

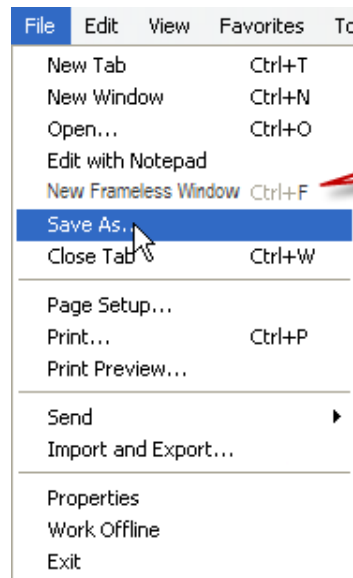
Browser Option Creates Desktop Widgets

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One of the features I have long waited to see appear in a major browser is the ability to create an instance of a browser window which would be frameless, sizeable by the creator, and permanent until deleted by the user on the desktop. In essence it would be a desktop widget – created in seconds by a browser menu option. It would be user-owner programmed using basic web technologies with perhaps some extended primitives such as those added by Safari to allow for mobile applications for the iPhone. Such a window would allow users to create their own desktop features – from monitoring e-bay auctions to watching a web cam stream from the internet.

This feature as shown in the hypothetical Internet Explorer menu below would allow the user to easily define a small frameless browser window on the desktop. On creation, a set of dialog box options would allow the user to define the properties of the window including size, initial position, movable positioning options on the window and to define the code that drives the window. As with any web applications, the applications are endless.



New browser option allows the user to create a small user defined frameless permanent window on the desktop. This allows the user to create small internet enabled windows. The windows act as desktop Widgets.

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Such windows might resemble that of any Safari window on an iPhone. But in this case, the window would reside on ones computer desktop. In this case, an XP desktop is shown. The option would be perfect for Microsoft to implement with Internet Explorer or for Apple to implement with Safari.



My only concern with Internet explorer is that the system tends to hang when numerous browser windows are open. In researching on the web, I often find I have two dozen windows open and at some point everything stops working. I am always forced at that point to alt-ctrl-del and bring up the task manager to force the “not responding” windows to close. Having permanent instances of the browser open might aggravate this problem. Perhaps Google could add this feature to Chrome. They need something added to that product to make it stand out.

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