proponents, but I cant imagine*
- >>*a long future selling something that everyone else is giving for free.*
- > *And yet they seem to be growing. Their market decisions apparently*
- > *aren't driven by assumptions like yours. FWIW, Agent also seems to*
- > *compete rather well against free Outlook [Express] among a certain*
- > *category of users.*

We shall see, only time will tell. In general I think shareware/freeware has a bleak future, their niche largely cannibalized by free software. (I used to write some shareware myself) I'm not trying to predict anything though, so dont be afraid to support it if you think its great.