
Subject: Re: Mac Cursor

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 00:28:12 GMT

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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.

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.

However, as you said in another post, you have to learn new tricks with a Mac. For me these are starting to "sink in" and productivity is picking up. :o) Luckily my editor of choice (nedit) is an X11 app so it still retains its grip on its own menu bar!

I should thank the newsgroup for putting up with my rants on this highly off-topic subject. It's been cathartic, I thank you again, and I will now stop. :o)

cheers,

paulv

[*] I'll ignore for now the fact that apple windows only have *one* corner (I mean, really, what the hell?) where you can grab and resize.

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