

## Re: Of mice and men

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- *From:* LX-i <lx0007@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
  - *Date:* Wed, 04 May 2005 21:25:43 -0500
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Pete Dashwood wrote:

Dan,

I can't thank you enough for this.

Superb.

Don't mention it. (I'm guessing you haven't seen whether it was \*accurate\* or not yet? ;> )

Did you try it with the changes you suggested?

If you find it is OK in Netscape/Firefox, please mail it to me and I'll post it to the server.

I'm planning to. We're leaving for vacation on Friday, so there are lots of preparations for that - but, I do plan to give it a shot, just because I'm intrigued. :) (At work, they're checking to see if they can find a laptop I can check out - if they do, I should have something for you when I get back, around May 15th.)

I understand if you don't have time; I've still learned a bundle from your post and will make the changes when I get time. At the moment I'm trying to write a very complex corporate report that is driving me up the wall and occupying most of my energy. And I have a number of people I must see this and next week which means some travelling and fairly intense negotiation (even though I love it, it is still draining... :-)).

Sounds like you and I are in similar boats!

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Comments interspersed below...

"LX-i" <lxi0007@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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My Firefox (under Linux) wanted a plug-in to play the wav file. (Odd, but it should still work without it.)

That's just for the click.

I may see if I can get that working too - but, it's the bottom of the list. :)

You could install the latest Firefox for Windows - just be sure to make it *\*not\** your default for anything, and it should leave your web shortcuts opening in IE the way they do today. :)

It's just too risky for me at the moment. On Friday I have a session scheduled with a local vendor to supply hardware to my spec. I'm looking at a notebook with 17in screen (built in video camera), P4 3+ GHz processor, 100GB HD (2 of these; one external for image copy), wireless and the works. I'll load XP Pro on it and MAY set up a dual boot partition with Linux. (I am also getting two other systems built for friends, so we should get a reasonable deal...) Until I have that lot configured and working, and have transferred everything from the existing machine and backed it all up to the external hard drive on the new machine, I won't be installing anything new, anywhere... :-)

I understand. I just wanted to let you know that it *\*does\** behave even when it's not the default browser (unlike some others, which have a hard time accepting your decision).

There is one oddity I've found with my setup at work. I have Firefox set to be my default browser for "web content" - so, if I click on a web link in Outlook, it opens in Firefox instead of IE. (Really confuses the folks looking over my shoulder, too!) If I want to see how a page looks in IE (or access a site that doesn't support anything else), I just have to open it, then type the address into the address bar (or Ctrl-O). This works great for web sites - but, if I type the location of an XML file on my local computer, it opens it... in Firefox! (What I ended up doing was defining .xml files to go to IE by default - but that's kind of kludgy. Of course, our target browser at work is exclusively IE, so it's not really a hindrance...)

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You're using shortcuts that Microsoft lets you get away with, but other browsers do not. (Why that is, I don't know.) For example, on line 176 (at least that's the line in my browser) you reference "tabmonths". This is where JavaScript gets more verbose than COBOL! ;) For it to be "portable", you have to qualify everything up to the document element. (You can define variables to use as shortcuts as well.)

So, instead of just saying...

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tabmonths.disabled = true;
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,you can say...

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document.getElementById("tabmonths").disabled = true;
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I knew I needed to qualify it to the document, and I tried:  
document.tables.tabmonths.disabled = true; Of course it didn't work and I really didn't have time to bugger about with it. I've never seen 'getElementById' and it is so cool... :-)

I think "tables" is a collection - need to double-check, but I think you use it like the "forms" collection; use an index or a name.

This is some stuff that I've just recently come across, and it is really nice, especially that getElementById method. Gone is the feud between document.all and document.layers - just name it and change it! :)

yeah, it's neat...

I'm looking forward to going back to some pages I built that were only tested in IE, and only seem to work in IE. If I can make it work in Firefox, it should work great most everywhere else (at least that's been my experience so far).

The most shocking to me was that Netscape doesn't support event handling ('onClick', which is fundamental) for a <TD> tag.

Not quite sure, but I think the capital "C" may be throwing you off

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(especially using XHTML).

Oh no! I'll check that out too. I understand and am careful with case sensitivity in JavaScript but I may have goofed on that one...

I'm not sure about the rules for XHTML Transitional, but in XHTML Strict, all the HTML tags and attributes are lower-case. Once I get the script working, I'm going to run it through the W3C's validator, just to see what I get. I've got a Tidy plug-in (that's \*a\* W3C validator) on Firefox, and right now it's giving 23 warnings. Of course, it can give me a green check mark (no warnings or errors), but the validator will still gripe about some stuff. :)

I'm in your debt.

I don't think you've crossed over into the negative on the give and take here... :) I'm just glad what I've learned is of some value to someone else.

(If you don't hear from me by Friday afternoon USA time, it'll be after May 14th.)

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