

05/22/09 - What's the scoop on Firefox, Chrome, and Safari?

The internet has grown dramatically in the last ten years. More likely than not, you weren't even online in 1999, in the days of Netscape Navigator 4, and Internet Explorer Explorer 5.

As the Internet has grown in significance to our daily lives, the battle for the dominant browser has intensified greatly, and rightly so.



The three most notable browsers that I believe will continue to be on the front lines are: Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, and Apple's Safari. Firefox provides the most add-on functionality at the expense of being slightly slower. The benefit of the add-ons makes this my browser choice for my desktop. Some of my favorite add-ons for Firefox include: Adblock Plus, IE Tab, TwitterFox, WOT (Web Of Trust), and NoScript.

Chrome 2 was just released yesterday, increasing the speed and stability of an already lightweight and fast browser. I use Chrome on my Netbook because of its performance, and its minimalistic approach to layout allows me to see more web content on my small 10" screen.

Safari is extremely fast, has superior out-of-the-box functionality, follows web standards well, and is arguably the best looking, especially if you ask an Apple fan. =D

Having a good browser and knowing how to use it increases your security and efficiency online, and is becoming an increasingly important skill set for everyone.