

Re: Great Firefox bookmark sorting extension

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"Anne Vasquez" <annevasquez@NOSPAMhotmail.com> wrote in message news:jUBHc.7391\$Wc3.4237@newssvr23.news.prodigy.com...

> *Thanks for the tips. I couldn't get the one for expired links to
> download, but I'll check back later. With my monster list of bookmarks,
> that would be a lifesaver!*

The posted link doesn't work for some reason. It may be the author is working on a revision, or documentation, which would be good, because documentation is somewhat nonexistent at the moment, to say the least.

Here is where you can go to get it:

http://cgi29.plala.or.jp/~mozzarel/addon/firefox0_9/linkchecker/

Click on this file, linkchecker0_6_4.xpi

and it should install the latest version.

Then you will go insane trying to figure out how it works, or at least I did, LOL.

Here's the secret. Go to Tools, Extensions and click on the Options for the extension to set the options you want to use for your checks. Then in your bookmarks list, right click on a folder and click on 'Check "Folder Name"' to check the bookmarks inside just that folder or 'Check Parent Folder' to check the Bookmark folder itself. Check Parent Folder will check all subfolders as well if you have selected Check Bookmarks folders recursively. If you have a truly huge bookmark collection, this may take quite a while, so you may want to run it overnight.

When the checker has finished running, you will have an icon to the right of each bookmark giving you its status. Note that a question mark means the bookmark was found and is good, which is somewhat counterintuitive. The whole list of icons and their meanings is given at the top of the option box where you set your options before you ran the program. Note the program does not delete bad links, just marks them for you. It will update/redirect links if it can, though. Scrubbing the bad links from the list may be a function that will appear in a later version – this is still in beta.

However, since a link will be marked as bad if the site cannot be reached when the checker is running, it is probably a good idea to recheck the links

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marked bad to be sure they really are bad before you delete them.

Personally, I think a log of all the bad links and their position in your bookmark folder hierarchy, allowing you to do a quick check and edit, would be a more useful addition than a scrubber function. Statistics on how many links were updated and how many not found as well as the number of the link being checked and the total number of links (bookmarks) will appear on the bottom status bar of the Firefox browser as the checker runs, and the updated and found count will remain until you shut the browser down. You can use the browser while the checker runs in the background.

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