Subject: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Aircraftkiller on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 21:05:45 GMT

Holy fucking shit is all I can sum O9 up as.

Opera 9

Yeah. Opera 9 is out. Among the new features are BitTorrent, content blocker, customizable search engines, site-specific preferences and more. More importantly, there are numerous improvements for web authors. Read on
Widgets

The most prominent new feature of Opera 9 (and the one I've been most buried in) is widgets. And you should really learn to love them. To parrot something I said in issue #3 of Opera Bits

Widgets are small applications, created using standard web technologies. This means that authors can deploy the same application instantly all of the desktop platforms Opera resides on, and just expect the application to work. Furthermore, this is done using well-known web technologies. All of the world's Web 2.0 companies can bring their application to the user's desktop, having a presence beyond being "just a web service". Their applications instantly available to the user.

Also, by using web technologies, the threshold of writing software is much lower. This means that you will get software authored by people who normally do not develop applications. Typically, this will be single-task applications, or what I would like to name microapplications. Some examples:
Mass validator - batch validates web pages
touchTheWire - lets you monitor web pages and check whether they're up or not.
Torus - this is Tetris like you never played it before (and if you want something more like the traditional game of block stacking, there's WidgetTetra).
Opera clock - In real life, I always prefered analog clocks. This is a rather space-saving variety. The code, based on canvas, is so easy to use that our pixelmonkey creates new clockfaces when he has five minutes to spare.

I could have mentioned a bunch of other widgets, but it's really much better if you just check it out yourself. If you'd rather just get started with widget creation, there is some introductory material:
Your first widget
Widgets and animation
Deploying widgets
Opera animation library
config.xml file syntax
Opera widget forum for those that want to start creating widgets.
Standards and technologies

The changelog has all the gory details, but I'll highlight some of what I like most:
Atom 1.0 support.
OPML import and export

Multiple rendering fixes. We pass Acid 2
SVG 1.1 basic
Support for the canvas element
Support for Audio
Body element now uses margin instead of padding by default. This has been the cause of a lot of headaches for developers new to Opera.
Added support for XSLT 1.0 and the XSLTProcessor constructor.
XPath 1.0
DOM level 2 Style Sheets and associated parts of DOM level 2 CSS
Rich text editing: designMode and contentEditable
History navigation improvements
Web forms 2.0 - the new configuration editor, opera:config uses this actively.

Again, examine the changelogs
Linux
Windows
Mac
Other platforms

And download Opera 9 now — you'll enjoy it!

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Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by OWA on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 21:08:20 GMT
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When I get my new Hard Drive I will take a look.

I dont use bittorrent i use bitcomet. Tis faster

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Dan on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 21:17:05 GMT
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I'm using Opera now. Only because it's currently the most secure browser (that I'm aware of and that I've heard recently). There aren't any Widgets that would be useful for me. But there weren't many Extensions on FireFox that I used either. I've only run into a few problems while using it on certain websites. But I just use Internet Explorer or FireFox on those sites (whichever it works properly on). The thing I like most is they've changed the shortcut for a new tab to Ctrl+T, and for a new window it's Ctrl+N. Ctrl+Alt+N was a bit annoying to press. Overall it's a good browser,

although I still use FireFox and Internet Explorer for certain things.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Lijitsu on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 21:36:18 GMT
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Dude, the widgets are the shit. I downloaded Hangman, Chess, a comic viewer and the Babelfish.com translator, which I've yet to use. I didn't even look at them all, but that damn Hangman game is addictive as hell.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by almor999 on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 21:52:54 GMT
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I have been using the Opera 9 Betas since they became available. I installed Opera 9.0 yesterday and it is even a huge improvement over the betas. There is no other web browser that even comes close to the speed and functionality of Opera.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Aircraftkiller on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 00:10:26 GMT
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Indeed. I am thoroughly happy with Opera 9. This chess widget is freaking awesome - all it needs is a way to play against other Opera users.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Lijitsu on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 00:14:54 GMT
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Yeah, that would be awesome. Better AI would be great too, It's not that difficult to beat it. It is great for when you get that major urge to play chess, though.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Crimson on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 00:48:57 GMT
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Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Lijitsu on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 00:57:31 GMT
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Well, of course. Thing is, at least some of the addons to FireFox that you have to download, come standard with Opera. The other things are completely up to you. Like Hangman, for instance. God that thing is addictive.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Crimson on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 01:06:14 GMT
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I fail to see the difference. You could say the same things about Firefox.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Lijitsu on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 01:09:25 GMT
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Um... You're gonna have to wait on a reply, because I honestly can barely type this sentence.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Aircraftkiller on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 01:56:41 GMT
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Posted by YSLMuffins on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 03:39:45 GMT
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It looks good so far. I haven't noticed any slowdowns and memory usage still seems great to me. Opera Developers consistently provide great results with each update. I still have yet to try any of the new stuff though...

But I freaked out when it first installed! For some reason when I restarted the new version of Opera it lost my current session and started from one over a year old! I'm still looking for my current session, but I could remember most of the pages open anyway. It was still pretty frustrating however.

And didn't Opera always have extensions, but they were just called User Javascripts?

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Aprime on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 05:20:41 GMT
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Whenever I get tired of my good ol' Firetruck.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by mision08 on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 06:07:36 GMT
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9.0 is buggy,
Macromedia Flash player has issues. It may install to a different directory than previous versions, causing lost or misplaced data. See Flash player issues. My favorite java script html killa is not working correctly. I'm thinking of a roll back to 8.54.
Either way, It's hands down the best browser I have ever used.

There are booklet ts to fix issues from annoying advertisements, to pages not displaying correctly. This is due to the Microsoft bastards sending incorrect data to Opera browsers on purpose. Yep, this bitch is going back in the closett

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Posted by icedog90 on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 06:36:05 GMT
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dude, you obviously have no idea what you're talking about. They ARE on the main site: https://addons.mozilla.org/firefox/

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Goztow on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 06:45:29 GMT
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Meanwhile, this old fart sticks to its good ol' Iexplorer 6...

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by mision08 on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 07:18:33 GMT
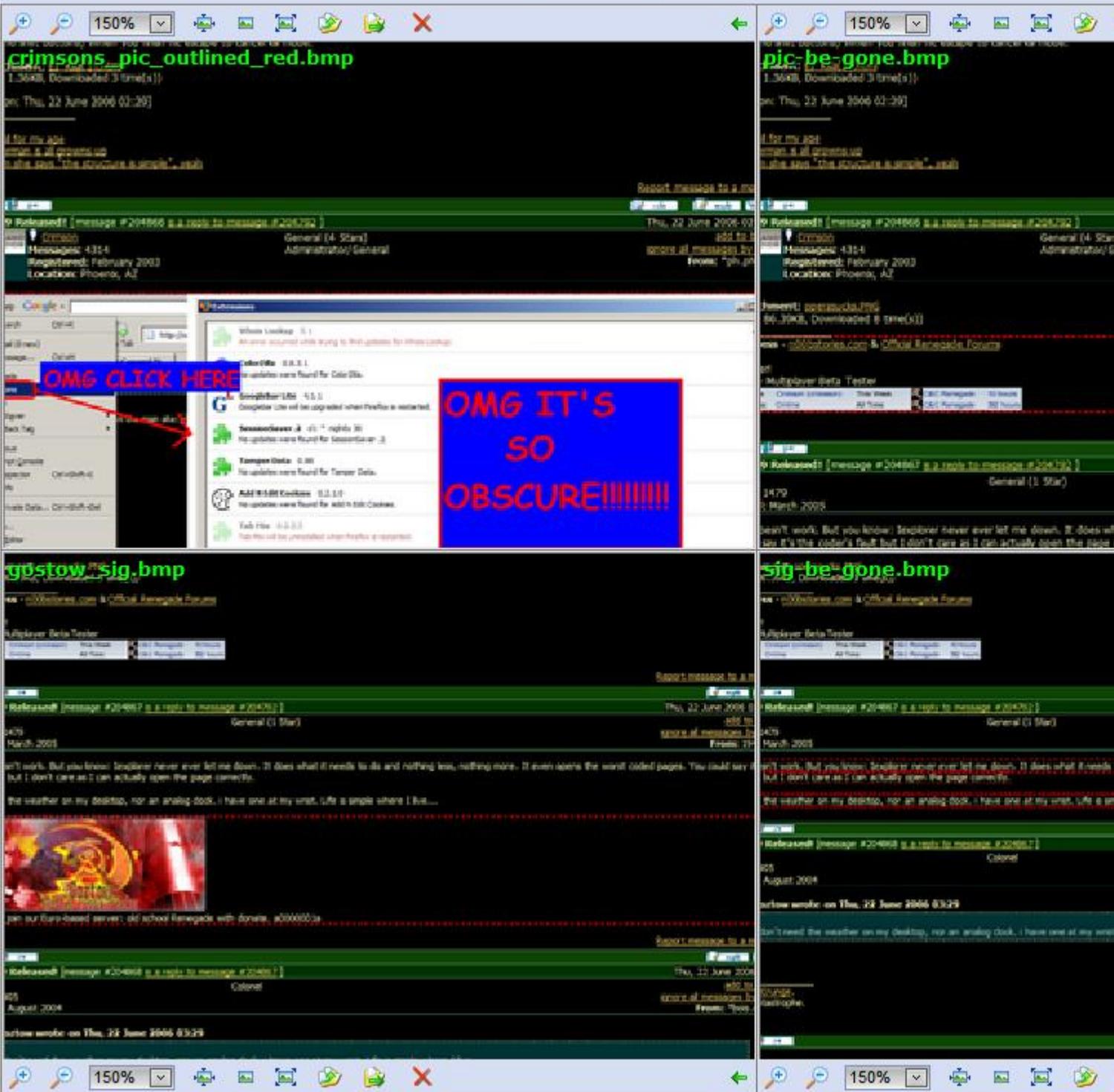
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It will kill any part of an html document, not just pics.
There are about a thousand parts on a page like these. On a very simple page there may be only one or two.

Gostow, you have no idea what you're missing. Opera 8.54 is amazing. I think I finally got these into a format that will work. Open the page then drag it to your browsers tool bar.
click on it then point over annoying page shit. It will outline the frame in a debug mode, then click delete. Shit be gone (although in 9.0 I have to use context menu by right ctrl and shift buttons)
When you finish hit escape to cancel kill mode.

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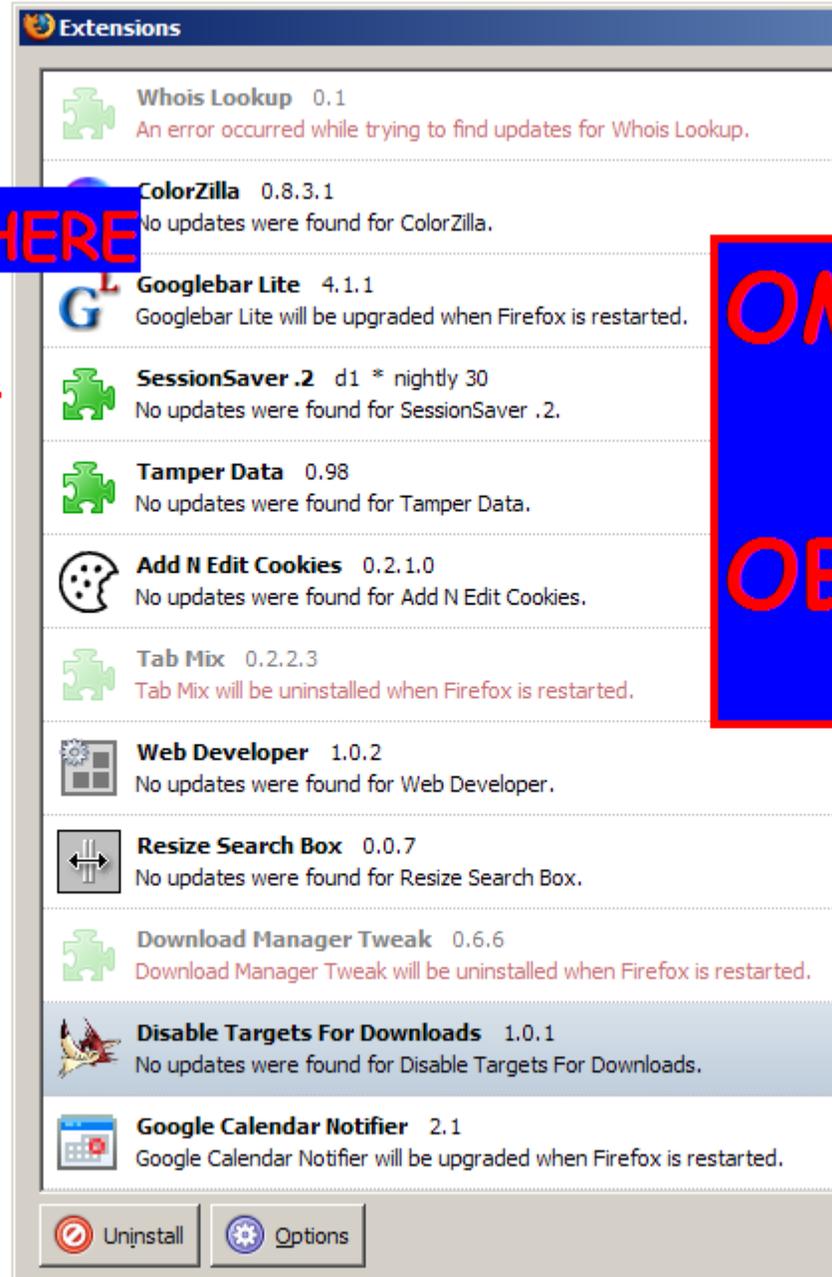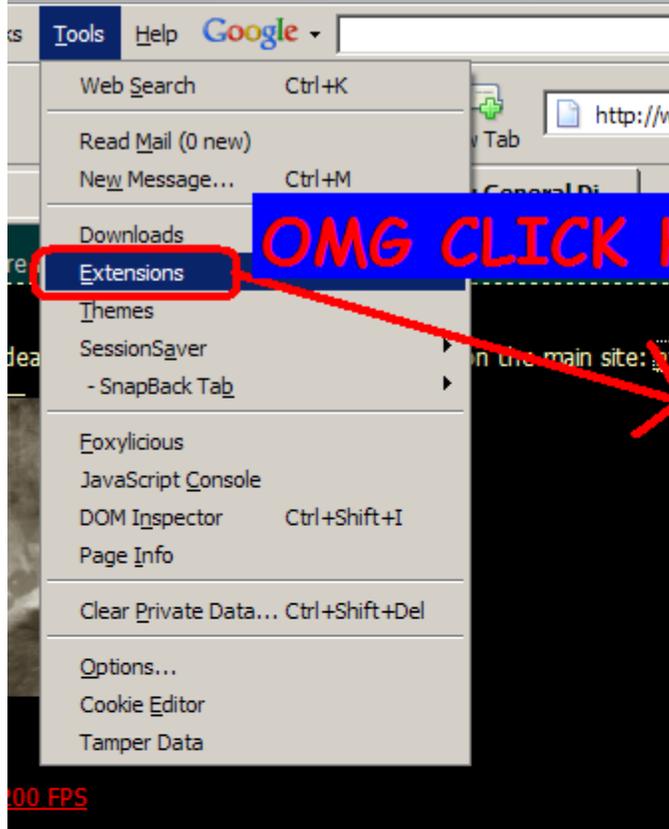
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OBSCURE!!!!!!!!!

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Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Crimson on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 07:24:49 GMT
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1) operasucks.PNG, downloaded 692 times

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Nope, it doesn't work. But you know: Iexplorer never ever let me down. It does what it needs to do and nothing less, nothing more. It even opens the worst coded pages. You could say it's the coder's fault but I don't care as I can actually open the page correctly.

I don't need the weather on my desktop, nor an analog clock. i have one at my wrist. Life is simple where I live...

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by xptek on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 07:31:05 GMT
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Goztow wrote on Thu, 22 June 2006 03:29I don't need the weather on my desktop, nor an analog clock. i have one at my wrist. Life is simple where I live...

Hippie.

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Posted by danpaul88 on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 16:08:48 GMT
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Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Aprime on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 16:17:28 GMT
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According to CNET, Opera 9 loses to Firefox 1.5 by 6%.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by mision08 on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 22:35:01 GMT
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danpaul88 wrote on Thu, 22 June 2006 11:08don't try and convert gozy to firefox, I have been trying to do that for years and he's still sticking with his virus-downloader-browser

Not to mention it's trojan-ing his data around. I E phone home, I E phone home.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by glyde51 on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 04:14:56 GMT
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Firefox > Opera

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Dave Anderson on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 04:25:53 GMT
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Long time no see Sir James.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by glyde51 on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 04:31:07 GMT
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I get bored and jump around a bit like a Seal from Counter-Strike.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Dante on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 05:52:20 GMT
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I will stick with IE7, you only get virus' and trojans by looking at sites that host them... good thing i barely browse the internet much anymore other then for research or checking up on games.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by icedog90 on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 06:15:04 GMT
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spyware is really hard to avoid unless you use something else besides internet exploder.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Aprime on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 06:35:57 GMT
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Mmmm Bonzi Buddy.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by Goztow on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 07:25:59 GMT
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Nod32 takes care of those... For me each application has a certain use. Iexplorer browses the Internet and does it well. I don't need all the other stuff that other browsers can give me. But I do respect people that do and I will never try to convert you in using Iexplorer. You use what you like at your risk.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by icedog90 on Sun, 25 Jun 2006 01:15:18 GMT
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Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by light on Sun, 25 Jun 2006 09:37:38 GMT
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Opera and FF > IE.

For a start valid HTML and CSS renders properly in them, IE just kills website design.

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by danpaul88 on Sun, 25 Jun 2006 10:38:54 GMT
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tell me about it, you put together a nice page layout, get it all working properly, then test it in IE and it's screwed to hell

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Posted by Goztow on Sun, 25 Jun 2006 11:45:36 GMT
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Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by danpaul88 on Sun, 25 Jun 2006 12:20:37 GMT
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whats better gozy, stopping viruses before they get to your computer, or cleaning up after they downloaded and installed themselves through IE's direct road to the OS core ?

Subject: Re: Opera 9 Released!
Posted by icedog90 on Sun, 25 Jun 2006 16:52:11 GMT
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I have a virus scanner in Windows but I don't need to make scans a thousand times a day to make sure I don't have viruses. in fact, I never do a scan, because I mostly use Linux.