

## MOZILLA FIREFOX

### Open Source Internet Browsing

The best known open source internet browser is Mozilla Firefox, no surprise it is also the best open source internet browser. It has managed to secure a massive percentage of the internet browsing market, Mozilla have between 20% and 30% of the internet browser market. They are only beaten by Internet Explorer who have conquered the biggest percented of the market by taking an almighty 50% to 60% of the market.



### Mozilla Firefox History

Mozilla Firefox is only one branch of Mozilla's project. The original purpose of the project was to give people free software that gives the user a choice of how they experience internet.

The Mozilla project was created in 1998 using netscape browser suite source code, this browser was revolutionary it was designed to use thousands of internet programs. It made an online community that members could add and contribute to make new functions and features it also enabled people to become involved the active management of the project and help decide the direction Mozilla was going in.

In 2002 the first major version of mozilla was released however at this time 90% of the internet browsing market was controlled by Internet Explorer. As a result no one noticed the release of Mozilla Phoenix (later renamed Firefox), but the goal of creating the best browsing experience for the widest range of people was now alive.

In 2003 Mozilla foundation was relased and this was a non profitable organisation dedicated to running the day to day dealings of the mozilla project. It relied on donations from people to keep this service going. Mozilla foundation was dedicated to promoting openness, innovation and opportunity on the internet by releasing software that was free, fast and ahead of the times making browsing easier and better for everyone, by making new softwares such as Firefox and thunderbird. Mozilla Firefox 1.0 burst on to the scene in 2004 with 100 million downloads in under a year, ever since it new versions have been released every year.

### Why did I chose to do Mozilla Firefox as my web page project?

This is the browser we use at home, this project gave me the chance to compare Mozilla to our old browser which was Internet Explorer. By doing research i have learned where Mozilla started and by who, a little about the differences between the browsers but most of all what it means to be an Open Source browser and how they survive. i feel that we have benefitted greatly just by the speed of Mozilla Firefox.

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## Intro To Mozilla Firefox

Mozilla Firefox has taken just under 25% of the market this was proved in a survey recorded in March 2010. Putting it in second place behind Internet Explore.



The purpose of this presentation is to discover new open source software programmes. I have chosen to find out about Mozilla Firefox as this programme boasts faster and a more reliable service compared with better known programs such as Internet Explore. An improved service and yet the service is still free!

Is this possible or is this a con? Well I'm here to find out.

## Details

The website address is [www.MozillaFirefox.co.uk](http://www.MozillaFirefox.co.uk).

Mozilla Firefox was made as a free alternative option to web browsers such as Internet Explore etc. Some feel Internet Explore and others are not quick enough for modern day needs, many people need access to the same program at the same time.

Mozilla Firefox needs a licence to distribute its information to the public, licences vary between different search engines depending on the content they wish to show. Some licenses cover an individual topic while others are combined together. Mozilla Application Suite, Mozilla Thunderbird and Mozilla Firefox are Tri-Licensed under Mozilla Public License (MPL), GNU General Public License (GPL) and GNU Lesser General Public License. The license used of Mozilla Firefox is [this license](#)  
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Mozilla Firefox originally came from Mozilla Suites. Mozilla Firefox was set up on April 3 2003.

## People Behind The Project

Mozilla Firefox is a non-profitable organisation that takes donation from there users.

The main people involved with Mozilla Firefox are Dave Hyatt and Blake Ross they both live in America.

Blake Ross works full time for the Mozilla program where as Dave Hyatt only works part time.

Dave Hyatt was in charge of the team responsible for the Safari web browser developed for Apple.

Blake Ross was included in the Rolling Stones magazines hot list.



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Mozilla Firefox has the fastest download speed.

The security is better in comparison to Internet Explorer.

Tab browsing allows you to switch between pages without switching windows.

Mozilla Firefox supports plugins and themes, Mozilla Firefox is very customizable.

Internet Explorer is needed to update windows and to open the rare sites that Mozilla Firefox cant open.

As Mozilla Firefox is an open source so can be updated by independent programmers. This helps the site to always be up to date.

Mozilla Firefox has its own search engine but you can also use others whereas Internet Explorer only lets you use Google.

## Competitors

Mozilla Firefox's does have competitors below is a list of them in the order they were released.

Mozilla Firefox does have some very important advantages over Internet Explorer. The biggest advantage in my experience is the searching speed we have Mozilla Firefox and have found this much quicker than Internet Explorer which is one of Mozilla Firefox's biggest competitor. We have been able to access the same information sites as when we had Internet Explorer.

Netscape Navigator and Netscape Internet Explorer 1, August 16, 1995  
Mozilla Firefox, November 9, 2004  
Google Chrome, September 2, 2008





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