

Re: A comment on using CPU resources

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Hi Ken,

There have been java applets that did this with the user's consent, e.g. the MD5crack distributed computing effort had one:

<http://distributedcomputing.info/recent.html> ,

<http://www.engsoc.org/~jlcooke/>

It is not inconceivable one could do something useful with ecma/java/j-script too, however it would have to be some variant of AJAX to be useful to whomever wrote/hosted the script?

However, I don't think you're likely to see anyone stealing your CPU time with this as of yet.

Maybe someone else has different thoughts on the matter :)

– Jeroen.

>Greetings and Salutations:

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>I had an issue with my Firefox browser. The browser was static, yet it was
>using 70% or 80% of the CPU of the system.

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>It got me to thinking. Java is a programming language. What would prevent
>companies from running a java script on your computer while you are viewing
>their page that uses your CPU to do some computing for them? Instead of
>selling (or in addition to selling) advertising the company could also sell
>CPU to other companies.

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>Is this feasible?

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>Ken

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>Do not meddle in the affairs of wizards for they are subtle and
>quick to anger.

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