
Subject: Re: Web Page Update
Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Wed, 11 Jan 2006 22:55:13 GMT
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On Wed, 11 Jan 2006 11:11:10 -0700, David Fanning wrote:

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Otherwise, things look great.

JD

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 11 Jan 2006 23:13:45 GMT
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Say what!? What browser is that? My biggest problem up to now is that the damn fonts are too big! Sigh..

I may have to stick with the day job and get out of web development altogether. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Web Page Update

Posted by [Michael Wallace](#) on Wed, 11 Jan 2006 23:36:53 GMT

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The text on the main page looks fine to me. The primary font on the other pages does seem to be small, but I can still read it. I agree with JD that it does seem to be much smaller than other sites. Might I suggest using relative font sizes in your style sheet?

Instead of something like this,
font-size: 9pt

Use this instead,
font-size: small

That should alleviate the problems due to resolution differences and how folks have fonts defined in their browsers.

-Mike

P.S. My first post to the IDL newsgroup in a while and it's about CSS.
Heh.

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2006 03:50:52 GMT

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Gentlemen, what browser are we talking about here!?

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Weird. Too weird.

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2006 04:39:23 GMT

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OK, I don't even need to use my glasses (goodness!) to read the darn text now. Any better?

Cheers,

David

P.S. Maybe I shouldn't have paid so much money for these sharp monitors. :-(

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Posted by [Timm Weitkamp](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2006 09:12:34 GMT

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I looked at the welcome page and the Programming Tips & Tricks page just now. On both, the fonts do **not** appear small by any standards.

This is Firefox 1.5 and Opera 8.51, both on a prehistoric Windows 98. A

Firefox screenshot is at <<http://tinyurl.com/bqud3>>. Opera renders the page almost the same.

Timm

Subject: Re: Web Page Update

Posted by [Ken Mankoff](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2006 15:36:57 GMT

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I'd like to recommend

<http://browsershots.org/>

-k.

On Wed, 11 Jan 2006, JD Smith wrote:

> Date: Wed, 11 Jan 2006 15:55:13 -0700

> From: JD Smith <jdsmith@as.arizona.edu>

> Newsgroups: comp.lang.idl-pvwave

> Subject: Re: Web Page Update

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For what it's worth, I was viewing the page in Firefox on at a
resolution of 1280 x 1024 (on an old monitor).

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> read the darn text now. Any better?

Yes, much better.

-Mike

Subject: Re: Web Page Update
Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2006 18:26:55 GMT
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On Thu, 12 Jan 2006 01:12:34 -0800, Timm Weitkamp wrote:

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Mozilla derivatives under Linux... but you must have changed something, because it looks much nicer now ;). Absolute font sizes are a problem, because Windows has its own strange idea of what a "point" is compared to the rest of the world.

JD
