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Subject: Re: Mac Cursor

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 08 Nov 2006 23:27:12 GMT

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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!

>> 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/>

Yeah, my "local" mac user group members pointed out several options - an all of them involved installing software (free and \$\$). I was (am) amazed - isn't this sort of thing a basic need?

> 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.

Ah - and turning off autoraise is the second thing I always do on linux boxes (after setting the focus-follows-mouse). I like to have my IDL display windows always be on top while I type commands into the IDL command line. When I need big displays and screen real estate is an issue, focus-follows mouse + no-autoraise lets me have a large window and a couple of visible lines of a terminal peeking out the bottom for IDL command entry.

> Incidentally, you CAN get this feature with Terminal.app (and only

> terminal, sadly):

> defaults write com.apple.Terminal FocusFollowsMouse -string YES

Well, actually, for now that is a \*huge\* help. Thanks very much for the tip.

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