
Subject: Re: Mac Cursor

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

> 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!

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>> 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.

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> 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.

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 find you need to reorient somewhat. I'm so used to switching focus between terminals and Emacs windows by flicking the mouse, that it's taken me a while to learn Apple-Tab, no mouse movement at all, for the same result. For me, it's actually a bit faster (if less flexible).

This doesn't help for windows within one app, but for Terminal and X11 I do use FFM, and that covers most cases.

JD
