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Dear IE6, I hate you [www.contrast.ie]

"There comes a time in every old browser's life to pack up shop and, well, fuck off. This time has come and gone for IE6 ..." Also: "42% of global users are still browsing the web with IE6."

To [design ie microsoft web coding](#) ... on Sun February 03, 2008 at 01:18 AM

Modern Firefox Theme That Looks Like Netscape 3.0 Running On Windows 3.1 [addons.mozilla.org]

This is pretty funny. Even the options dialogs are themed.

To [funny firefox moz web tools diversions themes](#) ... on Sun February 03, 2008 at 01:15 AM

Numb3rs [www.dehora.net]

Bill de hÓra making all kinds of sense on the topic of Android, mobile platforms, the cloud, and other things.

To [mobile android coding interesting](#) ... on Sat February 02, 2008 at 05:13 PM

Mother Earth Mother Board [www.wired.com]

Neil Stephenson writing on "the longest wire on Earth" (undersea fiber) for Wired in 1996.

To [stephenson internet web fiber](#) ... on Fri February 01, 2008 at 04:30 PM

How I lost my faith (in lisp) – comp.lang.lisp

[groups.google.com]

"Between 1988 and 1991 I worked on the research program that led to the Mars Pathfinder rover [...] All three of [the prototypes] were programmed not in Lisp, but in little mini-languages whose compilers were written in Lisp."

To [coding lisp c mars rovers python interesting](#) ... on Fri February 01, 2008 at 12:59 PM

James Gosling Supports Closures in Java [[blogs.sun.com](#)]

"Closures were left out of Java initially more because of time pressures than anything else. Closures, as a concept, are tried and true – well past the days of being PhD topics."

To [coding gosling java](#) ... on Fri February 01, 2008 at 12:52 PM

Yoda Fail [[www.shipmentoffail.com](#)]

"... sued the restaurant where she worked saying she was promised a new Toyota for winning a beer sales contest in April. Berry, 26, believed that she had won a new car, but she was blindfolded, led to the parking lot and presented a toy Yoda ..."

To [funny fail haha yoda starwars](#) ... on Wed January 30, 2008 at 01:29 AM

Microsoft Boy Announces His School Homework

[[www.simple-talk.com](#)]

"What is catching users' eyes? Legibility, correctness, conciseness... the list goes on and on. Simply put, this history essay is a significant release for me – one that builds on all of the great things that I was able to deliver last year [...]"

To [funny coding microsoft culture marketing parody](#) ... on Tue January 29, 2008 at 11:34 PM

“The Bug Count Also Rises” by John Browne

[[www.workpump.com](#)]

"Hernando who worked down the hall and who was large with microbrews came to him and told him that the ship day was upon them but the bugs were not yet out. The bugs which were always there even when you were in Cafes late at night sipping a ..."

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Browser Usage

I've long thought that the percentage of visits going to Firefox in my site statistics were oddly high. It turns out it's pretty much in line with numbers put out by both [Bob Sutor](#) and [Joe Gregorio](#):

Traffic By Browser

Browser	Visits
Firefox	64%
Internet Explorer	15%
Safari	10%
Mozilla	4%
Opera	4%

Traffic By Operating System

Operating System	Visits
Windows	60%
Mac	22%
Linux	17%
iPhone	0.23% (53 Visits!)

These numbers are based on a total of 22,777 visits from 19,013 absolute unique visitors for the time period between Dec 29, 2007 through Jan 28, 2008 as collected by Google Analytics (feed and robot usage not included).

To [statistics](#) [iphone](#) [safari](#) [ie](#) [moz](#) [firefox](#) [web](#) [meta](#) ... on Tue January 29, 2008 at 05:02 PM

[pv\(1\) - Pipe Viewer](#) [www.ivarch.com]

pv can be inserted into any normal pipeline between two processes to give a visual indication of how quickly data is passing through, how

long it has taken, and an estimate of how long it will be until completion.

To [tools unix cli commandline license:artistic sysadmin shell ...](#) on Tue January 29, 2008 at 02:44 PM

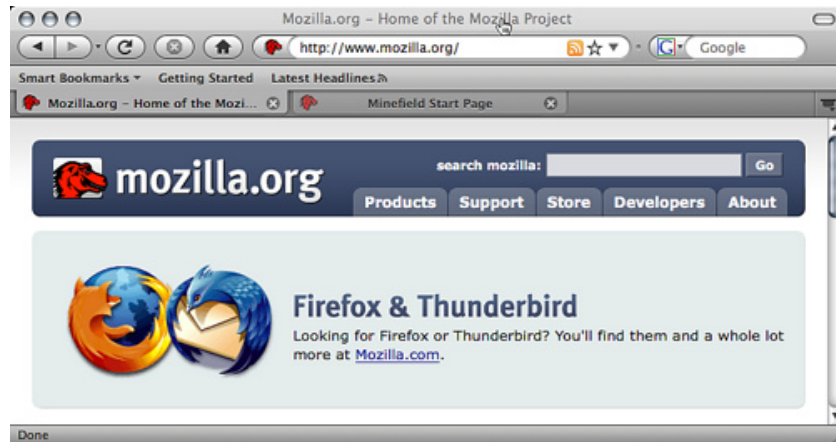
[Interview with Steve Yegge on Rhino on Rails](#) [almaer.com]

Dion Almaer sits down with Yegge to talk about his JavaScript/Rails port. Nice one-on-one video, candid, and thick in technical detail.

To [coding video yegge interview javascript ruby rails ...](#) on Tue January 29, 2008 at 01:18 PM

Firefox 3.0 Native Mac Theme Lands On Trunk

Firefox 3.0's new default Mac theme **showed up today** in the current trunk nightly (Minefield). The theme is **very similar to Safari's**:



Most dialogs and other windows (e.g., Places and History) also have refined UI elements.

I've noticed a few issues in the short amount of time I've had to play with it (this is completely expected for a nightly build). The toolbar buttons freak out every once in a while and stack up on each other. The browser also looks a little

funny when you have the bookmarks toolbar turned off – the tab colors don't go smoothly into the address bar.

The theme has been available as an add-on since the second beta but this should make it official.

To [screenshot usability design mozilla firefox mac safari ...](#) on Mon January 28, 2008 at 08:32 PM

Hypermedia WTF! [www.infoq.com]

"... there's a sub-constraint that goes by the unwieldy name of 'Hypermedia as the engine of application state', which is arguably the most important constraint of REST in the sense that it alone provides the bulk of the 'shape' of RESTful systems ..."

To [coding rest web article hypermedia ...](#) on Mon January 28, 2008 at 01:51 PM

The Thriving Cult of Greed and Power (Time's Cover Story on Scientology) [www.time.com]

Time Mag pulls back the curtain on Scientology and reveals the cult for the batshit criminal organization it is. It's about time. EDIT: sorry, this was published in 1991 :-)

To [scientology religion interesting scam crooks batshit cult ...](#) on Mon January 28, 2008 at 01:54 AM

Reddit: "merely a collection of trivia, narrow, shallow, and sensational" [lists.canonical.org]

Kragen throws some useful criticism at Digg/Reddit: "If you fill your head with 'merely a collection of trivia, all of it narrow, shallow, and sensational', it won't stay there; it'll trickle right out again."

To [delicious reddit digg web news media interesting sitaker ...](#) on Sat January 26, 2008 at 09:36 PM

Perl as a Web Scripting Language [jeremy.zawodny.com]

No, but seriously, the only reason we're not all using Perl for web development is because all the problems are already solved ... and

have been since around 1995 or so. (See Also: mod_perl, libwww-perl, Fielding et al.)

To [coding perl](#) ... on Fri January 25, 2008 at 07:06 PM

[The Speed-up Loop](#) [thedailywtf.com]

"Nothing - and I mean nothing - in IT takes less than 80 hours, and whatever you think it'll actually take, multiply it by 20, and tell management that. You see, 80/20."

To [coding culture funny wtf juju](#) ... on Thu January 24, 2008 at 05:04 PM

[What should Microsoft do instead?](#) [dbaron.org]

Holy crap, this is insane. Just let people run IE6 and IE7 as separate standalone browsers side-by-side with IE8. As James said in my previous post, they can even rebrand it as "Intranet Explorer" :)

To [microsoft ie8 x-ua-compatible coding web html css annoying](#) ... on Thu January 24, 2008 at 04:43 PM

[Code Rush \(A PBS Special on Netscape circa 1998\)](#)

[[video.google.com](#)]

"Code Rush follows the people of Netscape Communications during an intense period in 1998, when it was all but certain that Microsoft had already won control of the Internet user's desktop."

To [netscape mozilla coding documentary video](#) ... on Thu January 24, 2008 at 02:42 PM

Nigiri-zushi Hg

The New York Times is reporting that "high" levels of mercury are **showing up at many of the city's sushi joints**:

Recent laboratory tests found so much mercury in tuna sushi from 20 Manhattan stores and restaurants that at most of them, a regular diet of six pieces a week would exceed the levels considered acceptable by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Meh. What a bunch of alarmists. Some of the **greatest thinkers in the history humankind** ate mercury regularly, and without any fish or rice:

After Newton's death, his burial place was moved. During the exhumation, it was discovered that Newton had massive amounts of mercury in his body, probably resulting from his alchemical pursuits.

In Neil Stephenson's **portrayal of the Baroque Era**, these guys were frequently consulting their trusty quicksilver. In fact, I'm not sure there was a single invention or scientific break-through that wasn't preceded by someone chomping the Hg. One second you're reading that Hooke's into the quicksilver again and the next thing you know Hooke has invented the first accurate portable timepiece.

And besides, there are **clear warning signs** one can use to detect any harmful effects before they get out of control:

The few practitioners of physic who disdain the use of quicksilver claim it to be harmful and potentially fatal to the constitution. There are indeed several side effects associated with the Specific, but these are easily avoided with proper treatment. Symptoms such as profuse salivation and bloody discharge from the mouth and bowels are indications that the patient has too much mercury in his system. Reducing the dosage should alleviate these ailments.

So if you start bleeding profusely from the bowels, just eat a few less pieces and you'll be fine. No biggie.

Oh, and if you happen to be moving through Cleveland, I highly suggest the White Tuna nigiri-zushi at **Sushi Rock** (in the warehouse district). It'll make you mad like a hatter.

To **diversions sarcasm newton mercury poison sushi** ... on Thu
January 24, 2008 at 01:21 PM

War Breaks Out Between Hackers and Scientology -- There Can Be Only One [blog.wired.com]

"... people of the Internet, the YTMNDers, trolls of the world, the GameFAQs members, the eBaumers; us old time Internet users, and the newest of noobs, the YouTubers and MySpacers, must band together for a fight that transcends our differences ..." :)

To [haha funny insane crazy scientology culture batshit](#) ... on Thu January 24, 2008 at 10:32 AM

The Standard Trolls [www.robweir.com]

Microsoft missing the point with regards to "standards"? Inconceivable! Every time I read stuff like this I wonder if it's intellectual dishonesty or if the folks over at MS are really this ignorant. You have to lean toward dishonesty here, I think.

To [microsoft ooxml odf funny standards stupid fud](#) ... on Thu January 24, 2008 at 09:47 AM

Rap Lyrics Explained With Charts and Graphs

[www.aclevercookie.com]

Includes a nice chart of the Differentiation of Fat Joe's Liquid Based Promiscuity :)

To [funny charts graphs music statistics diversions haha](#) ... on Thu January 24, 2008 at 07:27 AM

Planetary Society Criticizes NASA's Manned Moon Plan (Which Is really Bush's Manned Moon Plan)

[www.popularmechanics.com]

"He said he had a mandate from the president and Congress and he was not going to consider other options. It's going to have to change. They don't have the money to do it."

To [space science bush politics finance money economy moon mars nasa](#) ... on Thu January 24, 2008 at 07:23 AM

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