

Re: Firefox vs IE (restricted sites)

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In article <04f401c48bd0\$112607e0\$a401280a@phx.gbl>, Udoo says...

- > *I'm contemplating the switch from IE to Firefox. I like*
- > *Firefox's pop-up blocking, low memory usage compared to*
- > *IE, etc. One thing that is stopping me is the fact that*
- > *Firefox doesn't have something like a Restricted Sites*
- > *zone like IE does.*

- > *I like the Restricted Sites zone in IE because it's a long*
- > *list of sites I've compiled so that these sites will not*
- > *be able to use cookies, ActiveX controls, Java applets,*
- > *scripting, unwanted pop-ups, auto-installing of unwanted*
- > *programs like spyware, etc.*

- > *I'm apprehensive to use Firefox because of this, although*
- > *I know I can disable certain things in Firefox (like Java,*
- > *and ActiveX isn't even supported).*

- > *Am I being too paranoid here or is there something Firefox*
- > *gives in return for the loss of my cherished list of*
- > *restricted sites?*

Firefox allows image and cookie blocking on a per site basis. Java and JavaScript are two completely different things; Java being a programming language, and JavaScript just being an active scripting process. You don't really need something like MSIE's restricted sites zone because neither Java, nor JavaScript were given the low level system access permissions of ActiveX. Choose your JS settings with care, and don't allow sites to install software, and you should be at least as secure as you were with MSIE locked down.

Tools > Options > Web Features

I really don't know the best "Advanced" JavaScript settings. Currently running with "Disable or replace context menus", "Hide the status bar", and "Change the status bar" disabled.

Tools > Options > Advanced > Software Update

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I have disabled "Allow web sites to install software". Just remember that is where you set it. If you go to a site that you trust and try to install a Firefox enhancement, you get no prompt; just that nothing at all happens.

Oh, and you are lucky that I got here first; others will be quick to remind you that this is a Microsoft support group, not a Firefox (Mozilla) support group. I see, by your posting headers, that you used a web browser to post your question:

X-Newsreader: Microsoft CDO for Windows 2000

If you are switching from MSIE to Firefox, will you be switching from MSOE to Thunderbird? Either way, MSOE, or Thunderbird, you can get answers to Firefox questions by setting up a news reader and pointing it to:

news.mozilla.org

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~Win dain a lotica, En vai tu ri, Si lo ta
~Fin dein a loluca, En dragu a sei lain
~Vi fa-ru les shutai am, En riga-lint