
Subject: Re: libre for mozilla

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Just chiming in here with my own personal software choices in this department.

I am using Claws-Mail for email and RSS. Libre and awesome, not much to complain about, works on all platforms.

On my Freenix machine, I am using the "latest" Icecat for most basic browsing, and I still have a copy of Abrowser installed that I grabbed from ConnochaetOS's slack-n-free64 repo when it was still accessible. Abrowser tends to work better on sites that reject Icecat. Both of those are quite long in the tooth though. I have a "user agent switcher" add-on that I can use to fool sites into thinking that it is the latest Firefox. I have almost never had this go wrong, the site usually functions just fine once I get past their browser check script.

I am getting fed up with where the Internet is going, in general, with all the JavaScript and tracking and whatnot. I have actually been browsing more and more using Links/Lynx/w3m. Text-based browsing is actually pretty functional, but I can see why it would not appeal to many as a default browser option.

On my freed Slackware machines (32-bit and ARM machines where I have uninstalled all offending packages and am running a Linux-Libre kernel where possible), I have been using Firefox (with only Libre add-ons installed of course). And yes, I heavily modify my about:config. I actually disable pretty much any option that has an http:// or https:// in the value field somewhere, with the exception of the add-on updater URLs. That way my browser almost never "calls home" for any reason, and I don't have to deal with those annoying featured articles or whatever those are.

It is worth your time going through the about:config. That is one of the main reasons I still use Mozilla products at all. Most other browsers (whether libre or not) rarely have the fine-grained level of control that is available in the about:config section of Firefox et al.

Would a standard Firefox build with a modified about:config set at build-time satisfy the FSDG? That seems like a super-easy fix if so. Are they no longer hung-up on the logo trademark issue? I know that Debian got over that detail eventually.

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