
Subject: Re: Mac Cursor

Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 01:01:25 GMT

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On Wed, 08 Nov 2006 19:28:12 -0500, Paul van Delst wrote:

> JD Smith wrote:

>> On Wed, 08 Nov 2006 17:12:17 -0600, Christopher Thom wrote:

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>>> Quoth Paul van Delst:

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>>>> Christopher Thom wrote:

>>>> > Major pet peeve, though, is the lack of highlight-copy and

>>>> > middle-click-paste in OSX. 5 months after switching, it STILL catches me

>>>> > out. doh!

>>>> That drives me nuts too. In my linux system window focus follows my mouse. I

>>>> haven't yet figured out how to get that to work on my Mac (I know it's

>>>> possible... somehow) and I'll move my mouse to my target window and start

>>>> typing, only to have it appear in the window I was just "in". Argh.

>>> you can get focus-follows-mouse behaviour with mondomouse software. It's

>>> not free though:

>>> <http://www.atomicbird.com/mondomouse/>

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>>> I tried it out, but it's not *true* focus-follows-mouse behaviour, because

>>> it always raises the new active window. i.e. you can't turn off the

>>> autoraise feature.

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>> The top menu bar ensures FFM will never really work with the Mac. Say

>> you have several windows from different apps. You move up to select a

>> menu item, but before you get there, brush across a window of another

>> app, and its menu is selected. Oops.

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> I have zero knowledge of computer work-environment on-screen ergonomics, but the concept

> of a *single* top-menu bar like on Apples totally befuddles me[*]. Typically I have about,

> oh I dunno, 15 or so windows open at any one time (in linux they are nicely organised on

> 10 separate desktops) and, not being a hot-key type of person, the fact that I have to

> move the mouse all the way over to the top left to access the menu also drives me nuts. I

> have one of those ridiculously large cinema displays and I'm wearing a patch through the

> finish on my desk racking up those mouse-miles.

Shortcuts are good. I think the concept is the "File" menu will always be in the same place, so muscle memory will eventually make you very efficient. They broke this somewhat with OSX by making a variable width "Application Name" menu first. It doesn't scale quite as well to 30" monitors either. Leopard will add desktops (called "Spaces") which will be a welcome addition.

If you are feeling as though your productivity has taken a hit, try

out QuickSilver to hold over your Linux friends. It has a steep learning curve, and is definitely somewhat mysterious, but it is a powerful, frightening beast when mastered. I know people who frame almost all operations on their Macs as QuickSilver commands (I am still a yellow-belt).

<http://quicksilver.blacktree.com/>

You'll want to read the various tutorials.

JD
