

Mozilla Moves On

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Mozilla has recently acquired a new CEO, one of whose key tasks is presumably pondering precisely this issue. I met Gary Kovacs last week. My main question to Kovacs was easy to ask, but somewhat harder to answer: What is your strategy for Mozilla?

His opening, explanatory comment was surprising: ?the face of the Internet has changed dramatically, with browsers becoming something less than it used to be.?

To hear the head of the organisation producing the leading free software browser say that browsers are becoming less in some sense might seem crazy, but he is of course absolutely right. As he went on to explain: ?you don't live in Firefox as a browser, you live in Firefox as an environment. [It's] no longer a client-side executable piece of code that enables me to look at text, it's about an in-the-cloud environment that I live in and run my life on.?

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