

The Firefox browser

Much of what I explain adheres to Firefox' bigger brother Mozilla of course.



Tabbed browsing

Ever wondered why Firefox in Windows does things differently than Firefox in Linux? Well I don't 😊 But it is a fact that some of the Firefox default preferences in Linux are different from what you are used to in Windows. One such difference is the middle-mouse click on a tabbed window. In Windows, this closes the tabbed window; in Linux, this will paste the current clipboard contents into the Location bar and visits the site - if it is an URL - or performs a search otherwise.

Now, I want my Firefox *always* to close the tabbed window when I middle-mouseclick the tab. The solution:

- open the *user.js* file in an editor. This is the file that you can put your personal preferences in - it will never be overwritten by Firefox, like the *prefs.js*. This file may not be existant yet, in which case you just create it (after closing all Firefox windows). The *user.js* file is located in your profile directory, just like the *prefs.js* file: `~/.firefox/default.<some_string>/user.js`. Add this line to *user.js*:

```
user_pref("middlemouse.contentLoadURL", false);
```

Then start Firefox again - it works!

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