

M\$ blocks right clicking on MSN for Mozilla browsers

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In what appears to be another attempt to dissuade users from using non IE browsers, Microsoft has blocked the right clicking of links on the MSN web site when using the Mozilla Firefox web browser. Clicking on such a link in Internet Explorer pops up the normal right click menu. Right clicking on a link in Firefox or Mozilla results in the same effect as left clicking a link. This may be an attempt to cause problems for people using the tabbing features of Firefox which is usually done by right clicking on a link and selecting 'open in new tab' from the menu.

I can't see how Microsoft can claim this was accidental because there is no valid reason I can think of to remap a browsers right click and also it only affects Firefox browser (IE's biggest competitor) I've tested in both Netscape 8.x and Opera 8.x and neither are affected. Try it for yourself, go to <http://msn.com> In Firefox and try to right click on a link. Then try the exact same thing in Netscape or Opera (or Internet Explorer obviously). They apparently do this using a JavaScript file specifically targeted to the Mozilla browser. You can find it here:

<http://hp.msn.com/scr/home/msnmoz1021.js>

If this is yet another case of Microsoft trying to block out products that successfully compete with them, then they should expect to find themselves in front of another judge for yet more anti-competitive charges. They've been found guilty twice already, (US and EU) what's another guilty conviction?

[Full Story](#) [2], including an [update](#) [3] that states M\$ web developer claims it was not intentional. In fact, he suggests it might be a bug in mozilla.

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Source URL: <http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/1543>

Links:

[1] <http://www.tuxmachines.org/taxonomy/term/62>

[2] <http://htmlfixit.com/?p=727>

[3] <http://htmlfixit.com/news/index.php?p=731>