
Subject: Web Page Update

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 11 Jan 2006 18:11:10 GMT

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Folks,

I have been putting in long hours the past several days updating my web page. It is not completely finished yet, but I can see the light at the end of the tunnel anyway. The changes **should** make it easier to update in the future.

Although I am testing as I go, there will inevitably be errors and mistakes. If you happen to be on a page and notice an error, please know that I am **compulsive** about fixing these kinds of problems. Please let me know about it!

Random page checks are passing validation, which only serves to increase my anxiety that something terrible is waiting to happen. :-)

Also, please know that the page looks more like I intended it to look in Firefox or Opera, or in almost ANY browser other than Internet Explorer. :-)

Thanks for your help.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Web Page Update

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2006 15:58:10 GMT

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Ken Mankoff writes:

> I'd like to recommend
>
> <http://browsershots.org/>

Oh, good tip. Thanks. :-)

David

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Subject: Re: Web Page Update
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2006 20:20:09 GMT
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JD Smith writes:

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- > something, because it looks much nicer now ;).

Well, let's just say I've managed to reduce the diopter correction on my reading glasses to the point where an old pair from 10 years ago works fine 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.

Tell me about it. Still...60% of the hits on my web page are with IE. Word travels slowly that there are MUCH better browsers out there. In the meantime, swearing profusely is about the only thing that seems to help much.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Web Page Update
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2006 20:55:54 GMT
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JD Smith writes:

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- > compared to the rest of the world.

You may not fully appreciate this yet, JD, but I used to believe there was some fixed notion in the world of "point size", too. Then, I realized it was a function of which pair of reading glasses I happened to find when I wanted to read something. There were "small point size" glasses and "large point size" glasses. And it was amazing to me how much these could effect my opinion of news magazine page designers.

I've come now to think of "size" as something that is completely made up inside of your head, with no basis in "reality" whatsoever. It has completely shaken my belief in physics. The only thing I am certain of any more is that the poet who saw "A universe in a grain of sand" had a better optometrist than I do.

<http://www.integralscience.org/wolffsheart.htm>

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Web Page Update

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2006 21:11:15 GMT

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FWIW I just found out that:

To increase font size:

Netscape 4.x - use successive "ctrl +]" commands

Netscape 6.x, Mozilla, Thunderbird - use successive "ctrl + +" commands (do not hit
"shift" key)

IE 5.x - on the "View" menu, point to "Text Size" and click the size you want

To decrease font size:

Netscape 4.x - use successive "ctrl + [" commands

Netscape 6.x, Mozilla, Thunderbird - use successive "ctrl + -" commands

IE 5.x - on the "View" menu, point to "Text Size" and click the size you want

For windows/IE there's no benefit, but for all the others changing the font size is a
"ctrl + +" away. Given that lots of IDL programmers use emacs, the use of the ctrl key to
change fonts should make lotsa people happy.

The above works on your site, David. I just increased and decreased the font sizes no worries.

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> Cheers,
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> David
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