Subject: Re: FireOx | Opera

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First of all, it's not a FACT that Opera is faster. I'm sure that if it was, you'd have gone to great lengths to prove it, rather than the link you did provide that showed the opposite.

Perspective. It's a wonderful thing.

Imagine this hypothetical scenario - Firefox takes 0.5 seconds to download and render a page. Opera (the elite uberbrowser!) does the same page in 0.25 seconds. Therefore, it's twice as fast!

and how much does that enhance your life? Is your brain sat there freewheeling, waiting desperately for the page to load so your hungry eyes can devour the content? If you loaded 1000 pages in the course of a day with those hypothetical speeds (and assuming a hypothetical consistency of speed), then you would have saved a total of 500 seconds. That's a whole 8 and a half minutes over the course of a day! Just imagine what you can achieve in the time you've saved by not using such an inferior browser!

Of course, this does tend to assume that Opera is always faster than Firefox and that Opera is always faster than Firefox by that margin.

As for security, yes, Firefox has more current vulnerabilities than Opera. Bigger targets always get hit more (which is why IE has the most vulnerabilities).

All this is irrelevant, however. There is no arbiter of browser quality. There is no definitive "best browser". Whichever one you prefer is the one that's best for you. If you're unable to back up your assertions, then you shouldn't be making them.